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PROMOTION

June 2

Sunday



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Strange Land**

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Footpaths or Interstate?

The path which America has chosen is so much like that chosen by the Jews just before their cities were leveled and they were taken captive into Babylon. The imagery chosen by Jeremiah to describe why all this happened is so vivid. He described the path they had taken by comparing it to a traveler who decides which road he will take.

"My people have forgotten Me, they have burned incense to worthless idols. And they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways, from the ancient paths, to walk in pathways and not on a highway" (Jer. 18:15). They were like an individual who purposefully left the paved road which could so easily be traveled and instead found themselves walking on the rough, unprepared paths. They had left the "interstate" and found themselves going down "oxcart roads."

When confronted by the messengers of God, the Jews said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart" (Jer. 18:12). They had no desire to follow the clearly marked highway of God and devised their own way. Jeremiah described the folly by comparing it to a thirsty man who forsook the cool refreshing waters which flowed from the snow-



Biblical Faith in God Involves Obedience to God (Part 1 of 4)

By David Sproule

Understanding Biblical concepts can sometimes be a challenge when man has chosen to interject himself and complicate simple heavenly truths. However, if we will make the conscious effort to lay aside man's opinions and disassociate ourselves from manmade dogmas, we will find that the Bible makes things very clear for us and is not self-contradicting. Let us consider the Biblical connection between faith and obedience.

There are many in the religious world who try to separate one's belief in God from one's obedience to God. They have various motivations for this, but it is often tied to their teaching that one is saved by faith (and by faith alone) before any works of obedience. They take certain passages that teach that man's salvation is by faith (ex: Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 5:1), and they assert that "faith" (or "believe") in such passages involves man's acceptance of and willful acknowledgement of Jesus Christ as God's Son and as their Savior. But, they claim works of obedience are subsequent to their faith and their salvation. Is that Biblical? Are faith and obedience two separate things?

Let's begin by looking at the great "Faith Chapter" of Hebrews 11. The word "faith" is found 24 times in this chapter, so this must be a good place to learn how God defines

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covered mountains into the valleys of Israel and instead drank from stagnant pools of water. Jeremiah asked, "Who has heard such things?...Will the cold flowing waters be forsaken for strange waters?" (Jer. 18:13-14). How foolish can one become? Yet, this is precisely what happened in Israel and is happening in our own day!

Do not overlook the fact that God described His highway as "the ancient paths." Earlier in this book, Jeremiah spoke of this path. "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; they you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it'" (Jer. 6:16). Instead of listening to the directions of God, given in His roadmap, they had cast that map aside and gone in their own way.

We have that highway given to us by God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6), yet we have chosen to forsake that way and wander aimlessly in paths which lead to nowhere. O how we need to heed His words! In the Sermon on the Mount, He spoke of two gates and two paths—one which most travel and which leads to death and the other which leads to life (Matt. 7:13-14). How long will we forsake the Way, the only one which leads to the Father and, like the Jews, stubbornly say, "We will walk according to our own plans"?

Faith and obedience go hand-in-hand.

faith. He begins by giving us a description of faith in the first verse: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Is the "assurance" and "conviction" of faith the extent of it? If there is nothing beyond conviction involved in faith, then why do we have the rest of this chapter?

God illustrates for us in this "Faith Chapter" what Biblical faith is. With a survey of great men and women, He marches His readers into the field of faith to show that true, Biblical faith is one that "moves with godly fear" (11:7) and "obeys" (11:8) the Lord's will. "By faith" is combined with active verbs for each of these characters to show that faith was the motivating factor and underlying foundation of their active obedience. Faith and obedience go hand-in-hand.

This Biblical description of "faith" is how linguistic scholars have defined the word. W.E. Vine notes, "The main elements in 'faith'...are (1) a firm conviction..., (2) a personal surrender to Him..., (3) a conduct inspired by such surrender." Thayer notes that this faith is "a conviction, full of joyful trust...conjoined with obedience to Christ." Note carefully the three common components of faith in these definitions, which correspond precisely with the Biblical description of faith: (1) conviction, (2) trustful surrender, (3) obedience.

By definition, Biblical faith involves one's obedience.



The Magic Verse

I remember when I found this verse. At the time, it was so simple and profound to me. In my naivete, I thought that if people just knew this verse was in the Bible it would start them on the path to real change—as though it was a “magic” verse, an answer to everything, like 42. “The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person” (Ecc. 12:13).

That's it, that is all anyone would ever need to do. “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov. 9:10). This is where they should start. “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John. 5:3). Fearing God should naturally move into keeping his commandments and morph into a love for Him. What was stopping people from being obedient? Here is the verse, what doth hinder thee?

