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By Dan Jenkins

Two Philosophies of Preaching

The clarity of the message of every prophet of God stands in marked contrast to much of the preaching done today. While it might be true that some have been too harsh in their preaching throughout all the centuries, so much of the preaching we hear today is far removed from the kind of preaching given by God to His people by His prophets.

God's instruction to Isaiah could not be misunderstood. "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1). God's people were clothed in complacency and outwardly involved in worshiping God. Isaiah specifically mentions specific acts of worship—multitudes of sacrifices, burnt offerings, the observance of the Sabbath and monthly feast days, praying to God with outspread hands, assemblies of sacred meetings, the burning of incense and many prayers (Isa. 1:11-15). However, there was no leader among them who openly confronted their sinful hearts. This is why God told Isaiah to raise his voice with the astounding clarity of a trumpet and openly address their sinful complacency.

Albert Barnes, in his commentary about the commission God gave to Isaiah, describes the kind of preaching God wanted Isaiah and preachers today to do. "Speak loud and

distinctly, so that the language of reproof may be heard. The sense is, the people are insensible and stupid. They need something to rouse them to a sense of their guilt. Go and proclaim it so that all may hear. Speak not in whispers; speak not to a part, but speak so earnestly that their attention will be arrested, and so that all shall hear."

Our culture, especially among the younger generation, is characterized by conversations in a non-confrontational manner. This concept has become part of the philosophy in pulpits throughout the land. Where is that voice in the wilderness of the forerunner sent by God that openly addresses the evil in his world? John lived among a generation of vipers and unashamedly cried out against open immorality. "It is not lawful for you to have your brother Philip's wife." A question which should be asked in churches in America is, "How long has it been since you last heard a message with such clarity about marriage and divorce in the pulpit?"

Preaching has changed. Far too many preachers are like the religious leaders in Isaiah's day. Every preacher today should solemnly read God's charge to Isaiah. The reality is that the sophistry of human wisdom has become the norm. The world will never be truly converted to Christ without upsetting the souls of those immersed in complacency. Preaching should never be designed to gain the approval of men, but of God!

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By David Sproule

Can You Believe They Worshiped a Toddler?

We have heard the story so often (and even some of the misinformation that is frequently associated with it) that we may not stop to consider the marvel of the event and the truly unusual things that transpired when those wise men (or magi) came to find the "King of the Jews."

First, consider the setting. Jesus was not depicted as a baby, still lying in a "manger" or feeding trough of the animals (Luke 2:7). The family was now in a "house" (Matt. 2:11). The wise men told Herod "what time the star appeared," which may have placed the age of Jesus as old as two years of age (Matt. 2:7, 16). He wasn't a newborn or an infant anymore.

Next, consider the men. They are called "wise men" (Matt. 2:1, NKJV, ESV) or "magi" (NASB). They are not identified as "three kings." They had traveled "from the East"—probably from the region of Persia, hundreds of miles away, requiring multiple weeks to complete. These men were not Jews coming to visit their Jewish homeland. These men were Gentile priests or philosophers—religious men and studied men, but not servants of the one true God.

Contemplate what they journeyed so far and so long to do on that day. They did not come to feast in the palace of

an earthly king. They did not come to receive the royal welcome and royal treatment of a great empire. Their sole purpose was "to worship Him" (Matt. 2:2). To worship who? A "young Child" (2:8, 9, 11). Think about that.

They traveled hundreds of miles for maybe even a month to worship...a child. They sought diligently for this child...to worship Him. They rejoiced with exceeding great joy at the prospect of worshipping...a child. They fell down on the ground in humble submission to worship...a child. They opened their treasures and gave valuable gifts to a child...to worship Him. Grown men prostrating themselves and worshipping a child. Why? Because even they knew who this Child was and they knew He was worthy of all that it would take for them to come and worship Him! What a glorious scene!

Do you know that you know a million times more about Jesus than those "wise men" did? How "wise" does that make you? You have the fullness of the revelation of God telling you who He is, what He did and what He wants. What an immeasurably profound blessing! You get to worship (not just a child) the risen Savior, who died on the cross for you, opening the way to heaven for you! Do you mind traveling to do that? Do you rejoice with exceeding great joy to do that? Do you humbly submit yourself to do that? Do you open your treasures to do that? He is worthy! Oh, so worthy!

