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This Week's Reading

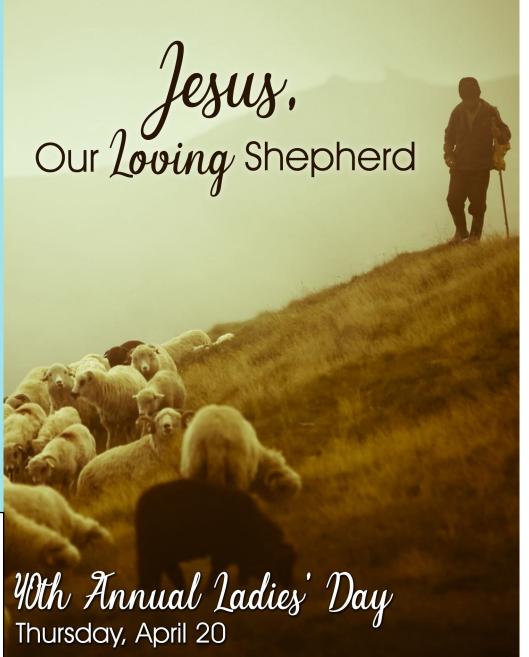
Luke 17 -Luke 21



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By Dan Jenkins

The OT was Glorious, But the NT Far Surpasses It

That OT brought

men to Christ,

where men are

perfected

Do we

we know better

than God?

The contrast between the Old Testament and the New Testament is summarized in the closing verses of Hebrews 12. The writer presents a listing of the events which happened at Mount Sinai where the Old Testament was given. He then gives a second list which stands in marked contrast to the first

list. The lists are below with my comments in *italics*.

The Jews Came To

- Physical Mount Sinai that might be touched—The OT was based in many ways on the physical aspects of Judaism. It is called fleshly and carnal (Heb. 9:10).
- A mount that burned with fire—The presence of God was manifested in physical ways.
- Blackness, darkness and tempest—It is hard for us to imagine what an awesome sight this must have been.
- A sound of a trumpet—The sound of a trumpet startles and captivates the attention of those who hear it.
- A voice of words spoken to them—The Bible stresses the importance of words as a means of God revealing Himself.
- A holy place, so holy that a beast who touched the mountain died—the presence of God is holy and must be revered.
- A terrifying sight that made men tremble—Even Moses.

Christians Have Come To

• Mount Zion—The OT prophesied that His new kingdom would

begin at Jerusalem and it did (Isa. 2:2-4; Luke 24:47; Acts 2:1-2).

- The city of the living God—This is far more than the literal city of Jerusalem, see next words.
- The heavenly Jerusalem—Old Jerusalem was vital to Judaism, but our city is not physical, it is heavenly.
- An unnumerable company of angels—It was a heavenly host that announced His coming, and they watched as God's eternal plan unfolded (1 Pet. 1:12; Luke 15:7, 10).
 - The general assembly and the church of the firstborn— Israel is no longer the firstborn (Ex. 4:22), but members of the church are now His firstborn (firstborn here is plural).
- The church whose members' names are written in heav**but it is in the NT** en—Only those whose names are written can enter heaven; you cannot go to heaven if not in the church (Rev. 22:15).
 - God, the judge of all—We too are in the presence of God in our holy city, our new Jerusalem
 - Those whose souls are made perfect—The OT law made nothing perfect, but all Christians are perfected (Col. 1:28).
 - Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament—Moses was the mediator of the OT; our Mediator is the Son of God Himself.
 - The blood of Jesus—It was not the blood of bulls and goats, like those offered at Mt Sinai. The blood of Jesus cleanses us.

We must never forget what God has brought to us and brought us to! We are the fulfillment of the eternal plan and mystery of God (Eph. 3:5-6). May God help us to live in such a way as to manifest His glory!



By David Sproule

We Know Better Sometimes, Don't We?

Did your children ever talk back to you? Frustrating, wasn't it? Who did they think they were? Why do children talk back to their parents? It's because they think they know better and/or because they want their way and are not interested in the parents' way. But, when we get older, we outgrow

that "talking back" thing, right?

Interestingly, there are some who will not outgrow that "talking back" thing, even after they die. There is an interesting account in Luke 16 of a glimpse into a scene of two men after they died. Jesus tells of a rich man who died and went to "torments" (16:22-23). He struck up a conversation with Abraham, whom the rich man was able to see "afar off" in Paradise. He begged Abraham to send the beggar named Lazarus, who was in Paradise, to return to the rich man's house and "testify" to his five brothers, "lest they also come to this place of torment" (16:27-28).

