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How will the Lord continue to use us in 2025?



By Dan Jenkins

His Glory in His Temple Is Not Found in Gold

Jerusalem was

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capacities

Last week we looked at the work David did to gather much of the material for the temple his son, Solomon, was to build. That temple was adorned magnificently because it was built by 183,000 laborers working for seven years. Read the details about it, and you will discover how much gold was

used to construct it. It was almost equal to all the gold in Ft. 6:7). In Knox. The estimated value for the cost of all material used to build the temple is \$240,381,000,000. The temple in

When Solomon dedicated the temple, the visible manifestation of God coming down and entering it was like what happened at Mt. Sinai when He entered the tabernacle. They literally saw the presence of God entering both of these buildings. Tragically, one great truth was overlooked by those who

later worshiped at the temple. It is a truth so many have failed to see in our day. The grandeur of that temple has nothing to do with its appearance. The greatness of that temple is that God was present within it. We would be so much wiser if we comprehended this truth.

What happened to that temple? A far greater question is why Nebuchadnezzar was used by God to destroy it and to carry its gold furnishings to Babylon. As you read how rapidly the Jews left God following Solomon's death you will readily

see the answer. For the next 300 years they worshipped idols (sometimes with the idols being brought into the temple) and there were only four righteous kings who ruled over them.

How did God respond to such gross mockery of His Holy Place and His Most Holy Place? God is good; He is merciful; He is longsuffering—but He is not mocked. "God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows that he shall also reap" (Gal. 6:7). In a vision, Ezekiel described what he saw just before the

temple was razed and the prophet shows why it happened.

Read Ezekiel 9-11 as he described what he saw. The glory of God departed from the ark of the covenant and its golden cherub and went to the door of the temple Solomon had built. It paused at the threshold once he saw the cloud and the brilliant light in the temple. However, it only paused at the

door, for Ezekiel saw the glory of God leave that building and go to a mountain on the east side of Jerusalem. God will not be mocked. God will not abide in the midst of a rebellious nation. The Lord who was in His holy temple left it.

His glory is not found in our buildings. We glory in the earthly material aspects of what we offer to Him. Solomon's temple is no more (neither is Herod's). His Spirit departed from it, but today He has another temple in which His glory is found today (Eph. 3:20-21). Think about it!



By David Sprou

Has Man Seen God or Not?

There are some Scriptures that clearly state, "No one has seen God at any time" (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12; cf. 1 Tim. 6:16 1 John 4:20). But there are other verses that indicate Moses and company "saw the God of Israel" (Ex. 24:10), Jacob saw "God face to face" (Gen. 32:30), and Moses spoke with

God "face to face" (Num. 12:8). How can some Scriptures say that no one saw God and other Scriptures say that people saw God? Isn't that a contradiction?

They were

Add to that these verses. God said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live" (Ex. 33:20), and yet Jacob said, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Gen. 32:30). Those seem to contradict each other. Don't they?

Let's start with the nature of God. This is the key. Jesus tells us that "God is spirit" (John 4:24). He is "invisible" (Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 1:17). Paul further explains that the Lord dwells "in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Tim. 6:16). It's not just that "no man has seen" God—no one, by the very nature of God's essence, "can see" that which is "invisible."

So then what did those persons "see" when they "saw" the invisible God who cannot be seen? Jesus said that He was the only one to see God in His true essence, as He

alone shares that essence (John 6:46). So, while "No one has ever seen God," Jesus, "who is at the Father's side, he has made him known" (John 1:18, ESV). By seeing Jesus in the flesh, man was able to see the Father (John 14:9).

When man saw God in the flesh, he was seeing God, but in a human form (not in "His [spirit] form," John 5:37; cf. Phil. 2:7). Could this, then, be the same thing that Jacob (Gen. 32:30) and Moses (Ex. 33:11) saw? That's the conclusion that

follows the evidence, as the Bible does not contradict itself, especially within the same paragraph—"the Lord spoke to Moses face to face...But He said, 'You cannot see My face...and live'" (Ex. 33:11, 20).

Let's allow the Bible to explain speaking to the Lord face to face. In Numbers 12, the Lord spoke to Aaron and Miriam in "vision" and "dream" (12:1-6), but He spoke with Moses "face to face" (12:8).

"Face to face" meant that God was speaking "plainly, and not in dark sayings; And [Moses] sees the form of the Lord." God spoke in an intimate way with certain Bible characters, revealing Himself (even His "glory," Ex. 33:18, 22) through visible forms and manifestations, as if they were seeing His face. It is a figurative way of emphasizing how close God was with certain ones, but as humans, they were limited to only see God in limited capacities through which God revealed Himself to them. They saw what God wanted His humans to see.



By Robert Lupo

The Convenient Time Is Now

Do you struggle with procrastination? There are few things that are more tempting than setting a task or decision aside until a more convenient time. The problem is, if I get to decide when that time is, it may never come. There is always something more convenient than what needs to be done.

