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By Dan Jenkins

God Loves People With “Pierced Ears”

Sometimes, we sing a song in which we ask God to take us to His door and pierce our ear. We finish by telling Him that we never want to be a free man. What could this possibly mean? It is imperative that we “sing with the spirit and the understanding” (1 Cor. 14:15), but what is your understanding about what you are saying when you ask God to pierce your ear?

The background of this song is found in Exodus chapter twenty-one. The Jews were allowed to purchase another Jew as a slave, but after seven years, he had to be released from his servitude. However, during those seven years, the master of that slave could have been so kind and benevolent that the slave would not want to leave his master. His life as a slave was so much better than what it was before he was bought—he simply did not want to leave.

Thus the Lord said, “If the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free.’” The servant was then to be brought before the judges of the city and taken to the door and “his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.” Slavery can involve tortious service with an evil master, but when one has a kind, compassionate master, his life is totally different. He gladly becomes a slave because he loves his master.

Take time today to stand before His mirror and see if you have pierced ears

Jesus is our kind, benevolent and compassionate master. That is why Paul often described himself as a bondservant of the Lord. That is why Paul described the choice we must make as either choosing the bondage of sin with all its attendant evil or to willingly give our all to our Master (Rom. 6:16-23). That is also why we sing together asking Him to pierce our ears—we want to serve Him forever.

As a preschool child, I learned a song in Bible class which gave the same kind of message to me. “I washed my hands this morning, so very clean and bright; and lent them up to Jesus to work for Him till night.” Before I was old enough to attend school, I sang this song promising Him that I would work for Him. (Google this song to hear children as young as two singing this life-changing song). Now, as an adult, I sing another song which even more vividly describes the devotion we must all have to our Master. I now ask Him to take me to His door and to “pierce my ear.”

The question each of us should consider is, “Have we stood before His door?” “Pierced ears” proclaim total surrender to the Master. Our time, our energy, our money, our lives and all we have belongs to Him. So, why not take time today to read those verses in Exodus 21, then meditate how they apply to your life. Then, stand before the mirror of His word and see if your ears have been pierced.



By David Sproule

Which Bible Do You Have?

There are so many different Bibles available today. Do you have one of those “baby Bibles”? The one that is light blue or pink or white and is small enough to fit into a baby’s hand. Those are precious and are a great way for young children to learn to love the Bible. Do you have one of those pocket-sized or checkbook-sized Bibles? Sometimes it’s the entire Bible, and sometimes it’s just the New Testament. Those are convenient editions to take with you anywhere you go. Do you have one of those handy-sized Bibles? It’s not too big and not too small. It’s a handy size to carry to worship or to a Bible study. Do you have one of those large-print Bibles? They often come in “large,” “giant” and “super-giant” print. They’re easier on the eyes, but maybe not as easy to carry. Do you have one of those study Bibles, reference Bibles, analytical Bibles? Those usually provide very helpful aids in studying various topics that are developed throughout the Bible. There is great variety in these types of Bibles, and careful Bible students will use them with caution, remembering that notes in the margins are put there by men. The variety of Bibles thus far discussed does not even begin to touch the abundance of what is available, including compact Bibles, devotional Bibles, parallel Bibles, chronological Bibles, Bibles for teens, Bibles for women, Bibles for children, etc.

Is it a well-worn, marked-up, been-through-a-lot Bible?

Now, what’s the point of all of this? There is definitely a wide variety of Bibles available today, but when you get beyond “what kind” it is and “what features” it might have, what kind do you have? There is one type of Bible out there called the “Open Bible.” It doesn’t really matter if you have that name (“Open Bible”) printed on the spine of your Bible; what matters is that you open your Bible! There is one type of Bible out there called a “Study Bible.” Again, it doesn’t really matter if you have that name (“Study Bible”) printed on the spine of your Bible; what matters is that you study your Bible! There is one type of Bible out there called a “Daily Bible.” It doesn’t matter if you have that name printed on the spine of your Bible; what matters is that you spend time daily with your Bible! There is one type of Bible out there called a “Life Application Bible.” Even if that is not printed on the spine of your Bible, what matters is that you make application to your life every time you study your Bible!

Sometimes we place a lot of emphasis on “what kind” of car we drive or “what kind” of clothes we wear or “what kind” of food we eat, etc. However, what really matters is, “What kind of Bible do you have?” Is it an open, study, daily, life application Bible? Is it a well-worn, marked-up, been-through-a-lot Bible? With all that is happening around us in our country today, we need to make sure we’re getting into our Bibles and that the Bible is getting into us!



