

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8  
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4  
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11  
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

### Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16  
Repentance - Luke 13:3  
Confession - Romans 10:10  
Be baptized for remission of sins -  
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21  
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -  
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

## Conflicting Voices

by Joe Slater

Practically any subject of a religious nature is a lightning rod for controversy. Some think it's wrong even to discuss controversial matters; yet by saying we should shy away from controversy, they themselves are being controversial! So, how should we deal with conflicting voices? Do we just pick one that sounds good and go with it? Do we blindly follow tradition? The only safe course is to heed the voice of God, who speaks to us today through His written word.

When Jeroboam led the northern ten tribes of Israel into idolatry, God lovingly sent an unnamed prophet to warn him of the terrible consequences of his sin (1 Kings 13). The king, somewhat shaken, invited the prophet home to be refreshed (rest and have something to eat). But the prophet declined: "If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place. For so it was commanded me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'You shall not eat bread nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came'" (vv. 8-9). Now that's as plain as language can be!

But soon a conflicting voice arose. Another unnamed prophet lied to the man of God: "I, too, am a prophet as you are, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water'" (v. 18). Sorry to say, the man of God believed the lie, and it cost him his life.

Remember Paul's admonition to the Galatians: "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you that what we have preached to you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8).

Trust God! Reject the conflicting voices!



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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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## The Kingdom of God Comes First

Matthew 6:33 We all get busy with our daily routine. We have places to go and things to do and people to see everyday. But one of the things we must keep in mind is our passage today. Jesus wants his disciples to be under the rule of God. God's way for our life must be priority #1. He knows what is best for us. Kingdom means "rule" and in God's Book, the Bible, we have right ways for our life. We are to seek "his righteousness." God's right ways and character must be displayed in all we do. He has taught us things like loving our enemies, and being merciful to others in difficult circumstances, and do what we can in seeking the lost.

Seeking the rule of God for our life means making spiritual matters supreme. It is important to be sure our children know the priority of spiritual matters (Ecc. 12:1). We learn early in life important truths and habits that we continue in all the days of our life. Parents and Bible class teachers work together influencing our children toward making the kingdom of God a priority.

Notice the end of our verse above. This is a promise from the Lord. "All these things" will be added to our life if we place the kingdom (rule) of God first in our life. The material things we need in this life will be supplied for us. God will take care of us.

What we do with our time determines its value. If we use our time wisely for God and His kingdom, it carries great value. So, maybe we just need to stop and ask ourselves, "What is our priority in life?"

- - Rob Albright

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## NEWS & NOTES...

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Becky Hatcher still remains in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114 since Feb. 1, they are giving her a small daily round of steroids which has helped her feel some better; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer's back surgery has been put on hold; Tom & Mary Whittington; Mike Thompson; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; Gayla Graham; Bobby Pedigo; Steve Higginbotham; Carolyn Russell has a cousin Karen Lievers in hospital with pneumonia and COVID. Her husband Russ now has COVID; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - prayers for the family of Elinor Maulden (aunt of our Lisa Schuler) funeral today at 2:00 at Winn FH.

Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey

### PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass  
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

### HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

### NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

### BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 6th lesson in the Spring Quarter on the theme: "The Thessalonian Letters" The topic this morning: "Christian Purity" Thess. 4:1-8. Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

### TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

### PREACHING THIS MORNING

Wayne Hatcher is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour at 11. His topic will be: "*The Significance of Christ's Ascension*" Acts 1: 9-11

### REPORT FROM ELDERS-DEACONS MEETING

We have sent \$500 to Potter Children's Home to share in the repair of a leak in the basement of the oldest building on campus built in 1945. The commodity/pantry items are stored there.

Darrell Wallace has agreed to preach 2 Sundays per month as Mike has done in the past. Robbie Fudge will continue on the 5th Sundays.

### AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 18-21 at E-town church of Christ with Gary Massey of Chattanooga, TN

April 22-25 at the church of Christ in Center, KY with Robert Hatfield

### TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Who were the two sons of Jochebed?

The answer to our question last week:

In the mouth of a fish Matt. 17:27

## Decide To Do Better

*Each of us should form a resolution right now.*

*Husbands, promise yourself that your wife is going to have a more caring husband till death separates you.*

*Wives, promise yourself that your husband will have a more appreciative wife till death separates you.*

*Parents, resolve that you are going to love your children and give more of yourselves to them (Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:3-4).*

*Children, resolve that you will honor and obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).*

*Stronger families begin with us. Determine to do your best for those you love.*

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## Where's Your Heart?

by R.W. McAlister

The Bible teaches that the heart is that part of us upon which the state of our souls depends. "Out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). The heart is the man. It's the seat of all spiritual life, and health, and strength, and growth. It's the hinge pin in the condition of man's soul. If the heart is alive and obedient to God in all things, a person is a living Christian. If the heart is dead, the man is spiritually dead before God. The heart is the man! The Bible teaches that it's not just what a person says and professes, and where they go on Sunday, and how much money they put in the collection plate. The heart of man – his attitude – is also of great importance. Prov. 23:7: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

For another thing, the Bible teaches that the heart is that part of us at which God looks closely. I Sam. 16:7: "Man looketh at the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Prov. 21:2: "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the Lord pondereth the hearts." Man is often content with the outward part of religion, with outward morality, outward correctness, outward use of courtesy, outward attendance at the Lord's house. But the eyes of the Lord God look much further. He regards our motives. He "weigheth the spirits" (Prov. 16:2). I Sam. 2:3 says of God, "By His actions are weighed." He says Himself in Jer. 17:10, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins."

The Bible teaches that the heart is the first and foremost thing which God asks man to give Him. In Prov. 23:26, He says,

"My son, give me thine heart." We may give God a bowed head and a solemn face, our bodily presence in His house, and a loud "Amen," but until we give God our heart, we give Him nothing at all. I'm not sure who gets credit for it, but I once read a quote concerning a young lady's heart that goes, "A girl's heart should be so lost in God that a guy should have to seek Him in order to find her." That's how it should be for all of us – God should have our heart's devotion.

Dear Friend, does He have yours? Give it some thought.

## The Beatitudes

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for  
righteousness' sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when they revile and  
persecute you, and say all kinds of evil  
against you falsely for My sake.*

*Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great  
is your reward in heaven, for so they  
persecuted the prophets who were before  
you. Matthew 5:3-12*