

Today's Sermons

Morning: The New Song

Evening: The First-Born Son Who Was Not Born First

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Sunday Bible Study	n/s
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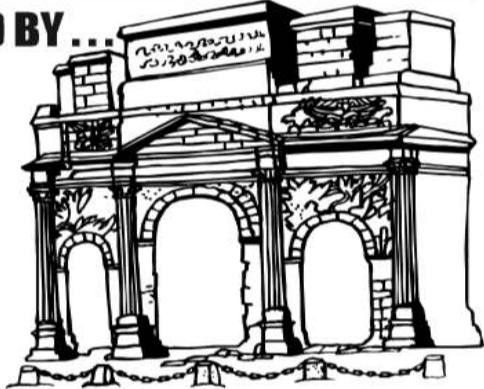
How to Face Evil

➔ **EVIL CAN BE FACED BY ...**

TRUST
IN THE LORD
 • Psalm 37:3



STOP
BEING ANGRY
 • Psalm 37:3



**EVIL CAN LEAVE
A LIFE IN RUIN**

DELIGHT
IN THE LORD
 • Psalm 37:4

COMMIT
TO THE LORD
 • Psalm 37:5

WAIT
ON THE LORD
 • Psalm 37:9, 34

REST
IN THE LORD
 • Psalm 37:7

WALK
WITH GOD
 • Psalm 37:23

KNOW
THAT GOD IS YOUR
STRENGTH
 • Psalm 37:39

WITH GOD YOU CAN FACE FORWARD



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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship:...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am
 "Back to the Bible"
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**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

LET THIS BE THE YEAR

Johnny Ramsey

We usually postpone the very things that ought to be done immediately. As a result, at the end of each year we find a large deposit of unfinished business on hand. Thus, we enter each new year with the same old problems, weaknesses, failures and fears. Why don't we determine that this year should be different? Let's make this the year we really "turn over a new leaf" and blaze down the trail of life victoriously. As Jesus so aptly mentioned in Luke 2:49, may we, too, be busy in the Father's service! Let this be the year . . .

1) We maintain a schedule of sincere, diligent Bible study as individuals and families (1 Peter 2:15; 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:12).

2) We develop a genuine, daily, personal prayer life before God. Nothing is needed more; nothing is more uplifting (Matthew 7:7-11; 1 Peter 3:10-12; James 5:16).

3) We honestly try to correct our faults – whether it be impatience or gossip, tardiness or stinginess – let us make a diligent effort to be more spiritual and less carnal or petty (Jude 21; 2 John 8; 1 John 1:7-9).

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4) We compliment instead of criticize; encourage instead of belittle – and especially within the church of the Lord – let us do our best to lighten the load of the elders, Bible teachers and others who, at least, are making a consecrated effort to be a Christian (Hebrews 12:12; Romans 12:10; Psalm 119:63)!

5) We strive to be cheerful and grateful in view of our many blessings and the heartaches of others (Hebrews 13:15; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

6) We fervently try to lead some soul to Christ. So many are lost in sin. Heaven will be too sweet to miss. It is our task and privilege to work with the Lord in the salvation of lost humanity (1 Timothy 4:16; Proverbs 11:30; John 14:12).

7) We cease to live beneath our benefits, blessings and responsibilities. In other words, let this be the year to take the Parable of the Talents seriously (Matthew 25; Hebrews 6:1; Romans 14:12)!

8) We become truly and deeply concerned with erring brethren. Let us care so much that they have gone astray that we go out and reclaim them for the Lord (James 5:19,20; Hebrews 13:1; Acts 8:22).

9) We once and for all stand up for Truth and never apologize for its penetrating power. May we allow it to correct our faults (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17; Galatians 4:16).

10) We purge worldliness from our lives and hearts and affections. May God help us to be "purer and yet purer" (1 Peter 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:19; Matthew 5:8).

Yes, let this be the year we become unfettered from timidity in expressing the gospel, or stinginess in supporting it. Let this be the year of liberal giving to the Cause of Christ and the developing of a greater desire to be with the Lord. May we never forget the propelling nature of Matthew 6:21: "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*" Let this be the year our triumphant life in the Lord is manifested before the world.

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"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matthew 24:42).

BIBLE PREACHING

by B. C. Goodpasture

Many in this generation berate and downgrade the man who preaches the Bible. This is not altogether surprising. Naturally, those who do not believe the Bible and those who undergrade its authority do not think well of preaching it. But, there are those within the church who have reached the point where they do "not endure sound doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:3). Paul, with inspired prophetic insight, predicted that such would happen.

Again, men sometimes seem to feel that, considering their vast learning (whether real or imaginary, does not greatly matter), it would be an act of intolerable condescension on their part to preach the simple principle of New Testament Christianity, they want something that "sounds scholarly and philosophical." Such were not the preachers of apostolic times!

On Pentecost, Peter, an inspired preacher, delivered a great sermon, more than a third of which was composed of quotations from the Old Testament, Paul, in his great speech in Pisidian Antioch, drew very heavily upon the same source. He even told where to find one passage he quoted in "good taste"! What a pity that Peter, Paul, and Jesus, who frequently referred to portions of the Old Testament (Luke 24:44), did not know this! They were "Bible preachers."

Times may change; times do change, but the time will never come when the Gospel of Christ will be out of date. Methods of preaching and teaching and means of transportation may be improved and used, but man's need for the "Truth" that makes men free will not cease. Lost men must hear the Truth that saves.

It is a crime against God and man not to deliver such Truth. Preaching which does not reveal to lost men the way of salvation is not what they need. "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" (Isaiah 55:2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dec 14 – Get-Together at the Powers' Home
- Dec 31 – New Year's Get-Together @ Winters' Home
- Jan 6 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Jan 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell