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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

A Chapter A Day

This Week's Reading:

Colossians 3 -
1 Thessalonians 3



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A Parenting Seminar

with Wayne & Tami Roberts



In His Steps

Teaching Your Kids to Walk with Jesus

Saturday, September 16

- 9:00 a.m.** That First Step - The Goal of Parenting: Righteousness
10:15 a.m. Breakout: **Wearing Mommy/Daddy Shoes**
(Separate Class for Men & Women)
11:15 a.m. **Teaching Them to Tie Their Own Shoes** - Discipline
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Shoe Shine Activity
1:00 p.m. Breakout: **Taking Big Steps** - Difficult Parenting
(Separate Class for Men & Women)
2:00 p.m. **More First Steps Ahead** - Seasons of Parenting
3:00 p.m. **Steps to Follow** - What We've Learned
3:30 p.m. Dismissal

*"It's not just about
the steps they take in this life,
but the steps that lead them
beyond this life."*



Wayne & Tami Roberts
Houston, Texas



By Dan Jenkins

Amen and Amen

The word “amen” is found so often in the Bible, but we can so easily overlook just how often it appears. It is of Hebrew origin and became part of the Greek vocabulary. The Hebrew word is found 30 times in the Old Testament and 132 times in the New Testament and is so often simply brought over into the English Bible and translated as, “Amen.” So, if you know this and ever use this word, you are literally speaking three languages. However, we sometimes use words without understanding what they mean.

The word simply means “let it be true” or “it is true.” We often end our public prayers using this word and then the congregation will be part of repeating this word. The Bible shows that in the early church they said this word indicating that they had listened to the prayer, they understood the meaning of the petitions made to God and it was not just the prayer of the one leading the prayer, but it was their prayer also (1 Cor. 14:16). I try to do this in every prayer I hear others pray, but most often it is silent. If the fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16), think of the power of a righteous church!

One point that can so easily be overlooked is the responsibility of the one who leads the prayer. Sometimes those who lead the prayer at Palm Beach Lakes speak so softly that it

is impossible for those who are in the audience to hear what is said. Prayers are not more “holy” because we speak softly and those who lead should remember this. I am thankful for the sound system we have, but it simply cannot amplify softer voices. A failure to realize this negates what God had in mind for public prayers. Imagine a sermon being preached, in such soft tones that few were able to hear it. In our Leadership Training Camp for our young people, we strongly urge them to speak so that the person on the back row could hear.

**Are you aware
that Jesus uses
the Greek word
“amen” more
than 100 times?**

I remember in those early years in the establishment of the church in Fiji, I did not speak Fijian, but I quickly learned the Fijian word for “amen.” The Fijians obviously knew and used this Hebrew/Greek/English word, but sometimes they used the Fijian word which I had never heard. As I was preaching, Fijians were so moved by God’s truth that they would say, “*sa dina*.” It literally means “it is true.” When I learned the meaning, it was so encouraging to hear the affirmation of the truth of the gospel spoken by these Christians.

Jesus used this Greek word 103 times in the gospel accounts. We may not be aware of this, but it is Jesus’ way of teaching the truth and then affirming that what I have said is truth, and I want to affirm that “it is truth.” What we may not realize is that in the gospel accounts it is translated as “verily.” We will say more about this next week.



By David Sproule

Salvation: It Requires Confession of Faith

There are some who question there being multiple steps and conditions required for salvation. However, “the way of man is not in himself,” for “it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jer. 10:23). God is the author of salvation (Heb. 5:9), so we must respect and obey whatever conditions He specifies (and as many as He stipulates).

In order to be saved from his sins, man relies on God to do His part (which He has done and is doing), but man must fulfill the part that God has designed for him. As we have noted, that requires faith in Christ and repentance from sins (Acts 16:31; 17:30). Still, a sinner has not yet reached the promise of salvation from sin. The Bible also calls upon man to CONFESS HIS FAITH.

The New Testament does teach to “confess your sins to one another” (Jas. 5:16), but that instruction is given to Christians (after they have been saved), and there is no verse that requires alien sinners to confess their sins to anyone in order to be saved. But confession of faith is required.

