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By Dan Jenkins

## The Psalm of the Soul Winner

The book of Psalms expresses the deep emotions that servants of God have. There is something about poetry and singing which touch the souls of His people. Each of the psalms is different and has a special place in the various stages of our lives as we serve our Creator. Psalm 126 gives us great insight into the emotions each of us has as we seek to lead others to the Lord. It is truly the Psalm of the Soul Winner.

Being a soul winner begins with an abiding sense of how lost we were before we became a child of God. The imagery of this psalm is of the return of the Jews from captivity. Every soul winner, while not in physical captivity, was held captive to Satan. The psalmist said, "When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream" (verse 1). It was as though the Jews had been in the wilderness south of Canaan which often flourished when there were streams of water (v. 4). Every child of God was once a child of Satan, but He is brought back from captivity.

Being a soul winner results in a change of attitude toward worshiping God. The psalm continues with these words, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with singing" (v. 2). We have been freed from the bondage of sin and our tears have been turned into laughter

and our grief into singing. Great soul winners never forget what God has done for them and for those they have taught.

Being a soul winner is known by those people who are around them. The glorious return of the Jews from captivity resulted in the nations around them saying, "The Lord has done great things for them" (v. 2). The light of the redeemed shines brightly in the darkness of the world around them. God has changed their lives and the redeemed also say, "The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad" (v. 3).

Being a soul winner creates an optimistic expectation that others will be won. "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy" (v. 5). As you read this verse take special note of the tears shed by those who are sowing the seed of the kingdom. Most people we teach will not turn to the Lord and we are more concerned about their salvation than they are. Yet the promise of God is that we will be filled with joy. There is no joy greater than that of leading another to the Lord.

Read the last verse slowly and hear God's message to you. "He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (v. 6). We sow. We sow continually. We sow with tears. Yet we sow knowing that without doubt there will be the joy of the harvest as sheaves are brought in. Want to be a better soul winner? Read and meditate on this psalm!

**Do you want to be a better soul winner? Read and mediate on this psalm!**



By David Sproule

## Jesus Wept, and Then Jesus Rejoiced!

It was Sunday morning, and Jesus eagerly made His way to the church assembly to worship with the saints. He was so excited about praising God and enjoying time with His brethren. His heart overflowed with joy as He thought about it. For you see, Jesus assembles with the saints (Matt. 18:20), worships with the saints (Matt. 26:29; Heb. 2:12) and calls the saints His "brethren" (Heb. 2:12; Rom. 8:17).

As He did every Lord's Day morning, Jesus enthusiastically participated in the worship. He fervently sang, "There Is a God, He Is Alive," "This World Is Not My Home," "I Need Thee Every Hour." But, as He was exalting the Lord, He started to look around. He thought more saints would be there that day. Wondering where some of them were, He took out His mobile GPS tracker and checked on some of the saints. Three of them were in another state that morning. Two of them were in the hospital, and He was concerned about them. But, then He grew more troubled. Some were at the beach, some out shopping, some out fishing, some at sporting events. He noticed that many were just at home—not because they were ill but just doing other things that day.

Jesus quickly put His mobile GPS tracker away. He thought about those who were deliberately choosing to absent

themselves from worship. He thought about those who had made it such a habit that they did not even think twice about not attending worship on Sunday mornings. He thought about how their physical absence represented a deeper heart condition. As He sat there in the worship assembly, where He had longed to be for the last six days, and thought about His brethren who were forsaking the assembly...Jesus wept!

But then something happened. He caught a glimpse of the widow who had struggled to get there this morning but would not miss it for anything. He looked over at the single mother who was exhausted from wrestling with her young children to get there on time. He looked at the young people sitting together at the front of the auditorium. He saw the young married couple sitting there holding hands. And while His heart was broken for those who were

NOT there, His attention was now focused on those who WERE there! Those who had made the choice to be there that morning, and those who had made it such a habit that they did not even think twice about where they would be that morning. As He sat there in the worship assembly that morning, where He had longed to be for the last six days, and thought about His brethren praising God together with one heart...Jesus rejoiced!