The rich man's request was not going to be granted. Abraham responded to him, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (16:29). In other words, they have the Bible (at least the portion that had been written by this time). Abraham said that the rich man's brothers needed to listen to Scriptures, to which they had access.

The rich man's retort is fascinating. He was having a conversation with an apparent representative of God (for Paradise is called "Abraham's bosom" in verse 22), and he was not satisfied with the information that was being given. He quickly replied, "No, father Abraham" (16:30). Can you imagine snapping back at a representative of God by saying, "No"? That almost reminds you of your kids talking back to you, doesn't it? That's what the rich man was doing. "NO, father Abraham;

BUT if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent." You see, the rich man, like your kids, knew better than Abraham. He was not satisfied with the sometimes think response that his brothers needed to read the Bible. and so he offered his "better" solution with the word "But" to express its superiority.

Abraham calmly replied, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be per-

suaded though one rise from the dead" (16:31). There was one way for his brothers to come to know the truth and avoid the fiery torments, and if they ignored that one way, there was no other option that would alter their course.

Do we sometimes think we know better than God? Do we sometimes read God's expectations for us and think, "No. But this idea that I have would be better"? May God help us to learn from the rich man that we do not know better than God. May we read, accept, love and follow the Bible.



By Josh Blackmer

Holding Fast to What Is Good

We must

continually

choose to hold

on to these

things.

How do we know what is good or bad? Hebrews tells us that we can "exercise our senses to discern between good and evil" (Heb. 5:14). It is that ability that helps us stay clear of the traps and temptations this world throws at us. The fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, when con-

sumed, removed innocence and required the consumer to forever discern between good and evil. Paul, in his first letter to Thessalonica, encouraged them to, "Hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21). In that chapter he lists several good things that we should hold on to.

- 1) Hold on to your leaders (1 Thess. 5:12-13a; 1 Cor. 16:15-18; Heb. 13:17; Col. 4:12).
- 2) Hold on to peace (1 Thess. 5:13b; 2 Cor. 13:11; Rom. 12:18; 14:19; 16:19-20; Phil. 4:4-7).
- 3) Hold on to those who are struggling with their faith (1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:1; Luke 22:32).
- 4) Hold on to a kind spirit or right doing (1 Thess. 5:15; Rom. 12:21; Gal. 5:22-23).
- 5) Hold on to happiness and a sense of well-being (1 Thess. 5:16; Acts 13:52; John 16:22; Matt. 25:21).
- 6) Hold on to prayer (1 Thess. 5:17; Phil. 4:6-7).

- 7) Hold on to gratitude (1 Thess. 5:18; 1 Tim. 4:3; Rev. 4:9; 1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14; Psa. 50:14).
- 8) Hold on to the spiritual life and its values (1 Thess. 5:19; Col. 1:8; Col. 3:1-3).
- 9) Hold on to sound doctrine (1 Thess. 5:20; 2 Tim. 3:16; Jas. 1:21; Tit. 2:1).
- 10) Hold on to a discerning mind (1 Thes. 5:21a; 1 John 4:1).
 - 11) Hold on to the good (1 Thess. 5:21b).
 - 12) Hold on to a hate for sin, not for sinners (1 Thess. 5:22; Jude 23; Psa. 97:10).

This is the result of holding on to these things. "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23). Whenever

you find a good thing, what do you do with it? Do you hide it away or share it with others? Do you treat it as a common item or protect it? In much the same way these good things need to be shared, protected and cherished. Holding on to these good things is not a one-time act. We must continually choose these good things, and others like them, over any other. Look for these good things in your life and help others find the same. How hard would you try to hold on if your life or the life of your loved one was at risk? Let us go and do likewise.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Is a person defined by their faith or their mistakes?

If I ask you to think of a well-known Bible story about David and another Bible character, what would first come to mind—David and Goliath (in 1 Samuel 17) OR David and Bathsheba (in 2 Samuel 11)? Which of those events most defines the life of David? If I ask you to think of a well-known Bible story about

Peter's three-fold expression of his feelings toward Jesus, what account would first come to mind—Peter denying Jesus three times (in Luke 22:54-62) OR Peter affirming his love for Jesus three times (in John 21:15-17)? Which of those events most defines the life of Peter?

Sometimes a person's failures are what we (as humans) remember, but what God focuses on is what the person does after their mistakes! In deep grief (Psa. 51), David said, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam. 12:13), and Peter penitently "went out and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:61).

