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**CENTRAL FLORIDA BIBLE CAMP**

**Jenkins Week: July 17-23**

**Pray for:**

- ☆ Coordinators: Gary & Jacqui Jenkins
- ☆ The campers:
  - ☆ Older ones & younger ones
  - ☆ In the church & out of the church
- ☆ The cabin counselors
- ☆ The Bible class teachers
- ☆ The chapel speakers
- ☆ The kitchen staff
- ☆ The activities staff
- ☆ The weather



By Dan Jenkins

## An Ancient Book With a Relevant Message

Far too many people have the attitude that asks, “How can a book more than 1,900 years old have any relevance in my life?” It is true that parts of the Bible are more than 3,000 years old, but it is equally true that the nature of man has not changed. Our God is eternal, and the truth that His holiness is the standard for our holiness is found in both the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:16).

Jesus certainly did not see the message of the Old Testament as having nothing to do with the people of the first century. They could so easily have asked, “How could words spoken to men who lived 1,500 years ago have anything to do with our lives?” In Matthew chapter twenty-two, Jesus talked about the events at the burning bush. Read His words carefully. “Have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’”

Jesus looked at these words spoken at the burning bush and said that people who lived 1,500 years later and read these words would hear God speaking to *them*! It is foolish to think that because the words of the Bible are thousands of years old, they have nothing to do with us. The truth is that when we read these words spoken 3,500 years ago, God is still speaking to us!

This same truth is seen in Paul’s sermon at Antioch. Paul described how the Jews had heard Jesus speak to them, but they “did not know Him.” He then added, “...nor the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath” (Acts 13:27). When they read the ancient words of those prophets in the synagogues, they were reading words just as relevant as the words they actually heard when Jesus spoke them. All those things written have relevance today (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11).

**The Bible is designed so that it speaks to all men—it speaks to us!**

The writer of Hebrews shows this same truth and affirms this in an amazing way. He quotes the words of Jeremiah about the new covenant God was planning to make with the Jews. It was not to be the same ten commandment covenant He made with the Jews when they departed from Egypt (Deut. 4:13; Jer. 31:31-34). Those words from Jeremiah had been written at least 600 years prior to the writing of Hebrews. Look carefully at how God speaks of the relevancy of ancient words. “The Holy Spirit witnesses to us” (Heb. 10:15). One might think that reading Jeremiah was to hear what an ancient prophet spoke to others. Such could not be further from truth. To read the words of Jeremiah was to listen to the Holy Spirit of God speaking to us! They were written to the Jews, but they speak to us!

So, when you read the Bible, remember that God designed the book so that it speaks to all men—it speaks to us! Read it; listen to it; obey it! Eternity demands we do this.



By David Sproule

## Repentance Demands Change

The English word “repent” (in some form) is found about 70 times in our Bibles, with the large majority appearing in the New Testament. Repentance was the keynote message of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), Jesus (Matt. 4:17), Peter (Acts 2:38), Paul (Acts 17:30), and was the Divine plea throughout the apostolic era (2 Pet. 3:9; Rev. 2:5). But repentance is hard!

Someone once observed, “The hardest thing about repentance is the repenting.” True repentance is **preceded by “godly sorrow”** (2 Cor. 7:9-10). There must be a deep, overwhelming grief in one’s heart for his actions, choices and way of life, which then leads him to a change of heart/mind and a determination to turn in a new (heavenly) direction. True repentance is **succeeded by “works”** or “fruit in keeping with repentance” (Acts 26:20; Matt. 3:8). Repentance is more than just sorrow. Sorrow leads to repentance, and then repentance leads to definite changes of life as evidence of the changed heart. One cannot continue in sin and persist in a sinful life-choice and still find “salvation” (2 Cor. 7:10). Whatever is separating one from God must be discontinued!

This is a hard teaching for some to accept. But I want you to consider it from this perspective. When it comes to the matter of sin, God says, “Don’t go over there! Don’t go over

there! Don’t go over there!” God says that about fornication, adultery, homosexuality, stealing, etc., etc. He says it about all sin. But, for some reason, there are some individuals who believe that they should be able to stay where they are (where God said not to go) and God will still accept them. There are individuals who are living in a relationship that God deems as “fornication” (1 Cor. 5:1) and others living in a relationship that God deems as “adultery” (Luke 16:18), but they believe that God’s love will (or should) accept them in whatever relationship they want to remain. However, such a belief cannot be supported by the Scripture.

