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Assurances for Christians *from First John*

What a Great Lectureship Weekend!





By Dan Jenkins

Goads and Nails

When God heard young Solomon's request, He responded and gave him wisdom above all men. "All of the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon" (1 Kings 4:34). The wisest king "...sought to find acceptable words" (Ecc. 12:10) and then wrote these words, so by reading them we can share in his wisdom. Those who read these words of wisdom and write them in their hearts are men who truly are wise. Consider how Solomon regarded the words of the Bible.

Solomon knew these words were true. When Solomon sought to find the acceptable words to convey the wisdom and then wrote them down, he described them as being "...upright, words of truth" (Ecc. 12:10). Solomon's father, David, had said, "Your law is truth...all Your commandments are truth...the entirety of Your word is truth" (Psa. 119:142, 151, 160). To be wise, we must know the words of the Bible are truth.

Solomon knew these words were from God. Look again at the words of Solomon in Ecclesiastes chapter twelve. "The words of the wise...are given by one Shepherd" (v. 10). God is that one and only Shepherd and He cannot lie. Solomon knew that "...nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it" (Ecc. 3:14). Wise men know the source of truth.

Solomon uses two phrases describing the Bible—goads and nails

Solomon knew these words would keep us close to God. He uses an illustration people of his day knew so well when he describes the words of God as being like an ox goad. "The words of the wise are like goads" (Ecc. 12:11). To appreciate this, remember that a goad was a large wooden pole sharpened on one end. It was used to keep beasts doing the will of the farmer who used that point to prick the legs of the ox and ensure they went in the right direction.

Now think of this figurative language to see that the Bible is the way God's encourages men to go in the right direction. We have free will and can "kick against the prick" (see Acts 9:5), but this always is hard and harms us.

Solomon knew that these words were permanent. He said that they "...were like well driven nails" (Ecc. 12:11). I am sure that the "nails" of his day were different from those we use today, but think of how buildings are held together today with those large nails. When my house was being built almost forty years ago, I remember watching the builder driving the nails that would ensure the roof was firmly attached to the walls. They were well driven and have withstood several hurricanes. God's word will firmly anchor your life to Him and help you in the storms of your life.

We are wise when we live by the words of the wisest man who received them from the God of all wisdom.



By David Sproule

The Only Way to Get Rid of Daniel

Daniel was in his mid-80s. He had been taken captive by the Babylonian warrior-king Nebuchadnezzar when he was just a teenager, and he had lived through the entire 70-year captivity (Jer. 29:10). Then, under Darius the Mede, Daniel was again promoted to a high position in the kingdom, as one of the king's three governors, "and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm" (Dan. 6:1-3).

The other governors and satraps wanted Daniel out of the way, so they first "sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful" (6:4). Well, if there wasn't "any error or fault found in him" when it came to the kingdom, their only other alternative (and guaranteed option) was to find a "charge against this Daniel...concerning the law of his God" (6:5). What a reputation Daniel had! His enemies knew that Daniel would not violate the will of God!

So they devised a scheme by which they lied to the king (for not "All" of the governors agreed to their plan, as Daniel was one of the governors) and convinced the king to sign a decree that made it a capital crime to pray to the God of heaven, punishable by death in the den of lions (6:6-9). Once it was signed, his enemies knew they had him!

He knew that it was now illegal for him to practice his faith.

Verse 10 tells us that "Daniel knew that the writing was signed." He knew that the ruling officials were after him and were trying to bring him down. He knew that it was now illegal for him to practice his faith.

But that did NOT stop Daniel. HE opened his windows (i.e., he was not going to hide his faith and his obedience to his God) and he prayed. Not only that, in the face of everything that was going on, he "gave thanks before his God" (6:10).

Friends, there is a certain segment of our society that is working behind the scenes and in front of our faces to (1) make it difficult for Christians to live out their Christian faith, or (2) at the very least, to make Christians uncomfortable to live out their Christian faith.