There are numerous passages that place an emphasis on this confession. Paul wrote to Timothy of that occasion when the young man had “confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Tim. 6:12). That “good

confession” is the occasion when one would “confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus,” making the verbal expression of the heart that one believes “God has raised [Christ] from the dead” (Rom. 10:9; cf. Phil. 2:11). Peter confessed, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16; cf. Acts 8:37).

**“You are the
Christ, the Son of
the living God.”**

Such a confession of faith is tied directly to one’s salvation. As Timothy had “confessed...in the presence of many witnesses,” so Jesus said that the one who “confesses Me before men” (obviously, a public confession leading to conversion), “him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32). Paul emphasizes, “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10). There is no affirmation of the heart more precious than this!

Without a public confession of faith, one cannot be saved. Jesus acknowledged that fact in the verse following the promise of His own confession to His Father of those who confess Him. He warned, “But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 10:33).

Every step in God’s plan has a purpose. One must be willing to publicly acknowledge his faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. Still, he is not saved yet. The Lord has yet one more step required of him, in order to have his sins forgiven.



By Robert Lupo

The Faith of a Widow

For the last few years, America has had a struggling economy. One look at gas prices or a trip to the supermarket will show that there is a lot of uncertainty these days. To deal with this, many of us are giving much more attention to how we spend our time and money. We are weighing our priorities and are cutting out the things we see as less important. Where are we placing our priorities?

In 1 Kings 17:8-16, God told the prophet Elijah to go to Zerephath and meet a widow whom God had prepared to provide for him. When Elijah met her, he did as he was told and asked for water and a morsel of bread. We learn in verse 12 that this was no small request. All she had left was a little flour and oil (barely enough for her and her son). She told Elijah, "I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." This woman was not just in a difficult situation, she was in the most dire circumstance you could find yourself. And, their hope was so low that the widow had already accepted their fate.

Elijah understood her apprehension. So, he comforted her and told her that God is going to perform a miracle. If she is willing to put her faith in God and serve, Elijah promised,

**All she had left
was a little flour
and oil...**

"The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth" (v. 14). So, the widow obeyed, and sure enough, God kept His promise (v. 13-16).

As Christians, we have a great responsibility to provide for our families. 1 Timothy 5:8 tells us, "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." However, we also have responsibilities to the church. In Jesus Christ, we have been given freedom from sin and God expects us to use our liberty to serve one another. In Galatians 5:13, Paul says, "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

While our duty to our families is important, we cannot allow our worries to keep us from making time for the church. We need to remember that God has promised to take care of our needs (Matt. 6:25-32). Despite the circumstances our country is currently in, few of us, if any, can say that we have ever been in as dire a situation as the widow from Zerephath. We need to have faith like hers. Whatever we may face, we must remember that God is faithful to keep His promises. So, do not let your worries keep you from doing the work of the church.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

She arose and served

Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law is one of those fascinating miracles of Christ, and it is only given a very few verses in Scripture (Matt. 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31; Luke 4:38-39). The text says that she was sick with a high fever and had been laying in the bed for a while. Jesus came, rebuked the fever, took her by the hand, and the fever left her.

The text uses the word "immediately" twice. Mark tells us that "immediately the fever left her" (1:31). The power of Jesus was instantaneous—she was made well right then. What would she do? Lay in bed for the rest of the day, recovering and regaining strength, asking family to tend to her needs, until she could get back on her feet?

Luke tells us, "And immediately she arose and served" (4:39). Mark and Luke indicate that she served "them," but Matthew emphasizes that she served "Him" (i.e., Jesus). Jesus did more than heal you of fever! He healed you of the spiritual disease of sin! Will you... "immediately" arise to...serve...Him? Thank you, Peter's mother-in-law, for teaching us that lesson! – DS



It became known

The city of Joppa was a natural harbor along the Mediterranean coast and was a well-traveled commercial seaport. When the beloved Dorcas became sick and died, the disciples sent for Peter in nearby Lydda. Peter travelled about 10 miles to Joppa and did the unthinkable...the amazing...the thrilling—he raised Dorcas from the dead. Would you believe that nobody really cared and that the news of that miracle never went beyond Dorcas' home? Of course not!

The Bible says that the news of Dorcas being raised from the dead "became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord" (Acts 9:42). How did the news become known? By Facebook posts? The six o'clock news? NO! You know it happened by word of mouth! The disciples could not contain their excitement!

