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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. Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:3)
2. Joseph (Genesis 41:45)
3. Death (Deuteronomy 17:12)
4. Zacharias (Luke 1:20)
5. A turban (Exodus 28:39)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Corwin Richardson
Announcements: Josh Emerson
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: Brad Smith
Scripture Reading: Jacob McAdams
Colossians 2:1-7
Song Leader: John Franks
Table Talk: Robert McCorkle
Contribution: Todd McAdams
Helper: Theo Edge
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Helper: Chris Beard
Helper: Verlin Wilson
Closing Prayer: John Van Baale

Sunday Afternoons

July 9 Parent Planned Youth Devotional
July 16 4PM Devotionals
July 23 5PM Worship - Casey Thomas to preach
July 30 3PM Children's Class Workday
(Quarter Change)

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: Eddie Bowen



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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Learning About God

The prophet Nahum was given a vision from God to give to Nineveh (1:1). He is writing nearly 150 years after Jonah went to Nineveh. The Assyrian nation was at the height of its power and was very prideful. *“The Lord will restore the splendor of Jacob... even though devastators have devastated them...”* (2:2). The Assyrians were the devastators who carried away the northern nation of Israel into captivity. Consider the important message of chapter 1 which the Assyrians needed to learn about the Lord.

Nahum 1:2-3 *“A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful. The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies. The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.”* God has used the Assyrian nation as an instrument of His judgment upon Israel, but He is not pleased with the wickedness of the Assyrians. He despises their arrogance and cruelty. They brought their armies into Judah and harmed the righteous people of God. He will avenge with His great power. God has not changed *“Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord”* (Romans 12:9). God will not leave the guilty unpunished. Justice will be meted out in the judgment day. *“God is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Romans 3:26).

Nahum 1:6-8 *“Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him. The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him. But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site, And will pursue His enemies into darkness.”* “Who can stand before His indignation” is a rhetorical question - no one can stand. Numerous examples of this are found in Scripture, such as the Flood (Gen. 6-9), Pharaoh (Ex. 4-9), the nations driven out of Canaan, the Babylonians (Dan. 5), Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3), and Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5). No one can endure the anger of God. But those whom He knows

those who are righteous and are not His adversaries, they find refuge in God. In the time of trouble they rely on God. In context, Judah is the great example of this. God protected Judah from Assyrian aggression, and He is avenging them. He will completely end His enemies, and pursue them into the night (that none would escape).

Nahum 1:14–15 *“The Lord has issued a command concerning you: ‘Your name will no longer be perpetuated. I will cut off idol and image From the house of your gods. I will prepare your grave, For you are contemptible.’ Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; He is cut off completely.”* The Assyrians will be buried by God. This is His judgment. Verse 15 looks upon this judgment as good news, and the bringing in of peace. So the nation should remember and serve God. Celebrate the feasts and pay your vows (which God commanded in the Law). Serve God in righteousness.

Conclusion Knowing who God is, and the power He has to bring justice and judgment upon us, we should repent and serve Him in righteousness. This is a warning and admonition found many times in Scripture. *“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.’ And again, ‘The Lord will judge His people.’ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God”* (Heb. 10:26–31).

Romans 11:22–23 *“Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off”*.

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Priests

1. What priest in the Bible is mentioned as having no mother of father?
2. What Hebrew married the daughter of an Egyptian priest?
3. What was the penalty in Israel for disobeying a priest?
4. What priest was made mute because he did not believe the prophecy given by an angel?
5. What kind of head covering did the priests wear?

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.



The Wrath Of God

by Charles Willis

God’s Wrath Is Upon Unbelievers And The Ungodly

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...” (Romans 1:18)

“the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 5:6)
[Toward Christians who are disobedient.]

“He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him” (John 3:36)

The Last Day Is God’s Day Of Wrath

“But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds... but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.” (Romans 2:5–8)

“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41)

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 20:8)

“How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3)

We Can Escape The Wrath To Come

“While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us... Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him” (Romans 5:8–9)

“Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come” (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1)

“...to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” (Romans 2:7)