

A Great Day in the Kingdom – 3/10/23

As a young child, I would sometimes have to accompany my Mother to district meetings in churches around the Fort Worth area. One particular Sunday afternoon, we walked into a church (not far from Aledo), and I noticed a particular scent, which I found unpleasant. I said nothing to my Mom at the time, knowing she would tell me to “hush.”

Shortly after being deposited in the children's area, I announced, “This church stinks!”, after which the gentleman watching over us responded with, “Yeah, kids keep coming in here. I guess they're probably stinking it up.” Of course, an hour and a half later, upon picking me up, I saw this man laughing hysterically, as I could not hear what he was saying to my Mother. I however, did notice the look on her face. It was rather unpleasant.

As we walked toward the parking lot, I remember her lecturing me on what not to say, along with describing how rude I had been. When we returned home, my Father arrived shortly after. They went into another room, and Dad came out. He told me what Mom had shared with him and asked me why I would say something like that to someone in another church. My response was, “Dad, we could go back, and I'll show you how much that place stinks.” He started laughing, as my Mom was not amused, upon observing both of us.

We would joke about that day for years. Sometimes, our ideas from the world and society can stink up the church, if we're not careful. Our job is to leave the stink behind. Just like the early sacrifices to Almighty God, by the Israelites, we are called to provide pleasing scents to God.

2 Corinthians 2:15, For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

By the way, Church. It smells great in here! Have a Blessed Week!

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, You Bless us in infinite ways, with Your Love. May we offer a pleasing scent to You, as we sacrifice our lives to Your service. We Pray these things, in the name of the Risen Christ, Jesus! AMEN!!!