Will we yield (Gal. 2:5)? Will we permit shame to enter our hearts (2 Tim. 1:12)? Will we question our God (Psa. 43:1-8)? Will we let doubts arise (Jas. 1:6)? Will we conform to this world (Rom. 12:2)? Will we begin to approve of things that are not right in the eyes of God (Rom. 1:32)? Will we put our trust in our God (Prov. 3:5-6)? Will we be even more diligent to grow in our faith (2 Pet. 1:5-11)? Will we learn to be thankful, even in difficult times (Eph. 5:20)? Will we be determined to obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29)? Will we be like Daniel in all of these ways, more concerned about the law and will of God than of man?



By Robert Lupo

Just One More Political Ad

THAT WAS A JOKE! This year brought a new level of political distraction. For the last several months, our phones have been bombarded with text message after text message from politicians trying to gain our vote. It was annoying and a huge waste of time!

The discussion of politics has grown into an ever-present beast of distraction. I remember a time when presidential candidates campaigned for only the year of the election. Now, it is nonstop campaigning year after year. I don't know about you, but I have given up way too much time to politicians.

Now that the election is over, it's a good time to refocus our attention. In Matthew 6:33, Jesus tells us exactly what our priority should be. He says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..." If we truly believe the Bible and that we have eternal souls, then the only thing that matters is where we will spend that eternity. So, the number one thing that should be on our minds is getting to heaven.

In the verses leading up to this amazing statement, the Lord exposes the problems with placing our priorities elsewhere. Whether we are talking about prioritizing possessions, money, or daily needs, Jesus is clear that, in the end, none of

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them are more important than your eternal destiny.

In verses 19-23, Jesus talks about "treasures on earth" (AKA: possessions). They may bring plenty of temporary convenience or entertainment, but they all share the same fate. Eventually "...Moth and rust destroy..." or "...thieves break in and steal" (v. 20). Many choose to satisfy their wants instead of serving others. What possessions matter in eternity?

In verse 24, Jesus brings our attention to money. Money is exchanged for just about anything in this world. You need money in order to survive. So, to make sure we can live comfortably, we spend a lot of time making money and putting it away in banks or investments. But Jesus warns us, "You cannot serve God and mammon." Many people will put making the next buck before serving the church. How much money is your soul worth?

In verses 25-32, Jesus takes this concept to its ultimate degree—daily needs. Some things are necessary to live. He summarizes them as what we eat, drink, and wear. Jesus says "...do not worry...For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (vv. 31-32). Many cannot accept that even our needs cannot take priority. If we trust in God to take care of us in eternity, then we must trust Him to take care of us in life.

A lot of things have taken our attention. Let's refocus our priorities and put the kingdom of God first in our lives.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Waiting to be asked

It is certainly easier to sit back and watch (and wait), rather than jump up, jump in and take the initiative to act. But, what is the proper behavior of one who belongs to Christ?

Do you sit back at work and just wait to be asked to do something? What about at home? Do you just wait to be asked to help out before you get up and help? What do you do for the Lord's church? Do you just wait for someone to ask you to do something, and if no one asks you, then you do earthly things to fill your time? What about in your daily Christian life? Do you ever step up, step in and take the initiative to act for the Lord?

The easiest path is not always the right path (Matt. 7:13-14), in any situation or relationship or responsibility. Go back to the first question; "What is the proper behavior of one who belongs to Christ?" One answer: Look at Christ and follow His example (1 Pet. 2:21)! Jesus took the initiative! He loved, He served, He even died, all without being asked to do so! Be like Jesus—don't wait to be asked! – DS



"I didn't get anything out of that!"

Imagine someone coming out of the gym and saying, "I didn't get anything out of that!" Well, sir, did you put forth any effort while you were there? "No, I just went in, sat down for a while, and then left." Well, no wonder you didn't get anything out of that! Imagine someone else coming out of a restaurant and saying, "I didn't get anything out of that!" Well, sir, did you put forth any effort while you were there? "No, I just went in, sat down for a while, and then left." Well, no wonder you didn't get anything out of that!

