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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. Samson (Judges 14:5-9)
2. Jacob (Genesis 25:29-34)
3. Almonds (Genesis 43:11)
4. Quail (Numbers 11:31)
5. 5 Loaves, 2 fish (Mark 6:31)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot
Announcements: Kevin Buckner
Encouragement Talk: Eddie Bowen
Opening Prayer: John Franks
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson
Luke 7:2-10
Song Leader: Josh Emerson
Table Talk: John Van Baale
Contribution: Arturo Orozco
Helper: Kyle Crain
Fruit of Vine: Sandon Spyker
Helper: Aaron Heald
Helper: Lester Mabry
Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Sunday Afternoons

Feb 16 Nothing
Feb 23 3PM Visitation Day
(no meeting at the church building)
Mar 2 3PM Devotionals
Mar 9 Nothing

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Arturo Orozco
Speaker: John Van Baale



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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The Ancient Paths

“Thus says the Lord, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls” (Jeremiah 6:16). Jeremiah prophesied at just prior to and through the period of the Babylonian captivity. He is called the weeping prophet for his writing of Lamentations which mourns the downfall of God’s nation, Israel. In chapter 6 Jeremiah proclaims the word of God calling for the people to change. There was a need for them to walk in the ancient ways, the good ways. Only when they turned back to God’s ways would they find rest for their souls. This is absolutely God’s same plea to mankind today through the gospel. Men are not religious but are disobedient and pursuing their own lusts. Those who are religious minded follow after the new path and do not walk in God’s way. Even though God’s word has been revealed, men maintain the same attitude of the Israelites in the time of Jeremiah, “they said, ‘We will not walk in it’” (Jer. 6:16).

“And I set watchmen over you, saying, ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’ But they said, ‘We will not listen’” (Jer. 6:17). God sent prophets over and over to Israel whom they rejected and killed. God’s word is still proclaimed today by preachers and elders have oversight in a congregation to watch for our souls (Heb. 13:17). But some men today will not listen. They reject the truth of God, refuse to gather for worship (Heb. 10:25), and have no desire to serve God. They say terrible things of those who hold forth God’s word. We must see how they treat God and their danger of eternal loss.

Because of Israel’s attitude God said, “Therefore hear, O nations, And know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing disaster on this people, The fruit of their plans, Because they have not listened to My words, And as for My law, they have rejected it also.” (Jer. 6:17-19). Listen to it again: “hear, O nations...congregation... earth” - God wants all men to learn from this example. Because of their rejection of God and His word they suffered disaster. A physical disaster of captivity in Babylon. Men who reject God today also suffer disaster at God’s hand, but it is the eternal disaster of condemnation to hell. The plans of the people (which are wicked in rejecting God’s plans)

will bear the fruit of disaster. Nothing good will come from our moving away from God.

Many attempt to serve God in part: mediocrity, half-heartedness, some righteousness mixed with some unrighteousness, observance of some of God's law mixed with doing some things my way. I do not merely speak of those outside of the Lord's church, but even some within. They believe they are right with God just as some of the Israelites did who continued to worship God while also worshipping idols and rejecting some of God's word. *"For what purpose does frankincense come to Me from Sheba And the sweet cane from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable And your sacrifices are not pleasing to Me."* (Jer. 6:20). Worship from one with this attitude, who has a face *"harder than rock"* and refuses to repent (Jer. 5:3) will never be accepted by God. We do not know the attitudes of all who join us in a worship assembly, but we must each examine ourselves to be certain we are not offering worship to God that is not acceptable. To half-way or partially serve God will never please Him.

"Therefore, thus says the Lord, "Behold, I am laying stumbling blocks before this people. And they will stumble against them, Fathers and sons together; Neighbor and friend will perish." (Jer. 6:21). God's judgment of the unrighteous will be brought to pass. Whether we accept this truth or not does not change the reality of God's judgment. *"He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day"* (John 12:48). *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."* (2 Cor. 5:10).

Let us each be careful to hear God's warning and see the example he has made of the nation of Israel. We will not escape His judgment if we reject His word or fail to serve Him with all our heart in full obedience. God wants all men to repent that we might be saved. He has revealed His word that we might know how to please Him. Examine yourselves. Repent where needed. Choose to serve the Lord today. Only in this way will the eternal reward be ours.

"...Great is your reward in heaven..." (Matt. 5:12)

By Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

Food

1. Who ate honey out of a lion's carcass?
2. Who traded his lentil stew for his brother's birthright?
3. What gift of food did Jacob's sons bring to Joseph on their second trip to Egypt?
4. What meat did God give to the Israelites in great abundance?
5. What did Jesus provide to feed the 5,000?

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.



"if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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

"justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24)

"In Him also we have obtained an inheritance" (Ephesians 1:10–11)

"He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"
(Colossians 1:13–14)

"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ"
(2 Corinthians 5:18)

"the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory"
(2 Timothy 2:10)

"we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses"
(Ephesians 1:7)

"you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ"
(Ephesians 2:13)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"
Ephesians 1:3

There are no spiritual blessings for those outside of Christ.