We all sin. Is that what defines us? Maybe to man, but in God's eyes, it's what we do after we sin that matters! Let us focus on that! -DS

God will finish His work

The apostle Paul was trying to encourage the brethren in Philippi and was wanting them to continue to find true joy in serving Christ. Sometimes it is easy for the world to distract us and cause us to forget all of the reasons that we have to rejoice as Christians. Among the many great joys that we have in Christ is this reminder: "Being confident of this very thing, that He

who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

If you are IN Christ, then remain confident that God "has begun a good work IN you." He is at work in you, "both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12-13). His power is at work

within us (Eph. 3:20-21), for His Word is "effectively" at work in us (1 Thess. 2:13).

Secondly, remain confident that if God has "begun a good work in you" that He "will complete it until the day of Christ." God is not going to give up on you! God doesn't have any quit in Him! He will finish what He started! So, the question is, Will you? Let's find true joy in Him! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Pete Brown now at home and doing better

Judy Carmack experiencing horrible pain in her hip and leg

Linda Coe pain and swelling in her knees, ultrasound on her leg

Mike Ellis having shoulder surgery on March 28

Tim Fry recovering at home from double bypass surgery

Eva Fulton dealing with chronic infections

Trudie Holland hospitalized with a crack in one of her pelvic bones

Sylvester Jackson JFK Medical Center, recovering from stents surgery

Judie Jenkins Jupiter Medical Center, reverse shoulder replacement

Rose Martens now at home, NO visitors please

Betty Sanders dealing with stage 4 colon cancer

Jettie Sweetenburg finished her treatments for her lung cancer for now

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Joan Alberga Ally Alberga's mother, health continues to decline

Brian Harvey Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, prostate cancer

Delores Sims Jimmie Banks' mother, new chemo treatments

Julie Swindler Tim Mahlbacher's sister, is now cancer free

Ongoing Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Judy Carmack multiple health issues

Robin Landen multiple health issues

John Loftis back pain, weakness

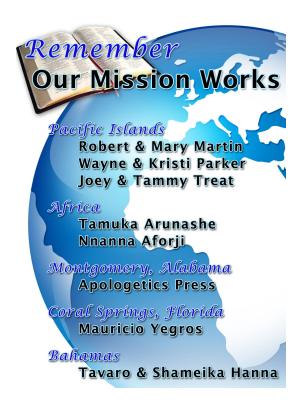
Joel Ramirez dialysis treatments

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



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday-Wednesday, March 26-29

• Gospel Meeting hosted by Clewiston. Dan Jenkins will be speaking each night at 7:00 p.m. (Monday-Wednesday).

Sunday, March 26

• **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Monday, March 27

NO Monday Night Bible Study.

Tuesday, March 28

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

Saturday, April 1

 Ladies' Day hosted by Sixth Street from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Becky Blackmon and Jo Ann Beasley will be speaking. Coffee and pastries will be served at 8:45 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

Monday, April 3

 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, April 7

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

Friday-Sunday, April 14-16

• Father/Son Retreat at CFBC. This year's theme is "Under Construction." Cost is \$45 per person. Sign up at www.cfbiblecamp.org.

Sunday, April 16

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

Young Adults

Saturday, April 1

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Victor & Sandy Colage. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, April 3

 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, April 21

 Ladies & Lattes at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Misty Hayes. 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.

Monday, May 1

 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.



Sunday, March 26

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Saturday, April 8

Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. & Sr. High Youth at 10:00 a.m. RSVP by April 6 and sign up to bring a food item: https://signup.com/go/Haagaac. There will be games and activities following the hunt. Jr. & Sr. High should arrive at 9:15 a.m. and bring 3 dozen filled plastic eggs (no chocolate in eggs; it will melt). See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, April 16

Youth & Family Singing after evening worship.

PALM BEACH LAKES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Men's Worship Service Assignments - April 2023

	April 2 ^(C)	April 9 (A)	April 16 ^(A)	April 23 ^(L)	April 30 ^(A)
Morning Worship S	Service				
Song Leader	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly	Dion Hayes	Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer	Dan Fuller	Jimmie Banks	Philip Porter	Gary Jenkins	Jeff Leslie
Scripture Reader	Freddie Gadson	James Green	Douglas Alvarenga	Dan Fuller	Jim Rogers
Presiding at Table	David Lord	Jeff Leslie	Willie Smith	Dan McLeod	Kirk Crews
Serving at Table	Ed Buonadonna	Kane Campbell	Namdidie Ikon	Ed Buonadonna	Connor Goodale
	Cris Cuevas	Lance Collier	Richard Kelley	Cris Cuevas	Jeff Goodale
	Devin Eutsey	Kameron Heitler	Steward Lynch	Andres Fernandez	Graysen Hayes
	Andres Fernandez	Hunter Hinton	Tim Mahlbacher	Edward Gager	Kameron Heitler
	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Jack Holoman	John Patrick	Daniel Lord	Hunter Hinton
	Gary Jenkins	Joe Maloney	Nicholas Pietro	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jack Holoman
	David Perez	Islay Rodriguez	Taylor Reeves	Benny Rodgers	Joseph Snyder
	Chuck Reeves, Jr.	Jim Rogers	Vincent Rogers	Darin Summerlot	Cristian Suarez
	Islay J. Rodriguez	Cristian Suarez	Ricky Smith	Dirk Summerlot	Ivan Villard
	Brandan Widner	Marty Williams	Nahum Villard	Daniel Swayne	Marty Williams
Closing Prayer	Dirk Summerlot	Jeff Goodale	Orlando Lolo	Bill Ingram, Jr.	Johnny Davis

