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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL LADIES' DAY *with Shameika Hanna*

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

*Growing
in Godliness*





By Dan Jenkins

God Rejected Israel and Judah—Why?

This situation was dire in the northern kingdom of Israel. Following Solomon's death, they had chosen to not follow the lineage of David for their kings. They determined they would no longer keep the feast days in Jerusalem but created their own feast days like those Moses had given. Students of history know the rest of the story. Over the next 200+ years they had nineteen kings and not a single one of them were followers of Jehovah. Are we surprised that God finally gave up on them, and they were scattered among the nations? An even more important question is what caused all of this to happen?

A very similar situation happened in the southern kingdom of Judah. Shortly following Solomon's death, they had two righteous kings from the lineage of David. Asa was ruler over them for forty-one years, then righteous Jehosaphat reigned for twenty-five years. Much later there were two other righteous kings, Hezekiah and Josiah, but the rest of the years of this kingdom is one of a rebellious nation forsaking God. As Jehovah had done with the northern king, He did the same to the southern kingdom. Babylon came and totally razed the city of Jerusalem. The temple was destroyed, and no longer did they have those tables of stone and the golden ark in which they were kept. We ask the same question again. What caused this to happen?

The greater question is why would God reject His special, chosen people

The Old Testament has been given to us so we can understand what can happen, not just to our nation but to each of us in our personal lives. To discover God's answer to the question, we asked what caused all of this rejection of Israel and Judah. Finding this answer can teach us so much about how to avoid the same judgment coming to us.

To find the answer, read the following words spoken by God about these two nations. I have placed in bold print certain words to emphasize the answer to this question. Do not simply read the words to find the answer. Think about how they apply to your life.

God spoke about the northern kingdom and said, "My people are **destroyed for lack of knowledge**; because you have **rejected knowledge**, I will reject you...and since you have **forgotten the law** of your God, I will also forget your children" (Hos. 4:6). No knowledge; rejected knowledge; forgetting the law!

God spoke concerning the southern kingdom and said, "For My people are foolish, they have **not known Me**. They are silly children, and they have **no understanding**. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have **no knowledge** (Jer. 4:22). Not known God; no understanding, no knowledge!

Reading these words is far more than reading about historical events. God wrote them down to give us the fundamental basis of keeping close to Him. Think about this!



By David Sproule

Give Me the Bible, Not "Sola Scriptura" (Part 2 of 6)

The Scripture itself overflows with affirmations that every part of it is from God. Over 400 times, one reads (in the KJV), "Thus saith the Lord" (with over 300 of those in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel). When Paul says that "all Scripture" is God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16), he had earlier used that word "Scripture" to refer to part of the New Testament, as well (1 Tim. 5:18; cf. Luke 10:7). Every one of the 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament are from God. He wanted Bible readers to always know, "...The things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37).

In fact, Paul and Peter state this in the negative, as well. In affirming that he was teaching what "the Holy Spirit teaches," Paul first stated that "we have received, NOT the spirit of the world" and again, "These things we also speak, NOT in words which man's wisdom teaches"—that's not where his writings originated (1 Cor. 2:12-13). The Thessalonians "received the word of God...NOT as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God..." (1 Thess. 2:13). Likewise, Peter insisted, "knowing this first, that NO prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy NEVER came by the will of man" (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

Look at these verses one more time and note the su-

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perlatives that are used. "ALL Scripture is inspired by God." "NO" part of Scripture was from "ANY [man's] private interpretation," for Scripture "NEVER came by the will of man."

The 1,189 chapters in your Bible are all given by God. Not only is that repeatedly affirmed by the penmen chosen by God, but the evidence within those 66 books is overwhelming, including its perfect unity, amazing accuracy, predictive prophecy and scientific foreknowledge. So, when we go to God's inspired Scripture, what do we find?

Bible certainty #2: The 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament are ALL-sufficient for man today. What does the Bible say? Do we have all that we need? Do we have all that the Lord intended for us to have? Let's allow the Bible to speak.

Jesus promised His apostles that when He left them (to return to heaven) that the Father would send the Holy Spirit, and "He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). Into how much truth would the Spirit guide the apostles? All! When He was done guiding the apostles, how much truth would He have given them? All! There could not have been anything missing or otherwise needed when the apostles died, else the words of Jesus would be found to be faulty.

The all-wise, all-powerful God had an opportunity to provide all that man would need in His Scripture? Did He do it? Can we know? (More next week)



By Robert Lupo

What Is a Man?

There is a lot of talk about “the Manosphere” on the internet. These are podcasts, YouTube channels, and other social media outlets where certain personalities give young men life advice.

These influencers have received backlash for allegedly teaching misogyny and toxic masculinity. For some of these bloggers, this is wildly exaggerated. They are cancelled for simply suggesting that young men are not all evil. However, many Manosphere gurus are guilty as charged. Instead of teaching young men how to be godly, virtuous and sober, they encourage drunkenness, materialism and fornication.