Grown men prostrating themselves and worshipping a child. Why?



By Josh Blackmer

Filling the Void

Aristotle stated, “Nature abhors a vacuum.” A perfect vacuum is space that contains no matter. This is an impossibility in nature or even a lab. Consider yourself as a spiritual vessel for a moment. The Bible already uses that analogy in several passages (2 Tim. 2:20; Rom. 9:20-21). What would happen if you stopped filling yourself with God? Would your spiritual reserve eventually just empty and be void of any contents? Sometimes we deceive ourselves thinking that way. We think to ourselves, “I may not be reading, praying or practicing any of the other spiritual disciplines but at least I’m not doing bad things.” We like to think that we are neutral and doing no harm. One of the problems of creating a perfect vacuum in a lab is isolating that empty space from any outside influence.

The same is true for us. In reality, we are not empty vessels doing no harm. If we are not filling the void of our souls with the influence of God, it will get filled with the influence of the world. Try one of these exercises and see what it says about what we are filling ourselves with. Look into your internet history and see what has been on your mind most. Ask friends or co-workers to tell you what they think is most important to you. Sometimes what others perceive of us is closer to reality than the lies we sell ourselves. If you really want to

get introspective, download the app Quality Time, and let it track which apps you use most. The old saying, “Time will tell,” is in this case, “Time will tell on you.” Jesus said it this way, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:21).

There are ways that we can be purposeful in filling ourselves up with God. An empty vessel will get filled, but a full vessel has no need of anything. We need to fill ourselves with God’s wisdom and direction. We can do that by s-l-o-w-l-y reading the Bible—not doing it to check it off the list but actually thinking about what we are reading. We should be meditating and praying about the truths that are there. We can passively listen to it as we drive. Let it be the background or soundtrack to our commute. We can spend time studying with fellow brothers and sisters. We all need be doing it.

Why not incorporate someone else into the routine? We also need to fill ourselves up with the practice of God’s word. We need to ask ourselves what we are doing to put what we learn into play in our lives and in our families. We can be an influence to help keep other vessels full. “Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Prov. 27:17).

A perfect vacuum is rare, and a perfect person is rarer still. Do not let the outside influence us. You decide if you will be a vessel of honor or dishonor. Stay pressurized with God.

You decide if you will be a vessel of honor or dishonor.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“The Most High rules in the kingdom of men”

Do you suppose that the Jews respected Nebuchadnezzar, when he besieged their home nation of Judah, when he took them captive and when he carried them back to Babylon as his prisoners of war? Yet, it is under his rule as tyrant king that the Lord revealed to him and to His people “that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses” (Dan. 4:17, 25, 32). The primary lesson was for that arrogant man to know his place in the affairs of the Most High God. But, there is also a lesson for every man, including us today.

God wanted Nebuchadnezzar to “know...know...know... know” (4:17, 25, 26, 32) that “Heaven rules” (4:26). No matter who is on the throne or in leadership, we must always remember who is on the Most High throne! And He is the one who placed those on “earthly thrones” in those positions of leadership. Thus, the Most High God deserves our submission and our respect. But, so does the earthly leader, no matter who he/she is (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17). – DS



Commit ourselves to God like Jesus did

The apostle Peter recounts how Jesus continually suffered and was reviled at the hands of His enemies, and then He reveals what Jesus did in response—He kept on committing Himself (the force of the verb tense) to God (1 Pet. 2:23). Two chapters later, Peter was continuing to address the present reality of the followers of Christ also continually suffering and being reviled at the hands of their enemies. He called upon them to respond as Jesus did—keep on committing (the force of the verb tense) your souls to God (1 Pet. 4:19).

So, what does it look like to keep on committing your soul to God? Peter added these three words: “in doing good” (4:19). Peter had emphasized doing good in the face of evil throughout the book (2:12, 14, 15, 20; 3:6, 11, 16, 17). While the world will treat you with contempt, in an effort to get you to stop “doing good,” the will of God is for us to use that as an opportunity to do even more good...for Him! Don’t let the world control you! Respond to their evil like Jesus did—keep on committing yourself to God by keeping on doing good! – DS



Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Mike Archer	undergoing rehab on shoulder
Adrienne Banks	having a biopsy on Oct. 21
Jimmie Banks	kidney biopsy on Oct. 17
Karen Bibbee	undergoing rehab at home
Judy Carmack	dealing with thyroid and chronic spinal issues
Betty Davis	in Waterford for rehab, NO visitors please
Eva Fulton	Savannah Court (room 111) for rehab
Terri Hahn	in LaPosada for physical therapy
Shirley Hopkins	having knee replacement surgery on Oct. 21
Mary Jackson	having hip replacement surgery on Oct. 24
Allison Roman	recovering at home from surgery
Willie Smith	recovering from heart surgery
Robin Stone	dealing with bilateral knee injuries
Linda Studer	chemo treatments every 3 weeks

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Hattie Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Sandra Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Charles Norton
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Les Sawyer
Joe Holland	Ricky Smedley



the family of Janet Hickerson, upon her passing on Tuesday, October 15. The Memorial Service was on Thursday, October 17.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ellen Brown	Lovetta Harmon's sister, recovering from hip replacement
Hayes Burleson	June Pack's brother, foot and leg amputated, in rehab
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, now dealing with an infection
David Findley	Maria Hackshaw's father, radiation treatments for cancer
Samuel Inman	Christene Bean's brother, blood pressure problems
Yvonne Palmer	Teresa Williams' sister, has not been doing well
Morris Richardson	Lawrence Richardson's father, very weak
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in Heartland (Boca) for rehab
Willie Smith, Sr.	Willie Smith's father, recovering from a blood transfusion

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 20

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, October 21

- ◆ **No Monday Night Bible Study.** Will resume next week.

Tuesday, October 22

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Family Groups 1 & 2 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Richard & Debi Watson.

Saturday, October 26

- ◆ **Ladies' Day hosted by Suncoast** at 11:00 a.m. Lillie Hill-Kirk will be speaking on *"Past, Present & Future."* Please RSVP by October 17. See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, October 27

- ◆ **Baby Shower for Chris & Brittany Thompson** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. They are registered at Amazon. *It's a girl!*

Sunday, October 27 (cont.)

- ◆ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Friday-Sunday, November 1-3

- ◆ **Father/Daughter Retreat at CFBC.** This year's theme is *"When You Go Through Deep Waters I Will Be with You."* Cost is \$40/person.

Saturday, November 2

- ◆ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There is something for everyone to do! See Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.
- ◆ **Fall BBQ at CFBC** from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Please RSVP online at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, November 3

- ◆ **Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.
- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room or if your photo needs to be updated, please have your photo taken **after morning services or before evening services.**

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, October 28

- ◆ **Meat Night for YA Men** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Josh Blackmer.

Saturday, November 2

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

Tuesday, November 12

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

Friday, November 15

- ◆ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, November 16

- ◆ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing** hosted by the Young Adults at 6:00 p.m. on the church property. Bring a lawn chair and \$5/person for burgers and hotdogs. Young Adults need to arrive at 4:30 p.m. to set up.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 20

- ◆ **Youth & Family Visit Coral Springs church of Christ** at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to carpool, meet at the building at 4:00 p.m. The Coral Springs church address is 716 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs 33071. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Friday, October 25

- ◆ **Sr. High Fall Fest Lock-In** from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Wear a costume and bring a 2-liter drink (not tea) and a change of clothes.

Sunday, October 27

- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of Buzz & Kathy Nelson. Bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Sunday, November 10

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 ☆ Congregational Work Day ☆ YA Devo ☆ Fall BBQ at CFBC b Trish Clark b Michelle Franck b Isolyn Sinclair
					Father/Daughter Retreat (1st-3rd)	
3 ☆ Daylight Saving Time Ends ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ Single Ladies' Luncheon ☆ North Lake Nursing Home Visit	4 b Richard Lerro b Phil Porter	5 b Brent Leslie	6 ☆ No Midweek Services b Flo Aristy b Trudie Holland	7 b Peggy DeLaney	8	9
				24th Annual South Florida Lectureship (7th-10th)		
10 ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Shaun Tyson	11	12 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night b Dee Catanzaro	13 a Lance & Brenda Collier	14 b Harrison Crotts b Carolyn Preston	15 ☆ Family Group 4 Meeting ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Lovella Rogers b Alexis Smith	16 ☆ Congregational Bonfire & Singing b Katie Goodale
17 ☆ New 10-Week Classes Begin ☆ Robert Martin Mission Report ☆ Jr. High Lunch & Visiting ☆ EDP Meeting b Kelly Sproule	18 b Diane Leslie b Natalie Reeves	19 a Buzz & Kathy Nelson b David Thorpe	20 b Freddie Gadson b Matthew Jones b Leonard Williams	21 b Karen Bibbee	22 b Elizabeth Carter b Rose Jean-Baptiste	23 a Dick & Marcia Kelley
24 ☆ Thanksgiving & Praise Singing hosted by Sixth Street	25 a Kevin & Leesa Schenk b Sue Hoelzer	26 b Julio Aristy, III b Orlando Lolo	27 ☆ Congregational Singing a Brent & Andrea Leslie b Gary Friedly	28 ☆ Thanksgiving Day b Aaron Ross b Mike Damron	29 a Aaron & Jennifer Walker b Karen MacDonald b Regina Paul	30 b Andres Fernandez

