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Opening Prayer	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Lyle Cole
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Greeter	Samuel Jones	Samuel Jones
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Usher		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

“Pray without ceasing”
1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your “church” and the church of the Bible -- The Church of Christ. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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MY SERVANT WILL SUCCEED !

Cody Westbrook

Comfort, yes comfort My people...’ (Isa. 40:1). In the latter years of his life, the future of Israel surely weighted heavily on Isaiah’s mind. Despite his inspired warnings, the prophet knew that Jerusalem would surely be destroyed and her people taken into Babylon. Yet, he could also see something far better on the horizon.

Four Servant Songs are found in Isaiah 42-53 which were designed to give hope to Israel. Aspirations of the heathen notwithstanding, Jehovah would raise up His Servant whom no nation or idol could forbid (cf. Isa. 41:21-29). Each Servant Song paints a unique portrait of the Messiah. The first announces that He would succeed in His purpose.

Isaiah 42:1-4 identifies a purpose, method, and result. Justice has to do with law, rule, and government, and such is the purpose of the Servant’s coming identified in this passage. “He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles” (v. 1), “He will bring forth justice for truth” (v. 3), and He will “establish justice in the earth” (v. 4). The Servants’ rule would be just and righteous in character and universal in scope. But His dominion would not be inaugurated like the kings of the earth. There would be no fanfare, demonstrations, or public proclamations. Rather, He would conquer with truth (v. 2-3). He would not exalt the rich at the expense of the poor. Instead, He would restore life and strength to the weak and helpless (v. 3). And though He would face severe difficulty in His mission, He will be successful in what He sets out to do (v. 4).

If there were any question as to the identify of this Servant, Matthew puts it to rest by quoting Isaiah 42:1-4 and applying it to Jesus (Matt. 12:15-21). Though the Pharisees sought to kill Him (Matt. 12:14), Jesus did not fight back. Rather, “who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not...” (1 Pet. 2:23). He removed Himself from the situation. Though He had the power to take their lives, such was not the nature of the Son of God. God’s Servant had a higher purpose than self-vindication (cf. Phil. 2:5-10). He came to “bring forth justice” and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Though His methods were unconventional to the minds of men (cf. 1 Cor. 1:18, etc.), Jehovah’s Servant was absolute in His success. ~

What happens when men read the Bible determined to find the will of God —(John 7:17)

BEING THE NEW CREATION IN 2025 - 2 COR. 5:17



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Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

A Prayer of Praise

God of the ages, we come before thee with gratitude and reverential awe. Great and marvelous are thy works. Thou hast laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the works of thy fingers. By thy eternal law they are ruled and regulated. In the marvels of the natural world, we see the imprint of thy power and intelligence. When we contemplate the vast universe, which thou hast made and over which thou art reigning, we are overcome with a sense of thy majesty. The story of redeeming love moves us to wonder and adoring praise. Thou art full of mercy, forgiving the iniquities of all who seek thee in humility and contrition of heart. When we meditate on the word of thy promise, hope eternal springs within us. The beauties of the many mansions, of which we read in thy Book, thrill the soul. Oh God, thou art the Omnipresent One. From thy presence we cannot flee. Knowing thy compassion for us, we have no desire to flee. The remotest star in the universe is also in thy presence. Thou art everywhere. Heavens and earth cannot contain thee. Thy infinite Spirit moves along the paths of space. Our lives are ever before thee and unto thee are known the secrets of the soul. Thou, Oh God, art worthy of everlasting praise. Before thee, we stand in awe. In the name of thy Son and our Savior. Amen.

-Minister's Monthly October 1957

The cross is easier to him who takes it up than to him who drags it.
"If God needs to be just as well as merciful; man needs to be merciful as well as just."
"The way of least resistance makes crooked rivers and crooked men."

Seen in a local radio station: "My mind's made up-don't confuse me with facts."
Also noticed in the same station: "Blessed are they that go around in circles, for they shall be called 'wheels.' "
One can never show proper reverence or respect for the word of God when he disregards the silence of God.
"Some folks' minds are like concrete; all mixed up and thoroughly set." "He who reforms himself has done more toward reforming the public than a crowd of noisy, impotent patriots."
"It is ridiculous for any man to criticize the works of another if he has not distinguished himself by his own performance." (Addison.)