**Repentance demands leaving sin! It is hard! No doubt!**

To state it plainly, here is what the “remain in whatever relationship you are in” doctrine must affirm. It is essentially claiming that when it comes to the matter of sin (including fornication and adultery), God says, “Don’t go over there! Don’t go over there! Don’t go over there! Oh, ok. Now that you’re over there and want to stay over there, that’s ok. You can stay and I’m ok with it.” Does that sound like what the Bible teaches? Is that in harmony with what God teaches about repentance? No, it is not, for in such a claim there is absolutely no repentance!

Repentance demands change! Repentance demands leaving sin (and sinful relationships)! It is hard! No doubt! But we know, from passages like 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, that it can (and must) be done! God help us to respect His will, not ours!



By Josh Blackmer

## Division, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing.

“Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from

the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years. At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer. If it ever reach us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time or die by suicide” (Abraham Lincoln, *The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions*, the Lyceum Address).

No presidency has seen more division during their time in office than that of Abraham Lincoln. We are nowhere near the level of conflict that was seen in his day. However, the grumblings of division are being heard. Some politicians and public leaders are fanning the flame for their own means. While others are doing what they know to quell the voice of those that would incite division. It appears as though we are but bystanders as we watch the nation that we grew up in and love become tainted by division. Communities are at odds, Americans are shooting Americans, and we can only watch.

**The only redeeming quality of any nation is that God’s elect are present.**

NO! We will not stand idly by! The only redeeming quality of any nation is that God’s elect are present and active (Gen. 18:23). We are called salt and light (Matt. 5:13-14)—two agents that have an influence or impact on those around them. The answer to the rot, decay and gangrenous infection of division and sin is the church. We are that antibacterial agent that would cleanse a nation with the blood of Christ.

Please hear me. I am not espousing that we need more Christian politicians or that we need to picket some event or rally. You do not read of Paul picketing Nero’s banquets or spouting anti-Roman rhetoric. No matter who is in office or what type of government is in power, nothing is more powerful than a righteous saint on their knees in prayer (Jas. 5:16). For this reason, we are commanded to pray for those in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-3). We are also commanded to follow the rule of civil government (Rom. 13:1-10).

We should sow the seeds of the word of God that would take root in the hearts and minds of our nation to make it truly great. We are the counteragent, the over watch to the very thing that would destroy our nation. We are citizens of a kingdom that can never be taken away from us. As a kingdom of free men, we must take up the armor of God and fight for the kingdom, not a party and for Christ not a cause. That is the only thing that is weighed in the balance of eternity.

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### What a difference a new day makes!

One of the greatest events in the closing weeks of Jesus’ life was the raising of Lazarus from the dead. As a result of that great miracle, “many of the Jews...believed in Him” (John 11:45). However, the chief priests, the Pharisees and the Jewish council “plotted to put Him to death” (11:53). They became so desperate to stop people from believing in Jesus that on the Saturday before His crucifixion they “plotted to put Lazarus to death also” (12:9-11).

Things sure looked bleak. But read what immediately followed. “The next day a great multitude ...took branches of palm trees and went out to meet [Jesus], and cried out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel!’” (12:12-13). One day the focus is on those who wanted to kill Him. The next day the focus is on those who wanted to honor Him.

When you get discouraged, when things look bleak, when others seek your harm, remember this new day in the life of Jesus, and remember the Lord’s mercies “are new every morning” (Lam. 3:22-23)! – DS



### PokéStop here!

Pokémon GO has taken the world by storm. Guys are skipping out of work. Husbands are out capturing until late at night. Trainers are battling each other to level up. It is fun to watch friends excitedly playing and competing in this new mobile game.