Every Sunday morning, Jesus weeps for some of His brethren and He rejoices over others. Which does He do when He thinks about you while He is worshipping?

**Jesus weeps for some of His brethren and He rejoices over others**



By Josh Blackmer

## Spiritual Tunnel Vision

Tunnel vision is when you are so focused on something that you can't see what is happening around you. It happens all the time and nobody is immune. We become so fixated on an object ourselves or an ideology that we don't see what is really happening around us. This is a dangerous state as it may cause us to miss out on so many things but most importantly, a relationship with God.

The Pharisees, Sadducees, Lawyers and Scribes were groups that were stuck in tunnel vision. They had this law thing figured out. They knew exactly what the Messiah was supposed to do and how He was supposed to act. Anything that was different to their tunnel vision of God's plan was not acceptable. Jesus called them out on it. "Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:30).

On another occasion, a discussion arose about John the baptizer (Luke 7; Matt. 11). This was the commentary of how people reacted to John's message—"When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John" (Luke 7:29-30). John

and Jesus didn't fit within their concept of God's message. "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" (Luke 7:33-34). They missed out on God's purpose because of their tunnel vision. Jesus said in that moment, "And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come" (Matt. 11:14). Jesus was plainly telling them that John was the Elijah prophesied in Malachi 4, which would make Jesus the Christ. They were not willing to accept it.

It still happens today. There are those who plainly see what is happening and are obedient to the Lord and His Father. They are blessed and accept God's justice. There are those who reject God's will or purpose for their lives and will not receive the justice they seek. The warning to us all is that we do not become so narrow minded that we don't see the truth before us. Do not use so broad a brush stroke or sweeping generalities that would go beyond what is written. When God says that He has a purpose for you, it is not some mystical thing that you must go in search of—it is simply obedience to His will. We must not get so focused on what we think the plan is that we neglect to ask God what He wants. Don't miss out on what God has planned for you because of spiritual tunnel vision.

**Don't miss out on what God has planned for you because of tunnel vision.**

## Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

### "They better listen"? No! "I'd better listen!"

A sermon is preached that addresses the topic of racial strife present in our society and the responsibility of Christians to rise above and follow the unprejudiced example of Jesus Himself. In reaction to the sermon, a few of "the black members" (cautiously using a colloquial expression) loved it and thought some of "the white members" really needed to listen and heed the message. At the same time, a few of "the white members" loved it and thought some of "the black members" really needed to listen and heed the message. Those of "Hispanic" and "Asian" descent thought it was great and that everyone else better be paying attention.

Why is it that it is sometimes easier to see how others ought to respond to God's message rather than our own hearts? Could it be—think about this—that some parts of our heart might be good (i.e., receptive) soil, but other parts might be hard (i.e., impenetrable) soil? The matter of racial strife, specifically, is not just something that "everybody else needs to work on," but it is something that starts first and foremost with ME! Whoever the "me" is! – DS



### Christians that "mingle"

The Greek language has some cool words. Some are cool because they are the basis for some of our English words (like *dunamis* for dynamite). Some are cool because they are compound words that bring out some interesting literal meanings.

In First Corinthians 5:11, Christians are instructed "not to keep company with" a brother who becomes impenitently enslaved to a life of habitual sin. The expression "not to keep company with" comes from one Greek word, *sunanamignumi*, which is a compound of three Greek words: *mignumi* ("mingle, mix") and *ana* ("up") and *sun* ("with, together"). The word literally means, "mingle up together with." We are not to "mingle up together with" brethren living in sin.

