

The Old Paths

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“It Is Gospel Meeting Time!!”

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This week, our gospel meeting begins with brother David McPherson. Throughout our meeting, we will have congregational singing, prayers, and Bible preaching. Let us remember our responsibilities toward this meeting, and support it by our attendance, prayers, and in every way we can. What a great opportunity we have before us! Let us be excited and ready to hear God’s will preached by brother McPherson. Let us also be busy in inviting others to come to the meeting. Sometimes, folks think that once the gospel meeting starts, that we can slack off on invitations to the meeting. Not true! This is the week that we should speak even more because it is happening right now!! This meeting continues through Friday night (starting at 7:00 pm on weeknights). Lord willing, our friends and loved ones will have several opportunities to hear God’s word preached in its purity and simplicity.

This is a very important study. ALL will benefit by coming each night. If you have something planned this week, cancel it!! Nothing should come between us and God. This meeting will only be a success if you are here!

Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to come here and hear the gospel (Acts 10:33). We need to be as concerned about bringing others to

Christ as Andrew was his brother Peter (Jn. 1:40-42). Make sure to bring your “relatives and close friends” as Cornelius did when he had the opportunity to hear the gospel preached (Acts 10:24, 33). We need to open our mouths and tell people about this opportunity to hear God’s word being preached (Acts 8:35). What better time to tell them about their soul’s salvation, and bring them to Christ?

All this week, brother David is going to be preaching sermons that we can apply to our lives. The sermons bro. David plans on preaching today include the following:

- ◆ “Loving God & Jesus” (AM class)
- ◆ “Why Should Assembling Be A Priority?” (AM Worship)
- ◆ “Dying Gracefully” (PM worship)

Through the week, we plan on hearing sermons about:

- ◆ “Where Has God Placed Salvation?” (Mon PM)
- ◆ “Homosexuality: What Does the Bible Say?” (Tues PM)
- ◆ “Finding the Best Date/Mate” (Wed PM)
- ◆ “Denominational Contradictions” (Thurs PM)
- ◆ “Learning Obedience”(Fri PM)

If you are interested in learning God’s word, you need to be here every night!! Brother McPherson’s sermons will make a spiritual appeal to both the Christian and non-Christian.

There will be no nightly collections. We do not solicit anyone’s money. We only solicit your time. If there is anything said that you do not agree with, please feel free to ask David about it. He is “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you ... with gentleness and respect” (I Pet. 3:15). He does not claim to be infallible, but he knows where to go to find the answers to your Bible questions (I Pet. 4:11; Col. 4:6).

Please pray for our efforts in preaching the gospel this week that many will be brought to the Lord as a result of “scattering the seed” of God’s word (Matt. 13:3; Lk. 8:11).

If anyone would like to have a private study on any Bible-related subject, please feel free to contact Jesse, or me (Isa. 1:18-20).

**All Visitors Are Welcome,
All Members Are
Expected!!**

Had You Been Zacchaeus

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A familiar Bible character to many is Zacchaeus, the short man who climbed a sycamore to see Jesus. Noting Luke’s account (Luke 19), please consider the following. Had you been Zacchaeus...

1. ...would you have sought Jesus out? (vs. 3) He didn’t have to see Jesus, but he chose to. He had a real interest in the Son of God. How interested are you in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

2. ...would you have put forth the extra effort? (vs. 4) Zacchaeus was so determined to observe Jesus that he ran and climbed. Many today are lazy in regard to spiritual things. "Less is best" is the attitude of the mere pew warmers. Are you willing to exert effort in doing the will of God and advancing the cause of Christ?

3. ...would you have immediately obeyed the Lord? (vs. 6) When Jesus said "jump", Zacchaeus said, "how high?" Not literally. But, he did hurry down the tree at the command of Jesus to "make haste and come down." How obedient are you to the Lord's commands?

4. ...would salvation have come to your house? (vs. 7-10) Salvation came to the house of Zacchaeus as one with a penitent heart. He assured the Lord that he had repented, was a changed man, and ready to be godly. Would you do that? What if you had been Zacchaeus?

Opposing Evil Things

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As Paul deals with the sins of the Gentiles, he mentions their being "Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents" (Rom. 1:30). "Inventors of evil things"- how descriptive of so many today! Evil things like abortion, same-sex marriage, drinking, fornication, etc. In a society where too many condone these practices, what are godly men and women, boys and girls going to do? We must speak up and oppose. This won't set well with the ungodly, but it is

right nonetheless. As Henry said, "It is better to incur the world's hatred by testifying against its wickedness than gain its goodwill by going down the stream with it." Amen!

It is high time that we heed the warning to God's people long ago: "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exo. 23:2). So what if "everybody else is doing it", if it's wrong it's wrong. God desires for us to do the right thing even when few favor it. In truth, "He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person" (Pro. 24:8). Why shall he be called mischievous? Cause that's what he is. Such an one is wicked, evil, out to advance the cause of Satan, not Christ. God help us have the courage to be and do what is right, ever opposing evil things. Let us ever testify against wickedness rather than embrace it.

Social Drinking

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Most folks are clear on the fact that drunkenness is condemned throughout the pages of the Bible. What some are not as clear on is that social drinking is also condemned.

1. Proverbs 23:31-32: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Those who try to justify social drinking emphasize that the biting and the stinging has reference to drunkenness. They fail however to note the commandment in the first part of the verse, "Look not thou upon the wine..." Certainly the effects of alcohol are stressed in the biting and stinging statement. Thus the command is don't you even look at it (much less drink it) when it seems innocent, wholesome, and good.

2. 1 Peter 4:3: "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings..." Advocates for social drinking will cry out, "see, 'excess of wine' is condemned." While that is true, they need to consider the word "banquetings." Clearly distinguished from "excess of wine," this word refers to drinking parties or social drinking. Those who practice such are fulfilling a lust of the flesh and disobeying the will of God.

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