



The Caller

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12 Hours of Jesus

Theme: Who Is Jesus?

Where: Pritchard Community Center
404 South Mulberry Street
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

When: May 18, 2019

2019 Schedule:

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| 8:00 am | John Board | Jesus Our Mediator |
| 9:00 am | Dennis Hogan | The Ultimate Example in Humility |
| 10:00 am | Zack Martin | Jesus, The Master Teacher |
| 11:00 am | Mark Weaver | Jesus, the Original Super Hero |
| 12:00 pm | Kurt Montooth | Jesus is the Word |
| 1:00 pm | Ray Pack | Jesus the Coming One |
| 2:00 pm | Harold Redd | Jesus, The Center of Unity |
| 3:00 pm | Matt Ashby | The Controversial Christ |
| 4:00 pm | Bart Warren | Jesus the Sacrificial Lamb |
| 5:00 pm | George Jensen | Jesus - Man on a Mission |
| 6:00 pm | W. Tom Hall | Jesus is the Way, Truth, Life |
| 7:00 pm | John Board | Jesus the Son of God |

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THE ALMIGHTY

I want us to think about the term almighty. The term as it is used in Scripture has the meanings of “all-sovereign” or “controlling all things;” When it is used as a divine designation, it occurs both as an adjective and as a noun. Found relatively rarely in pagan literature, it is used frequently for God in the Greek translation of the OT (Septuagint). There is 180 times in the Septuagint that the word we would read in English as “almighty” is found. The same Greek word is used 9 times in the Revelation of John to refer to God as “Almighty”. Paul also uses the word in 2 Cor. 6:18 as he quotes from the Septuagint.

So how does one explain that though when pagans refer to their gods, they rarely use the term “almighty”, it is used extensively of the God of the Hebrews? I have to wonder if such is not the case because the God of the Hebrews left no question as to the fact that He was and is “Almighty!”

Other deities of other nations really never provided the proof that they were powerful. Instead the people who followed these gods would seek power from the gods; they received little assurance. There is little evidence that these “little g” gods had much power at all. It is obvious from the writings of the people of the Ancient Near East that their gods were not often referred to as almighty.

While living today and getting caught up in the daily tasks of this life, we can have a tendency to forget our God is almighty. How sad is it when we forget? Contrast us to those of the Ancient Near East. The people of the Ancient Near East looked to their gods hoping that they would show their power. We have the all-powerful God and we don't look to Him.

The God of the Hebrews, YHWH, left such an impression upon His people that they over 180 times referred to Him as “Almighty.” What can we make of all of this information? My thought would be that we serve that same God—a God Who is Almighty! It would do us well to remember this fact daily.

What about you, do you recognize that we serve the almighty God? I hope that you do and I hope that in writing this article, I will think more of our Awesome God each day. We are truly so very blessed.

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