The hearer of this verse must first fear God for it to have its effect. In my youth and small view of the world, I did not understand how people could not fear God. After all, it was He who spoke the world into existence. It was the I AM that formed man out of the dust of the ground. It was the God of Abraham, of Isaac and of Jacob that delivered His people. What I failed to grasp was that you have to be taught and/or

raised to believe and to fear the Lord. There is no magic verse or formula of verses that when recited in the proper order with the correct version will automatically change hearts and minds.

Experience and wisdom now ask the question, “Do you fear God?” If there is no healthy respect for who God is, then His words are empty to the hearer. The fear of the Lord must be in our hearts. There needs to be a reaction when we read His words (Luke 24:32). We should be convicted, admonished, instructed, edified, and prepared (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

A heart that fears God is able to say, “Though He slay me, I will hope in Him” (Job 13:15). It matters little what happens in this life. He is sovereign and able to do what He wills with His creation. Who are we to say anything to the potter (Rom. 9:20)?

A heart that fears God has life in perspective and is balanced in understanding of who he/she is in relation to God. Solomon said, “The conclusion of the matter...” At the end of the day, when all is said and done, fear God. Solomon had tried every avenue of the human experience to live an unfettered life of pleasure, all was vanity. This applies to every man or is the whole duty of man. The fear of God is more important to our children than reading, writing and arithmetic. It is more important than any sport or any musical note. If there could be a magic verse for our families, this would be it.

Do You Fear God?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Is hate speech protected speech?

There is a debate in our nation as to whether hate speech is protected by the First Amendment or not. Some believe that the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights (which includes, “Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech”) protects hate speech and some believe that it does not. So, does it or not? A faithful Christian looks to a higher law.

Regardless of our nation’s decision regarding hate speech, God has already spoken. Here’s what God’s law says, without any amendments. “Be kind to one another” (Eph. 4:32). “Let all bitterness...and slander be put away from you” (Eph. 4:31). “Speak evil of no one” (Tit. 3:2). “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification” (Eph. 4:29). “Treat others the same way you want them to treat you” (Luke 6:31).

Our Constitution allows freedom of speech, but God condemns evil speech. As an American, you can fight for our constitutional rights, but as a Christian, you need to follow God’s law!

— DS



Could Monday be the first day of the week?

Some calendars now have Monday as the first day of the week. How does that affect Christians? Are we supposed to worship on Monday now? Is Sunday the seventh day now?

Christians worship on the first day of the week (which is Sunday) because that is the day specified and authorized by God.

The Jews were to “remember the Sabbath” (Ex. 20:8), which is “the seventh day,” i.e., Saturday (Ex. 16:26). Jesus was crucified on “the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath” (Mark 15:42). Then, on “the third day” (Luke 24:7, 21, 46), which is “the first day of the week” or Sunday (24:1), “He rose again” (1 Cor. 15:4). That is the day that the New Testament church gathered to worship (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2), and thus, it is the day that the New Testament church is to gather to worship today and till the end of time.

The seventh day and the first day of the week have always been the same. Today we call them Saturday and Sunday. God’s will has not changed (and will not) regarding worship on Sunday! — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	Encore Rehab in Boca Raton (room 105)
Patricia Hackshaw	recovering from surgery
Dick Haines	JFK North, fell and broke his hip, surgery on May 30
Lovetta Harmon	recovering from throat surgery
Leigh Puckett	received Vitamin K shot for high INR level on Wed.
Ashlyn Rosado	recovering from surgery on her broken wrist
Linda Studer	recovering from monthly chemo treatment
Sadie Tenant	PCU at Jupiter Medical Center with pneumonia
Henry Williams	Boca Raton Regional Hospital, leg surgery on June 4
Evetta Wilson	dealing with a corneal ulcer in her eye



Norma Pratt, upon the passing of Godfrey Pratt, a few weeks ago.

Long-Term Health Issues

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

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, not doing well since strokes in Dec.
Tim Deem	Allison Roman's brother, recovering from infection surg.
Phil Friedly	Gary & Doris Friedly's son, recovering from heart surgery
Richard Hill	Shirley Hopkins' brother, recovering from heart surgery
Joan Humphrey	Connie Plouffe's sister, in rehab recovering from a fall
Ben Smith	Mary Brown's brother, in Rehab Ctr of the Palm Beaches
Ulysses Smith	Mary Brown's brother, receiving leukemia treatments
Oscar Trevino	Flo Aristy's father, not doing well
Carol Wineinger	Cheryllann Wineinger's mother, has second dialysis port

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
Tavarro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family *Calendar of Events*

Sunday, June 2

- ◆ **Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m. All adults and children will meet in the Auditorium for a special presentation.
- ◆ **High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a potluck dish to share.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, June 3

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

Tuesday, June 4

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

Wednesday, June 5

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Aaron Johnson (West Broward) will be speaking on "Aliens in an Amazon Prime World."