- Melvin L. Vaughn

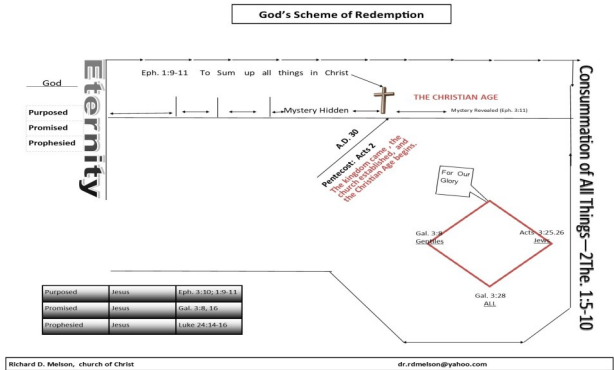
“We’re doing this for God-He’ll accept it!”



It is interesting how man has made worship more about “man” and “man’s likes” than he has about God and God’s demands. There is a mentality, which is often voiced, regarding worship that, “We’re doing this for God, to give the praise to Him. He will accept it.” Unfortunately, such sentiments are actually proven completely contrary to what God will accept.

Many examples of worship in the Bible could be cited to show that God, in fact, does not accept just any effort of man to worship Him, including Cain (Gen. 4:3-5), Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3), King Saul (1 Sam. 13:1-14), many Jews (Matt. 15:8-9), etc. But consider closely the sincerity of the persons who will say to Jesus at the judgment, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?” (Matt. 7:22). It is not enough to think that the Lord will accept what I do for Him (including in worship)! We must truly do “the will of [the] Father in heaven” (7:21)! Does your worship follow the demands of God in the New Testament?

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson’s Musings ...



Close to Having a Heart Attack

When the Lord said, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23), He obviously is not talking about that large muscle in our chests. The Bible uses the word “heart” over 800 times and almost always, if not actually always, refers to that inner part of our being. When the Lord discussed the greatest commandment, He spoke of loving God will all our heart, soul, and mind. That inner part of us is our soul.

What does it mean to keep your heart with all diligence? Our time and energy is limited and priority must be given to those things which are truly important. When the Lord described the attention which must be given to the heart, He used the word “all.” There is nothing more important than to devote ourselves and our time and energy to caring for our heart. Satan understands this and works to cause a severe “heart attack.”

Look at some of the words used to describe how we are to keep our heart. We are to love the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 6:5). We are to seek the Lord will all our heart (Deut. 4:29). We are to serve the Lord will all our heart (Deut. 10:12). We are to obey the Lord with all of our heart (Deut. 30:2). We are to trust the Lord with all our heart (Prov. 3:5). We are to turn to the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 30:10). Consider carefully the words mentioned above—love, seek, serve, obey, trust and turn. What could be more important than these words!

Think about it for a moment. If you were Satan, how would you attack the heart of Christians? It would not be a full-frontal attack using temptations he might openly use against the most worldly individuals. Is it not reasonable to see him getting the righteous to modify the level of their dedication? Would he not seek to weaken the love, the seeking, the serving, the obeying, the trusting and the turning to God? Would he not do this

while at the same time deceiving us so we can hardly see the changes? In reality, it is a full-frontal attack, and we are not even aware of it. This is why the Bible speaks of the deceitfulness of sin.

Sometimes we measure our heart conditions by looking in the wrong places. Jesus described how the people in the first century focused on the external. “This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Mark 7:6). These same words seem to describe our own day. Can we not see the danger in the way he attacks us? Satan attacks our hearts in this same way, and he wins if we are deceived by him. Think about the list of words mentioned above, just make sure that you are not close to a heart attack.

- Dan Jenkins

Amen! Amen! Amen! [RDM]

- ☞ Potter Children’s Home Coin Can—Pickup week of October 19
- ☞ Potter Children’s Home—Commodity and Christmas gifts will be picked up Saturday Nov. 29th at 1:00 PM
- ☞ Preteens-teens signup for the Lock-In on November 2
- ☞ Ladies Day— “Sisters Needing Sisters”—Nov. 15
- ☞ Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday November 2, because at 2:00 AM Sunday November 3, daylight Savings Time ends. **Fall Back One Hour**
- ☞ Check out the new tract titles in the rack
- ☞ Take a “**Christian Gift Card**” and give it away to someone you meet.



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>;
- View: In Search of the Lord’s Way— Dish- Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD’S PLAN FOR MAN’S SALVATION

“Sirs, What must I do to be saved?” Acts 16:30

- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Heard – John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ◆ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ◆ Sins Must Be Repented of – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ◆ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ◆ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ◆ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18