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By Dan Jenkins

God Solved an “Unsolvable Problem”

When the Jews returned from Babylonian captivity, they immediately began to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem that Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed, and they had a major problem. In one of the three times Satan is mentioned in the Old Testament, he magnified this problem. There was no high priest who was holy to offer the sacrifices for sin and atonement. Read about this problem in Zechariah 3.

God solved that problem in a Divine vision given to Zechariah. The new high priest was seen in filthy garments with Satan standing beside him and God solved the problem. The filthy garments of iniquity were removed from the new high priest and replaced with rich robes (Zech. 3:1-8).

However, three chapters later, God created a new “problem” when a royal golden crown was placed on the head of that high priest. He is presented as being both a prophet and a king sitting on a throne. What was the problem? Every Jewish priest had to be from the tribe of Levi, and in Judah, every king had to be the lineage of David and that from another tribe, the tribe of Judah. Two hundred years prior to the time of Zechariah, a Jewish king, Uzziah, went into the temple and tried to offer a sacrifice. God immediately struck him with leprosy for this violation (2 Chron. 26). There, seem-

ingly, was no way that a man could be both a prophet and a king at the same time. Yet, Zechariah had just placed a crown on the head of the high priest in his day. It was God who created this “problem,” and there was no way it could be solved.

Read carefully the details of what was said when the crown was placed on the head of the high priest. The prophet said that when you looked at this priest with a crown you were to see far more. Zechariah said that this priest with a crown was a BRANCH (I capitalized this word because the NKJV does this when quoting written prophecy). There was an Old Testament prophecy where the Messiah had been called a branch (Isa. 11:1), and the context in Zechariah shows that the people looking at their high priest were seeing a picture of the fact that when Jesus came He would be that branch and both a prophet and a king at the same time.

How can Jesus be both a king and a prophet when neither Uzziah nor the high priest in Zechariah’s day could be? How could Jesus fulfill this prophecy? He might be of the royal tribe of Judah, but He could not be a priest. How could Jesus be from two separate tribes? The answer is easy and is found beginning in Hebrews chapter five. Psalm 110:4 described another kind of priest. Not one from the order of Levi, but from the order of another kind—the order of Melchizedek. We will look more into this next week. There is no problem!

Priests were Levites and kings from Judah and a man could not be from two tribes



By David Sproule

Thank God That Jesus Has ALL Authority!

Have you ever played a pickup basketball game where every guy on the court thought that he was in charge? Two things usually result: chaos and frustration. What about in your workplace—what if every person there thought they were the boss? Can you imagine (or maybe you don’t have to) the chaos and frustration that would erupt?

How easily we understand the need for authority, even if we don’t like it in every situation.

We need authority in the home, in our schools, in the workplace, on the playing field, on the highways, in the courtrooms, etc., etc. MOST of all, we must have authority in the CHURCH! What would happen if there was no clear authority (meaning, every person recognized the same person to be in charge) in the church? Two things would easily result: chaos and frustration. In addition to those, even more significantly, unbelief and rejection of the Lord and His truth would ensue.

Thank God that in HIS church the authority is very clear! Our authority does not reside in apostles or in angels (Gal. 1:8). It does not reside in any preachers or church councils (Gal. 1:9). It does not reside in our opinions, personal beliefs or feelings in our hearts (Prov. 14:12; Judg. 21:25). It does not reside in any church traditions (Matt. 15:1-13). It does not

reside in any church manuals or creeds (Rev. 22:18-19). If authority resided in any of these (or others that could be added to the list), then the church would belong to man and be governed by his whims. Result? Chaos and frustration!

Thank God that Jesus Christ has ALL authority in and over His church! The word “authority” means “the right to control or command, total authority and absolute power.” Jesus uses that word in Matthew 28:18, where He proclaims, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” Jesus alone has “the right to control or command” His church, for He alone has “absolute power.” His Word is our authority in all things today—“Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you” (Acts 3:22). It will be His word which “will judge” us all “in the last day” (John 12:48).

