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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. Elisabeth (Luke 1:5)

2. Martha (John 11:24–26)

3. Herodias (Luke 3:19)

4. Anna (Luke 2:36)

5. The Samaritan woman (John 4:24)

This Week's Assignments & Events		
Sunday Worship	Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter: Corwin Richardson	April 19	Nothing
Announcements: John Van Baale		
Encouragement Talk: Kevin Buckner	April 26	Classroom Quarter Change
Opening Prayer: Leighton Daniels		
Scripture Reading: Jyle Crain	May 3	3PM Devotionals
Luke 21:10–24		
Song Leader: Josh Emerson	May 10	Nothing
Table Talk: John Franks		
Contribution: Paul Hainline		
Helper: Jordan Thomas		
Fruit of Vine: Arturo Orozco		
Helper: Verlin Wilson		
Helper: Theo Edge		
Closing Prayer: Jayson Richardson		
	Wednesday Evening	
	Song Leader: Truett Blazek	
	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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Becoming Satisfied

“ . . . I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness” (Psa. 17:12). John Balquy said, “Contentment is the pearl of great price, and whoever procures it at the expense of ten thousand desires makes a wise and a happy purchase.” And Socrates remarked, “Contentment is natural wealth, luxury is artificial poverty.” Plautus concluded, “If you are content, you have enough to live comfortably.”

David found contentment in beholding God’s face in righteousness. Sin produces misery! One who does not stand before God in righteousness feigns happiness and contentment, but inwardly longs for God-acceptability. Moses cautioned people, “ . . . be sure your sin will find you out” (Num. 32:23). One realizes that sin cannot be hidden from God. We are naked and open before Him. We cannot hide our wickedness; therefore, misery results.

Men seek satisfaction in differing ways: **(1) In worldly pleasure.** There are some “men which have their portion in this life...” (Psa. 17:14). Moses chose to suffer affliction with God’s people rather than “enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season” (Heb. 11:25).

Others seek satisfaction **(2) in riches.** Solomon was a very rich man. He taught, “He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase...” (Eccl. 5:10). He further reflected, “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold” (Prov. 22:1). Solomon said, “Give me neither poverty nor riches . . . lest I be full, and deny thee” (Prov. 30:8-9). Riches will not ensure satisfaction!

Some think they find satisfaction **(3) in power.** It is difficult to understand that God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble (Jas. 4:6). Man still cannot direct his own steps (Jer. 10:23); cannot add one cubit to his stature (Mt. 6:27); and is dependent upon God for every blessing (Jas. 1:17). Who brings the new day? Who

makes it rain? Who adds days to our number? These are areas outside man’s capability. God is that great fountain from whence all blessings flow!

Some seek satisfaction **(4) in knowledge**. There is no end of making books, for the knowledge is ever expanding! Mankind is beginning to understand some of the wonderful laws that God placed in existence at the creation. Knowledge that does not lead one to acknowledge and subject himself to the Almighty God is misdirected knowledge. Paul spoke of the *“oppositions of science (gnosis) falsely so called”* (1 Tim. 6:20). Some feign all knowing ability and cannot answer the simple question, “Which came first, the chicken or the egg?” God is all powerful! We need Him!

David said, *“I will behold thy face in righteousness.”* He attempted to live as God would have him live. Righteousness exalteth a nation! Sin is a reproach to any people (Prov. 14:34). Walking with God causes one to begin to reflect God’s righteousness within his life (2 Cor. 3:18).

Thus, David could say, *“I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.”* He could anticipate that happy, contented, satisfied emotion because he walked in righteousness. Happiness is the result of character, not things! The superlative teachings of the beatitudes manifest this great and eternal truth. Seek to be what God created us to be, a creature in His own likeness! Then, satisfaction will come to mankind!

Donald Willis
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**Know
Your
Bible**

Women

- 1. What New Testament woman was married to a priest name Zacharias?
- 2. To what woman did Jesus declaer. “I am the resurrection and the life”?
- 3. What wicked woman brought about the death of John the Baptist?
- 4. What waom was called a prophetess by Luke?
- 5. Who asked Jesus for the speakial water that would quench her thirst forever?

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.



Clay In The Potter’s Hand Charles Willis

“The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord saying, “Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will announce My words to you.” Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something on the wheel. But the vessel that he was making of clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he remade it into another vessel, as it pleased the potter to make. Then the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel” (Jeremiah 18:1–6).

In this wonderfully memorable image, God declares His power and authority over the nation of Israel. The text goes on speaking of God uprooting and destroying a nation, or of His relenting when a nation turns from its evil. We must not think it is any different in the way God sees the individual. His authority and power over us is complete. God’s willingness to be gracious toward us depends on the softness of our heart. The potter can change the clay as long as it does not harden. We must maintain a pliable heart that allows God to work in us!

The reason for this image and message is revealed in Jeremiah 18:11–12. *“So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds.”’ But they will say, ‘It’s hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart.’”* God knew what the heart of the people would be, yet He still sent the warning through Jeremiah, for some might repent. God’s desire for men to repent is easily seen (2 Peter 3:9; Acts 17:30). His compassion to reach out to those who are lost must not be missed. He reaches out to you and I, even when we are stubborn.

We must not be those who follow our own plans and act in stubbornness. God said the people had forgotten Him and had stumbled from the ancient path to walk on bypaths, not on a highway (Jer. 18:15). The Israelites chose to travel the dangerous path, not the raised road (the ancient path) which their forefathers traveled. This was a result of the stubbornness. They traversed this wrong path to the extent they had forgotten God.

It is no different for us. If we turn from God’s path of righteousness to stubbornly travel a path that agrees with our lusts, we should fear God. He will fashion calamity against us and devise plans against us. *“It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God”* (Hebrews 10:31). Consider carefully the lesson from Jeremiah 18 - do you have a heart that is stubborn or one which the potter can fashion?