So, what if the church building was a recurring PokéStop? No, not for the game (I’ve moved on to the spiritual application), but for the Christian? What kind of Pokémon could be captured at the church building? Perhaps someone could capture Faithasaur, by locating a Bible class every Sunday and every Wednesday. Perhaps someone could capture Strengthander, by linking up with other trainers while in the assembly. Perhaps someone could capture Rejoicechu, by pointing the heart device toward heaven in deep praise and worship of God.

God wants us to enjoy life (cf. Psa. 34:12). Pokémon GO is a new source of good, clean fun. Just remember that there is a joy we can experience weekly that is truly out of this world! – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

<b>Harold Armstrong</b>	declining health, not doing well
<b>Dee Catanzaro</b>	undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer
<b>Lester Galloway</b>	recovering from neck surgery
<b>Juanita Huser</b>	recovering at home from hospitalization
<b>Matthew Jones</b>	recovering from prostate surgery
<b>Blake Leslie</b>	Brent & Andrea's newborn, NICU in South Carolina
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	recovering from a fall, but is doing okay
<b>Connye Plouffe</b>	recovering from severe head injury
<b>Maurine Reed</b>	scheduled for knee surgery on July 26
<b>Julie Trujillo</b>	scheduled for surgery on July 28

## Long-Term Health Issues

<b>Lillian Bankston</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Annie Faison</b>	suffering with chronic pain
<b>Janet Hickerson</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Ruth Milton</b>	chronic health problems
<b>Silas Moses</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Charles Norton</b>	dialysis treatments
<b>Norm Smedley</b>	breathing problems
<b>Patricia Ventress</b>	dialysis treatments

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

<b>Corey Chilcutt</b>	Stephen Beliech's nephew, on life support
<b>David Findley</b>	Maria Hackshaw's father, diagnosed with kidney cancer
<b>Bill O'Brien</b>	Marcia Kelley's cousin, recovering from open heart surg.
<b>Vivian Rackstraw</b>	Tasha Ellis' grandmother, recovering from surgery
<b>Pam Register</b>	Donna Erickson's cousin, treatments for breast cancer
<b>James Rose</b>	Willie Smith's uncle, suffered a stroke and on life support
<b>Delores Sims</b>	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing chemo treatments
<b>Mariam Wagenknecht</b>	Dick Kelley's sister, under Hospice Care
<b>Denise Yates</b>	Brittany Thompson's mother, severe knee pain

## Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Cora Lee Dennis	Don & Betty Matter
Helen Gardner	Deidra Miley
Margie Hardin	Godfrey Pratt
Loretta Holaday	Leigh Puckett
Shelton Howell	Ricky Smedley

*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-Saturday, July 17-23

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

## Monday, July 18

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

## Tuesday, July 19

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ivan & Amber Villard.

## Friday, July 22

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Trish Clark. All ladies are welcome. See Maria Hackshaw for details.

## Sunday, July 31

- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Singing** during evening assembly.
- ◆ **30th Anniversary & Homecoming at Church of Christ of the Palm Beaches** beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a potluck following services.

## Thursday, August 4

- ◆ **Family Group 1 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Johnny & Betty Davis.

## Sunday, August 7

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

## Thursday, August 11

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Judy Lerro.

## Sunday, August 14

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

## Monday, August 29

- ◆ **Family Group 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of David & Traci Sproule.

## Sunday, September 4

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

*Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ*  
**Young Adults**

## Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

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

## Monday, August 1

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Bree Solis. See Rachel Fuller for more details.

## Saturday, August 6

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

## Saturday, August 20

- ◆ **Young Adult Service Project.** Meet at the building at 8:30 a.m. See Shea Brown or Ivan Villard for details.

## Sunday, August 21

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

## Saturday, September 10

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Lynn & Cynthia Parker.



**Palm Beach Lakes**  
**Youth**

## Sunday-Saturday, July 17-23

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

## Saturday-Wednesday, July 23-27

- ◆ **Upward Bound at CFBC** for ages 14-18. Register online.

## Saturday, August 6

- ◆ **Jr. High Back-to-School Shopping and Lunch** from 11:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bring \$20 (for lunch & school supplies). See Sarah, Ivan or Amber for more details.

