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**Assembly Times**

*Sundays*  
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Wednesdays*  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard  
Of Sound Doctrine***

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**Know Your Bible: Answers**

1. Joseph (Genesis 42:6)
2. Daniel (2:48)
3. Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 1:11)
4. Ethiopia (Acts 8:27)
5. Esther (2:17)
6. Mordecai (Esther 10:3)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: Brad Smith  
Announcements: Gary Tuttle  
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco  
Opening Prayer: Chris Beard  
Song Leader: Todd McAdams  
Table Talk: Josh Emerson  
Contribution: Eddie Bowen  
Helper: Jacob McAdams  
Fruit of Vine: Billy Lovell  
Helper: Jonathan Lovell  
Helper: Justin Thomas  
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson  
Closing Prayer: Victor Studdard

**Sunday Afternoons**

Feb 12 Nothing  
Feb 19 3PM Prayer Meeting  
Feb 26 4PM Parent Class; Children's Drill Class  
Mar 5 4PM Devotionals (Men, Women, Youth)

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Harper Flores  
Speaker: Todd McAdams



# Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist  
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”  
Ephesians 6:13

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## Praise The Lord (Psalm 148)

“For the Lord commanded and they were created” (Psa. 148:5). He is Maker of all. Therefore, the created ought to praise the Creator.

Then we are told that “His name alone is exalted” (Psa. 148:13). Therefore, He ought to be praised. Also, “His glory is above the earth and heaven” (Psa. 148:13). Those on the earth and things in heaven praise Him who is above. He is greater than and more exalted than all the earth and the heavens with all their glory and grandeur. Because God created us, and His name is above every name, all creation praises Him. Because His glory is above all, His creation praises Him.

**Who is to Praise Him?**

Heavens and heights are to praise Him (Psa. 148:1). The heav-ens and heights are said to be angels, hosts, sun, moon, stars, and waters. All praise Him. Heavenly angels serve around the throne of God crying day and night, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

Animal life praises God (Psa. 148: 7). Also, the inanimate praises God (Psa. 148:8,9). They praise God when they fulfil His word.

Angels do not have a problem praising God. Other created things such as animals, elements, and inanimate things men-mentioned don't have any problem praising God (Psa. 148:11-12).

All people are to praise God. Kings, princes, judges, young and old praise Him (Psa. 148:11, 12).

All His saints praise Him (Psa. 148:14). By contrast, wouldn't you think His saints would have no problem praising Him? But they do. Because even His saints have a problem in living lives that praise Him. In fact, if you live a life that truly praises Him, it is not because it is easy and comes automatic. It is because you recognize you were put here to praise Him. Therefore, you discipline and control yourself so that you do praise Him. But that requires much effort. All creation is commanded to praise Jehovah.

**How do they praise Jehovah?**

God appointed the moon to regulate seasons. When the moon does that for which God

appointed and created it, the moon is glorifying Him (Psa. 104:19). When the sun rises in the east and goes down in the west and shines on the earth, the sun is praising God. The sun is doing what God created the sun to do. God asks nothing more of the sun and the moon than to do what He created them to do.

When stars shine, they are doing what God created them to do and they praise Him. When fire does what God created it to do it praises God. When fire warms mankind, renews the earth, cooks for those made in the image of God, and creates power for electricity, it is praising God.

Further, it is the same with hail and snow, when they do what God created them to do. They provide moisture for earth. They provide a cover on the ground that takes care of insects that would be a detriment to the crops. Hail and snow are doing what God created them to do and they are praising God.

When vapors do what God created vapors to do, they are praising God. When stormy winds fulfill His word by doing what God created them to do as He controls all things, they are praising God.

Just so with dragons. I do not have slightest idea what they do. But whatever they do, they are praising God when they do what He created them to do. They are fulfilling the will of God and praising Him.

Even so with mountains, hills, fruit trees and cedars. When fruit trees bear fruit for food and for seed, they are praising God. When cedars provide shade and when cut down provide fire for man, they are praising God.

When kings and princes rule for the benefit of their citizens, they praise God. When judges judge righteously and justly, they are doing what God ordained judges to do. When young men and maidens, and old men and children do what God created them to do, they are praising God. When old men act like children, and at times we do, we are not praising God.

That brings us to the praise of all His saints (Psa. 148:14). His saints are the ones from whom God really desires praise. Glory or praise unto God is in the church (Eph. 3:21). When we are part of that saved relationship, we praise God. Saints are His new creation. God has made His new creation with a purpose. God before ordained good works in which His new creation should walk. (Eph. 2:10). When we do those good works which God ordained, we are praising Him.

### ***Know Your Bible***

#### **Foreign Government Workers**

1. What Hebrew governed Egypt?
2. What young Hebrew was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon?
3. What Persian king did Nehemiah serve?
4. From what country was the eunuch who was baptized by Philip?
5. What Jewish girl became queen of Persia?
6. Who was her uncle who ruled as second only to the king?

*Answers On Back*

#### **Sunday Sermon**

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



We glorify His exalted name when we do what He has created us to do.

What are those good works God's new creation has been cre-ated to do?

He created us anew to live and become like Jesus. That is our purpose in life. Then one day we can receive the prize of heav-en. Saints are fulfilling their responsibility by being trans-formed into His image. Also, saints praise God by living a pure life and by being an example to others (Matt. 5:16). Addition-ally, saints praise God by teaching others (2Tim. 2:2). When saints worship God they praise Him (Jn. 4:23-24). Once again, when saints serve God as a living sacrifice, they praise Him (Rom.12:1-2). When saints are servants of righteousness, God is praised (Rom. 6:14).

As God's new creation, saints are to praise Him in every part of their lives: family, social, civil, and business. That means every waking moment He is exalted and praised in those relationships.

by Rickie Jenkins

## **THE KINGDOM BEGAN ON PENTECOST**

**Daniel 2:44**  
God will set up  
His Kingdom

**Mark 1:15**  
Time is fulfilled  
Kingdom is at hand

**Mark 9:1; Matthew 26:64**  
The Kingdom will  
come before you die

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**ACTS 2**

**Colossians 1:13**  
God has transferred  
us into the Kingdom

**Colossians 4:11**  
Fellow-workers  
in the Kingdom

**Hebrews 12:28**  
We have received  
a Kingdom

**Revelation 1:6-9**  
Christ has made us  
to be a Kingdom

All passages before Pentecost speak of the Kingdom as being future.

All passages after Pentecost speak of the Kingdom as established.

## **THE KINGDOM IS THE CHURCH**