Sometimes we can get away with procrastinating. If you decide the clean laundry sitting in the hamper all day can wait until tomorrow to be folded and put away so you can enjoy one more episode of your favorite show, it certainly won't be the end of the world, but some things cannot be put off.

Felix was the governor of Judea who was set to judge Paul when he was accused of causing riots in Acts 23 and 24. At Paul's trial, he came face to face with the greatest decision of his life. When Paul gave his defense, he took hold of the moment to not just give his case but to also make the case for Christ to Felix. He preached to him about the resurrection, the fate of the just and unjust (Acts 24:15, 21). When he finished, Felix had learned the gospel message (v. 22). Would he accept it?

The Bible tells us that Felix wrestled with Paul's gospel plea. In verse 25 it says, "...he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come..." But, when it came

time for him to make his decision he said, "God away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." Felix procrastinated, and as far as we can tell, he never found that convenient time.

Every one of us is faced with the same decision as Felix. In Acts 17:30-31, Paul tells us, "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He

will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained." No one gets to opt out of this appointment. But, like Felix, so many will reject this call, and others will simply just put it off for another day.

Why would you sit on such an important decision? The Bible tells us that Felix procrastinated because he was afraid. He considered what Paul said about righteousness, self-control and judgment, and froze up. This is the same for so many of us. We look at what the life of a Christian calls us to give up, and we aren't ready to let them go. But rather than reject God outright, we simply say, "Maybe when I'm older" or "...after I get more life experience." But, this is the plain truth. No worldly indulgence is worth risking your eternal soul. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).

If you have been considering getting your life right with God, don't procrastinate. The convenient time is now!

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

...some things

that cannot be

Turn from nothing to everything

Paul commended the Christians in Thessalonica, shortly after they had been converted to Christ. For what? He praised them for "how you turned to God from idols..." (1 Thess. 2:9). At one time, they had worshiped pieces of stone or wood, and maybe were even the ones who fashioned those pieces of stone or wood into some kind of image (Isa. 44:10). They were literally paying homage to something that was nothing.

They turned from that dead piece of stone or wood "to serve the living and true God" (2:9).

What a change that was for them! How invigorating that must have been! Now to serve the God who is "living," "true," real, active, listening, saving, working, caring, etc. No stone could ever do that!

And while continually "serving" (present tense) their continually "living" (present tense) God, they were continually "waiting" (present tense) "for His Son from heaven...who is continually "delivering" (present tense) "us from the wrath to come" (2:10). Does that describe you, too? Have you turned from nothing to everything? What a God we serve! – DS

It's more than just what we "don't do"

Sometimes, it appears, Christians seem to go through their days without doing a whole lot, in an active sense, for the Lord. There seems to be a mindset of something like this, "I'm a good Christian. I don't do anything really bad. I'm a good person overall. That's what it means for me to be a Christian."

But, is that what it means to be a Christian? Just be a good person and don't do anything really bad? Solomon concluded this about life: "Man's all" is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecc. 12:13). Keep His commandments? Do I do that every day? James concluded this about life: "Therefore, to him who knows to do

good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4:17). So, there is actually "doing" needed to keep me out of sin?

There are scores of individuals in the Bible who were relatively "good people" but were not right with God (cf. Matt. 7:22-23; Acts 10:1-6). Let us not sit back every day, avoid doing the "bad" things, and then think we're "good" with God. Let's get up and DO. -DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe total knee replacement surgery on January 16

Bettye King recovering from a stroke, slowly improving

Joyce Parker Jupiter Rehab (room 112A), struggling with pneumonia

Pat Patterson recovering from cataract surgery, next one on Jan. 29

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Judy Chilcutt Stephen Beliech's sister, in rehab for knee

Scott Kelley Dick & Marcia Kelley's son, tumor surgery postponed

John Lord David Lord's father, stage 4 prostate cancer treatments

Beverly Michaelian Lynne Jorgensen's mother, home from the hospital

Greg Ryan Lynne Jorgensen's son, awaiting test results from scan

Linda Smith Jermaine Smith's mother, recovering from cancer surg.

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 Joyce Parker
Dick Haines Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday Ricky Smedley



Church Family **Calendar of Events**

Sunday, January 19

 New Member's Orientation Class at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. See Tim Fry for more details.

Monday, January 20

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

Tuesday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 25

- Widows & Widowers Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the home of Kane & Fran Campbell. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kane & Fran Campbell.
- Ladies' Day hosted by Liberty City from 8:00 a.m. until noon. This year's theme is "Why I Believe in God." See the bulletin board for more details.

Sunday, January 26

Mission Sunday. Every dollar given will be used for mission work. Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!

Sunday, January 26 (cont.)

- New Bible Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for all children (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 13), teens and adults.
- Report on Apologetics Press from Eric Lyons (Executive Director) at 9:00 a.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults will meet in the Auditorium.

Saturday, February 1

 Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. RSVP to Robert Lupo.

Monday, February 3

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.