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 13

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Ms. Maxine Griggs; Miss Hazel Hackshaw; Ms. Trellini Harper; Mr. LaVon Kinsey, Sr.; Mr. & Mrs. Pete & Laura Priola; and Mr. Quinntel Smith.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Shirley Franklin, Giddings, TX; Mrs. Corinne Gardner, Port St. Lucie, FL; Ms. Jean Holsapple, Blairsville, GA; Mrs. Juana Moore, Giddings, TX; Miss Bridget Moore, Dallas, TX; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; Mrs. Cathryn Payne, Oneida, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Al Thweatt, Brentwood, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Albert & Susan Thweatt, Nashville, TN.

Thank You notes

To all our brothers and sisters at Palm Beach Lakes,

Thank you for the beautiful display of flowers sent on behalf of the family. Thank you for all the cards, text messages, phone calls, gifts, words of care, concern and encouragement which was much needed during this time of my life. We are so thankful to be a part of the body of Christ and to worship with our PBL church of Christ.

We love you,
Adrienne Banks & family

I want to thank the church for your prayers. I'm doing therapy for my knees and improving one day at a time.

Robin Stone

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Monday (October 21st)

Janice Maloney
Sabrina Pietro
David Sproule
Leslie Williams

Wednesday (October 23rd)

Millie Ames

Thursday (October 24th)

Lydia Quinn

Tuesday (October 22nd)

Richard & Judy Lerro (Ann.)
Owen & Deidra Miley (Ann.)
Tim Mahlbacher

Saturday (October 26th)

Kane & Fran Campbell (Ann.)
Samantha Eutsey
Ekaette Ikon
Sadie Tennant

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, October 20

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading..... Eugene Williams
Presiding at Table Orlando Lolo
Serve at Table:
Lance Collier Namdidie Ikon
Devin Eutsey Gary Jenkins
Tim Fry Tim Mahlbacher
Errol Gower-Winter Lawrence Williams
Alternates:
Cam Crofts Dan McLeod
Closing Prayer David Brown

Sunday Evening, October 20

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Johnny Davis
Scripture Reading..... David Lord
Presiding at Table..... L.H. Richardson
Nick Pietro
Chuck Reeves. Sr.
Nahum Villard
Closing Prayer Mike Ellis

Wednesday Evening, October 23

Lead Singing Freddie Gadson
Invitation..... Daniel Lord
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Oct. 13</u>	<u>Sep. Avg</u>
Sun. Bible Study	229	218
Sun. A.M. Worship	344	323
Sun. P.M. Worship	159	164
Wed. Bible Study	148	189
Contribution	\$13,554	\$14,324
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$11,255		

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall (Head Usher); Josiah Blackmer & Mike Erickson

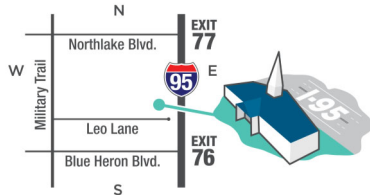
Safety Team for this week: Darin Summerlot & Seth Watson



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



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.

Front Cover: Lydia Quinn & Kaiya Hackshaw



Phil Sanders, who has spoken numerous times at Palm Beach Lakes, is the host of the nationally televised program, *"In Search of the Lord's Way."*

This great, faith-building program is broadcast on **WGN** (out of Chicago) **every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m.**

Locally, those channels are:
AT&T U-Verse (channel 180)
Comcast (channel 7)
DIRECTV (channel 307)
DISH (channel 239)



Be sure to check it out every week, record it, and tell others about it.

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).