Saturday, June 8

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, June 9

- ◆ **Wedding Shower for Caleb Boggs & Bethany Bertram** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Please bring gift cards. They are registered at Target.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Wednesday, June 12

- ◆ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Kevin Patterson (Sebring) will be speaking on "Aliens in a Victoria's Secret World."
- ◆ **VBS Setup** beginning immediately after Bible study.

Thursday-Saturday, June 13-15

- ◆ **VBS Setup** at 6:30 p.m. (Thursday & Friday) and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, if needed. All members are encouraged to come and help!

Young Adults

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ

Tuesday, June 4

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sarah Collier. Food will be provided.

Friday, June 7

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Michelle Franck Green. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

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Sunday-Wednesday, June 16-19

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School** each night at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes Youth

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Congratulations, Graduates!



Devin Eutsey

High School: Palm Beach Gardens
Activities in School: Interact Rotary Club, track, band, basketball
Hobbies: sports, Boy Scouts, sleeping, chillin'
Youth Group Memories: Being baptized with friends around, growing with my family, the church helping me to grow
Future plans: Working on it



Kameron Heitler

High School: Dwyer
Activities in School: basketball and golf
Hobbies: golf, playing basketball, looking at sports stats
Youth Group Memories: growing up in the church, CFBC
Future plans: Attend college and play golf in Myrtle Beach, become a golf pro and professional golfer, and an ESPN commentator



Max Fonrose

High School: Suncoast
Activities in School: Chorus, theatre, dance club, track, basketball, football
Awards: Outstanding Performer Award, Theatre Leadership Award, Carnegie Hall Honor Choir, singer in All-State Concert Chorus
Hobbies: singing, acting, basketball, writing poetry, music, reading the Bible, hanging out with friends
Youth Group Memories: Singing, hanging out, Tyler's visa incident
Future plans: Attend PBA, major in theatre and marketing, become an actor in commercials, TV shows, plays, musicals and on Broadway



Carolyn Lord

High School: A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Activities in School: Belle Chanson Choir, Singles Ensemble Choir, Jazz Club, Tri-M Music Honor Society
Awards: Pathfinder Nominee for Vocal Performance, Choir of Distinction at FVA State Choral MPA
Hobbies: singing, spending time w/ family and friends, going to the pool and beach, shopping, playing piano
Youth Group Memories: CFBC, Friday Night Girls' devos
Future plans: Attend PBA, major in Vocal Performance with minor in Music Education, with plans to sing jazz and teach music

Recent College Graduates: (if known)

Bethany Bertram (Freed-Hardeman University)
Austin Metzkes (Freed-Hardeman University)
Christopher Thompson (Palm Beach State College)
Ivan Villard (Florida Atlantic University)



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



Sunday,
May 26

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (June 2nd)

Ken & Connie Tipton (Ann.)

Monday (June 3rd)

Sabrina Clayton

Jenny Jordan

Daniel Swayne

Wednesday (June 5th)

Lance Collier

Haley Hall

Shirley Hopkins

Thursday (June 6th)

Andy & Letha Anderson (Ann.)

Sandy DeVall

Friday (June 7th)

David & Daisy Lord (Ann.)

Ted Friesner

Maria Hackshaw

Saturday (June 8th)

Maggie Dozier

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 16-19

Each night at 7:00 p.m.

There are classes for all ages (children & adults)!

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 2

Lead Singing Robert Lupo

Opening Prayer Richard Watson

Scripture Reading Dirk Summerlot

Presiding at Table Freddie Gadson

Serve at Table:

Andy Anderson Orlando Lolo

Josiah Blackmer Chuck Reeves, Sr.

Jeff Goodale Daniel Wagner

Namdidie Ikon Tyler Williams

Alternates:

Tim Cox Dion Hayes

Closing Prayer Henry Williams

Sunday Evening, June 2

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech

Opening Prayer Darin Summerlot

Scripture Reading Glen Dawson

Presiding at Table Novel Brown

Lance Collier

John Loftis

Daniel Lord

Closing Prayer Tom Martens

Wednesday Evening, June 5

Lead Singing Robert Lupo

Invitation Chuck Clark

Family Prayer Phil Porter

Our Record

Attendance	May 26	Apr. Avg
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Sun. Bible Study	230	226
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Sun. A.M. Worship	322	343
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Sun. P.M. Worship	147	159
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Wed. Bible Study	164	174
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Contribution	\$13,728	\$15,500
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2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$3,320

Ushers for this week: Paul Metzkes (Head Usher); Bill Ingram, Jr. & Ivan Villard, Jr.

Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall & Jerry Pittman



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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: Novel & Mary Brown

June 5

Aliens in an Amazon Prime World

Aaron Johnson (West Broward)

June 12

Aliens in a Victoria's Secret World

Kevin Patterson (Sebring)

June 26

Aliens in a Facebook World

Mike Baker (Concord Street)

July 3

Aliens in a %#!\$@ World

Ben Griffin (Suncoast)