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This Week's Reading:

Mark 13 -

Luke 1



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New Bible Classes (FEB. 26-MAY 3)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

Auditorium (David Sproule):

Mountaintop Lessons for Modern Day Living

The greatest sermon ever preached was preached by the greatest Preacher who ever lived on this earth, when "He went up on a mountain...was seated...Then He opened His mouth and taught" (Matt. 5:1-2). The truths and principles expounded in this sermon will enrich your life exponentially when you analyze them, absorb them and apply them.

Adult 1 (Dan Jenkins):

Are the Ten Commandments for Today

The first words of the Bible were those written by the hand of God on tablets of stone. They were misunderstood by the religious leaders in Jesus' day. They are misunderstood by many denominations today. This study will look at how the Ten Commandments should have been used by those in Old Testament times and then the impact they should have on us today.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

Auditorium (Josh Blackmer):

Creating Community in the Church

God created the church to bring us into a relationship with Him and His people. With that in mind, what can we do as a body to create a healthy atmosphere in the church? What examples and commands do we have in the New Testament of those healthy habits? How do my individual actions affect the health of the community?

Adult 1 (Dan Jenkins):

The Book of Joshua

The history of the Jews in the days of Joshua are pivotal in the formation of the new nation of Israel as it was being formed in the Promised Land. How did all of this transpire? What Iessons should we learn as the land was conquered with God in their midst? What happened when the Jews forgot about His presence? What practical applications can be made today?



By Dan Jenkins

Seeing What a Blind Man Saw, Immediately

When Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind, the man understood what had just happened. He told the unbelieving leaders, "Why, this is a marvelous thing that you do not know where He is from; yet He opened my eyes!" He then said, "Since the world began it has been unheard of that any-

one opened the eyes of the one who was born blind" (John 9:30, 32). Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would open the eyes of the blind (Isa. 35:4-5). It had never **Being a Christian** happened until Jesus came, and Matthew records Jesus doing this at least six times.

There is a remarkable lesson to be learned as one reads Mark's account of that time when Jesus opened the eyes of blind Bartimaeus in Jericho. ing His ways When Jesus gave him this blessing He said, "Go your way; your faith has made you well" (Mark 10:52). His eyes were immediately opened. Now if you had been Bartimaeus what would you have done? Would you have rushed to tell others, perhaps your friends or those who cared for you? The remarkable thing is that Jesus told the blind man to go his way. What way did He go? He followed Jesus! The way He chose to go was the way Jesus went!

What an amazing lesson there is to be learned. Salvation does not come by saying a sinner's prayer of about fifty words and then going your way. The way of Jesus involves far more than words. Just before He ascended, Jesus told the apostles to go and made disciples of every nation. He then told them how this was done. It involved both teaching and baptism. One makes disciples by telling them about Jesus who will save them, but He is far more than our Savior. He has all authority, and one makes disciples by "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:18-20). Until this is taught one is not a disciple of Jesus.

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The problem is that sometimes those who find Jesus do not follow the example of Bartimaeus. When they are saved, they literally go their own way and do not follow His way. When that blind man had his eyes opened, he immediately surrendered his way to follow Jesus. Far too many Christians fail to grow like Jesus by following Him. Jesus did teach

about worship, the Lord's supper, studying the Bible, assembling with the saints, standards of morality including sexual matters, the way we speak, dress and react to others.

Being a Christian involves surrendering our ways and walking in the ways of Jesus, following Him. We are His slaves and in every walk of our lives we give up our lives to follow him. We acknowledge Him in our confession before we are baptized, and then every day of our lives it is a confession that He is Lord, and we surrender to Him (Rom. 10:9-10).



By David Sproule

As He Was, With Other Boats

It is inappropriate and can be a grievous mistake to make more out of details in the Bible than we should make. That reminder should always be present in our minds. Yet, it is interesting to consider the details God chooses to give to us in Scripture, if for no other reason than to see if there are

some lessons that we might learn from what is said. Consider a few thoughts from Mark 4:36.

This verse occurs at the end of a long day. Verse 35 states that "evening had come." It is possible that this day began in 3:20, when Jesus had to deal with opposition from friends and foes. At the very least, the day began in 4:1, when Jesus sat down in a boat to teach on the Galilee shore. But the day could have started all the way back in 3:1, when He told His disciples "that a small boat should be kept ready for

Him" (3:9). In any case, it had been a long day, and when evening came, Jesus wanted to "cross over to the other side" (4:35). Note two interesting statements in verse 36.

