

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett
(FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Jorge Garza
(A) Mike Lovell
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

Adree Russell
Kadence Payne
Anita Adams
Virginia Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Happy Anniversary

July 19th
Mike & Connie Mallett
July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza

July 30th

Noon Fellowship

August 6th

Mission Fund

August 8th

First Day of SCHOOL Evant ISD

August 27th

Noon Fellowship

Do You Know Everything?

This is a question I am often asked when I raise questions concerning some doctrine or practice. The implication of this question is that one must know everything to be certain about anything.

Each time I hear this view expressed I think of the story of the blind man healed by Jesus.

The story is recorded in the ninth chapter of the book of John. The Jews were intent upon condemning Jesus and did all they could to discredit the miracle performed by Jesus. Seeing the blind man now able to see they first questioned as to whether he was the same man. After his parents confirmed his identity and the fact that he was born blind they again question the man and tried to pressure him by saying, "Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner" (John 9:24). The man replied "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

This man recognized that even though he may not know everything this did not keep him from knowing and being certain about some things. No, I do not know everything but I can say with the apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2Timothy 1:12).

- by James Hahn

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

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12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Do To Others

The Lord gave me a yardstick by which to measure every relationship in my life. It is easy to understand, and easy to apply if I have the will to do so. It involves no complicated formula; it is with me every wakeful hour. Its strength is in direct proportion to my weakness; binding me with cords of my own weaving, or freeing me as I free my own heart. It comprehends my whole duty to man.

While yet a child I learned it as: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you;" but later I found it is properly stated: "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (**Matthew 7:12**). "All things" is very broad. This includes my driving on the highway, selling a rifle, working for an employer, living with my wife, writing to my brethren, or about them. Whatsoever ye would -- is not "whatsoever they do." This rule does not depend on the other fellow -- it is determined in my own heart. How would I like to be treated? The rule is so reasonable, so unquestionably just, that it defies objection. It asks no pound of flesh, because its regulator would give none. It prescribes fair, honest treatment, because the party of the first part desires such. Self-interest, which so often blinds me to my duty to others, becomes the very indicator of those duties. God made the rule, but I am left to apply it -

- with the intensity gendered by man's most powerful inner force, self-love. "No man ever yet hateth his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it..." (**Ephesians 5:29**).

"Do ye even so --" Lenski comments: "what we would like to have men do to us, whether they do that to us or not, we are to keep doing (poieite, durative) to them." Till seven times? Nay, but until seventy times seven. This regulates conduct, but it is far more than a law of "doing" -- it is a basic principle of attitude, of under-lying motive, which demonstrates itself in what we do. "The law and the prophets" Jesus said; making it clear that this is no new rule, but one inherent in God's will for man in all times. Further, this clearly relates the rule to the giver of law, emphasizing the external authority of God. Those who seek to limit the "whole duty of man" to humanitarian obligations seem to miss this all-important point. **1 John 3:14** and following clearly relates our love for our fellow man with our prior love for God. Because He laid down His life for us, we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (Vs. 16) "And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment" (Vs. 23).

Christians are in a position to understand and apply the "Golden Rule", as are none others. But the sad fact is that many so-called Christians make little practical application of this rule in their life, and seem a bit embarrassed if the preacher uses it as a text. Until we learn well the "second table of the law" (**Matthew 22:39**) we preach the "gospel" (?) in vain. - **by Robert F. Turner**

Back to the Bible

Our society is heading in the direction that Paul describes in **2 Tim. 3:1-3**. We have seen a decrease in morals in our society. What is called "same sex marriage" is being widely accepted. That which was once considered against the law, is now legalized in some areas. Hopefully, this will be the year that many will get back to the Bible. I hope you will be part of the effort to return to basic Bible teachings and let the Bible speak in all things that pertain to life and godliness. (**2 Pet. 1:3**) In this article and in next week's, let us get back to the Bible in our understanding of who God is.

God is not a panic button. Some only call on Him to help in an emergency. Others believe God exists to grant our every wish and desire. Some only know that God exists when trouble happens in life. Then if God doesn't deliver, they blame Him. God is a very present help in trouble. (**Ps. 46:1**) We should live for Him every day, not just use Him as a panic button.

God is God and we are not. This simple statement is found in **Isa. 55:8, 9**. God doesn't think like we do nor does He act and react like us. Paul asked the question: "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God." (**1 Cor. 2:11**) God does things in His way, not in man's way. Once this simple principle about God is learned, much of the misunderstanding of the nature and role of God will be more clearly seen.

God is a spirit. We are spirit beings; (**1 Cor. 6:19, 20**) therefore, we are subject to the Father of spirits. (**Heb. 12:9**) We live in a physical body in a physical realm. God is a spirit and He lives in a spiritual realm. To connect with God, we must think spiritually. The Bible tells us that "to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (**Rom. 8:6**)

God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (**1 Tim. 2:4**) All truth has already been revealed to us. (**2 Pet. 1:3**) The apostles were told by the Lord that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. (**John 16:13**) We have it all today. We don't need any more revelations from God. Such is forbidden by the Bible. (**Gal. 1:6-10**) God has given us what we need to know to be saved. We can all be saved the same way by doing as the Bible directs. Jesus stated, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." (**Mark 16:16**) We can all believe the right thing and be baptized the right way to receive the right salvation that Jesus mentioned.

By Bill Brandstatter