My responsibility is to submit to His authority, to respect His Word and to obey Him in all things. I must not “think” beyond, “speak” beyond or “go” beyond that which He has given to me in His Word (1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 John 9-11; 1 Cor. 1:10). I must not think myself so wise or conceited that I can “instruct” or “counsel” the Lord (Isa. 40:12-14; Rom. 11:33-36). Jesus makes it very clear that I must “hear” His Word and then I must “do the will” of my God in heaven (Matt. 7:21-27). My entrance into heaven is dependent upon respecting the authority of Christ and fully submitting to Him!

My responsibility is to submit to His authority



By Robert Lupo

Do This Right Now!

Alright. I need you to stop what you're doing and pray! Right now. Yes! Right now. Put down the bulletin and come back to me when you're done.

Sometimes we need a good reminder to pray. Unfortunately, it is far too easy for us to forget. There are so many things of far less value that we never forget to do. So, why does prayer seem to go by the wayside so often? Do we realize how much we are missing in our lives when we neglect to pray? Here is a quick reminder of why we should be praying.

Prayer is how we communicate our needs and wants to God. Philippians 4:6 says, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." There are a lot of things we stress about—things we need to take care of in our families. God says, tell Me about them and stop worrying. Do you believe God will take care of your needs?

Prayer helps us think clearly. James 1:5 tells us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." In this life, we will be faced with situations that require careful consideration. We can ask God for help! Do you believe God will

give you wisdom?

Prayer brings us closer together. James commands us in James 5:13 and 16, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms...Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." When we pray, we have an opportunity to share in each other's burdens. We share joys, and we share failures. Do you believe God will strengthen your relationships with your brethren?

Prayer keeps me from sin. In Matthew 26:41, Jesus warned His disciples, "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." The Bible tells us that Satan is roaming about, looking for ways to tempt us (cf. 1 Pet. 5:8). We cannot expect to avoid his traps on our own. We need the Lord. Do you believe God will lead you from temptations?

As Christians, we have the most amazing tool at our disposal. We have direct access to the Creator of the universe through prayer. Do not neglect this privilege. Jesus tells us in Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." Do you truly believe God is going to answer your prayers? Then make sure you talk to Him. Praise Him, thank Him, and spend time with Him. Do it right now!

Do we realize how much we are missing... when we neglect to pray?

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

The arms of Jesus – what a change!

On the FIRST DAY of Jesus' life, where were His arms? Strange question, isn't it? The Bible indicates that His arms were by His side, restrained there by the swaddling cloths (Luke 2:7). Fast forward 33 years. On the LAST DAY of Jesus' life, where were His arms? They were no longer restrained by His side! They were stretched out as far as they could go, in order to be nailed to a tree for you and for me (Mark 15:25; Acts 5:30).

What about NOW? What are Jesus' arms doing now? They are "outstretched" (Ex. 6:6; Deut. 26:8; 1 Kgs. 8:42; Psa. 136:12), representing His almighty power toward us. They are ready to "gather [His] lambs" and "carry them in His bosom" (Isa. 40:11). From the strength of His almighty grasp and everlasting care, no one is able to "snatch" us, except for our own choices (John 10:28).

He came to this earth with His arms restrained, but only so that He could extend them out to His side to bear our sins, so that He could then extend them out in front of Him in our direction to beckon, receive and nurture us! Let us spend more time "leaning on the everlasting arms!" – DS



"Darkness has blinded his eyes"

Did anyone ever tell you when you were growing up, "Don't look at the sun! You'll go blind!?" It reminds us of Saul of Tarsus seeing "a light from heaven, brighter than the sun" (Acts 26:13), which caused him to be blind for three days (Acts 9:3-9). We grasp the concept of bright lights affecting our ability to see.

So, darkness should be safe for our vision, right? No, not spiritual darkness! The apostle John wrote about one who continually "walks in [spiritual] darkness" (1 John 2:11). He walks there because he loves "darkness rather than light," because his deeds are "evil" (John 3:19). But, when he walks in darkness, he "does not know where he is going," and he doesn't know "because the darkness has blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:11).