By Josh Blackmer

“Don’t judge me!”

There is a famous movie where a villainous character uses the word inconceivable, a lot. On one of those occasions, one of his hired men says, “You keep using that word. I don’t think it means what you think it means.” I believe the same is true for judge, or more specifically the phrase, “Don’t judge.” It usually happens when someone does something or is about to do something that could cause those around them to look poorly upon them. The end result is that any form of criticism or correction is seen as “passing judgment.” Those people are quick to point out that judgment is a sin because Jesus said so.

While they may not know that it is found in Matthew 7:1, Jesus did say, “Do not judge so that you will not be judged.” Is that what He meant? Did Jesus intend for us not to make any moral discernment? I don’t think so. Let’s put this verse in its context. Jesus is nearing the end of the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7) when He mentions judgment. He is helping people to reshape their hearts and concepts of the established righteousness religiosity of the day. “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20). In the immediate context, he is dealing with hypocrites (Matt. 7:5). The scribes and Pharisees were the ones who He was

addressing. They were trying to correct everyone else’s sin without realizing they had a whole board in their own eye (Matt. 7:3-5). The parallel account of this in Luke 6 sheds some light on the subject. “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned” (Luke 6:36-37). Mercy was the issue. The religious of the time were pointing out the faults of others without realizing that they were in the same or worse situation. Being completely blinded by the plank in their own eyes, they were in no condition to help others. However, if they could remove theirs first, they would understand a great truth. “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). With this great understanding, you can have mercy on those who are in sin because you were there once also. That is why we have Galatians 6:1-2, “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.”

So, to those who are using Matthew 7:1 out of context to feel better about themselves, it doesn’t mean what you think it means. To those who are quick to pass harsh unrighteous judgement, remember there is One that will judge you.

“You keep using that word. I don’t think it means what you think it means.”

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Don’t be mean!

Do you know any mean people? Has anyone been mean to you lately? Doesn’t it just stink and ruin your day when people are mean to you? Next question: Are you ever mean to others? I’m not talking about being firm or standing by your convictions or exercising proper discipline. I’m talking about being downright and unjustifiably mean to someone.

God tells us that agape love (the Christian love that is unconditional, unselfish and looks out for what is best for others) “does not behave rudely” (NKJV) or “act unbecomingly” (NASB) (1 Cor. 13:4-5). Can you picture Jesus being mean? Can you picture Jesus behaving rudely or acting unbecomingly? No! You can’t. Because He wasn’t! Firm? Yes! Mean or rude? No!

When people were mean to Jesus, He was not mean in return (1 Pet. 2:22-23). He did not retaliate and we must learn not to retaliate! When mean people are mean to you, don’t be mean back to them! And, just don’t be mean in the first place! Be like Jesus! – DS



“Let God do what seems good to Him!”

Young Samuel found himself in a tough position. The Lord revealed to him that He was going to bring punishment upon the house of Eli for the iniquity of his sons, which Eli allowed to go unrestrained. The next morning, Eli asked Samuel what the Lord spoke to him. At his mentor’s bidding, “Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him” (1 Sam. 3:18).

If you were Eli and learned that the Lord was going to punish your children, how would you respond? Would you cry out, “That’s not fair! Leave them alone!”? Would you exclaim, “What kind of God is this? I thought God was all about love and forgiveness! This is unacceptable!”?

Note carefully the wisdom of Eli’s response. “It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him” (3:18). Can we not have that same humility, that same trust, that same submission, that same wisdom? Rather than argue with the Lord, with His Word, with His commands or with His expectations, let us trust Him! “It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him!” – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Judy Carmack	scheduled for outpatient surgery on Tuesday (6/30)
Kay Fish	Gardens Medical Center, undergoing tests (no visitors)
Dave Holaday	recovering from hip replacement surgery
Joe Holland	now at home
Inell Ingram	undergoing eye injections
Godfrey Pratt	recovering at home from a fall

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Janet Hickerson	suffering with back pain
Ruth Milton	chronic health problems
Silas Moses	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Norm Smedley	breathing problems
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments



Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham and family upon the passing of their son, **Bobby, Jr.**, last week.