## Sunday, August 14

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

## Sunday, August 28

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

# Equipping & Edifying Families



## 10 Ways the Pursuit of Money Can Mess Up Your Family

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “Money often costs too much.” What has the pursuit of money cost you lately? Your child’s birthday party? Singing recital? Wedding anniversary? It’s much easier to be rich monetarily than have a rich family life. We all know which is far more important. If money is costing you and your family too much, consider cutting back on luxuries or even finding a new vocation. Give your kids what money can never buy—treasured time with you. Here are the 10 ways the pursuit of money can mess up your family life.

- 1. Broken Promises.** In order to climb the corporate ladder, claim that extra bonus, or gain favor with the boss, we can choose to sacrifice so much along the way. A string of broken promises usually lie in the wake. “Dad, you promised you would be there.” Almost nothing can make a man feel lower than seeing the disappointed eyes of his child while saying those words. Let your word be your bond. If you make a promise to your child, keep it.
- 2. The Parentless Child.** The two-income house is an unfortunate necessity for many. After all, there are bills to pay. Somewhere along the line, luxuries can become needs. Dad and Mom work longer hours for more money to get more things. Morning time is a blur. Dad’s in a rush. Mom hurries to get the kids ready so she can beat the traffic. Dinner isn’t at a table, but quickly woofed down while rushing to evening practices. By bedtime, everyone is exhausted and had little time together. When are children being molded and shaped...and by whom?
- 3. Missing the Small Things.** Here’s some advice for parents: “Don’t miss the small things.” As parents, we tend to put emphasis on the big moments, but life really happens during everything in between. Random moments of joyous laughter. These moments are the bricks for a strong family foundation. An obsessive pursuit of a successful business and a good name can lead to missing the small things at home. Build what will last...your family.
- 4. The Materialistic Child.** When family existence revolves around money, children tend to be materialistic. Money becomes the family religion. When you held your newborn girl in your arms, you dreamed many things for her. Those dreams probably didn’t include her screaming at you for the credit card or demand a brand new BMW on her 16th birthday. Placing money at the center produces disciples of the deity you have created.
- 5. Disregard for Those in Need.** The house is filled with unused stuff. Meanwhile just down the road, a child has nothing. Wealth should be shared by generous hearts that see a need and offer a solution. A heart that loves money at the core has great difficulty giving things away. To be a successful family, you need to be able to embrace generosity.
- 6. Loss of Sleep.** Time is money, right? Who needs sleep? We give up many things for more money, but first to fall is generally sleep. The first advice most parenting articles give is to make sure everyone gets the proper amount of rest. Sleep is essential to our health and happiness. The pursuit of money is relentless. The man on the chase usually does so with blurry eyes and a yawn.
- 7. Stressed to the Max.** Money worries create high levels of stress. Stress is highly detrimental to your health. It can cause an unpleasant demeanor towards your wife and children. Money is at the root of more divorces than any other factor. That’s something to think about.
- 8. One-Trick Pony.** The man obsessed with money is generally one dimensional. Life is about experiences and the wisdom gained from them. You can talk all day about why the market will stay above a certain level, but can you hold an intelligent conversation on any other subject? Even if you can, you will quickly grow bored and guide it back to your comfort zone.
- 9. Justification.** Sometimes we use the need for money as a justification for escape from an unhappy marriage or stressful family situations. As an example, a man with a child with special needs may use the real problem of education costs as a justification to work extra hours to meet the need. The reality is that he could make other adjustments to absorb the additional costs, but it is a convenient way to run from the issues. Choosing to be gone more is an escape, not a solution.
- 10. The Company We Keep.** The people we surround ourselves with have an enormous influence on the type of parent we are. Generally when money is at the forefront of our existence, we surround ourselves with like-minded people. Consider the company you keep. Are there diverse and varied schools of thought? Do they challenge you and not just as a breadwinner? When you begin to surround yourself with high quality, well-rounded people, you will begin to see your own life take the same shape.

**"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)**

It's girl!

Thank You  
for worshiping with us

Sunday,  
July 10

Congratulations to **Jeff & Jennifer Goodale** upon the birth of their daughter, **Katherine Grace**, on Thursday, July 14, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz.