We don't think about darkness blinding our eyes, but it does. And John is writing to Christians. Christian friend, is it possible that the allure of this world has blinded you to your spiritual condition and you do not even know that you are in darkness? Please, turn on the light, see where you are, and make needed changes. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Carolyn Cullom	dealing with several health issues
Dan Johnson	Gardens Medical Center, undergoing tests, infection
Todd Juckett	recovering at home from bowel surgery
Bettye King	recovering from a stroke, slowly improving
Amey West	Luxe Rehab in Wellington (room 1101-B)
Henry Williams	recovering from surgery on his arm

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

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Hattie Anderson	Christene Bean & Loretta James' sister, ICU in Georgia
Sharon Banks	Derrick & Jimmie's sister, recovering from heart surgery
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, upcoming outpatient surg.
Brittany Terry	Chuck Reeves' daughter, dealing with pneumonia

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

Monday, March 17

- ◆ **NO Monday Night Bible Study** this week. It will resume on Monday, March 24.

Tuesday, March 18

- ◆ **NO Tuesday Morning Bible Study** this week. It will resume on Tuesday, March 25.

Saturday, March 22

- ◆ **Road Rally & Potluck for All PBL Adults.** Meet at the building at 1:30 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Lobby with your team and to bring a food item. See Jeff Leslie for more details.

Saturday-Sunday, March 22-23

- ◆ **Gospel Meeting hosted by Lake Placid** on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This year's theme is "God's Love." There will also be a **Door-Knocking** on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided following the outreach.

Sunday, March 23

- ◆ **EDP Bible Study & Fellowship** at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30

- ◆ **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.

Sunday, April 6

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Monday, April 7

- ◆ **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, April 13

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

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ **Young Adults**

Sunday, March 16

- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School.

Saturday, April 5

- ◆ **Young Adult Bike Ride** at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD. If you do not have a bike, bike rentals will be available. We will be riding our bikes and then have a picnic lunch. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Saturday, April 26

- ◆ **Young Adult Connect Day** at 10:00 a.m. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Friday, May 9

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Robert & Reanna Lupo.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, March 16

- ◆ **No Kids Class.** Class will resume on March 30.
- ◆ **Youth & Young Adult Family Lunch** after morning worship in the Family Room. All Youth and Young Adult families are invited to have lunch together and prepare advertising packages for this year's Vacation Bible School.

Sunday-Monday, March 23-24

- ◆ **Youth Rally hosted by West Broward.** We will leave immediately after morning worship and return by 9:30 a.m. on Monday. Bring a bag for overnight (toiletries and clothes). All food will be provided. RSVP by March 16 to Robert Lupo.

Sunday, March 30

- ◆ **Youth Mission Trip Application Deadline.** See Robert Lupo for details.
- ◆ **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. Bring drinks and desserts.

10 Truths About Salvation from Sin

1. The Bible says that sin is when a person violates the law of God, which He has given us in the Bible (1 John 3:4). While babies do not inherit sin (Ezek. 18:20), as sin is something one “commits” (John 8:34), all accountable persons “have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

2. Sin has really serious consequences. Sin separates the one who commits sin from God (Isa. 59:1-2), and unforgiven sinners will be separated from God in hell for eternity (2 Thess. 1:8-9).

3. The Good News: Jesus Christ came from heaven to earth for the express purpose of saving all of mankind from their sins (Matt. 1:21; 18:11). He died on the cross and shed His blood, so that He could “redeem us from every lawless deed” (Tit. 2:14; Matt. 20:28; 26:28). That changes everything!

4. The Bible talks about the grace of God. What is that? God is “rich in mercy,” and He desperately wants to help us out of our sin condition, so “His great love” extended “His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus,” in order that we might be saved by His grace (Eph. 2:4-8). The Bible also tells us that God’s grace is conditional, upon our obeying Him and doing His will (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21).

