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Assembly Times

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

Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine

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Reach Out And Touch Someone (contnued from page 3)

anybody know about it? Would you treat it nonchalantly? Certainly not! You would want everybody to be delivered from the malady. You hold in your hand the power to save men from a malady much greater and more dangerous than cancer. You have in the gospel; it can save men from their sin. How can you put much confidence in it to save your own soul if you don't have confidence enough in it to recommend it for the salvation of the souls of others?

It's time we got busy about evangelism. It's time we got to the business of making the gospel work in the places where we live and work every day. How long has it been since you talked with someone about his soul? Well, that's too long.

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter:	Lester Mabry	Aug 3	Nothing
Announcements:	Arturo Orozco		
Encouragement Talk:	Tyler Blazek	Aug 10	Nothing
Opening Prayer:	Eddie Bowen		
Scripture Reading:	Truett Blazek	Aug 17	3PM Devotionals
	Luke 11:1–13		
Song Leader:	Josh Emerson	Aug 24	3PM Visitation Day
Table Talk:	Sandon Spyker		
Contribution:	Gary Tuttle		
Helper:	Corwin Richardson		
Fruit of Vine:	Kevin Buckner		
Helper:	Verlin Wilson		
Helper:	John Franks		
Closing Prayer:	Scott McDearman		
		Wednesday Evening	
		Song Leader:	Josh Emerson
		Speaker:	Kevin Buckner



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 Heaven's Declare God's Reign

Since the launching of the Hubble Telescope scientists tell us much has been learned about our solar system and the heavens in general. They claim to have photos of solar systems being born and of some that are dying. Science tells us some things are impossible because the natural order of the Universe has laws which prevent them from happening. This article contests this thinking by saying God is able to do what science says is impossible, and He has done it!

The Sun

Hezekiah ruled as King over Israel, yet he was dying. The Lord through Isaiah promises to heal Hezekiah and grants him fifteen more years of life. Hezekiah wanted to know what would be the sign that the Lord would heal him? Isaiah said *“shall the shadow go forward ten steps or go back ten steps?”* Hezekiah answered: *“It is easy for the shadow to decline ten steps; no, but let the shadow turn backward ten steps. And Isaiah the prophet cried to the Lord, and He brought the shadow on the stairway back ten steps by which it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz”* (2 Kings 20:11–12). Only God could do that!

At the battle of Gibeon, during the conquest of Canaan, Joshua prayed, *“O sun, stand still at Gibeon, and O moon in the valley of Aijalon. So the sun stood still and the moon stopped, until the nation avenged themselves of their enemies. Is it not written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day”* (Joshua 10:12–13).

Even at the crucifixion of Christ we are told the sun was darkened for three hours (Luke 23:44–49). While this could perhaps be explained as an eclipse, it remains significant that the timing was in perfect alignment with the crucifixion for a full eclipse to fall on Israel.

In the prophecy of Amos the Lord speaks of His might by saying *“I shall make the sun go down at noon and make the earth dark in broad daylight”* (Amos 8:9).

Pharaoh was eventually convinced to let God’s people go because of the plague of darkness that could be felt. A darkness that lasted three days (Ex.10:21–29). God used the sun to declare His reign!

The Moon and Stars

While not as frequently mentioned, there are instances when the moon and stars figured prominently in God’s demonstrated power.

Habakkuk 3:11 mentions how the moon would stand still and then go away by the power of God.

Isaiah 13:10 says *“For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light. Thus I will punish the world for its evil...”*.

Isaiah 40:26 demands that we look to the stars as evidence of God’s omnipotence!

In Matthew 2 the Kings of the East arrived in Jerusalem saying, *“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him”* (Matt.2:1–2). Verse 9 continues to tell us *“the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.”* Certainly this is not typical stellar behavior.

Conclusion

Science has no explanation of these events, so they conclude they are impossible. They demand factual evidence in order to believe and these things cannot be proven (so they claim). Further they demand there is nothing in the history of man that would cause a person to expect such things to be possible, except perhaps an eclipse which the uninformed would have probably seen as a sign of the gods.

There are simply too many similar events recorded in the inspired word for us to dismiss them as fiction. I believe they happened because God is in control! The heavens declare His reign!

By Charles Willis

*Know
Your
Bible*

Bones

1. What weapon did Samson use to kill 1000 men?
2. What had a vision of a valley filled with men’s dry bones?
3. What good king desecrated a pagan altar by burning human bones on it?
4. What prophet’s bones hraised another man from the dead?
5. What Egyptian leader had his bones carried away during the exodus from Egypt?

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.



Reach Out And Touch Someone

Dee Bowman

It may well be that the besetting sin of modern day discipleship is its failure to procreate itself. Speed has been so aggrandized in our society that it has become necessary that whatever we do we must do in a hurry. We seem to be possessed with a determination to succeed more than to be spiritually inclined and equip ourselves for eternity, so we tend to put off thing that don’t pertain to our quests. One of those things is reaching out and touching someone.

I have a theory. It may not be right, or it may be a bit simplistic, but it’s worth considering anyway. I don’t think anybody will go to heaven by himself; he will go with someone or take someone with him.

Discipleship does not depend on some kind of human machinery for its procreation. It depends on the disciples themselves. “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (II Tim. 2:2). That process is so simple. But where is it being used? How sad, because it works. If every person in the congregation here decided to convert just one soul to Christ in the coming year, and if there are 300 in our congregation, the church would be 600 in twelve month’s time. Will that not work? The problem is not that the plan won’t work; the problem is we won’t work the plan.

What is necessary to get at the business of making known the gospel to those who come under your influence? I suggest just four.

Concern. When Jesus saw the multitudes, “he was moved with compassion” (Matt. 9:36). We emphasize his feeling of “compassion,” but fail to consider that the compassion moved Him. It took Him from unconcern to concern, from indifference to distress. It is that movement of compassion that caused Him to die for the sins of the world. “God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son” is a statement of His concern for the lost souls of men. The gospel is the power to save (Rom. 1:16) and that power is retarded only to the extent that it is not used. How about you? Are you actually concerned for the lost souls around you? Are you actually moved by what you see? If you are not, why not? I hardly see how one can call himself a Christian and not be moved by the number of lost souls he sees every day.

Boldness. One of the Devil’s most effective tools in retarding efforts to convert people is diffidence, a lack of confidence. It takes courage to try and teach someone. You run a kind of risk. You are apt to fail a lot of the time, and knowing that makes it more difficult to make the effort. But make the effort we must. Jesus failed. In fact, he failed most of the time. But some will come, some will be interested, and even if you just snatch one soul from the fires of Hell you have done well. “Be not weary in your well doing,” said Paul (Gal. 6:10), “for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not.” If we would just keep that in mind our mission would be an easier one, our work more diligent, our successes more often.

A willingness to be inconvenienced. We are wedded to convenience in this society. We don’t want anyone or anything to invade our comfort zone. That proclivity to be comfortable has thwarted many an effort at converting someone to Christ. We make flimsy excuses, give faulty “reasons” why we can’t make arrangements to teach someone. It gets in the way of our plans. What that says, most of the time, is that our plans are out of order, our priorities ill arranged. You have to want to convert someone before you will do it.

Faith. We don’t have enough confidence in the gospel. Is it or is it not power of God to salvation? If it is, then why don’t we treat it as such? If you suddenly came across the cure for cancer, would you let

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