However, what does that imply? It implies that Christians would naturally and definitely should be "mingling up together with" each other in social and friendly settings. So, on the positive side, are you mingling with your fellow Christians on a regular basis outside of worship? – DS

# Keep in Your Prayers



## Pray for These PBL Members

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Mike Archer</b>    | slowly regaining strength                               |
| <b>Tom Martens</b>    | undergoing therapy at home                              |
| <b>Harriet Morris</b> | discharged from the hospital                            |
| <b>Silas Moses</b>    | Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 405)             |
| <b>Charles Norton</b> | at home and slowly improving                            |
| <b>Godfrey Pratt</b>  | Rehab Center of the Palm Beaches (room 414B)            |
| <b>Cathy Seay</b>     | recovering from toe surgery, in a lot of pain           |
| <b>Norman Smedley</b> | Gardens Court (room 302), recovering from infection     |
| <b>Linda Studer</b>   | hospitalized last week with diverticulitis, now at home |

## Long-Term Health Issues

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Lillian Bankston</b>  | dialysis treatments |
| <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 Our Shut-Ins

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Millie Ames     | Shelton Howell     |
| Sandra Daniels  | Daniel Johnson     |
| Cora Lee Dennis | Don & Betty Matter |
| Annie Faison    | Deidra Miley       |
| Helen Gardner   | Harriet Morris     |
| Margie Hardin   | Godfrey Pratt      |
| Janet Hickerson | Leigh Puckett      |
| Loretta Holaday | Ricky Smedley      |

## Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Katherine Maloney</b> | Joe Maloney's mother, undergoing rehab              |
| <b>Donna Preston</b>     | Carolyn Preston's sister, internal bleeding         |
| <b>Andrea Tyson</b>      | Shaun Tyson's mother, recovering from surgery       |
| <b>Twyla Wright</b>      | Trina Wright's mother, now at home, still very weak |

**Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.**

**Colossians 4:2**



# Church Family Calendar of Events

## Sunday, November 5

- ◆ **Single Ladies' Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy's on Northlake. See Joan Holloway for more details. *"When time changes, the single ladies meet!"*
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **No "Fortifying Your Faith" Class.**
- ◆ **Baby Shower for David & Casey Bound** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon & Target. *It's a boy!*

## Monday, November 6

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

## Tuesday, November 7

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

## Wednesday, November 8

- ◆ **No Midweek Services.** We will not be meeting for Bible Classes on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will be meeting on Thursday night for opening night of our Lectureship.

## Thursday-Sunday, November 9-12

- ◆ **22nd Annual South Florida Lectureship. "Revive Us Again."** See the Welcome Desk for a full schedule.
 

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Thursday, Nov. 9  | 7:00 p.m.   |
| Friday, Nov. 10   | 7:00 p.m.   |
| Saturday, Nov. 11 | 2:00 p.m. & 3:20 p.m.<br>(Corn Roast at 5:30 p.m.)        |
| Sunday, Nov. 12   | <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b><br><b>10:25 a.m. Bible Class</b> |

## Sunday, November 12

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

## Friday, November 17

- ◆ **Family Group 4 Meeting** at Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot's home at 6:30 p.m. Please carpool.

## Saturday, November 18

- ◆ **Widows & Widowers Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell or Joan Holloway.
- ◆ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing.**

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

## Monday, November 6

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

## Saturday, November 18

- ◆ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing hosted by the Young Adults** on the church property. See Ivan Villard for details.

## Friday-Saturday, December 1-2

- ◆ **Blast Weekend for Men** (18 years & older). See Josh Blackmer for details.

## Thursday, December 7

- ◆ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange.

## Friday, December 8

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller.



*Palm Beach Lakes*  
**Youth**

## Sunday, November 12

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

## Sunday, November 19

- ◆ **Jr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring \$10 for the day and meet in the Family Room after morning worship. Will return around 4:00 p.m.

## Sunday, November 26

- ◆ **Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship.

## Friday, December 8

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Rachel Fuller. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible.

## Saturday, December 9

- ◆ **Jr. High Holiday Party hosted by 55+ Members** at 11:00 a.m. See Ivan, Amber or Sarah for details.