## Directory Changes

**Kirk & Mendy Crews** placed membership on Sunday, July 10.

**Regina Mayne** moved to Louisiana.

**Adam Seal** moved to Seattle, Washington.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Lori Armstrong; Mr. Jean Charles; Ms. Rosa Charles; Mrs. Sarah Dixon; Paul & Angela Flowers; Tom Garrison; Miss Jamie Granino; Mrs. Maxine Griggs; Jason Halas; Ms. Rebecca Huffman; Mrs. Maureen Machan; Miss Kelly Rab-bitt; and Ms. Margaret Simmons.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Mr. & Mrs. Buford Benson, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Melissa Brown, Collierville, TN; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Elberton, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Steven Ford, Benton, AR; Ms. Pat Harrington, Boynton Beach; Miss Jamie Ingraham & Ms. Gina LaRoda, Freeport, Bahamas; Tim Lamb, Delray Beach, FL; Gary Lober, Boynton Beach; Mrs. Heather Mayne & family, Cut Off, LA; Mr. David Payne & David, II, Oneida, TN; Mrs. Julie True, Franklin, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Wear, Port St. Lucie, FL.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (July 17<sup>th</sup>)

Mike & Julie Trujillo (Ann.)

Wednesday (July 20<sup>th</sup>)

Gorman Ericksen

Monday (July 18<sup>th</sup>)

Chuck & Mary Reeves (Ann.)

Carolina Beliech

Marian Holland

Thursday (July 21<sup>st</sup>)

Sherrick & Mary Thomas (Ann.)

Sandy Mann

Tuesday (July 19<sup>th</sup>)

David & Traci Sproule (Ann.)

Jeff Leslie

Friday (July 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Michael Trujillo

Saturday (July 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Sarah Collier

Tina Wagner

## 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, July 17

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Opening Prayer ..... Deltom Lequernaqué  
Scripture Reading..... Cam Crotts  
Presiding at Table ..... L.H. Richardson  
Serve at Table:  
Shea Brown            Kenneth Long  
Josue Charles        Morris McDaniel  
Victor Colage        Lynn Parker  
Paul Hensel           Dirk Summerlot  
Alternates:  
Novel Brown        Brent Leslie  
Closing Prayer ..... Brent Leslie

### Sunday Evening, July 17

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Leslie  
Scripture Reading..... Daniel Wagner  
Presiding at Table..... David Lord  
Lance Collier  
Grant Fuller  
Jeremy Maloney  
Closing Prayer ..... Mike Ellis

### Wednesday Evening, July 20

Lead Singing ..... Harrison Carter  
Invitation..... Lawrence Richardson  
Family Prayer ..... John Hoelzer

## Our Record

Attendance	July 10	June Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	273	259
Sun. A.M. Worship	378	380
Sun. P.M. Worship	196	186
Wed. Bible Study	196	216
Contribution	\$16,917	\$15,085

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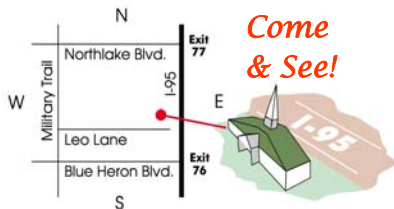
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**Come & See!**

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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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## Where Is Your God?

By Grant Fuller (Summer Intern)

“As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee.” We sing these words every now and then, but what do they really mean to us? These words come straight from Psalm 42, and we get a vivid picture of what the psalmist is dealing with when he rights these words. He writes that his soul is thirsting for the living God and he is wondering when God will come to help him. The psalmist tells of how he is oppressed by people who say to him, every hour of every day, “Where is your God?”

Can we not relate to this? Are we not asked all the time by the many ways people today trample over God’s Word and His righteous instruction? At every turn, the shamelessness of people who are only following what is right in their own eyes asks us, all the day long, “Where is your God?” Just as the Psalmist says, they taunt us and it is like a mortal wound that pierces us, all the way down to our bones (Psa. 42:10).

The question is, “Where is your God?” What is our answer to this? Do we lash back at them? Do we attack them? Do we build picket signs and protest or move to Montana to start a militia? No. What does God say we must do? The psalmist says, “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.” The Lord tells us, when oppression and turmoil come our way, we need to keep on praising Him!

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