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Speak,

FOR YOUR SERVANT
IS LISTENING.

1 SAMUEL 3:10



By Dan Jenkins

Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World

On two occasions, Jesus used little children to deliver some of the clearest truths about the kind of heart we must have to enter heaven. These occasions are found in Matthew 18 and Matthew 19 and also in other gospel accounts. Look at what He so vividly taught us about what God wants us to become.

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

We may have sung these words, but Jesus lived them. As He was busy teaching adults, some brought their children to Jesus. The apostles rebuked those who were doing this. Jesus stopped what He was doing and spent time with these little ones saying, "Do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Mark 10:15).

Jesus showed His love by His actions. The gospels say that He touched them. He picked them up and sat them in the midst of the disciples so all could see them. He took them up in His arms. He laid His hands on them. He blessed them. Imagine how years later a grandfather could tell his grandchildren about the time Jesus used his five small loaves and two small fish to feed thousands. Imagine anyone telling others, "When I was a child I sat in Jesus' lap."

Children are not born with inherited sin or a sinful

nature. All children at birth are just as innocent as Jesus was when He was born. Baby Jesus was not a sinner, nor did he have a sinful nature. He was in every way the same as we are (Heb. 2:17). Sinful men must be converted and become like an innocent child. Children are not evil, nor do they have an evil nature.

Children are an example of the kind of hearts we must have. They are an example of humility. Read the gospel accounts carefully, and you will see just how often the apostles argued over who would be the greatest in the kingdom. How did Jesus visibly show how sinful this attitude is? He used a child and said we must become like that child to enter heaven.

Children have angels who behold the Father. Jesus said that to receive a little child was to receive Him and then described God's anger over those who destroy that child's innocent faith. "It would be better for him that a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depths of the sea" (Matt. 18:6). He taught them that children have angels who see what adults are doing to children and said that these angels also are in the presence of God. They will report to God what you have done! These same angels can report how you taught them.

Take time to look at children and to become like them. The doors of heaven will be closed to you if you do not.

The doors of heaven will be closed to you if you do not become like a child.



By David Sproule

21 Biblical Meditations During Communion (Part 4 of 4)

Jesus willingly suffered and was viciously crucified for me! That thought never seems to settle itself calmly in my soul, and it never gets old to be reminded of it. Our Lord knew that! That is one reason, no doubt, that He Himself instituted His Supper and then told His followers to observe it every single Sunday! We need it! Oh, how we need it!

As we partake, we remember His death, we discern His body and we examine ourselves. There are numerous ways for us to do that, and so this series of articles has attempted to offer 21 different heart meditations (using the Bible) that one can use while communing with the Lord, perhaps using a different one each week. We will continue and conclude those practical suggestions in this article.

16. Read and meditate on His body, specifically discerning the wounds inflicted all over His innocent flesh, including His hematidrosis in the Garden (Luke 22:44), His lacerated skin from the scourging (Matt. 27:26; John 19:1), the crown of thorns (Matt. 26:29; John 19:2), the nails in His hands and feet (John 20:27; Psa. 22:16), the piercing of His side (John 19:34).

17. Read and meditate on His blood, as it flowed in the Garden (Luke 22:44), in the scourging (Mark 15:15), from the crown of thorns (John 19:5), from His hands and feet (Mark

15:25), from His side (John 19:34; 20:27); and consider all that His blood does for us (Matt. 26:28; Rom. 3:25; 5:9; Eph. 1:7; 2:13; Heb. 2:14; 9:12, 14; 10:19; 13:12; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 1:5).

18. Read and meditate on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, by leaving heaven (Phil. 2:6-8), by taking on human flesh to suffer as a human and to be tempted as a human (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15), by being made our sin offering (2 Cor. 5:21), by selflessly giving Himself for us and our sins (Gal. 1:4; 2:20; Eph. 5:25; 1 Tim. 2:6; Tit. 2:14), by enduring the shame of the cross for us (Heb. 12:2-3; Gal. 3:13).

19. Read and meditate on God's amazing love for us (John 3:16-17; 1 John 3:1; 4:9-19; Rom. 5:6-11; Eph. 2:4-10).

20. Read and meditate on Christ's amazing love for us (Eph. 5:2, 25; Gal. 2:20; 1 John 3:16; John 15:13; 2 Cor. 8:9; 5:14).