Imagine yet someone else coming out of a worship assembly and saying, "I didn't get anything out of that!" Well, sir, did you put forth any effort while you were there? "No, I just went in, sat down for a while, and then left." Well, no wonder you didn't get anything out of that!

God designed worship to take effort! It is an action verb (John 4:23-24; Matt. 4:10)! And He did not design worship to primarily focus on what the worshiper gets OUT of it, but rather what the worshiper puts INTO his/her active worship of the all-deserving God of heaven! Think about it! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Stephen Beliech	recovering from second cataract surgery
Lucy Bond	dealing with health issues
Jeff Goodale	recovering from an outpatient procedure
Patricia Hackshaw	in the hospital undergoing tests
Joan Holloway	Jupiter Medical Center, infection and respiratory issues
Ophelia Holmes	undergoing tests on her lungs
Dick Kelley	showing some signs of slow improvement
Owen Miley	recovering at home from hospitalization, doing better
Joyce Parker	dealing with several health issues
Henry Williams	dealing with ongoing eye problems
Samuel Williams	undergoing rehab

Ongoing Health Issues

Judy Carmack	chronic 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	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Kasandra Jones
Zula Garrett	Betty Matter
Dick Haines	Joyce Parker
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Loretta Holaday	Maurine Reed
Joan Holloway	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Kaia Buonadonna	Ed & Jeannie's granddaughter, respiratory infection
John Lord	David Lord's father, stage 4 prostate cancer
Chuck Reeves, Sr.	Chuck Reeves, Jr.'s father, chemo/radiation treatments
Greg Ryan	Lynne Jorgensen's son, cancer, continues to improve

Remember Our Mission Works

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker

Africa
Nnanna Aforji
Tamuka Arunashe

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna

United States
Apologetics Press
Robert C. Lupo
Mauricio & Kayla Yegros

Answering Macedonian Calls
Josh & Cara Blackmer



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 17

- ♦ **EDP Meeting** at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **LAST His Kids Devotional for 2024** at 5:45 p.m. for Age 3 and up.

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 24

- ♦ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If you've never had your photo taken in the Family Room, if your photo needs to be updated, or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning services or before evening services by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, November 27

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room. All classes will meet in the Family Room for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Monday, December 2

- ♦ **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.

Thursday, December 5

- ♦ **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring soup, bread, dessert or a drink. Bring an ornament for the exchange, too. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Sunday, December 8

- ♦ **"Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age" with Joe Well.** These lessons will address the subject of parenting in this digital age and keeping our children safe online. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class at 9:00 a.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

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Friday, December 13

- ♦ **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, November 17

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lunch & Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if you want). Meet in the Family Room after worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver.
- ♦ **LAST His Kids Class for 2024** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, December 7

- ♦ **Holiday Party for Grades 5 & Under** at 10:00 a.m. There will be food, games and more! See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Saturday, December 14

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party** at 6:00 p.m. See Robert Lupo for details.

Tuesday, December 31

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-in** from 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. Bring \$5 for food. Chaperones are needed. See Robert Lupo for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ☆ Men's Meet b Pat Brown b Steward Lynch	3	4 b Guadalupe Tipton	5 ☆ Ladies' Soup Supper b Troy Alberga b Adrienna Gadson b Janice Osborne	6 b Cara Blackmer	7 ☆ Young Families Holiday Party b Jeannie Buonadonna b David Perez
8 ☆ "Connected: Parenting in the Digital Age" with Joe Wells	9 a Michael & Jean Archer a Jordan & Maria Beasley, III	10 b Carolina Medina	11 a Sylvester Jackson & Crystal Burroughs	12 a Robert & Reanna Lupo b Charlene Knowles b Brandon Widner	13 ☆ Young Adult Holiday Party	14 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Holiday Party b Tim Fry b Patricia Hackshaw b Daisy Lord b Juliette Mauvais
15	16	17	18 a Rick & Melinda Price	19 a Victor & Sandy Colage b Mary Quinn b Patricia Patterson	20 b Eugene Williams	21 b Islay Rodriguez, Sr. b Casey Widner
22 b Devin Eutsey b Emma Reeves	23 b Janice Cooley b David Lord	24	25 ☆ No Midweek Services	26	27 a Benny & Sarah Rodgers	28 b Dick Kelley
29 a Vince & Lovella Rogers a Ricky & Sarah Smedley b Linda Coe	30 b Ashley Balfour	31 ☆ Jr. High & Sr. High Lock-in				

