

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Mike Davis

Song Leader
Hayden Ellis

Lord's Supper
Preston Ellis Bill Rinehart
Pete Rowland Jerry Schnelle

Prayers
Sonny Monaghan Clay Morris

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Hunter Byrd Jon Barry

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Jack Calvert

Prayers
Hayden Ellis Joseph Barry

Invitation
Gerald Eaton

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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What Is the Difference between Testing and Tempting?

Bryan Garlock

The Genesis author recorded, "Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'" (Genesis 22.1, ESV) [NKJV and ESV, NASB - "tested," ASV - "did prove," KJV "did tempt"]

The King James Version's use of the word "tempt" can be confusing since James 1.13 expressly says that God tempts no one. We must remember that the KJV was translated in the 1600s and that language changes constantly. At that time, the word "tempt" was defined the same way we define "test" today - to prove, to put to trial for proof. Thus, the word "tempt" in Genesis 22.1 does not mean that God was soliciting Abraham to sin, rather He put Abraham on trial to test him. What, then, is the difference between our current words for tempt and test?

God tests us so that we may glorify Him by being "perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (see James 1.2-5), while Satan tempts us - entices us through our desires -

to fall short of God's glory (see James 1.12-15). God's trial will involve His hope for your success and His loving support along the way as you receive a favorable outcome - a stronger faith and character. On the other hand, Satan's trial will involve his hope for you to fail and become miserably enslaved to the fading pleasures of this world. He will lend whatever support you need to lead you to a path where you ultimately wallow in your sin for all eternity. In short, God will test us to prove our faith - as in the case of Abraham - while Satan will tempt us to weaken our faith through trickery. Which trial would you rather endure?

God never tempts us to sin, but He does test us to prove our loyalty (Psalm 7.9; 11.4-5; 26.2; John 15.8; 1 Tim. 3.10, etc.). Likewise, every command God issues is a test of our faith. Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Lahron McJunkins, Maxine Burnham, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Lahron McJunkins is home. Thanks to everyone who visited him while he was in rehab.

W. H. McFerrin is in St. Michael Hospital, Room 662N. He had fallen again and has several other serious health issues. Please pray for him, **Pat** and their daughter.

Please remember **Maxine Burnham.** She very much wants to join us at our services, but she is too weak. Please drop her a card to encourage her and let he know we continue to pray for her.

Bryan will be in a Gospel Meeting in Georgia the week of Nov. 11th. **Bill Brittenham** and **Clay Morris** will be preaching Sunday while **Bryan** is gone.

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hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested

genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter 1.3-9) What will be our outcome? Will we be found to have genuine faith that results in praise, glory, and honor? BG

(Recently in the Adult Bible Class we studied about the Dishonest Manager in Luke 16:1-13. The lesson from the parable is to use what God gives us in this life to invest (prepare) the eternity. The following article is a great example of this.)

TIME

Max Dawson

You may look at your life and say, "I don't have any more hours in my day to exercise, read the Bible, pray or do anything else. I don't have enough time!"

What does that mean? Each of us have 24 hours every day to do whatever we choose. So, what do we choose to do with our time? The Bible speaks of the need to use time wisely -- "redeeming the time" (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Every day, "time" credits us with 86,400 seconds. In that sense, time is like a bank. Nobody gets a second more or less. (We sometimes speak as though others have more time than we do - a fallacy.) At the end of 24 hours time carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day you get a new account. If you fail to use the day's deposits wisely, the loss is yours. There is no going back, no drawing against tomorrow; you must live in the present

on today's assets. You must invest it wisely to achieve the best!

The clock is running right now. Are we redeeming the time, or making excuses? The word rendered "redeeming," implies that we must rescue our time from waste; to use it for important purposes. Why should we do that? Because the times in which we live are evil. There are thousands of temptations that lead us away from the right use of time. It is not just things that are sinful in and of themselves, but things that just waste our time.

There are three things I can do with my time. It is much like money.

1. I can waste it on things that do not profit. I have nothing to show for it.
2. I can spend it on things that are necessary. I got value for it today.
3. I can invest it for the future. I may get value from it both now and later.

Time is given to us for valuable purposes. Time is the realm in which we secure our salvation. This is it! It is now! There is not some period of time later (after this life) for us to prepare for our salvation. We have heaven to win; time is the field where the game is played; we will win or lose depending on what we have done with our time! There is no overtime, no timeout or any resetting of the clock! The time you have is that on which your eternity depends.

Yet, for many of us, we play games with time and claim we don't have time to make the needed changes in our lives. In view of eternity, we don't have time not to!

If you waste your time, you waste your soul. Thus, you must redeem the time! Exchange it for valuable things!

They're Not Friendly ...

Greg Gwin

They seemed very unfriendly to me. In fact, it would not be a stretch to call them downright rude. There was no greeting when I came through the door. No one offered me help or assistance. They acted as if they did not care if I was there or not. It was clear that they did not value my presence.

It crossed my mind that I might never go to that place again. After all, why should I be treated in this fashion? "I'll show them," I thought to myself.

But then it occurred to me that these folks have what I really need. It would be hard, if not impossible, to find it any other place. I would really only be hurting myself if I decided to never return.

Oh, yes, there are some other places that offer some of the same things. However, this place has it ALL! One can come here and find every essential thing.

In the end, I finally decided that I would continue to frequent this place because of what they have to offer. And, even though there are some things that I would like to see changed, it is still the best place to find what I really need. Maybe, just maybe, I can help them do better in the areas of friendliness and courtesy. Perhaps by saying and doing the right things myself, I will be able to improve the overall situation. But the bottom line is this: what I get here is much more valuable to me than the minor annoyances that I must endure. I'll keep coming back again and again.

Where is this place? Oh, I forgot to tell you, didn't I? I was talking about the big discount store here in town. You know, that new 'super center' of a thing. What? You thought I was talking about the church? Well ...