MESSAGE

Occasion : Evening Service
Date : February 19, 2017

TITLE : OUR REASONABLE SERVICE

Text/s :

Rom 12:1-5

- 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
- 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (KJV)

Bible Reading

Phil 2:1-5

- 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
- 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
- 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.
- 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

KJV

Song/s

INTRODUCTION

The surrender of our bodies and its members involve

A) Our tongues. They should be --

Testifying

Ps 107:2

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; (KJV)

Kept

Prov 21:23

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles. (KJV)

Wholesome

Prov 15:4

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. (KJV)

Soft

Prov 25:15

15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone. (KJV)

Bridled

James 1:26

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. (KJV)

James 3:2-13

- 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
- 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
- 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
- 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
- 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
- 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
- 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
- 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?
- 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
- 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
 (KJV)

B) Our ears. They should be ---

Hearing

Prov 20:12

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them. (KJV)

Inclined

Prov 4:20

20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. (KJV)

Apt

Prov 23:12

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. (KJV)

Attentive

Neh 8:3

3 And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. (KJV)

C) Our eyes. They should be --

Single

Matt 6:22

22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

(KJV)

Lifted

Ps 121:1

1 $\,$ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. (KJV)

Bountiful

Prov 22:9

9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. (KJV)

Seeing

Prov 20:12

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them. (KJV) $\,$

D) Our feet. They should be --

Clean

John 13:5-10

- 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
- 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
- 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
- 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
- 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. (KJV)

Shod

Eph 6:15

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (KJV)

Unmovable

Ps 121:3

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. (KJV)

Beautiful

Rom 10:15

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (KJV)

E) Our hands. They should be --

Clean

Ps 24:3-5

- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (KJV)

Helpful

Eccl 9:10

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. (KJV)

Diligent

Prov 12:24

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. (KJV)

Giving

Deut 15:7

7 If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

KJV

Eph 4:28

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

KJV

2 Cor 9:7

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

KJV

1 Tim 6:17-19

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

KJV

1 John 3:17

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

ΚJV

Wonderful

Acts 5:12

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. (KJV)

F) Our minds. They should be --

Renewed

Rom 12:2

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

Pure

2 Pet 3:1

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: (KJV)

Stayed on God

Isa 26:3

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. (KJV)

• Humble

Phil 2:3

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (KJV)