21. Read and meditate on the seven sayings of Jesus while He was hanging in agony on the cross (Luke 23:34, 43; John 19:26-27; Matt. 27:46; John 19:28, 30; Luke 23:46).

There are many practical ways for us to remember His death, discern His body and examine ourselves each week. In addition to these 21 ideas, we can read and meditate on the words of a hymn. The main thing is to properly focus our hearts on Him and examine our lives in view of the cross.

We remember His death, we discern His body and we examine ourselves.



By Josh Blackmer

Before the Election (Part 3)

What do Christians do exactly? Looking at Christendom from the outside one might get the wrong idea of the intended focus. One could say that Christians are about championing political causes. They fight for right wing social reform or moral conservatism. One might say Christians are involved in acts of benevolence, helping the less fortunate or working in a soup kitchen. Some might get the idea that Christians try and make everyone think like them. They preach a doctrine and judge everyone who does not conform. Nothing could be further from the truth. While there are many people in Christendom focusing on these things, that is not where a true disciple of Christ should have their focus.

Look at Christ as an example. When He was asked about a political issue of the day concerning taxes, He replied, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Mark 12:17). When He was asked about doing more for the poor, He replied, "For you always have the poor with you" (Matt. 26:11). His focus was not ending the world of poverty. God is the only one who has the right to determine doctrine, and the words of Jesus are the ones that will judge in the last day (John 12:48-50).

So, what do we need to remember before the elec-

tion? We need to remember to stay on task. Our primary mission concerns God. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33a). "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you" (1 Pet. 2:9). The kingdom is our primary directive, and the gospel is our message to the world. "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'" (Mark 16:15). "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). If this becomes our focus, suddenly we are left with a greater perspective. Eternity comes into focus. The worth of a soul is measured. The urgency of the message understood. The cost of sin grasped.

There will always be political "the sky is falling" moments. We will never be rid of an opportunity to serve. While we are an imperfect people preaching a perfect plan, we still are called to teach it. It is the only message that truly matters. Another's perception of us as Christians should not be that we are more politically concerned than Christ-centered. Let us stand together with a renewed focus on our Lord's calling.

Focus on our prime directive.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

"The rest of the Scriptures"

As Peter wrote about how ignorant individuals were taking Paul's "epistles" and twisting them "to their own destruction," he concluded his sentence by saying, "...as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Pet. 3:15-16). That is interesting for a number of reasons. First, Peter recognized the existence and collection of "the Scriptures," which he had earlier affirmed were from the Holy Spirit and not from man (1:20-21). Second, he identified Paul's epistles as Scripture, placing them on the same level as the writings of Moses, Isaiah, etc. Thus, we have a clear declaration of both Old Testament and New Testament writings being considered "Scripture" (see also 1 Timothy 5:18 for a quotation of both as "Scripture"), and we know that "all Scripture was given by the inspiration of God" (2 Tim. 3:16).

What does this have to do with us today? Pick up your Bible! Have confidence! Know that you are not just reading a man's opinion! From beginning to end, that which is "written" (the basic meaning of the Greek word for "Scripture") is from your Creator in heaven! What a thought! – DS



Know any wanderers?

If you set out on a caravan journey across a particular state and determined in advance that everyone would stick to a single interstate highway on the journey, would it be obvious if someone in the caravan wandered off of that highway? Of course it would! With everyone on the same direct path, it would be quite apparent when someone was not. And it would be quite easy to point out to the wanderer where the interstate path was for them to return.