First, Mark records that they "left the multitude," and they took Jesus "along in the boat as He was." They took Him "as He was." What could this mean? It could simply mean that He had been sitting in the boat and teaching all of this time, and at His bidding, they set sail without any delay. It could indicate that Jesus did not have any provisions or supplies on His person at the time, but they left anyway. He was tired, maybe smelly and had nothing on Him, and they took Him "as He was." Whatever the meaning of the phrase, let me ask you a question—"Do you take Jesus as He is?" So many want Jesus to fit in their own box of preconceived ideas and personal preferences. We need to take Jesus exactly as He is!

> Second, Mark records that "other boats were with Him." No other information is given about those boats or their occupants. Why does he include this detail? It may be mentioned to indicate that there were other witnesses to the miracle of calming the storm, or perhaps to show that there were many followers of Jesus at this time. Whatever the reason for giving this detail, let me ask you a few questions—"Do you have to be in the lead boat where all

of the attention is focused, or are you ok being in one of 'the other boats'?" "Even if you are not one of the leaders among the people—like the apostles were—do you realize that Jesus is still with you in the midst of the storms that come?" In your Bible, you might circle the word "with." Even though those folks were not in the lead boat, they were still "with" Jesus.

Maybe those details are insignificant and not intended to have any meaning to us. But it is interesting that they are included. Take time to read every word in your Bible.



By Josh Blackmer

The Psalms in Prayer

The Book of Psalms is a source of songs in which we can offer praise and thanksgiving to God. It also has much to offer in regard to our approaching God in prayer. Many of the psalms are written in the style of prayer or petition and are thereby suitable in helping us learn how to pray and how to ex-

press those innermost emotions and needs of which we often lack the words to express.

This isn't a new idea. We have many examples of this in the New Testament. Jesus used the Psalms in prayer twice on the cross. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" (Matt. 27:46; Psa. 22:1). "Father, into your hands I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46; Psa. 31:5). While suffering in deep agony, He chose to use the Psalms to express His deepest feelings. The apostles also used the Psalms. "And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, 'Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, 'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed" (Acts 4:24-26). Addressing God, they quoted from Psalm 146:6. In expressing their problem, they referred to Psalm 2:1-2. This prayer was offered as a result of persecution, and they chose to use the Psalms to express their problems to God. These examples teach us that it is appropriate on occasion to use phrases from the Psalms in our prayers. When we realize that found in the Psalms are man's deepest emotions expressed in inspired terms, it is only natural that we would want to use them to express our own feelings. We want to avoid the danger of "vain repetition" (Matt. 6:7). We should use expressions from the Psalms only when truly heartfelt.

This may help us with new ways of expressing ourselves to our Lord.

When we incorporate the Psalms in our prayers it is helpful to keep some elements of prayer in mind. Jesus addressed these when teaching about prayer (Matt. 6:9-13). He addressed the Father (v. 9), prayed for God's purposes (v. 10), for our material needs (v. 11), for our spiritual needs (v. 12-13a), and concluded praise (v. 13b). In the Palms, we find ex-

pressions for all of these—for addressing the Father (Psa. 8:1, 90:1-2); praying for God's purposes (Psa. 57:11; 72:18-19); for mentioning material needs (Psa. 144:12-15); for spiritual needs (Psa. 51:1-4; 71:1-3); and for offering praise (Psa. 36:5-9).

As a word of caution, this is not to receive the praise of men. It should be done to help find the words to convey the thoughts and concerns of our hearts. Sometimes we get stuck praying the same prayer. This may help us open our hearts and minds to new ways of expressing ourselves to our Lord.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The ability to reason correctly

As God begins to warn Judah through the prophet Isaiah and plea for them to remain faithful to Him, He makes this familiar statement, "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18). God makes His "reasoned" case through Isaiah and expected the people to understand and reason correctly back into a right relationship with Him.

While many today suggest that truth is relative and everyone has their own truth, that does not match in any way what the God of truth (Isa. 65:16) reveals to us. Jesus said that there is "the truth" (objective, not subjective) and that man would be able to "know" it (John 8:32).

While children have not developed the ability to know the difference between "good and evil" (Deut. 1:39; Jon. 4:11), as individuals mature, and especially as they engage with God's Word, they will "by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14).

God expects us to use the brains He has given us to reason, but not just to reason, but to reason correctly, according to His Word (1 Sam. 12:7; Acts 17:2; 24:25; 26:25; 1 Pet. 3:15). – DS

Many times! Many times!

