

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Eddie Dickinson

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Gary Addison
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Arlen Foss

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Humbling and Exalting

By Doug Dingley

In Romans, chapter one, we are told that “since the creation of the world [God’s] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made” (Vs. 20), and that it is therefore both foolish and fatal to live in denial thereof (See vss. 18-22). Psalm 19 conveys to us a very similar message. From both of these passages it is clear that we can come to understand God’s order, pattern, and consistency in the spiritual realm (which we cannot see), because of the consistency which He has displayed in His creation (or the physical realm), which we are exposed to and experience every day.

For example, we are all probably familiar with the phrase, “What goes up must come down.” This truth, which some in the scientific community might refer to as the “law of gravity,” is simply God’s institution of a reliable reality given to govern his created, physical universe. Likewise, the heavens and their workings, including the revolving pattern of day and night as well as the circuit of the sun, simply cannot be corrupted or interrupted in any way by mankind’s desires or designs (Ps. 19:1-7).

These “laws” are completely consistent, unshakable, and unbreakable by man. They are going to happen. You can count on them every time. Hence and because of that, we can also know for an absolute fact, that God’s laws governing the spiritual realm are just as certain, consistent, well-grounded, and un-get-aroundable (Ps. 19:8-14).

One of those always present, always consistent, “un-get-aroundable” laws of God given in governance of His spiritual world, is that whenever one of His children seeks to exalt themselves, God Himself, will see that they are humbled – no exceptions. It happens every time. It is only when one really, truly, honestly and sincerely humbles themselves, willfully becoming the lowly and subjected servant that He desires them to be, that God Himself will then make sure that He personally exalts them (Prov. 17:10-19, 27:2; Matt. 23:12; Lk. 14:11, 18:14; 1 Peter 5:5-11).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please remember the families of Alice Foster [Sister of Mary Box] & Bobby Burleson [Brother of Barbara Wilkinson] in your prayers; they both passed away last week.

Faye Cotton: please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with his lungs, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Doug Roberts: is in the nursing home in Hamilton recovering from a recent stroke, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Sue Berryhill: has been diagnosed with cancer, but the doctors do believe that it is treatable, please be praying that the doctors can help her defeat this cancer

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Bobby Sanderson: is in rehab at the nursing home in Winfield and he is improving, please pray that improvement continues and that he will have a complete recovery.

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Deborah Pollard: is currently taking cancer treatments, please pray that these treatments will be successful in defeating her cancer

Upcoming Events

Today Missionary Report 10:00 am
 {Romania – Ed Bull }

Tonight - Thursday Vacation Bible School
 {Remember services tonight begin at 6:30 pm }

July 22nd Fellowship Meal

July 22nd Bible Bowl 2:00 pm
 {Cleveland }

Go back and carefully re-read and study Mark 10:35-45. Let the text really sink in. Then consider how even the perfectly sinless and divine Son of the living God Himself was not immune from this law of God. Although He never sinned by seeking to exalt Himself as we so often try to do, it was precisely because of His complete and utter humbling of Himself that He was so highly and finally exalted by God (Phil. 2:1-16). If we are constantly encountering nothing but strife, upheaval, and indignation in our daily efforts (Matt. 20:20-28), maybe it’s time to ask ourselves: Who’s doing the humbling – and who’s doing the exalting?

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Eternal Words of God

By Dan Jenkins

Jesus said, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord” (Matt. 4:4, italics added throughout). The full implication of that phrase, “every word which comes from the mouth of the Lord,” can so easily be overlooked. Think about it. For man to live by every word which comes from God necessitates that every word which God spoke still exists. Otherwise, if any is missing, man cannot live.

Let’s take a moment to look at a parallel phrase, all the words, and the implication it has. The phrase is found forty-one times in the Bible. Six of these times it refers to the words of individuals expressing their own thoughts. The rest of the time it describes the words spoken by God or words spoken by His messenger. God gave His message, and His messengers then gave us His word. But, they gave us more than His word—they gave us every word.

When Moses met his brother, Aaron, who was to be the spokesman, “Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord who had sent him...” (Ex. 4:28). Two verses later, these brothers are in Egypt talking to the Jews, “...and Aaron spoke all the words which the Lord has spoken to Moses.” Not one word given at the burning bush was omitted!

When Moses descended from Mount Sinai, he had the two tablets of stone and "...on them were all the words which the Lord had spoken" (Deut. 9:10). While Moses was on the mountain, God gave instructions of sacrifices and worship. Moses descended from that mount "...and came and told the people all the words...and all the people...said, 'All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do.' And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord" (Ex. 24:3-4).

Are you intrigued by this study? Do you see how God and His messengers were careful to ensure we have all the words He spoke? Take time to read Deuteronomy 27:3, 8; 28:58; 29:29; 31:12; 32:44, 46, and you will see this emphasis again and again. God is not just concerned about men having His word. He is concerned about men having all the words!

There is one chapter in the Bible where the phrase, all the words, is found seven times. It concerns the time when God told Jeremiah (who had been God's messenger for over twenty years) to write on a scroll all the words that God had given to him. He could not leave even one word out and do what God said. When the king burned that scroll in his fireplace, God told Jeremiah to rewrite the scroll again and include every word God had said.

Next time you read the Bible, read every word carefully! God has given each of them and preserved them all!

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He Learned Obedience

By Kevin Cauley

"Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Obedience is not a popular concept today. The preferred method of getting cooperation today is reasoning with people. Sometimes, however, reasoning simply doesn't get the job done. It assumes that the person with whom you are speaking understands your reasons and agrees with you about the conclusion. This doesn't always happen, and there are times when it is better for one to simply obey. The Bible speaks about reasoning with people (Isaiah 1:18), but it also speaks about obedience. Children are supposed to obey their parents in the Lord (Ephesians 6:1). Servants are to obey their masters (Colossians 3:22). We are to obey those who have the rule over us (Hebrews 13:17). We are to obey God (Acts 5:29). We are to obey the truth (Galatians 3:1, 5:7). We are to obey the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:8, 1 Peter 4:17).

Even Jesus learned to obey the Father. This does not mean that He was disobedient; it simply meant that obedience needed to be practiced and understood experientially. In turn, Jesus became our great example of obedience so that we may obey Him to receive salvation (Hebrews 5:8-9). When we obey as we ought, we can receive great peace and joy knowing that we have followed the Lord's will in our lives. God's commandments are not designed to bring grief, but peace, and when we obey the Lord's commandments, we demonstrate our love for Him (1 John 5:1-2). Why do we so often not want to obey? It is due to our own pride. Remove the pride, and obedience becomes easy, loving, and joyful. God bless you, and I love you.

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