James says, "If anyone among you wanders from the truth..." (Jas. 5:19). The path to heaven and the path to pleasing God is as obvious as traveling a single interstate highway. God describes that way as "the truth." Not "a truth" or an indefinite "truth," but "the" singular, defined, knowable, followable "truth" found in our Bible! By studying the Bible (the only source of "truth," John 17:17), it is obvious when someone is not on "God's truth." Our responsibility is clear: Be one "who turns a sinner from the error of his way" (5:20). May God help us to have the courage to reach out to ones who have wandered from God's truth and point them back. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Adrienne Banks	medications being adjusted, not feeling well
Chuck Clark	recovering from sinus surgery
Mary Coombs	cataract surgeries are being rescheduled
Glen Dawson	now at home, will be undergoing some more tests
Patricia Hackshaw	now at home, undergoing therapy
Dan Johnson	recovering at home
John Loftis	still dealing with severe back pain and weakness
Sallie Moses	recovering from partial leg amputation surgery
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	having covid-like symptoms, awaiting test results
Angie Seames	facing another surgery on her leg and foot soon
Linda Studer	under Hospice Care at home

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Inell Ingram	Courtyard Gardens (Jupiter)
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Don & Betty Matter
Annie Faison	Deidra Miley
Dianne Frye	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Les Sawyer
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Joe Holland	Patricia Ventress

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Rena DeVaughn	Adrienne Banks' sister, undergoing cancer treatments
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Fernander's father, Lakeside Health Center
Don Fields	Trish Clark's father, melanoma cancer on his head again
Adrienne Gatlin	Pat Patterson's daughter, undergoing cancer treatments
Perrethia King	Bettye King's sister, under Hospice Care, improved some
Rhonda Moody	Angie Seames' sister, stage 3 lung cancer, radiation
Clara Medina	Carolina Medina's sister, dealing with health issues
Peter Villa	Natalie Villa's father, not doing well
Terry West	Amy West's father, recovering from surgery

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

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, October 11

- ♦ **Regular Bible Class & Worship Schedule.** See page 7 for details.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, October 12

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Tuesday, October 13

- ♦ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room with social distancing being practiced.

Wednesday, October 14

- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 15

- ♦ **Family Group 3 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 3 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible Study.

Saturday, October 17

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come decorate your car and pass out candy. Sign up online (<https://form.jotform.com/202807160359050>) or let Ivan know that you plan to attend. Kids, wear your favorite costume! See Ivan for more details.

Thursday, October 22

- ♦ **Family Group 4 Online Zoom Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Members of Group 4 will receive an email with a link to click to join the Bible Study.

Saturday, October 24

- ♦ **Mount Dora Children's Home Fall Virtual Benefit Event** at 7:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to hear from the kids, moms and staff to learn about Mount Dora. Visit www.mdchome.org for more details.

Saturday, October 31

- ♦ **Congregational Work Day** to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Monday, November 2

- ♦ **Men Meet Monday Night** at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion on the church property. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils.

Tuesday, November 3

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7

- ♦ **Sr. High & Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nate & Cindy Nelson. See Josh Blackmer or Ivan Vilard for details.

Friday, November 13

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, November 14

- ♦ **Congregational Bonfire & Singing** hosted by the Young Adults at 6:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 17

- ♦ **Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under** hosted by the Jr. High Youth at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to come decorate your car and pass out candy. Sign up online (<https://form.jotform.com/202807160359050>) or let Ivan know that you plan to attend. Kids, wear your favorite costume! See Ivan for more details.

Friday, October 23

- ♦ **Sr. High Fall Fest** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Cam & Hollie Crofts. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Sunday, October 25

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.

Equipping & Edifying Families

10 Tips to Better Family Time



Parents and their children are spending less time interacting with each other. As a result, many children are getting less personal love and attention than their parents did. *American Demographics* reported that parents today spend roughly 40 percent less time with their children than parents did a generation ago.

Keep in mind, quantity time and quality time are both important when choosing activities. So build memories by keeping your family time creative and enjoyable. Here are 10 tips to better family time.