Our Shut-Ins:	Cora Lee Dennis	Margaret Griffo	Shelton Howell	Deidra Miley	Joe Quigley
	Kay Fish	Margie Hardin	Daniel Johnson	Rosa Nash	Ricky Smedley
	Millie Ames	Helen Gardner	Loretta Holaday	Don & Betty Matter	Leigh Puckett
					Margaret Wade

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Maggie Anderson	Novel Brown's sister, not doing well
Bessie Butler	Bessie Walker's sister, on life support in Miami
Deb Cobb	Robin Stone's sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Victor Colage	Victor Colage's father, recovering from surgery
Brenda Lendsey	Debora Lynch's sister, suffering with lymphoma
John Lewis	Jaqua' Lewis' father, scheduled for eye surgery (7/2)
Peggy McKeal	Ruth Lipford's daughter, still battling cancer, chemo again
Rocky Meess	Micky Affron's father, open heart surgery (7/11)
Debbie Spradlin	Troy Spradlin's sister-in-law, diagnosed with breast cancer

Remember Our Mission Works

Paraguay
Troy & Andrea Spradlin

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Scott & Rebecca Shanahan
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 28

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Tall Tales Restaurant (behind Home Depot on Northlake Blvd.) Directions are in the Lobby on the Welcome Desk. RSVP to Joan Holloway.

Monday, June 29

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Sunday, July 5

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Monday-Tuesday, July 6-14

- ◆ **Adult Mission Trip to Paraguay.** Pray for those PBL members who will be going and for the work they will be doing.

Thursday, July 9

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sue Shelt.

Sunday, July 12

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Tuesday, July 14

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dave Holaday.

Thursday, July 16

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Bring toppings for ice cream.
- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.pblcoc.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Sunday, August 2

- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.



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Young Adults

Friday, July 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brad Shelt.

Monday, July 6

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Keila McLeod.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for details.

Saturday, August 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD.

Monday, August 3

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jennifer Goodale.

Sunday, August 16

- ◆ **Young Adult Meeting** after evening worship in Adult 3.



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Youth

Sunday, June 28

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Sunday, July 12

- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Sunday-Saturday, July 19-25

- ◆ **Jenkins Week at CFBC.** Register online at www.pblcoc.org. Donations are needed to help with scholarships for campers and activities during the week. See Gary or Jacqui Jenkins for more details.

Saturday-Wednesday, July 25-29

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC.** Register online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, July 26

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - July 2015

July 5

July 12

July 19

July 26

Morning Worship Service					
Song Leader	Bobbo Lupo	Gary Friedly	Jerry Hopkins	Gary Friedly	
Opening Prayer	Eugene Williams	Stephen Beliech	Taylor Reeves	Henry Bass	
Scripture Reading	Paul Hensel	Jimmy Banks	Gary Seames	Phil Porter	
Presiding at Table	David Brown	Gary Jenkins	Chris Thompson	Dick Kelley	
Serving at Table:	Victor Colage	Jordan Beasley	Pete Brown	Doug Carrick	
	Freddie Gadson	Lance Collier	Harrison Carter	Ted Friesner	
	David Lord	Glen Dawson	Cam Crotts	Jeff Leslie	
	Morris McDaniel	Namdidie Ikon	Michael Davidson	Ken Long	
	Les McQuinn	Justin Maloney	Wallace Jones	Jeremy Maloney	
	Rick Price	Vincent Rogers	Austin Metzkes	Chuck Reeves, Sr.	
	Tommy Pauldo	Darin Summerlot	Brad Shelt	Chris Thomas	
	Clayton Trujillo	Marty Williams	Lawrence Williams	Kevin Weeks	
Closing Prayer	Mike Erickson	David Holaday	Orlando Lolo	Paul Metzkes	

Evening Worship Service					
Song Leader	Jerry Pittman	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod	Jerry Pittman	
Opening Prayer	Daniel Swayne	Chad Brown	Grant Fuller	David Thorpe	
Scripture Reading	Novel Brown	Chuck Clark	Kane Campbell	Bob Higbee	
Presiding at Table	Nate Nelson	Jeff Goodale	Shea Brown	Dirk Summerlot	
Serving at Table:	Jim Davis	Paul Batitsky	John Kemp	Tim Fry	
	Mike Fox	Gorman Ericksen	Bobbo Lupo	Nick Pietro	
	Mike Trujillo	Leonard Williams	Austin Williams	Adam Seal	
Closing Prayer	Tom Martens	Charles Hayes	Mike Archer	Joe Maloney	

