

PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT

Those who are sick or need our prayers — Kaylee Dolan, J Hughes, Linda Reagan, Kay Woodruff, Jay Davis, Pat Espy

Continue to remember in your prayers those who are unable to attend worship services regularly: *Billie Sue Atkins, 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 - Joshua 14-17; Luke 17

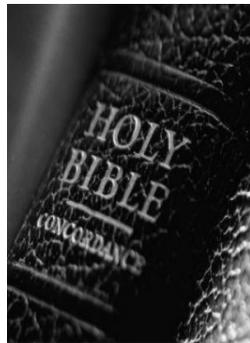
Tuesday - Joshua 18-21; Psalm 15; Luke 18

Wednesday - Joshua 22-24; Psalm 116; Luke 19

Thursday - Judges 1-3; Psalm 16; Luke 20

Friday - Judges 4-6; Luke 21

*Week #14
Apr. 2 – Apr. 6*



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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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

Philosophies, Choices



“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

IF GOD IS THE GOD HE REVEALS HIMSELF TO BE IN THE SCRIPTURES, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE MAKE A DECISION EITHER FOR HIM OR AGAINST HIM. One way or the other, we must decide. To default on this question and simply let our lives unfold haphazardly is the ultimate foolishness. Weeds love an untended, neglected garden.

A human being will serve *something*. In the end, it will be seen that something was the primary principle of each person's life, even if it was nothing more than the principle of laziness. Joshua's challenge to the people of Israel took it for granted that they would serve some god. The question was only which god it would be. He called on them to make their choice, if not wisely, at least decisively: “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.”

In childhood, many people memorized the text at John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Do we really believe this? If we do, how can we fail to decide what we’re going to do about this truth? Could there be any greater insult to a God who gave His Son for us than simply to say that He is not even important enough for us to deal with right now? When Elijah found the people of Israel vacillating between the worship of God and that of Baal, he explained to them that it was time to get off the fence. “And Elijah came to all the people, and said, ‘How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.’ But the people answered him not a word” (1 Kings 18:21).

The question of God is no small matter. Indeed, it is the most basic of life’s issues. Whatever we do when confronted with this question influences our character at its deepest level — and what we do about God is also indicative of what our character already is at its deepest level. One cannot be a quality person and not deal in a quality way with this issue. We are what we choose.

“One’s philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes . . . In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility” (Eleanor Roosevelt).

Gary Henry – *WordPoints.com*

On Loving Our Enemies



“For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?” (Matthew 5:46,47).

LOVING THOSE WHO HAVE HARMED US IS ONE OF THE SIMPLEST THINGS JESUS EVER COMMANDED, AND ONE OF THE HARDEST. It’s simple because it’s very basic and goes right to the heart of what’s important in life. Yet it’s hard because it goes so strongly against the grain of the worldly thinking to which we’re accustomed.

It should be noted that our ideas are often quite naive concerning the meaning and practice of loving our enemies. Whatever it does mean, loving our enemies doesn’t mean we enjoy being in their presence or have a warm, fuzzy feeling when we think about them. It doesn’t mean we practice the same social relationship with them that

we’d be able to practice if they repented of their wrongs. And it doesn’t mean we never cry out to God for justice to be done. David, for example, loved his enemies with a remarkable love, as evidenced by his treatment of Saul, his worst enemy (2 Samuel 1:17-27). It was not inconsistent, however, for David to pray, “Revive me, O Lord, for Your name’s sake! For Your righteousness’ sake bring my soul out of trouble. In Your mercy cut off my enemies, and destroy all those who afflict my soul; for I am Your servant” (Psalm 143:11,12).

The key is that David had learned to see his enemies in the same light that God did, with both love and a respect for justice. If our enemies refuse to repent of their wrongs, we should not only accept God’s justice but long for it to be done (Revelation 6:10). At the same time, we should be willing to make significant sacrifices, as God did, to make their return from sin possible. God did more than talk about loving His enemies; He went so far as to sacrifice His Son’s life for them. What treasure would we sacrifice — yes, *sacrifice* — to promote the salvation of our enemies?

Worldly relationships are built on mutual goodwill, but God has set His people a much higher goal. If we’re among His people, *we must act with love and justice even when these aren’t reciprocated.*

“It is a small thing to wish well and do well to one who has done you no evil. It is far greater — a magnificent goodness — to love your enemy, and to wish and do well to one who is trying to harm you” (Augustine of Hippo).

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Brief Thoughts



Ps 119:2 "Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the whole heart!"

Living Biblically is not just the name of a new television sitcom. It is real a choice for those who desire to be true disciples of the Lord. A choice for those who love the word of God and want keep His testimonies. The choice they make is to seek God with all their heart. That search begins by reading and meditating on the word of God.

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