Whenever someone tries to convince you that "the God of the Old Testament" (which are words they use but the Bible does not!) was an angry, vengeful, merciless God, and that He was so different from "the God of the New Testament," do NOT believe them!



When Nehemiah rehearsed the history of Israel to God, he admitted that God's people "were disobedient and rebelled against You," and even when they would get right and come back to the Lord, "they again did evil before You" (Neh. 9:26-28). Finish verse 28, "Yet when they returned and cried out to You, You heard from heaven;

and MANY TIMES You delivered them according to Your mercies" (emp. added). The psalmist said the same thing: "Yes, MANY A TIME He turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath" (Psa. 78:38, emp. added).

That same God is YOUR God! MANY TIMES God has delivered you and turned His anger away from you! Thank God for His mercy! May we always return to Him and cry out to Him and put our full trust in Him! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Novel Brown recovering at home, slowly improving

Pat Brown dealing with health issues

Pete Brown recovering at home

Gwen Lyons having surgery on her ankle on March 2

Maxine McCoy recovering from a knee injury

Sherri Richmond slowly recovering from oral surgery

Betty Sanders diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer

Sam Simpkins recovering from surgery on 3 cancerous bladder tumors

Jettie Sweetenburg lung cancer, chemo & radiation treatments

Jennifer Walker recovering from a colectomy



Juliette Mauvais, upon the passing of her father, Gineas Mauvais, on Wednesday, February 15.

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Judy Carmack multiple health issues

Robin Landen multiple health issues

John Loftis back pain, weakness

Joel Ramirez dialysis treatments

Sherri Richmond multiple health issues

Henry Williams dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames Inell Ingram
Josie Dawson Daniel Johnson
Zula Garrett Betty Matter
Terri Hahn Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline **Russ Algeier** Sandy Colage's brother, hospitalized last week **Louie Bone** Betty Davis' brother, recovering from multiple seizures **Frank Daniels** Melinda Price's father, treatments for prostate cancer Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, prostate cancer **Brian Harvey Libby Harvey** Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's mom, knee replacement **Delores Sims** Jimmie Banks' mother, staring new chemo treatments **Darlene Smith** Willie & Ricky Smith's mother, recovering at home **Lillie Teague** Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with spreading cancer



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, February 26

- New 10-Week Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, February 27

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

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1

 Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Saturday, March 4

 Congregational Work Day to clean up the appearance of our building and grounds from 8:30 a.m. until noon.
 See Ivan Villard, Novel Brown or Tim Fry for details.

Sunday-Wednesday, March 5-8

 Gospel Meeting with Jeff Jenkins. This year's theme is "God's Glorious Plan for Us."

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:45 p.m. Evening Worship
Mon.-Wed. 12:15 p.m. Midday Bible Study
Mon.-Wed. 7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study

- * We are having a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday after morning worship. Bring a dish to share. All Family Groups are asked to help with setup and cleanup.
- * We are having dinner together on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Family Groups 1 & 2</u> will setup and cleanup on Monday. <u>Family Groups 3 & 4</u> will setup and cleanup on Tuesday. <u>ALL Family Groups</u> will setup and cleanup Wednesday.

Friday, March 10

 Family Group 4 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dirk & Elizabeth Summerlot. Please bring a potluck dish. This is for all PBL members and families who live south of Southern Blvd.



Saturday, March 4

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gary & Jacqui Jenkins. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, March 13

 Men's Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church building. 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. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, March 17

 Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. Location TBD. All PBL women in Grades 9 and up are invited to fellowship and grow together in God's word. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

Saturday, March 25

 Youth & YA Family Bike Riding at 10:00 a.m. Meet at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop. Bring a bike and your lunch. Bike rentals are available at our meeting location (Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop).



Sunday, February 26

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- His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- Jr. High & Sr. High Devo after evening worship at the home of Allison Roman. Please bring your Bible, drinks and desserts. See Josh Blackmer for more details.

Wednesday, March 1

 Prayer Meeting at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for the Gospel Meeting. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet together in the auditorium after the devotional. Children in Grade 5 and under will have their regular classes.