- 1. Eat together and listen to each other.** Most children today don't know the meaning of family dinnertime. Yet the communication and unity built in this setting are integral to healthy family life. Sharing a meal together allows the opportunity to talk about each other's lives. This is a time for parents to listen as well as to give advice and encouragement. Attentive listening conveys that you are interested in one another. It also imparts a sense of worth and helps develop trust.
- 2. Read often.** Research indicates that reading to your children cultivates an interest in knowledge and stimulates language development. It also increases their attention spans and helps them become more curious. Look for books your child would enjoy reading. After reading, ask questions about the content.
- 3. Do chores together.** Part of what goes on in the home is the development of teamwork. Functional family life depends on the contribution of everyone. Assigning chores is the most productive way of teaching responsibility and accountability to your children. Doing chores with your child will help foster good communication skills.
- 4. Help with schoolwork.** Spend quality time with children by helping with their schoolwork. A parent's eagerness to help will cause a child to become more interested in school, improving his or her grades. Regular trips to the library for school projects are inexpensive and enjoyable for spending time with children. Helping should begin with an understanding that children are responsible for homework. Parents are there to help their children get organized and to encourage them when they get stuck.
- 5. Start a hobby or project.** Choose a fun activity your child is interested in. Activities like cooking, crafts, fishing, or biking will make great hobbies that can open the door to exciting family time. Once a child learns a new recipe or is able to cast a lure accurately, let him or her take the lead with your supervision.
- 6. Play games.** New technology has made video games more prevalent. Play with them, but also spark an interest in board games or card games. This will give you additional time to talk and nurture the relationship.
- 7. Plan a family outing.** Sometimes getting out of the house is important. Get in the car and go for a drive. Prepare a picnic lunch and visit a local park. Take time to play catch or ride a bike. A stroll in the woods will help you interact. Also, a visit to the zoo or museum may spark a child's enthusiasm and lead to good discussions.
- 8. Encourage athletic activities.** Playing sports not only strengthens the body but also builds character and determination. Finding time for athletic events is important for a child's emotional and physical development. This is also a great opportunity for a family to interact.
- 9. Create a "family time" calendar.** Since many parents have hectic schedules, time with children often becomes a low priority. Post a calendar on the refrigerator and help your children pencil in special events. Knowing in advance when you're going to meet may help by giving you more time to think of creative activities. Commit to keeping this schedule free from interruptions.
- 10. Pray together and attend worship.** Nothing is more special than taking a few minutes each day to pray with a child before bedtime. By explaining the purpose behind prayer, children will learn the importance of faith as the foundation for the family. Also, when parents go to worship services, they instill in their children a reverence for God. Churches can also offer invaluable support to families.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
October 4

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Tunde Akingbade & Madison; Mr. Ryan Bodin; Mrs. Tracy Durandisse; Miss Carmen Dussard; Mr. Damon Farrell; Mr. Garfield Walks and Mr. Terry West.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Heather James, Burns, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Michelle Morris, White Bluff, TN; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, GA; and Miss Brenda Pribyl, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday (October 11th)
Chuck Reeves, Sr.
Scott Studer

Thursday (October 15th)
Stahia Banks
Joe Holland
Meagan Metzkes

Tuesday (October 13th)
Fran Campbell

Friday (October 16th)
Michael & Turkessa Staley (Ann.)

Wednesday (October 14th)
Patricia Harrington
Amy Rosado

Adelene Honore
Kevin Weeks

Thank You  notes

I want to thank everyone for your calls, cards, prayers and love you showed to me and my family in the loss of my brother. Your prayers and love have helped me face my loss with love.

Thank you,
Mary A. Jackson



Trunk-or-Treat for Grades 5 & Under

Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to come decorate your car and pass out candy. **Please have cars decorated by 5:45 p.m.**

Sign up online (<https://form.jotform.com/202807160359050>), or let Ivan Villard know that you plan to attend.

Kids, come in your favorite costume!

Sunday Worship Services

All Bible classes and worship services will be at the church building this week and will be webcast live from our website.

Worship Services for Sunday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship for ALL
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship for ALL

Bible Class for Wednesday, October 14

7:00 pm. Meet in the Auditorium

Leading Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Phil Porter
Family Prayer Richard Watson

(We will have a devotional, the Family Prayer, then be dismissed to classes)

Our Record

Attendance	Oct. 4	Sep. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	139	130
Sun. AM Worship	194	196
Sun. PM Worship	119	95
Wed. Bible Study	114	133
Contribution	\$19,154	\$14,996

2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944

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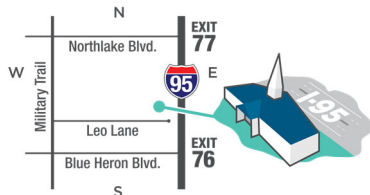
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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



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.

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