Evening Worship Service							
Song Leader	Dan McLeod	Ivan Villard	Ivan Villard	Stephen Beliech			
Opening Prayer	Eugene Williams	John Hoelzer	Stephen Beliech	Paul Metzkes	Young Men Conducting PM		
Scripture Reader	Daniel Swayne	Graysen Hayes	Tom Garrison	Addison Collins			
Presiding at Table	Paul Metzkes	Michael Ellis	Novel Brown	Bob Higbee			
Serving at Table	Daniel Wagner	Connor Goodale	Troy Alberga	David Perez	Worship Service		
	Leonard Williams	Jim Davis	Trey Higbee	Islay J. Rodriguez			
Closing Prayer	David Brown	Mike Archer	Richard Watson	Daniel Wagner			

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

Service Assignments (Sunday & Wednesday)					
Safety	Darin Summerlot	Mike Damron	Rick Hall	Brandan Widner	Jimmie Banks
Usher Addison Collins		Michael Erickson	Tim Cox	Devin Eutsey	Lance Collier
	Edward Gager	Lawrence Williams	Tyler Williams	Eugene Williams	Islay Rodriguez

Service Coordinator (Sunday Morning & Evening)					
	Bob Higbee	Eugene Williams	Mike Damron	lRick Hall	Tim Cox (AM) Josh Blackmer (PM)

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

Sunday Morning - Meet in Grade 6-8 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, March 19

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. Tommy Benford; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Nancy Bustani; Mr. & Mrs. Cy & Maria Cox & family; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. & Mrs. Tracy & Michelle Immekus; Mr. Don McClintock; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Ms. Heroilda Santiago; and Mrs. Trellini Smith.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Ms. Darlene Cooper, St. Charles, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Ms. Phyllis Deaton; Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Kimberly Dodd, Daniel Crews & Connor, Corinth, MS; Mr. Randy Green, St. Charles, MO; Ms. Jean Immekus, Cuba, MO; Mr. Andrew Jenkins, Melbourne, FL; Miss Jasmine Matthews, Boynton Beach, FL; Mrs. Lori Nixon, Nashville, TN; and Mr. & Mrs. Buddy & Linda Williams, Nashville, TN.



Thank you for the many prayers you prayed for Beth and me during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. I continue to feel God's love and hand in all of this. Also, thank you for the many cards and notes and words of encouragement. Your love and kindness is amazing. Thank you!

Love, Tim Fry



Sunday, March 26th Bobby & Cynthia Ingraham (Ann.)

Friday, March 31st Gary & Karen Lester (Ann.)

Monday, March 27th Jerry Pittman

Saturday, April 1st **Taylor Reeves**

Wednesday, March 29th Cruz Fernandez

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, March 26

SingingGary Friedly Opening Prayer.....Novel Brown Scripture Reading..... Phil Porter Singing Lord's Supper......Victor Colage Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing PrayerDouglas Alvarenga

Serve at Table:

Namdidie Ikon Robert Mariano Richard Kelley John Patrick Orlando Lolo Nicholas Pietro Steward Lynch **Taylor Reeves** Tim Mahlbacher Willie Smith

Sunday Evening, March 26

Singing	Dan McLeod
Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Tyler Williams
Singing	
Lord's Supper	Tom Garrison
Contribution	
Singing	
Sermon	
Singing	
Closing Prayer	Ricky Smith
Serve at Table:	
Troy Alberga	Tim Frv
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Audio this week: David Brown Computer this week: Ivan Villard Video this week: Scott Studer

Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Vincent Rogers Service Coordinator: Tim Cox Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard

Wednesday Evening, March 29

Singing	Daniel Wagner
Invitation	Ivan Villard
Family Prayer	Richard Watson

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 19	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	168	163
Sun. AM Worshi	275	253
Sun. PM Worship	113	116
Wed. Bible Study	/ 151	128
Contribution	\$19,453	\$16,143

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450 Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$12,812



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



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

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What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you (John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you (Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you (Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you (Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you (1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you (Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you (Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)

What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why



Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)