

Sunday 30 June 2019 (PM)

254 Ascribe greatness (x2)

Daniel 7:13,14 (p.893)

170 Blessing and honour (x2)

Prayer

Revelation 5:9-14 (p.1237)

477 All heaven declares

PS to this morning's message....

Reading : Matthew 11: 7-15 (p.976)

Message : The One Opinion that Counts

334 There is a Redeemer

PS to this morning's message on husbands and wives:

- 1. Marriage of one man and one woman for life** is good news for all people (Christian or non-Christian) – because it's part of the 'very good' Gen 1 & 2 creation provision & plan
- 2. 'Headship' & 'Submission' can only function as intended within an atmosphere of deep and respectful love.**
Where this love is missing 'headship/submission' becomes perverted into controlling behaviour
- 3. 2 already-married non-Christians.**
One becomes a Christian: 1 Cor. 7; 1 Peter 3:1-6 apply against the backdrop of Eph. 5: 21-32

Bible Reading

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Mt. 11: 2,3 A momentary 'wobble'?

What do you think?

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2. His **calling & service**
 - A **true** prophet (v.9)
 - A **prophesied** prophet (v.10)
 - None greater** (vs. 11 & 12)

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- We need the loving favour of Jesus Christ to face eternity with hope

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.....flattery, criticism, faint praise, avoidance, ridicule, slander, misunderstanding, rejection

– mixed with:

.....truthful & wise words

Sometimes from the same source!

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..... pride (Rom. 12:3); defensiveness; only seeking opinion from those we think will tell us what we want to hear; nursing praise; burying criticism

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- Called to serve as Christ's ambassador; God's fellow-worker; servant of God; herald; soldier-aiming to please his commanding officer; hardworking farmer; dedicated athlete etc...

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2. How he positioned and protected himself

1 Cor. 4: 1-5 (*don't trust your own judgement*)

Gal. 1:10

1 Tim. 5:21 & 6:13

2 Tim. 2:15

1 Thess. 2:4

2 Cor. 5:10

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A case study : **You**