NOVEMBER:



## I Find Revival

*“Revive us again!*

*Fill each heart with Thy love!*

*May each soul be rekindled*

*With fire from above!*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Hallelujah! Amen!*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory! Revive us again!”*

*(William P. Mackay, 1863)*

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



Sunday  
October 29

**Jordan & Marshal Beasley** would like to thank the Palm Beach Lakes brothers and sisters for the continued prayers for Jordan during his recovery from his illness.

**Adrienne Banks** thanks everyone for their prayers during her recent illness. There is a note on the bulletin board.



Congratulations to **Jon & Jenny Jordan** upon the birth of their granddaughter, **Lila Marie Santana**, Wednesday, October 25, in Ft. Lauderdale. Proud parents are **David & Jessica Santana**.

**LOCAL VISITORS:** Ms. Gail Archer; Miss Julie Fontaine; Miss Lynne Karilla; Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Diane McMahon; Mrs. Corinn Miller, Linley & Ellie; Miss Patricia Patterson; Anthony Spinoga & Mr. Terry West.

**OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:** Shea Brown, Jackson, TN; Mrs. Lynda Davis, Equality, AL; Ms. Sylvia Goldie, Grand Blanc, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Judy Howell, Tallahassee; Inger Kolemäinen, Kirkleonnemi, Finland; Miss Mane Kolemäinen, Norrköping, Sweden; Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Nancy Light, Houston, TX; Chad & Gorgeous Morgan, Port St. Lucie, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Quinia Morning, Port St. Lucie, FL; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA.



**Saturday night,  
November 4**

*(or if you don't normally come to Bible class, just ignore this reminder)*



Sunday (November 5th)  
Brent Leslie

Tuesday (November 7th cont)  
Peggy Delaney

Monday (November 6th)  
Flo Aristy  
Trudie Holland

Thursday (November 9th)  
Tom Dolan

Tuesday (November 7th)  
Jim & Jo Ann Rogers (Ann.)

Friday (November 10th)  
Shaun Tyson

### 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, November 5

Lead Singing ..... David Sproule  
Opening Prayer ..... Eugene Williams  
Scripture Reading..... Harrison Crofts  
Presiding at Table ..... Brent Leslie  
Serve at Table:  
Mike Erickson      Carmen Ruckman  
Charles Hayes      Ken Tipton  
Wallace Jones      Nahum Villard  
Jim Rogers          Marty Williams  
Alternates:  
Tim Cox              Namddie Ikon  
Closing Prayer ..... Richard Watson

#### Sunday Evening, November 5

Lead Singing ..... Jerry Pittman  
Opening Prayer ..... David Brown  
Scripture Reading..... Josiah Blackmer  
Presiding at Table..... Dirk Summerlot  
Eddie Gooden  
Bob Higbee  
Nick Pietro  
Closing Prayer ..... Henry Williams

#### Thursday Evening, November 9

Lead Singing ..... Gary Friedly  
Invitation..... Dan Jenkins  
Family Prayer ..... David Sproule

### Our Record

| Attendance        | <u>Oct. 29</u> | <u>Sept Avg.</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Sun. Bible Study  | 222            | 237              |
| Sun. A.M. Worship | 303            | 332              |
| Sun. P.M. Worship | 190            | 146              |
| Wed. Bible Study  | 172            | 161              |
| Contribution      | \$13,551       | \$14,838         |

2017 Weekly Budget: \$15,065

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -31,734

Ushers for week of **Nov. 5:** Head Usher: Jimmie Banks; Kane Campbell & Errol Gower-Winter



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**Come & See!**

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*Sunday:*  
Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

*Wednesday:*  
Bible classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: **Gary Jenkins** (making everybody laugh)



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*"All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence...And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 1:16-18; 3:17).*

**What Must I Do to Be Saved?**

*The Bible says...*

- 1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**  
"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- 2. Repent of your sinful ways**  
"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
- 3. Confess your faith in Jesus**  
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
- 4. Be immersed in water**  
"He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
- 5. Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**  
"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).