

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Occasion : Evening Worship / Prayer Service
Date : July 11, 2010 / September 21, 2017

TITLE : EXCELLENT THINGS
Text/s :

Phil 1:10-11

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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Bible Reading :

Phil 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

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Song :

INTRODUCTION :

What does the word excellent mean? – diaphero – better, of more value

EXCEL, EXCELLENCY, EXCELLENT

4. diaphero NT:1308, "to differ," is used in the neuter plural of the present participle with the article, in Phil 1:10, "the things that are excellent" (marg., "the things that differ"), lit., "the excellent things." See DIFFER.

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diaphero

NT:1308 diaphero (dee-af-er'-o); from NT:1223 and NT:5342; to bear through, i.e. (literally) transport; usually to bear apart, i.e. (objectively) to toss about (figuratively, report);

subjectively, to "differ", or (by implication) surpass: KJV - be better, carry, differ from, drive up and down, be (more) excellent, make matter, publish, be of more value.

Three things to show

- **The description of excellent things**

- Our God is excellent

- **Excellence is a quality of God**

- **His Name is excellent**

Ps 148:13

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

(KJV)

Ps 8:9

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

(KJV)

117 'addiyr (ad-deer'); from 142; wide or (generally) large; figuratively, powerful: KJV-- excellent, famous, gallant, glorious, goodly, lordly, mighty (-ier one), noble, principal, worthy.

5057 nagiyd (naw-gheed'); or nagid (naw-gheed'); from 5046; a commander (as occupying the front), civil, military or religious; generally (abstractly, plural), honorable themes:

KJV-- captain, chief, excellent thing, (chief) governor, leader, noble, prince, (chief) ruler.

- **His lovingkindness is excellent**

Ps 36:7

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

(KJV)

3368 yaqar (yaw-kawr'); from 3365; valuable (obj. or subj.): -brightness, clear, costly, excellent, fat, honourable women, precious, reputation.

- **His power is excellent**

Job 37:23

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

(KJV)

- **His working is excellent**

Isa 28:29

29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.
(KJV)

1431 gadal (gaw-dal'); a primitive root; properly, to twist [compare 1434], i.e. to be (causatively make) large (in various senses, as in body, mind, estate or honor, also in pride): KJV-- advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, be (-come, do, give, make, wax), great (-er, come to ... estate, + things), grow (up), increase, lift up, magnify (-ifical), be much set by, nourish (up), pass, promote, proudly [spoken], tower.

Isa 12:5

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.
(KJV)

1348 ge'uwth (gay-ooth'); from 1342; the same as 1346: KJV-- excellent things, lifting up, majesty, pride, proudly, raging.

- **His Word is excellent**

Prov 8:6-9

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

(KJV)

- **Was used by Paul more than any Bible author. 9 times used by Paul**

- **The excellent power**

2 Cor 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

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Our treasure is God's gift of salvation which is in earthen vessel

This shows the superior power of God than man...may of God and not of us..

- **The excellent knowledge**

Phil 3:8

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

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Count all things but loss for the excellency... all other things of no value compared to the excellency that is in Christ...

Our knowledge cannot come together with the knowledge of Christ...

So great to know who you are serving and why you are serving.

- **The excellent instruction**

Rom 2:18

18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;
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Rom 2 is a rebuke to the Jews

Knowing God will not save you. It is knowing Christ.

- **The excellent way**

1 Cor 12:31

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.
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Love is the more excellent way than abilities and blessings.

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- **The excellent name**

Heb 1:4

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
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Excellent name – the superiority of Christ

- **The excellent ministry**

Heb 8:6

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.
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The superiority of the priestly office and sacrifice of Christ

- **The excellent sacrifice**

Heb 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.
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There is no other more excellent that giving our lives to Jesus.

- **The door to proving excellent things**

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.
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Eph 5:10

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
(KJV)

1Thes 5:21

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
(KJV)

Heb 5:12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
(KJV)

1 Cor 12:31-13:3

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

- Differentiate between the highest matters and side issues
- Focus on what matters more than what just matters
- Compare what matters most to God than what matters most to man
- Commit to do what is sincere than what will not last until the day of Christ.
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- **The demonstration of what things are excellent**

Phil 1:10-21

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 **So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;**

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

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- Paul's all consuming desire is the furtherance of the Gospel

Rom 10:1

10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved .

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- Show that in Christ you have a better life.
- Testify of His grace in your life.
- Live as light for others
- Promote Christ.
- Publish His Word and its effect in your everyday life and lifestyle.