Sunday, February 9

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



Friday, January 31

 Young Adult Game Night at 7:00 p.m. at the Collier's home. See Ivan Villard for details.

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Friday-Sunday, February 14-16

• PBL Family Camping Trip at Brownsville Park in Acadia, FL. Cost is \$35 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby. All members are encouraged to enjoy this time of fellowship and camping. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, March 1

 Young Adult Devo at 6:00 p.m. Location TBD. See Ivan Villard for details.



Sunday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 26

- New Bible Classes Begin at 9:00 a.m. for all children (Stepping into the Bible, Semester 13), teens and adults.
- Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo after morning worship in the Family Room. Bring a potluck dish to share. See Robert Lupo for more details.
- His Kids Class at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.

Saturday, February 1

 Sweetheart Banquet hosted by the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Begins at 5:00 p.m. PBL members 55+ years old or married 25+ years are invited. Jr. High & Sr. High Youth should arrive at 4:00 p.m. Please wear a white button-up shirt and black pants (no holes). RSVP to Robert Lupo.



February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ☆ Sweetheart Banquet
2 ☆ His Kids Class b Gai Ingram	3 ☆ Men's Meet b Jennifer Goodale	4 b Lilly Lolo	5 a Joel & Jessica Ramirez b Maurine Reed	6 b Kenneth Long	7 b Cayden Scriven	8 b Richard Weinstein
9 ☆ Youth & Family Singing a Joe & Janice Maloney a Rudolph & Verdell March	10 a Pete & Pat Brown	11 b David Brown	12 b Dave Holaday	13 a Eugene & Penny Williams	a Jaime & Natasha Campbell a Marty & Leslie Williams	15
					PBL Family Campi	ing Trip (14 th -17 th)
16 ☆ EDP Meeting b Pat Parnell b Laura Schuemann	17 b Julie Williams	18	19	20	21	22 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting b Lester Galloway
					Challenge Youth	Conf. (21 st -23 rd)
23 ☆ His Kids Class b Ricky Smedley	24	25 b Ayanna Babcock -Sutherland b Lisa Eutsey	26 ☆ Prayer Meeting	b Sonia Davidson b Caila Juckett b Chuck Milton	28 ☆ Ladies' Fellowship	

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







Sunday, January 12

Birthdays

Tuesday, January 21st **Edward Gager**

Thursday, January 23rd Luther Robinson

Wednesday, January 22nd Andrea Leslie

Friday, January 24th Keila McLeod Marisa Reeves



Congratulations to Rick & Peggy Hall upon the birth of their first grandson, Chandler Ray Hansen, to Corey & Kelly Hansen, on Sunday, January 12 weighing 7 lbs, 7 oz. Proud great-grandmother is June Pack.

LOCAL VISITORS: Ms. Patrina Bulgin; Ms. Raizha Chiesi; D. Elaine; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Sharon Mann; Mr. & Mrs. Wayne & Julie Martin; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Joyce Medina; Mr. Michael Menendez, Sr.; Ms. Afrika Minus; Miss D.L. Moore; Mr. & Mrs. Bret & Shelley Nesbitt; Mr. & Mrs. John & Andrea Phillip; and Mr. Mike Pierre.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Dan Chang, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Mary Jo Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Regina Crews, St. Albans, MO; Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Lori Nixon, Nashville, TN; Mrs. Jacqueline Parker, Ringgold, Ga; Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Phyiona Smedberg, Palm Bay, FL; Mrs. Andrea Spradlin, Milton, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & Charlene Story, Lecanto, FL; and Mr. & Mrs. Merritt & Noah Verspohl, Vero Beach, FL.



January 26

Be preparing for it! Be praying about it!

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, January 19

Singing Robert Lupo Lord's Supper.....Jimmie Banks Opening Prayer Ivan Villard Scripture Reading......Jeff Leslie Singing Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing Prayer Eugene Williams

Serve at Table:

Casey Crews Michael Menendez Connor Goodale Islay Rodriguez Jeff Goodale Joseph Snyder Marty Williams **Graysen Hayes**

Sunday Evening, January 19

Singing Dion Hayes Opening Prayer.....Kane Campbell Scripture Reading Jim Rogers Singing Lord's Supper.....John Hoelzer Contribution Singing Sermon Singing Closing Prayer.....Mike Archer Serve at Table: Jack Holoman Vincent Rogers

Audio this week: James Green Computer this week: Buzz Nelson Video this week: Ed Gager

Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & John Patrick Service Coordinator: Mike Damron Safety Team for this week: Kirk Crews

Wednesday Evening, January 22

Singing	Freddie Gadson
Invitation	James Green
Family Prayer	Dan McLeod

Our Record

Attendance	<u>Jan. 12</u>	Dec. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	195	165
Sun. AM Worship	301	253
Sun. PM Worship	121	112
Wed. Bible Study	127	120
Contribution	\$16,964	\$16,760

2025 Weekly Budget: TBA Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: TBA



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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: Dion Hayes Appointed As an Elder (Jan. 12, 2025)

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