Friends, what will it take for "it to become known" to our neighborhoods, our cities, our world that Jesus Christ has been raised from the dead? It is up to the mouths of the writer and readers of these words! May we have the excitement they had in Joppa! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Lucy Bond	heart valve replacement surgery on 9/7 at JFK Medical
Linda Coe	knee replacement surgery scheduled for Oct. 2
Mattie Cox	surgery to remove a kidney tumor on September 18
Terri Hahn	now a resident at Gardens Court (room 214)
Mary A. Jackson	having heart problems and is having tests this week
Dan Johnson	discharged from the hospital
Dick Kelley	dealing with very low blood pressure
Carolyn Kemp	under Hospice Care in a nursing home in Titusville
Sherri Richmond	having a thyroidectomy on September 11
Yolanda Stewart	recovering from surgery
Amy West	undergoing chemo treatments

Ongoing Health Issues

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Louie Bone	Betty Davis' brother, had another seizure, now at home
Kyle Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's son, at home, blood clot in liver
Brian Harvey	Allison Snyder & Lisa Suarez's father, cancer treatments
Cynthia Hayes	Dion Hayes' mother, surgery for nerve issue in her head
Delores Sims	Jimmie Banks' mother, undergoing radiation treatments

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, September 10

- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Friday, September 15

- ♦ **Ladies & Lattes** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Reanna Lupo. 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, September 16

- ♦ **Parenting Seminar with Wayne & Tami Roberts** from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend, especially those with young children.

Saturday, September 16 (cont.)

- ♦ **Ladies' Day hosted by Concord Street** from 8:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The theme is *"Through the Lens of the Cross."* See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, September 17

- ♦ **Combined Bible Class** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults in the Auditorium. Wayne Roberts will be our guest speaker for class and morning worship.
- ♦ **Leadership Training Course** at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 1-2. All members are welcome to attend this class.

Monday, September 18

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 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, September 22

- ♦ **Benefit Dinner for Central Florida Bible Camp** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/person or \$50/couple. See Peggy Hall to RSVP and to pay for your ticket (561-373-0940). See the bulletin board for more details.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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Saturday, September 30

- ♦ **Door-Knocking in Perrine.** The whole PBL congregation is invited to help this small congregation. We will leave PBL at 8:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, September 10

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Friday, September 22

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Hangout** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo. Pizza will be provided.

Was David Really a Man After God's Heart?

by Wayne Jackson



“How can God describe David as a man ‘after my own heart’ (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22) when he did all of those wicked things that are recorded in the Bible about him?”

That David's life was considerably flawed, as we view the matter from the lofty mountains of New Testament morality, admits of no doubt. But there are several issues that must be taken into consideration in assessing his life in a balanced way.

(1) David's life must be viewed, first of all, in its historical context. He lived in that “moonlight” period of the Mosaic dispensation. Those were rugged times, relatively primitive, especially compared to the greater revelation of the era of Jesus Christ. It is, therefore, unfair to judge him by the exalted standard of New Testament ethics.

(2) The biblical record does not attempt to veneer his blunders. It honestly and openly throws the floodlight upon both his triumphs and his tragedies. This impartiality is clear evidence of the inspiration of the sacred Scriptures.

(3) David had periods of egregious weakness (e.g., his sin with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah). He was brutal at times – God forbade him to build the temple because of his violence. Certainly he was less than ideal as a father.

But one thing is certain – he had a soul that could be touched with truth. He was unafraid to admit his transgressions. He broke his own heart by his lapses of spirituality. One only has to read his psalms of penitence (e.g., Psa. 32; 51) to sample the tenderness that adorned his spirit.

It was not so much, then, the nature of his sins (grievous as they were) that is significant; rather, it was what he *did* about those blemishes when confronted with the crude reality of them (cf. 2 Sam. 12:13ff).

