

Hands of Praise Deaf Church

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- You can give an offering online on our website or mail it to our church address
- Tuesday Bible study 6:30pm on Zoom
 - To join the study email pastor@handsofpraise.org
- Ladies Bible study Wednesday April 22, 6:30pm
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Goals for a Godly Life – part 1

Luke 14:1, 7-11 On a Sabbath day, when Jesus went to eat at the home of a leading Pharisee, the people were watching Jesus very closely. ⁷ When Jesus noticed that some of the guests were choosing the best places to sit, he told this story: ⁸ “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, don’t take the most important seat, because someone more important than you may have been invited. ⁹ The host, who invited both of you, will come to you and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed and will have to move to the last place. ¹⁰ So when you are invited, go sit in a seat that is not important. When the host comes to you, he may say, ‘Friend, move up here to a more important place.’ Then all the other guests will respect you. ¹¹ All who make themselves great will be made humble, but those who make themselves humble will be made great.”

Revelation 19:6-9 Then I heard what sounded like a great many people, like the noise of flooding water, and like the noise of loud thunder. The people were saying: “Hallelujah! Our Lord God, the Almighty, rules. ⁷ Let us rejoice and be happy and give God glory, because the wedding of the Lamb has come, and the Lamb’s bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given to her to wear.” (The fine linen means the good things done by God’s holy people.) ⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who have been invited to the wedding meal of the Lamb!” And the angel said, “These are the true words of God.”

- My goal is to be invited to the wedding meal of the Lamb. I want to take an unimportant seat and then have the Bridegroom call me His friend and invite me to move up to a more important place.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 So we always have courage. We know that while we live in this body, we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by what we believe, not by what we can see. ⁸ So I say that we have courage. We really want to be away from this body and be at home with the Lord. ⁹ Our only goal is to please God whether we live here or there, ¹⁰ because we must all stand before Christ to be judged. Each of us will receive what we should get—good or bad—for the things we did in the earthly body.

1 Corinthians 3:9-15 We are God’s workers, working together; you are like God’s farm, God’s house. ¹⁰ Using the gift God gave me, I laid the foundation of that house like an expert builder. Others are building on that foundation, but all people should be careful how they build on it. ¹¹ The foundation that has already been laid is Jesus Christ, and no one can lay down any other foundation. ¹² But if people build on that foundation, using gold, silver, jewels, wood, grass, or straw, ¹³ their work will be clearly seen, because the Day of Judgment will make it visible. That Day will appear with fire, and the fire will test everyone’s work to show what sort of work it was. ¹⁴ If the building that has been put on the foundation still stands, the builder will get a reward. ¹⁵ But if the building is burned up, the builder will suffer loss. The builder will be saved, but it will be as one who escaped from a fire.

- My goal is to stand before Christ on the Day of Judgment with much gold, silver and jewels to present to Him.