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

Members Traveling
this week



 **Thank You**
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 10



Wedding Announcement

Congratulations to **Brandon Widner & Casey Bound**
who were married on Saturday, November 2.

It's girl!

Congratulations to **David & Natalie Perez** upon the
birth of **their daughter, Lola Anastasia**, on Friday, November 8,
weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.



Directory Changes

Betty Matter moved to Ohio.

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Carey Daniels; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas &
Young DiNetta; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mr. Justin Kelly, Jr.; Mr. &
Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss D.L. Moore; Mr. & Mrs. John
& Andrea Phillip; Miss Annie Polack; Ms. Carolyn Preston; Mr.
& Mrs. Hunter & Jewell Sanders; and Mr. Joshua Tull.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Terrance & Shenia
Brownlow-Dindy; College Station, TX; Miss Julie Charles, Hen-
derson, TN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Frank
& Elizabeth Hill, Orange Park, FL; Miss Meagan Metzkes, Tam-
pa, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Ryne & Rachel Valentin, Johnburg, IL.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Sunday, November 17th
Cristian & Lisa Suarez (Ann.)
Kelly Sproule

Wednesday, November 20th (cont.)
Emily McCall
Leonard Williams

Monday, November 18th
Diane Leslie
Natalie Reeves

Thursday, November 21st
Trevin Roman

Tuesday, November 19th
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)

Friday, November 22nd
Elizabeth Carter
Rosemarie Joseph
Rose Walker

Wednesday, November 20th
Freddie Gadson
Matthew Jones

Saturday, November 23rd
Dick & Marcia Kelley (Ann.)

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, November 17

Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
Singing Gary Friedly
Contribution Kirk Crews
Scripture Reading David Brown
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer Jimmie Banks

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews	Cayden Scriven
Michael Menendez	Joseph Snyder
John Patrick	Lawrence Williams
Vincent Rogers	Marty Williams

Sunday Evening, November 17

Singing Dion Hayes
Opening Prayer Ivan Villard
Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
Singing
Lord's Supper Eugene Williams
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Jeff Goodale

Serve at Table:

Jim Davis	Connor Goodale
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Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, November 20

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Willie Smith
Family Prayer Jeff Goodale

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 10	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	220	137
Sun. AM Worship	246	246
Sun. PM Worship	92	108
Wed. Bible Study	112	119
Contribution	\$15,760	\$16,122

2024 Weekly Budget: \$16,452

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$21,185

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

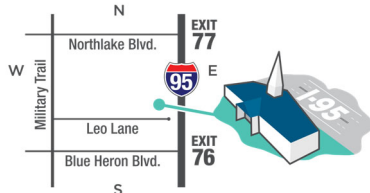
Ushers for this week: Michael Erickson & Islay Rodriguez
Safety Team for this week: Rick Hall



Palm Beach Lakes CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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: Addison Collins, Dirk Summerlot, Nahum Villard,
Edward Gager & Darin Summerlot

New Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

(THRU JAN. 5)

Lessons from First-Century Congregations

Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)

Young Adults: Encouraging Young Adults (Part 2)

K. Crews, T. Reeves & I. Villard (Adult 3)

Second Corinthians (Part 2)

David Sproule (Adult 1-2)

Jr. High & Sr. High: 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Robert Lupo & Kirk Crews

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 P.M.

(THRU JAN. 8)

The Miracles of Jesus

Richard Watson (Auditorium)

Lord, Make Me a Servant

Dan Fuller (Adult 1-2)

Jr. High & Sr. High: The Church of Christ

Robert Lupo & Darin Summerlot