

When God Gives a “Mudpack” Facial

By: Dan Jenkins

It goes without saying—I know very little about having a mudpack on one’s face, hoping it will make them more beautiful. I just asked Google what this would cost and learned that they can cost from \$35 to \$200. Have you considered that God once told His people of His plan to give them a “mudpack” facial? If not, keep reading this article to the end.

There is a description of that time when a person understood he should offer sacrifices to God, so he found a blind sheep or goat and made that animal his sacrifice. After all, a sheep is a sheep, whether it is blind or not. The animal was to be slain anyway, so why not bring a blind animal as your sacrifice? Nothing so far about a facial—keep reading.

At that same altar, another person brought an animal to sacrifice to God. The animal he brought was lame, and it seemed to him that this animal could be used. After all, a sheep is a sheep whether it is crippled or not. The animal was to be slain anyway, so why not bring a crippled animal as your sacrifice? Nothing so far about a facial—keep reading.

At that same altar, another person brought as his sacrifice an animal he had stolen. His thoughts were that this animal could be used. After all, a sheep is a sheep whether it was stolen or not. The animal was to be slain anyway, so why not bring an animal from another person’s flock to be used

as the sacrifice? Nothing so far about a facial—keep reading.

At that same altar, many were there because they felt like they had to go. Their animals were better, but their attitude was totally wrong. When they thought about worship, they said, “What a weariness it is.” They had no joy in coming, but came anyway and wished they didn’t have to come. Nothing so far about a facial—keep reading.

These individuals are specifically described in the first two chapters of Malachi. They were among those who returned from Babylonian captivity and had built a new temple and restored the city of Jerusalem from its ruins. There likely had been a time when coming to worship God was something they really enjoyed, but now they were there more from a sense of obligation. This attitude is seen in the sacrifice they brought. Nothing about a facial—keep reading.

How did God react to this? He challenged them to give this kind of sacrifice to the governor to see if he would feel honored that he had been given “leftovers” from the flock.

How did God react to this? Read His words about the facial He was about to give. “Behold, I will... spread dung upon your faces” (**Mal. 2:3**). Keep these thoughts in mind as you come to worship. You do not want God to give you a facial!

Give Me the Bible, Not “Sola Scriptura” (Part 4 of 6)

By: Selected

What have we learned from the Bible so far? Notice that this is not what a church would have us to believe or what a group of men have set out as a belief system. These are Bible certainties that we can know by simply reading the Bible. Bible certainty #1: ALL Scripture in the Old Testament and New Testament is inspired of God. Bible certainty #2: The 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament are ALL-sufficient for man today. Bible certainty #3: The truth of God’s Word has been once for ALL delivered. Where does that lead us?

Bible certainty #4: The Bible is ALL-authoritative in our lives. The 66 books in your Bible are not only perpetually relevant to your life today (**Heb. 4:12**), but Christ’s authority is perpetually supreme and active over us. It is clear that Christ has “ALL authority” (**Matt. 28:18**). We must “hear” (i.e., heed and submit to) Him “in all things, whatever He says” (**Matt. 17:5; Acts 3:22**), lest we be “utterly destroyed” (**Acts 3:23**). This One, who has ALL authority, made it clear that “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (**John 12:48**).

When you pick up His inspired Scripture, Christ wants you to know that the “authority” within the words that He spoke AND the “authority” within the words that the Holy Spirit guided the men to write in Scripture is the very “word” and very “authority” of the Father in heaven (**John 12:49-50; 16:13; 17:8, 14**). Since ALL Scripture is from God, and since it is ALL-sufficient for man, and since it has been once for ALL delivered, and since it is ALL-authoritative, it is no wonder that we are commanded, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the

name of the Lord Jesus” (**Col. 3:17**). We have no authority outside of His authority for any doctrine or practice that is not authorized in His Word.

Bible certainty #5: The Bible is PERFECT and demands (and deserves) ALL respect and obedience. The mind of God (i.e., His “ways” and His “thoughts”) is infinitely “higher” (i.e., superior) to the greatest minds of humankind of all time (**Isa. 55:8-9**). Man—in his finite, sinful and helpless ways—is in desperate need of wisdom, which has been provided for us—completely and fully—in the 66 books of His Scripture. It is laughable to think that man could “become [God’s] counselor” (**Rom. 11:34**) or instruct and teach God something (**Isa. 40:13-14**). When the perfect God chose to perfectly reveal Himself and His will for mankind inside the pages of His inspired Bible, you know that the result would be perfect (**Jas. 1:25; Psalms 19:7**). So, what must the imperfect do with that which is perfect? (Next week)



Upcoming Events

TODAY: Friends & Family Day. We will also have our monthly potluck luncheon and have a 12:45pm afternoon service. Bring visitors, a dish and dessert. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sunday, May 11: Youth devo after evening worship at the McCoy home. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Allen Clifton who will be undergoing radiation treatment.

Therisa Gant and Helen Cannady on the passing of their brother, Ray D. Littles.

Rick Bass who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Jerri Jeffres and her health.

Jerri Rosales who had a biopsy and is awaiting to see if she will be put on the kidney transplant list.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, James Hicks, and Veronica Serenil.

Service Roster

Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Ferman Rosales
Song Leader..... Luke FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer.....Mike Atkinson
Closing Prayer..... Clifton Rutherford

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... Ron White
Cup..... Lupe Escojido
Offering..... Bryant Siegel
Assist..... Steve Randle
Assist..... Willie Fossati
Assist.....James Cammock

Sunday Evening

Song LeaderJack Jobes

Opening Prayer..... Kevin Sheeran
Closing Prayer..... Ken Dorries

Lord's Supper & Offering.....Lupe Escojido/
Bryant Siegel

Wednesday Evening

Adult ClassCody McCoy
Song LeaderLuke FitzSimmons
Devotional Ron White

Other

Prepare Communion..... Ferman Rosales

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Jack Fielder.....May 4
Allen Clifton.....May 4
Luke FitzSimmons.....May 10
Kidron Lehtinen.....May 10

Anniversaries

Steve & Letty Randle.....May 5

Please sign up to open/close the building, prepare communion, and host youth devos for 2025. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of
the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of April 27, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....67
A.M. Worship.....117
P.M. Worship.....53
Wednesday Worship.....47

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