

Thank you... Raymond Gonzalez  
Speaker for today

Two "Appointments" ...Get Ready!

*"And as it is appointed for men to die once,  
but after this the judgment."*

Hebrews 9:27

**ATTENTION**

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
next Sunday, February 15, at 2:30 p.m.

**February Birthdays**

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**Regular Meeting Times**

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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# Indio Informer

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*"Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart and do not lean on  
your own understanding."*

Proverb 3:5

- *"Fight the good fight"*
- *"Keep the faith"*
- *"Finish the course"*

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**"Cogito, ergo sum"**

By Bob Prichard

*"Cogito, ergo sum"*— "I think, therefore I am" is perhaps the most famous philosophical statement ever made. Scientist and philosopher René Descartes wrote these words in his Discourse on Method (1637). He reasoned logically that since he was able to think, he knew he existed. He continued to reason from this point that God exists.

Louis XIV had a different philosophy: *"l'etat, c'est moi"*—"I am the state." It is not surprising that he would come to this conclusion in view of the fact that he reigned as king over France for seventy-two years. His absolute monarchy set a pattern followed in several other European countries. No doubt his style of tyrannical behavior contributed to the bloody French revolution of 1789.

Anna B. Warner penned a philosophy for all of us, however, with her words, "Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so." In her 1860 hymn we find words of comfort and strength! This hymn is a favorite with children, but all of us can benefit from the words written for her Bible class of West Point cadets.

Even if you missed every other doctrinal point in the New Testament, surely you could not miss this one. *"For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the*

*ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous person; [a]though perhaps for the good person someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”(Romans 5:6–8).*

*“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name”(John 20:30–31).*

**“Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me; Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.”**

### **Show Me, Teach Me, Lead Me**

Psalms 25:4-5

By Mike Johnson

Psalm 25 is a Psalm of repentance. The psalmist humbly expresses a desire for God’s forgiveness and wants direction from Him. In verses 4-5, he appeals to God by saying, ***“Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.”*** The psalmist, thought to be David, wants God to show him, teach him, and lead him in His ways, paths, and truth. These verses express the same basic concept in different ways and illustrate how David was always ready and willing to learn God’s will.

With these verses, it is also essential to recognize what David did not say. To God, he said, ***“Show me Your Ways.”*** He did not say, “Show me the *ways of men*” (John 14:6, Acts 18:26). Next, he said, ***“teach me Your paths.”*** He did not say, “Show me the *paths of sin,*” as he wanted to be shown the paths of righteousness (John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8, I John 1:7). Finally, he said, ***“Lead me in Your truth.”*** David did not want guidance in the *ways of error* (Isaiah 28:29; Psalms 31:3, 32:8). Sadly, many people say

they want God to lead them, but, in reality, they only want to be “led” if the path is where they desire to go.

If we want God to show, teach, and lead us, it is essential to be humble (Matthew 18:3). In Psalm 25:9 says, ***“The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.”*** We must also hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matthew 5:6) and seek the kingdom of God first (Matthew 6:33).

Do we want God to show, teach, and lead us in His Way? We demonstrate this desire when we study the Scriptures regularly, attend services, carefully listen to any teaching, and follow the pattern found in God’s Word.

### **Two Mandatory Appointments**

Mike Johnson

There are very few things in life that we absolutely must do. A person does not even absolutely have to eat. A person, of course, must eat if he wants to live, but he can stop eating and die if he wanted to. However, we cannot avoid two future events. They are death and the Judgment. Hebrews 9:27 says, ***“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”*** All of us must keep these two appointments.

**First, consider death.** Our life here on this earth is, at the longest, very short. James 4:14 refers to our life as a vapor ***“that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”*** To live is to die eventually. Since we all must indeed die, the second mandatory appointment (the Judgment) should concern us all.

**All of us must face the Judgment,** which will occur after the second coming of Christ. The basis for the final Judgment is the ***“things done in the body,”*** according to II Corinthians 5:10. We cannot avoid the Judgment, so we should certainly prepare ourselves for it.

If we are not a Christian, we need to become one. The Bible teaches that we must believe (Hebrews 11:6), repent (Acts 2:38), confess Christ (Rom. 10:10) and be baptized (Acts 2:38). After we become Christians, we must remain faithful (I Corinthians 15:58).