

Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!

Session Ten Class Outline

- A. I call Deut. 10:8 my job description.
1. “At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day.”
 2. When your _____ is shaken, you need a verse to return to.
 3. The cross tells me, you can always stand.
 4. The greatest battle ever fought was won by a Man who just _____ on the nail.
- B. Sometimes God seems to be _____.
1. Joseph.
 2. Elijah.
 - a. Elijah had an expression he used repeatedly, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand” (1 Kings 17:1; 18:15).
 - b. This reality was tested when he was under house arrest in a widow’s home for three years.
 3. Angels.
 - a. The angels simply stand and behold the face of God.
Matt. 18:10, “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”
 - b. We see Gabriel _____ times in Scripture:
 - 1) He comes to Daniel (Dan. 8:16).
 - 2) He appears to Zacharias. “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings” (Luke 1:19).
 - 3) He appears to Mary (Luke 1:26).
 4. It’s never a “waste” to stand before God.
- C. A common American expression: “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

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D. According to Ezek. 44:10-15, standing before God is a higher calling than standing before _____.

1. v. 10-11, the lower calling was to be a minister of the house and the people.
2. v. 15, Zadok's descendants were privileged to "stand before Me."
3. We've thought of platform ministry as the higher calling.
4. Everybody wants authority when they stand before people; but who will pursue authority when they stand before God?
5. You will have no authority when you stand before people in public, unless you have first stood before God in _____.
6. I don't want the Day of Judgment to be the first time I stand before God.

E. John's most dramatic encounter with Christ happened at a time when all he could do was simply stand before God.

Rev. 1:9, "I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,' and, 'What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'"

1. The Lord's Day—resurrection day—was a reminder to John that he couldn't seem to access resurrection power in his prison.
2. He didn't get into self-pity; instead, he got in the Spirit. And he received the greatest revelation of Jesus of anyone in the entire Bible!

F. The Esther 6:4 principle: When the King decides to do something suddenly, He looks to see who is _____ in the court.

1. Esther 6:4, "So the king said, 'Who is in the court?' Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the king's palace to suggest that the king hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 The king's servants said to him, 'Haman is there, standing in the court.' And the king said, 'Let him come in.'"
2. Haman got the job because he was standing in the court.

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G. Ps. 15:1, "LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; 4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but he honors those who fear the LORD; he who swears to his own hurt and does not change; 5 He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved."

H. This week's assignment:

1. Read chapters 43-48 in *Secrets Of The Secret Place*.
2. In the *Companion Study Guide*, complete the section entitled "For Personal Reflection" in chapters 43-48.
3. Come next week prepared to discuss your assigned chapters.
4. Write down and bring with you any questions you'd like to ask the group.