

UNIT TITLE: BEHAVIOR IN THE CHURCH

LESSON#1: MOSES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

SCRIPTURES: EXODUS 3:4-6

MEMORY VERSE: MATTHEW 18:20

“Sapagkat saanman may dalawa o tatlong nagkakatiyon sa pangalan ko, naroon akong kasama nila.”

INTRODUCTION:

In every place, there is this called appropriate wear/attire or dress code. When you go to school, it is expected that you wear your respective school uniform (formal, for P.E. like shirt and jogging pants, for science experiments like lab gowns, etc.) When you attend weddings, you can't wear casual or sleeping pajamas, especially for stricter places where you are restricted to enter without proper dress code.

This is the same with coming to church where the presence of God is. But not only what you wear that matters but your behavior too.

LESSON PROPER:

Exodo 3:4-6 Nang lalapit na si Moises, tinawag siya ni Yahweh buhat sa nagliliyab na punongkahoy, “Moises, Moises.” “Ano po iyon?” sagot niya. Sinabi ng Diyos, “Huwag kang lumapit. Hubarin mo ang iyong sandalyas sapagkat banal na lugar ang kinatatayuan mo. Ako ang Diyos na sinamba ng iyong mga ninuno, ang Diyos ni Abraham, ni Isaac at ni Jacob.” Tinakpan ni Moises ang kanyang mukha sapagkat natatakot siyang tumingin sa Diyos.

Holy ground is not necessarily the building/establishment itself but the place wherever the presence of God is. If there are two or three gathered in the name of Jesus, there God's presence in their midst. We do not just wear what we feel like or behave in the same manner whether at home, in school, with friends, in playgrounds, or at church.

Even Moses noticed this that in the presence of God, you will remove or undress things in your life. Not that we will be barefoot inside the church, but the sandals Moses is wearing represent uncleanness since the footwear is soiled whenever we go outside, walk, run or play and we must present ourselves to God without uncleanness for He is holy.

LIFE APPLICATION:

Whenever we go to church, we are coming to where the presence of God is. It is true that God is with us even if we are alone but there is power when we come together to worship Christ. Sandals represent sin, bad behavior, disorder, disobedience, and unpreparedness. We must bear in mind whenever we go to church, we must come prepared (wear your best; formal if available), bring our best behavior (with discipline; orderliness), and with an attitude of obedience.

We can present ourselves before God's presence if we have truly repented and accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. If we come in God's presence whenever we come together, we will bring that right behavior from the church to wherever we go and should not be the other way around.