5. The Bible teaches that, to be forgiven of our sins, a person must believe that Jesus truly is the Son of God (Acts 16:30-31). If he does not believe that, then he cannot be forgiven (John 8:24). The Bible teaches that faith by itself is not sufficient to save from sins (Jas. 2:14-26), but it is the right start (John 1:12).

6. The Bible teaches that, to be forgiven of our sins, a person must repent of his sins and decide to turn his life over to Christ (Acts 2:38; 17:30).

7. The Bible teaches that, to be forgiven of our sins, a person must confess his faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9-10).

8. The Bible teaches that, to be forgiven of our sins, a person must be baptized (i.e., immersed) in water in order to obtain God’s salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21). One must be “in Christ” to secure that salvation (2 Tim. 2:10) and the promise of eternal life (1 John 5:11), and the only way to get “into Christ” is through Bible baptism (Rom. 6:3; Gal 3:27). Sins are not washed away until one is baptized (Acts 22:16).

9. The Bible teaches that, after obeying God’s plan of salvation in the New Testament, one must live a faithful life to the Lord (Rev. 2:10), loving Him (John 14:15), walking with Him (1 John 1:7) and serving Him (1 Cor. 15:58) to the best of his ability (Matt. 25:14-30). The Christian life is the best!

10. The Bible teaches that, when one has been saved according to God’s prescribe manner, he is “added” by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:41, 47), and his name is “enrolled in heaven” (Heb. 12:23). The church is made up of all God’s saved people, and Jesus is the Savior and the Head of His church (Eph. 5:23). One day, those in His church will be delivered to the Father (1 Cor. 15:24).

God has given His all to save you! Will you give yourself to Him today?

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

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Thank You *notes*

Dear PBL Members,

Mere words can barely express how much I appreciate your prayers and well wishes for a successful surgery and recuperation of my knee replacement. Mary told me she asked for prayers for me and it showed! I can't tell you how many cards I received, and I appreciate each one of them and all of you. Mary's church family is "one of the best!"

Lillian Cunningham (Mary Brown's sister)

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday, March 16th
Jim & Amelia Rogers (Ann.)
Tim Cox
Lynne Jorgensen

Friday, March 21st
Jack Holoman
Yolanda Stewart
David Whipple

Wednesday, March 19th
Dion Hayes
Jermaine Smith
Ricky Smith

Saturday, March 22nd
Christopher & Yolanda Stewart (Ann.)
Lizzie Rozier



We rejoice with **Brittany Jameson** who was baptized on Thursday, March 6.

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, March 16

Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Dion Hayes
Scripture Reading Freddie Gadson
Singing
Lord's Supper Dan McLeod
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Dan Fuller

Serve at Table:

Ed Buonadonna Bill Ingram, Jr.
Israel Cuevas Gary Jenkins
Gorman Ericksen Cristian Suarez
Andres Fernandez Daniel Swayne

Sunday Evening, March 16

Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer David Lord
Scripture Reading Addison Collins
Singing
Lord's Supper David Brown
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Douglas Alvarenga

Serve at Table:

David Perez Daniel Wagner

Audio this week: James Green

Computer this week: Buzz Nelson

Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, March 19

Singing Jimmie Banks
Invitation Ivan Villard
Family Prayer Jeff Leslie

Our Record

Attendance	Mar. 9	Feb. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	151	155
Sun. AM Worship	341	252
Sun. PM Worship	116	106
Wed. Bible Study	146	124
Contribution	\$17,377	\$16,868

2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$8,104

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

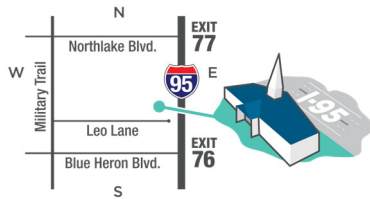
Ushers for this week: Chuck Reeves, Jr. & Darin Summerlot
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot



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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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