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Church of Christ**

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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. Noah (Gen. 8:20)
2. Josiah (2 Kings 23:15)
3. Cut stones (Ex. 20:25)
4. Acacia wood covered with bronze (Ex. 27:1)
5. Gideon (Judges 6:25)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Brad Smith
Announcements: Gary Tuttle
Encouragement Talk: Harper Flores
Opening Prayer: Tyler Blazek
Scripture Reading: Lester Mabry
Colossians 1:26-29
Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Table Talk: Josh Emerson
Contribution: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Corwin Richardson
Fruit of Vine: Ryan Haarmann
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Helper: Eddie Bowen
Closing Prayer: Scott McDearman

Sunday Afternoons

July 2 3PM Bible Fundamentals Class
July 9 Nothing
July 16 4PM Devotionals
Planned Parent Youth Devotional
July 23 5PM Worship - Casey Thomas to preach

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Todd McAdams
Speaker: John Franks



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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What Does The Lord Require Of You?

Micah 1:1 *“The word of the Lord which came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Abaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.”* Micah was a prophet of the Lord to the northern nation of Israel (Samaria was the capital) and to the southern nation of Judah (Jerusalem was the capital). Micah taught how God is sovereign over His people, that He will punish His people for their sins, and that God can restore and save them if they will obey Him. Consider three verses from chapter 6.

Micah 6:6 *“With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on high?”* Micah has convicted Israel of sin, leaving no doubt or misunderstanding (see 3:9-12). So how do they become right with God? The offering of sacrifices was the way of the Mosaical Law. But the people just wanted to ritually offer sacrifices which had no meaning to them. The people had a lack of understanding of who God is. *“The Lord from His holy temple”* will be a witness against the people and bring a judgment (1:2). We should not think God has changed or that He does not see. *“For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes”* (Jer. 16:16-17). *“There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do”* (Heb. 4:13).

What shall I do about my sin? I must do something for God sees and He will judge. Shall I tell Him I repent (Acts 8:22), and then change nothing in my life? Shall I pray to Him seeking forgiveness when I have not repented? Many behave like Israel in wanting to obey the letter of the Law like a ritual without having the proper heart. We need *“godly sorrow”* over our sin (2 Cor. 7:11). A sorrow that will truly repent, seek forgiveness and return to serve God in zeal, fear, and earnestness (2 Cor. 7:11).

Micah 6:6-7 *“Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”* Is it the

multitude of sacrifices that is needed? Is it how important the sacrifice is to me (a child)? Does God rejoice in the sacrifices? Is that what God wants? I bowed before Him, surely He is pleased.

Such is the same attitude of men today. They want to do religion rather than be religious. Worship has become the end of religion for many - they attend, sing, partake, pray, and listen to a sermon. The box is checked, therefore God is delighted and pleased. Such a heart does not please God for *“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth”* (John 4:24). If all the truth is followed in our worship it is vain without the proper spirit (James 1:26).

Micah 6:8 *“He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?”* God has always informed man of what is good and how to please Him. We must listen and do what God says, because His words are requirements for us.

God requires we do justice. Do what God says, act right with God (1 Sam. 15:22). God has not changed and still wants man to do justice in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus. Being *“just”* is a qualification for elders (Titus 1:8), and is required of slave owners (Col. 4:1).

God requires we love kindness. This is often translated *“mercy.”* The Hebrew means to act with goodness and kindness toward others. It also conveys the concepts of loyalty, faithfulness and commitment. To *“love”* mercy is to actively seek it and put it into practice. The divided heart, or the heart that is hard and does not submit is always rejected by God. Living justly without loving mercy becomes ritualistic and hollow. Christians are to be *“kindhearted”* (1 Pet. 3:8; Col. 3:12), and merciful *“just as your Father is merciful”* (Luke 6:36).

God requires we walk humbly with Him. This is about a proper heart that submits to the authority of God. The problem with Israel was that in their heart they did not walk humbly with God. Like Israel, many today who are Christians are not walking with God because they have not humbled themselves. *“For not knowing*

Know Your Bible

Altars

1. Who built the first altar?
2. What king of Judah tore down Jeroboam's altar at Bethel and pounded the stones to dust?
3. What of stone (according to the Law) was not to be used in make an altar?
4. What was the altar of the tabernacle made of?
5. What leader was told to tear down his father's altar to Baal?

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.



about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God” (Rom. 10:3). *“Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you”* (James 4:10). *“Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time”* (1 Pet. 5:6).

This was the condemnation of Jesus in Matthew 23:23 - *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”* Sadly, many Christians today also neglect justice, mercy and faithfulness. Approaching service to God as a series of rituals to perform has never pleased Him. It is hypocrisy. Jesus said we are to *“love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength”* (Mark 12:30).

by Charles Willis

Storms Are Coming

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Hurricane season is upon us once again. The threat of severe weather is real and must be taken seriously. Anyone living in the Gulf Coast Region knows this. The wise are heeding the calls from news agencies to prepare with some stockpiles of food, water, batteries, and a plan for evacuation if needed. Every year some are foolish and do not prepare, do not evacuate, have no supplies stockpiled, and are caught by the storm or killed.

Jesus tells us a storm is coming and we need to be wise rather than foolish. *“And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall”* (Matthew 7:25–27).

The coming storm is the judgment of God when this physical life will end and we will be judged eternally. Some will fall during this storm, and the fall will be great. They will be condemned eternally by God. They were foolish in hearing the words of Jesus and not doing them. The wise hear and do what He says. The foundation of their soul is built on the rock who is Jesus Christ. They will survive the judgment of God to live eternally in heaven.

Are you prepared for the storm?