

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:

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

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS

for today - March 11

READ SCRIPTURE

Phillip Perkins

OFFICIATE LORD'S TABLE

Willie Cyphers

SERVE COMMUNION

Malon Schuler Mark Hatcher

Rex Wallace

PREACHING

11 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

5 p. m. - Wayne Hatcher

LEAD SINGING

Ken Russell

GREETERS FOR MARCH:

Rex & Doris Wallace



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Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

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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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Not Too Bad

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

If we read II Kings chapter 21, we learn what kind of person King Manasseh of Judah was. He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. He built up the high places, he reared up altars to Baal, he made an Asherah (female counterpart to Baal), and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. Furthermore, he built altars to false gods in the house of the Lord, and he made his son to pass through the fire and practiced sorcery. God says he seduced the Israelites to sin more than all the foreign nations that God had destroyed.

After reading about how wicked Manasseh was, one might think that surely there is no place in heaven for this king. But as Paul Harvey used to say, we need to know "the rest of the story." We can read the end of Manasseh's story in II Chronicles 33. Verse 11 tells us that Manasseh and the people would not repent, so God sent the king of Assyria, who bound Manasseh in chains and took him to Babylon.

What did Manasseh do? He humbled himself before God and prayed to Him. God heard his supplication and brought him again to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, Manasseh tore down all the altars to idols and built up the altar of the Lord, where he offered sacrifices to God. He truly repented and turned back to God.

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When we sin, we may think we are too bad for God to forgive. However, it is just not so. John reminds us in I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." God is always looking for His people to come back to Him, and He is more than willing to forgive us.

Donna Richmond Wittlif
via BulletinGold Vol 18 #2

True Christianity Means...

SERVING,
even when we are not being served.
HELPING,
even when we have not been helped.
LOVING,
even when we are not being loved.
GIVING,
even when we have not received.
PLEASING,
even when others do not please us.
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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Leon & Agnes Seaton; R.T. Turner; Bill Brooks; Martha Russell; Jenny Thompson; Dennis Hatcher (back); Parker Bybee; Brenda Walton; Bill Brooks' youngest sister in Indianapolis; Lori Brewer; Geneane McGuire's son, Greg; Becky Hatcher; Jim Mears is doing better after his Dr. visit Thursday; Michelle Brooks; Genie Hogan had successful Out-Patient surgery Wed.; Jamie Proffitt will be undergoing two months of treatments; prayers for our Connie Campbell and medical team going to Guatemala; Joyce Dye has been in Hardin Memorial Hosp. for over a week with complications from a large kidney stone; Eric & Sarah Foreman's grandson, Donte DeBoe; Candice Eastridge is undergoing tests and has been off work for a week.

FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY

Jimmy Briggs; Sherian Gray; Gail Coats; Brad Terry; Sanford Hensley; Stanford Matthews; Stanley & Betty Walton; Randal Trowbridge; Colton Parsley; Scott Bradford; Doug Culton (husband of Belinda Waters Culton) lung cancer treatments; Jeffery Lynn Lile had an accident at work, and had surgery Wednesday.

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass

NHC

Jean Turner

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

JoAnn Wallace

SUNDAY A. M. AUDITORIUM CLASS

Today is the first lesson of our Spring theme: "Poetical Book Selections" This

morning's lesson: *Job Appeals to God* Job 23:1-17 Wayne serves as the teacher.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

March 17 Elizabethtown Church of Christ 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Lunch provided
Speaker: Wanda Robinson, Columbia, TN
Theme: "Eye of a Hurricane" RSVP 3/11

AREA GOSPEL MEETING

March 25-28 South Green St. Church of Christ with Ralph Gilmore, Freed-Hardeman Univ.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What relative of Simon Peter did Jesus heal from a fever?

The answer to our question last week:
Jonah went toward the east Jonah 4:5

ATTENTION - PLEASE NOTE

The time of services will remain
at 5:00 for Sunday evenings and
6:00 for Wednesday evenings.

Which Way?

Engraved on a tombstone were the following lines:

*Pause, my friend, as you walk by
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, so you will be
Prepare, my friend, to follow me*

A visitor, upon reading that epitaph, and added two more:

*To follow you I'm not content
Until I know which way you went*

Follow Jesus! We know which way He went!

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The Dangers of Desire

by Jeff Arnette

The story of First Samuel begins with a godly woman named Hannah and her husband. Her story is one of disappointment, provocation, and an overwhelming desire for a son.

After much prayer and pleading with God, she gets her son and names him, Samuel. Believing that he is a blessing from God she is moved to give him to God and promises that he will serve the Lord. This is a turning point in the story of Israel and their relationship to God.

Israel has drifted from God to the point that the priesthood is corrupt. The church, as we would call it, has become like the people and leads the way in sin. God will use Samuel to lead the nation back to faith and correct the corruption of the priesthood. Don't miss that the story of God working in His people begins with a woman who trusted God and desires something better. God often uses godly women who trust Him to make major changes and lead the way in bringing His people back to Him.

Once Samuel reaches the end of his life and work with Israel the leaders decide (again moving away from God's will) that they need to be like everyone else. All the nations around them are powerful. Each one has a king who unites them which causes Israel's leaders to desire to be like the nations around them. God has worked through Hannah and her son Samuel to bring the people back but now they again desire something other than God.

This leads the story to the first king named Saul. God had always led the nation but now a flawed human is appointed to lead them. In

keeping with their desires for worldliness God allows them to appoint someone who will again lead them away from Him. Saul begins well enough, but the power soon goes to his head and he believes he is in charge. The story of Saul, Israel's first king, is a story about the dangers of wanting to be like the world. Each successive story reminds us that taking our eyes off God will lead toward failure and sin.

Eventually, God appoints a king to replace Saul. God allows Samuel to live long enough to anoint a young man named David. While David is meant to be God's man and lead the nation back to God; he was still flawed. He allows his desire for a woman, Bathsheba, to drive him to adultery, murder, and worst of all, away from God. David was a great king and a godly man who found himself caught up in sin and deceit. The dangers of sin and the desires to have (no matter what that desire is focused on) will always give birth to serious consequences in this life. David loses his kingdom, his family, and the first child born between him and Bathsheba.

God in his grace, sends Nathan the prophet to restore David. Once restored David regains the city of Jerusalem and builds the nation into a world power. God allows our choices and desires for sin but we have to live with the consequences.

A Little More

Do more than exist – Live!
Do more than touch – Feel!
Do more than look – Observe!
Do more than read – Absorb!
Do more than hear – Listen!
Do more than listen – Understand!
Do more than think – Ponder!
Do more than talk – Say Something!

--via House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart