

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Cole Meador

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Clay Morris Randy Ellis
Bill Rinehart

Prayers

Joseph Barry Rodney Ellis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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SINGING

Prayers

Invitation

one drive you from them. The apostle Paul warned, "That we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men in craftiness, after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him, who is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:14-15). He also said, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"(1 Corinthians 15:58)

ABOUT US

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 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; Romans 10:9-10

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



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Bible Power

by Wayne Goff

God's Word is His **power** (Greek, *dynamis*) to save mankind, Romans 1:16. We have read it, said it, and heard it so much that I doubt we truly appreciate it. But it is true. God's Word is God's power because it contains the wisdom and knowledge of God (Eph. 3:3-5). God is powerful -- omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal -- how could His Word **not** be powerful. **So why don't we realize this?**

First, we have to be willing to read and meditate upon God's Word and come to truly understand it. In the parable of the Sower, Jesus pointed out that the *fault* is not in the "Seed" (Word) but in the "soil" (man's heart), Luke 8.

God's Word is alive, powerful and able to penetrate the inner depths of man's soul (Heb. 4:12) -- **if he wants it to**. And there is the rub; many of us do not want our souls to be searched, tried and proven.

Second, God's Word will **not** return to Him void. **"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it"** (Isaiah 55:11). This is true 100% of the time! God's Word does what God wants it to do. It does **not** do what man wants it to, or what man thinks it should.

Third, God's wisdom far exceeds our own. **"For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe"** (1 Cor. 1:19-21). As someone

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins/sometimes shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Maxine Burnham, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Pete & Beth Rowland, and Francine Davis.**

once well put it: **“Man doesn’t know 1/10th of 1% about anything!”** If you think otherwise, then try this little test: compare God’s divinely-made eyeball, wrist, skin, or various body systems to man’s substitutes. What do you find? Would you rather have your natural eye, or a glass eye? Would you rather have your own skin or a man-made substitute? Go down the list of all the things God has made *physically* and compare them to the feeble efforts of the wisest men among us and you will see that there is no contest. What is true in the *physical* realm is even more true in the *spiritual* realm!

So, if you want to be impressed with **power**, then try a little Divine Power on your heart, mind, soul, John 7:17 (KJV). **“If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”**

Let Nothing Rob You Of Heaven

by Bill Crews

We must not allow the trials and tribulations of this life to take away the smile on our faces, the joy in our hearts, and the hope in our souls. And we must not allow the attractions of earthly pleasures or earthly treasures to either

keep us out of the spiritual family of God or draw us back into the way of the world.

Our Lord made it very clear in the parable of the sower that these are very real dangers. **“And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth”** (Matt. 13:20-21). **“And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection”** (Lk. 8:14).

In yet another instance Jesus encountered a rich, young ruler (he already had three ingredients which men declare as essential to both success and happiness -- riches, youth, and power) who eagerly ran to Him, knelt before Him, and asked what he must do to receive eternal life. Both his actions and his question show that the gaining of eternal life was very important to him, but his reaction to the answer of the Lord shows that something else was more important to him. The story ended with his rejecting eternal life for that something else! Read one of the accounts in Matthew 19:16-22.

Paul wrote to the saints in Galatia: **“O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth crucified?”** (Gal. 3:1). And: **“I am afraid of you lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain”** (Gal. 4:11). And: **“Ye were running well; who hindered you that ye should not obey the truth?”** (Gal. 5:7). To the saints at Corinth he

said, **“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ”** (2 Cor. 11:3). He warned the Colossians saints in these words: **“Let no man rob you of your prize”** (Col. 2:18). Said the Lord to the saints in Philadelphia, **“I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown”** (Rev. 3:11).

Brethren, we must never allow any discouragement or disappointment, any trial or affliction, any allurement of sinful pleasures, any weariness in well-doing, any imaginary or real wrong suffered at the hands of others to rob us of the only prize that makes life worth living. Being right with God, having His approval, receiving His forgiveness of all past sins, possessing the hope of eternal life, being ready for the judgment, looking forward to eternity -- these must not be surrendered for any temporal advantage, pleasure or possession of any sort. **DON’T GIVE IN TO SATAN AND GIVE UP YOUR CROWN.** And remember also that you will not only miss heaven; you will have to face hell, forever

An Old Refrain of Satan’s

by Bill Crews

It is amazing to what lengths some will go to condemn the innocent and to exonerate the guilty. A person who will not listen to the foul speech and the vulgar jokes of others on the job or at social gatherings or, trapped into hearing, will not laugh or pretend to be amused is often scolded as though he were the often rascal or culprit. He is told that he ought to stay and listen

and laugh with the crowd lest he leave the impression “that he thinks that he is better than everyone else.”

This is an old refrain of Satan’s; he has been using it for a long time. It was developed and perfected by those who, because of their own misconduct, have reasons to feel guilty but want to transfer their feelings of guilt to those who have conviction and courage enough to refrain. The individual who will not drink alcoholic beverages, who will not gamble, who will not dance, who will not read obscene literature or feast upon pornographic pictures, who will not patronize disgusting movies, who will not appear in public in immodest apparel is cut down with the old cliché: “You must think you’re better than everyone else.” The truth is, that they make those who freely indulge in sinful pleasures feel guilty and uncomfortable, and they do not like it one bit. So they strike out -- at the wrong thing. this, however, is nothing new under the sun. Nineteen centuries ago the apostle Peter wrote: “that ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibbings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them into the same excess of riot. speaking evil of you: who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead” (1 Peter 4:2-4).

Have convictions; be certain they rest upon the truth; stand up for them; let no