

PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT

Those who are sick or need our prayers — Joe, Turner, Kaylee Dolan, J Hughes, Linda Reagan, Kay Woodruff

Continue to remember in your prayers those who are unable to attend worship services regularly: *Faye Roberts, Freda Dunn, Romona Stokes, and Marjorie Barringer.*

Please pray for those who have forsaken the Lord that they may be reconciled to God.

READING THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS IN ONE YEAR

Monday - Exodus 16-18; Eph 4

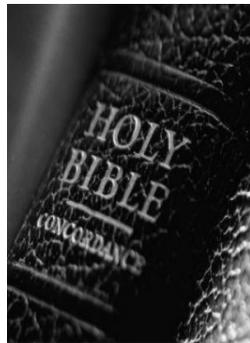
Tuesday - Exodus 19-21; Psalm 33; Eph 5

Wednesday - Exodus 22-24; Psalm 109; Eph 6

Thursday - Exodus 25-27; Psalm 90; Philippians 1

Friday - Exodus 28-31; Phil 2

Week #6
Feb. 5 – Feb. 9



VISITORS - We would like to get to know you better, and ask that you stay a while after services. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.parkhillchurchofchrist.com> where you will find sermons, articles, and daily bible studies to encourage you in your daily walk with God.

QUESTIONS? *We Welcome the opportunity to study God's word with you any time.*

*All sermons are recorded on CD & DVD -
If you would like a copy, please ask one of the men.*

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February 4, 2018

THINK ON THESE THINGS

Welcome to the Park Hill Church of Christ

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It is our desire to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to glorify Him in all we do.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING
Bible Study.....9:30 am
Worship.....10:15 am

SUNDAY EVENING
Worship..... 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING
Bible Study.....7:00pm

God's Way



The problem of disinterested people is not new. It existed in some places even in the first century. Paul said it existed in Corinth. “For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness” (I Corinthians 1:22-23).

Paul had the power to offer signs to the Jews and the knowledge to compete with the Greeks in worldly wisdom. The philosophy described above would have suggested advertisement of a lecture on “The Judaistic Philosophy in the Roman World.” Obtaining his audience with this, he could then slip in a little about Jesus and the cross. But this was not Paul’s approach, as he told us: “For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2). Human philosophy and human wisdom had no place in Paul’s plan for saving the lost in Corinth.

Preaching only the gospel, of course, Paul could have announced himself as “Dr. Paul, graduate of the University of Gamaliel, noted author, world traveler, inspired and dynamic lecturer.” Rather, he says, “And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God ... I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my

preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:1, 3-5).

Worldly appeals simply cannot save lost men. And to attach them to the gospel is to cheapen the good news of Jesus Christ. By such appeals we may increase numbers and even “make waves,” but such individuals in the local church are liabilities rather than assets. As materials in God’s building they are classified as “wood, hay, and straw.” Paul warns against building such material into the church: “According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it ... Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work” (I Corinthians 3:10, 12, 13).

by Sewell Hall

Courageous Desire



“Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.’ Then He said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven’” (Luke 7:44-48).

IF THERE’S ONE THING THAT IS OBVIOUS ABOUT LOVE, IT’S THAT LOVE WANTS TO SHOW ITSELF. Love (that is, *real* love) is active. Like a healthy toddler, it can’t sit still for very long. It always wants to be doing something, preferably to act out its desires.

Like faith, love is not only active, it’s willing to take significant risks. The woman in Luke 7, whose love led her to anoint the Lord’s feet with expensive oil, risked several things to show her love. For one thing, she accepted the risk of real loss. The ointment was costly, but wanting to show her love, she was willing to make a sacrifice (suffer an actual, couldn’t-afford-it loss) to do so. But second, she accepted the risk of the disapproval of others. To show her love for the Lord, she pushed past the

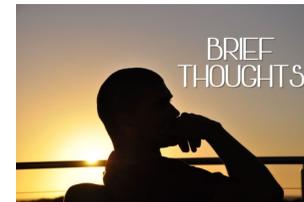
“respectable” crowd and did something that incurred criticism from those, like Simon, who loved the Lord with nothing more than an official love.

Today, we need to be careful, but we also need to be brave. Love doesn’t give us the right to do anything we please in showing our love for the Lord. We know nothing about what pleases Him except what He has revealed to us in His word, and we dare not disregard the Scriptures in deciding how to show our love. But that said, it’s important for us to be courageous in the desires of our love. All the scriptural correctness in the world will not accomplish anything if it is not carried out in active love.

“The loving are the daring” (Bayard Taylor). Our lives and our relationship with God would be richer if we loved Him more deeply, dreamed of showing our love more extravagantly, and then demonstrated our faith more boldly and bravely. It’s time we got over our fears: our fear of being hurt and our fear that others will think we’re crazy. What if the woman in Luke 7 had stifled her desire and done the “sensible” thing? Well, the world — and certainly the Lord’s cause — would have been much the poorer.

“Have the courage of your desire” (George Gissing).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com



Brief Thoughts

"THE BELOVED Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove's eyes. THE SHULAMITE Behold, you are handsome, my beloved! Yes, pleasant! Also our bed is green. The beams of our houses are cedar, And our rafters of fir. I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys. THE BELOVED Like a lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters. THE SHULAMITE Like an apple tree among the trees of the woods, So is my beloved among the sons. I sat down in his shade with great delight, And his fruit was sweet to my taste." Song of Solomon 1:15-2:3

The Bible has a book written about courtship and love it is called the Song of Solomon. It contains some of the most vivid words describing the love of a Shulamite girl and her Beloved. There is not a single Hallmark card that can compare.

To the younger generation it will sound sappy. To the older generation you may blush from time to time as you read it. But it contains a message of heartfelt love that we should take the time to read.