(4) David's life is not to be judged exclusively in terms of its valleys of failure, but rather the whole landscape must be surveyed. Whatever may be said of some of his awful deeds, it is acknowledged by most that his deportment was one of progress. Even Thomas Carlyle, a bitter critic of organized Christianity, described David's life in complimentary terms. Of the shepherd king's psalms, Carlyle wrote:

“I consider [these] to be the truest emblem ever given us of a man's moral progress and warfare here below. All earnest souls will ever discern in it [the book of Psalms] the faithful struggle of an earnest human soul towards what is good and best. Struggle often baffled – sore baffled – driven as into entire wreck; yet a struggle never ended, ever with tears, repentance, true unconquerable purpose begun anew” (“Heroes and Hero-Worship,” p. 72; as quoted in McClintock & Strong, *Cyclopedia*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1968, II, p. 699).

In considering the matter of David's legacy, it might be well for those critics, who negatively assess the great king's character – 3,000 years removed from the events – to reflect upon how the Hebrews viewed the history of David. The common expressions “city of David,” “seed of David,” “throne of David,” and “house of David,” are testimonies to the stature of the man – in spite of his mistakes. The fact that Jesus acknowledged himself as the “son of David” is, in itself, a commentary on the greater status of the celebrated king (cf. Mt. 22:42ff; cf. 12:23; 21:9,15).

In view, then, of these various aspects of the biblical narrative, it is not difficult to see how David might be judged overall as a great religious leader.

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
September 3

Thank You 

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am sending my deepest and sincerest appreciation for all that has been done for me. Thank you so very much for the calls, texts, visits, attempted visits, rides, errands done, beautiful and thoughtful cards, delicious and bountiful food, gift cards and especially the prayers to our Heavenly Father. I am very grateful for your Christian love and God's providential care.

In Christian love,
Judy Carmack

"Love cures people, both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it." Thank you for the prayers that went out for me during my sickness.

John Patrick

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Terrence Breaux; Ms. Careen Ellis; Mr. Alton Ellis; Mr. Justin Kelly, Jr.; Mr. Gabriel Langley; Mr. Satyris Lynch; Mr. Rai Masuda; Mr. Don McClintock; Mr. & Mrs. Patrick & Nikki O'Hanlon; Mr. David Payne, II; Miss Rachel Payne; Ms. Maleena Rodriguez; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mrs. Trellini Smith; and Mr. Jean Robert, Nahum, Chilay & Kayla St. Hilaire.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mrs. Kelly Idema, Cody, WY and Mr. David Payne, Oneida, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, September 10th
Debi Watson

Thursday, September 14th
Josh Blackmer
Taylor Hayes

Monday, September 11th
Mario & Marcia Clough-Moss (A.)

Saturday, September 16th
Justilien & Adelene Honore (A.)
Peggy Hall

Tuesday, September 12th
Darin Summerlot



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Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards to Mount Dora Children's Home. The total amount given was approximately \$1,400 to Wal-Mart & Wawa.

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 Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.***

Sunday Morning, September 10

Singing Robert Lupo
Lord's Supper Richard Watson
Singing
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Scripture Reading Taylor Reeves
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Willie Smith

Serve at Table:

Namddie Ikon	Robert Mariano
Todd Juckett	John Patrick
Richard Kelley	Cayden Scriven
Steward Lynch	Ryan Smedberg
Tim Mahlbacher	Seth Watson

Sunday Evening, September 10

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Phil Porter
Scripture Reading Victor Colage
Singing
Lord's Supper Tim Fry
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Ricky Smith

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour Rick Hall

Audio this week: David Brown

Computer this week: Cris Cuevas

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, September 13

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Johnny Davis
Family Prayer Kirk Crews

Our Record

Attendance	Sep. 3	Aug. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	152	175
Sun. AM Worship	272	255
Sun. PM Worship	118	119
Wed. Bible Study	116	126
Contribution	\$20,622	\$16,871

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$16,929

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

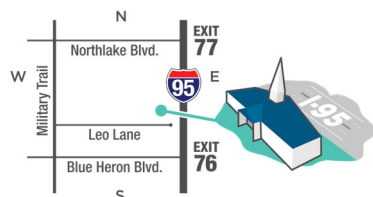
Ushers for this week: Tim Cox & Vincent Rogers
Safety Team for this week: Nahum Villard



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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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Theme: "In His Steps"

September 17

Guest Speaker in the Morning: Wayne Roberts

September 30

Door-Knocking for Perrine Congregation

October 14

Trunk-or-Treat

October 22

New Bible Classes Begin

October 28

Congregational Work Day

November 2-5

27th Annual South Florida Lectureship