Sunday, March 12

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

Monday, March 13

Men's Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the church building.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - March 2023

March 5 ^(A)	March 12 ^(L)	March 19 ^(C)	March 26 ^(A)

Morning Worship Service				
Song Leader	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Robert Lupo	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Willie Smith	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Kane Campbell	Novel Brown
Scripture Reader	Taylor Reeves	Gary Jenkins	Hunter Hinton	Philip Porter
Presiding at Table	Stephen Beliech	Dion Hayes	Johnny Davis	Victor Colage
Serving at Table	Trey Higbee	Ed Buonadonna	Kirk Crews	Namdidie Ikon
	Namdidie Ikon	Addison Collins	Gorman Ericksen	Richard Kelley
	Richard Kelley	Devin Eutsey	Michael Erickson	Orlando Lolo
	Orlando Lolo	Andres Fernandez	Jeff Goodale	Steward Lynch
	Steward Lynch	Freddie Gadson	Graysen Hayes	Tim Mahlbacher
	Tim Mahlbacher	Daniel Lord	Kameron Heitler	Robert Mariano
	John Patrick	David Perez	Islay Rodriguez	John Patrick
	Vincent Rogers	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jim Rogers	Nicholas Pietro
	Nahum Villard	Dirk Summerlot	Joseph Snyder	Taylor Reeves
	Tyler Williams	Brandan Widner	Cristian Suarez	Willie Smith
Closing Prayer	Tim Cox	David Holaday	Michael Ellis	Douglas Alvarenga

Evening Worship Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Robert Mariano	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard	Richard Watson
Scripture Reader	Tim Fry	Daniel Wagner	John Hoelzer	Tyler Williams
Presiding at Table	Philip Porter	Darin Summerlot	Jimmie Banks	Tom Garrison
	Troy Alberga	Islay J. Rodriguez	Joe Maloney	Troy Alberga
Serving at Table	Nicholas Pietro	Leonard Williams	Luther Robinson	Tim Fry
Closing Prayer	Tom Garrison	Paul Metzkes	Jim Davis	Ricky Smith

Technical Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Audio	Ricky Smith	David Brown	James Green	David Brown
Computer	Daniel Lord	Cris Cuevas	Bob Higbee	Ivan Villard
Video	Todd Juckett	Edward Gager	Scott Studer	Scott Studer

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)				
Safety	Seth Watson	David Lord	Lawrence Williams	Nahum Villard
	Rick Hall	Dan McLeod	Lance Collier	Rick Hall
Usher	Victor Colage	Daniel Swayne	Marty Williams	Vincent Rogers

Service Coordinator	(Sunday Morning & E	vening)		
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	Tim Cox

Please consider this opportunity to serve as special and dress accordingly.

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 7-8 classroom at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening - Meet at front of auditorium before 5:50 PM.

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.

Technical, Safety and Usher assignments are for Sunday morning, evening and Wednesday.

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







Sunday, February 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Miss Maria Ganz; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. Colton McKinney; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Liz Otero; and Ms. Margaret Pujals.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Nicole Brown, Eagon, MN; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mrs. Tina Daniels, Pamplico, SC; Mrs. Kinsey Deming, St. Petersburg, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jose & Yolanda Munoz-O'Connor, Hialeah Gardens, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN.



To our PBL family,

Thank you for your calls, texts and prayers during this difficult time of loss of my mother.

Nicholas Pietro



Monday, February 27th Caila Juckett Chuck Milton

Friday, March 3rd John Patrick Angela Walker

Wednesday, March 1st Willie Smith



Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269. 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 <u>Sunday evening</u>, please meet at the front of the auditorium at <u>5:50 p.m.</u>

Sunday Morning, February 26

Singing Gary Friedly Lord's Supper..... Jeff Goodale Opening Prayer Johnny Davis Scripture Reading...... Lawrence Williams Singing Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing PrayerJeff Leslie

Serve at Table:

Lance Collier James Green Kirk Crews **Hunter Hinton** Jim Rogers Gorman Ericksen Michael Erickson Cristian Suarez Connor Goodale Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, February 26

Singing	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	Graysen Hayes
Scripture Reading	Joe Maloney
Singing	
Lord's Supper	John Hoelzer
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Jim Davis
Serve at Table:	
Kameron Heitler	Luther Robinson
Kameron Heitier	LUCITET NUDITISUTI

Audio this week: David Brown Computer this week: Ivan Villard Video this week: Scott Studer

Service Coordinator: Ushers for this week: Kane Campbell & Islay Rodriguez

Tim Cox Safety Team for this week: Jimmie Banks

Wednesday Evening, March 1

Singing	Daniel Wagner
Invitation	Victor Colage
Family Prayer	Jeff Goodale

Our Record

<u>Feb. 19</u>	Jan. Avg
y 178	158
ip 283	254
ip 118	120
dy 124	125
\$17,496	\$18,331
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2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$6,865



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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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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).

NEW BIBLE CLASSES FOR JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH

(FEB. 26-MAY 3)

SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Church of Christ (Josh Blackmer)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dating & Sexuality (David Sproule)