Alternates:					
	Richard Lerro	Ivan Villard, Jr.	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Dan Fuller	
	Jim Rogers	Richard Watson	L.H. Richardson	Scott Studer	

Technical Assignments					
<i>Morning:</i>	Computer	Shea Brown	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot
<i>Evening:</i>	Computer	David Sproule	Nate Nelson	Bob Higbee	Brad Shelt
	Audio	Buzz Nelson	Adam Seal	Ivan Villard, Jr.	David Brown
	Video	Cam Crotts	Dan McLeod	Scott Studer	Darin Summerlot

Ushers - Morning & Evening Services (Sunday & Wednesday)					
	July 5 & 8	July 12 & 115	July 19 & 22	July 26 & 29	
Head Usher	Tim Cox	—————→			
	Tim Fry	Brent Leslie	Jim Davis	Jimmy Banks	
	Rick Hall	Jerry Pittman	Carmen Ruckman	Dan McLeod	

- Sunday Morning - Meet in classroom (Grade 7-8) at 9:45 A.M.
- Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 P.M.
- Scripture Reader - Announce the pew Bible page number and read from the New King James translation.
- Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.
- Please call 775-3533 (Mike Ellis), if you can not serve at the time indicated.

“...always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor. 15:58)



Sunday,
June 21

Mike Heitman was baptized on Wednesday, June 24.

Haley Hall was baptized on Thursday morning, June

25.

LOCAL VISITORS: Nikita Cameron; Undre & Maxine Griggs; Milton Jones; Mark & Joy Lombardi; Shantal Martin; Willie Sanon; Kevin Schenk; Tony Scott; John C. Steen; Miss Elizabeth C. Valentine; Ralph Williams, Sr.; and Graciela Zambrano.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Gail Archer; Ms. Lucy Bond, Pensacola, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Justin Collier & family, Durham, NC; Andy & Peggy Delaney, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Marcia Farrar, Palm City, FL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Davison, MI; Miss Kathryn Heib, Marietta, GA; Imani Irby, Cincinnati, OH; Tenille & Sydney McLeod, Stuart, FL; Mr. & Mrs. George Mills, Indianapolis, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Jon Reames & family, Franklin, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Bill Richardson, Indianapolis, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Riggs, Searcy, AR; Steven Roberts, Lawrenceville, GA; Ms. Shannon Ruano, Coral Springs, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Leon Weeks, Valdosta, GA; and Ron Wilkins, Pollock, LA.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday (June 28th)

Cam Crotts
Cheryl Milton

Monday (June 29th)

Steven Livergood
Dorothy Savage

Tuesday (June 30th)

Edward & Ellen Gager (Ann.)
Adrienne Gadson

Thursday (July 2nd)

Richard & Debi Watson (Ann)

Friday (July 3rd)

Cornelius Henderson

Saturday (July 4th)

Andrea Henderson
Charles Norton

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, June 28

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Chuck Clark
Scripture Reading..... Gary Jenkins
Presiding at table Jimmie Banks
Serve at Table:
Gorman Ericksen Justin Maloney
Bill Ingram, Jr. Austin Metzkes
Wallace Jones Austin Williams
Orlando Lolo
Alternates
Bob Higbee David Thorpe
Closing Prayer Kane Campbell

Sunday Evening, June 28

Lead Singing Bobbo Lupo
Opening Prayer Gary Seames
Scripture Reading..... Jeff Leslie
Presiding at Table..... Charles Hayes
Serve at Table
David Lord
Nick Pietro
Ivan Villard, Jr.
Closing Prayer Josh Blackmer

Wednesday Evening, July 1

Lead Singing Ivan Villard
Invitation..... Glen Dawson
Family Prayer Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	<u>June 21</u>	<u>May. Avg.</u>
Sun. Bible study	201	219
Sun. A.M. Worship	347	362
Sun. P.M. Worship	217	179
Wed. Bible study	267	209
Contribution	\$15,276	\$14,704
2015 Weekly Budget: \$14,500		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -3,400		

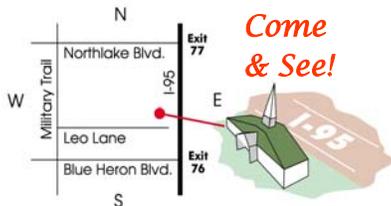
Ushers for the week of **June 28**: Head Usher: Chris Thompson; Harrison Carter & Pete Brown



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Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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Whiteland, Indiana • June 26-July 3



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