Many teenagers and college-age men have no direction in their lives. There is a large, loud section of the public discourse that tells them they do not deserve to be heard or cared about. So, they are looking for someone, anyone to give them some hope. Our young men must learn that the only place they need to go for hope and direction is the Word of God. The Lord cares for our young men and has a holy purpose for them.

The Bible is filled with direction for our lives. In 1 Kings 2:1-4, days before his death, King David left his son, Solomon, with a command. David said, “...prove yourself a man” (v.

2). Who was David to give such advice? Well, he was a shepherd, a warrior, and he was a poet. But, more importantly, he was a man after God’s own heart (1 Sam. 13:14). A young man shouldn’t aspire to be just any kind of man. The best a man can be is when he reflects the heart of his Creator. So, what does this kind of man say we should be?

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First, you must be strong (v. 2a). David demonstrated physical strength in his life. However, he relied on the strength of Almighty God. When faced with Goliath, David declared that it was the Lord, who would deliver him from the hand of the Philistine (cf. 1 Sam. 17:37). True strength is confidence in God.

Second, you must keep the charge of the Lord (v. 3a). God has given every man the greatest purpose in the world: to make disciples of the nations (cf. Matt. 28:18-20). What better direction could your life have than one that leads others to eternal life?

Third, you must walk in the commands of God (v. 3b). There is no lasting glory in filling your life with possessions or lust. As David learned, they will be your undoing (cf. 2 Sam. 12). As Jesus tells us, “...but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matt. 6:20).

The world can’t tell you what a man is supposed to be. Only the God who created you can. Trust His Word.

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“Against You”

Perhaps we sometimes lose sight of the seriousness of sin. It seems ok, sometimes, and doesn’t feel like that big of a deal. Notice the common theme that runs through the Bible.

Joseph: “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin AGAINST GOD?” (Gen. 39:9). David: “AGAINST YOU, You only, have I sinned” (Psa. 51:4). Solomon: “When Your people are defeated...because they have sinned AGAINST YOU” (1 Kgs. 8:33, 35, 46, 50). Jeremiah: “We have sinned AGAINST YOU” (Jer. 14:7, 20). Daniel: “We have sinned AGAINST YOU” (Dan. 9:7-8). Nehemiah: “We have sinned AGAINST YOU...have acted very corruptly AGAINST YOU...rebelled AGAINST YOU” (Neh. 1:6, 7; 9:26, 29).

Sin can hurt us and it can hurt others, but it ought to trouble us deeply to think that every time we sin, it is “AGAINST GOD.” Jesus hid God’s Word in His heart, that He might “do those things that PLEASE” GOD (John 8:29) and “not sin AGAINST” GOD (Psa. 119:11; Matt. 4:1-11). Are we doing that? – DS



Godly counsel

Where do you get your advice for choices you need to make? Who do you go to when you need some guidance? Too many Christians go to the wrong place and the wrong people! Years ago, it may have been Ann Landers or Dear Abby. Or maybe just ask folks at work or friends from school. Today, it’s Google or ChatGPT. All of these can head you in the wrong direction.

Solomon’s book of wisdom emphasizes that “in the multitude of counselors... plans...are established” (Prov. 15:22) and “there is safety” (11:14; 24:6). But, don’t just look for any kind of counsel. Stay away from “the counsel of the ungodly” (Psa. 1:1), turning instead to the “wise counsel” (Prov. 1:5; 12:15; 19:20; 20:18) of those who have “stood in the counsel of the Lord” (Jer. 23:18, 22).

What’s the point? Read the Bible for your counsel, first and foremost. Then, go only to those who will give you godly counsel, based only upon the Bible. Finally, seek godly from multiple godly sources, who will only tell you what the Bible says. – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Carolyn Cullom	dealing with several health issues
Eva Fulton	undergoing tests on her heart
Dorothy Pernell	undergoing tests on her heart
Jackie Stout	back at home
Amy West	fell and is in a lot of pain, nothing was broken

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Sharon Banks	Derrick & Jimmie's sister, suffered a minor stroke
Judy Chilcutt	Stephen Beliech's sister, under Hospice Care
Thelma Findley	Maria Hackshaw's mother, recovering from surgery
Sandra Perez	Cherylann Banks' sister, still awaiting liver biopsy results
Anne Smith	Beth Fry's sister, in the hospital in Nashville, TN

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Kasandra Jones
Josie Dawson	Leigh Puckett
Zula Garrett	Maurine Reed
Dick Haines	Don Seay
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley
Daniel Johnson	

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, April 13

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

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

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

Thursday, April 17

- ◆ **Ladies' Day with Shameika Hanna** (from Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama) at 6:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Growing in Godliness." Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lesson at 7:30 p.m. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Saturday, April 19

- ◆ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26

- ◆ **Church of Christ Home Educators Retreat** hosted by Orange Street church of Christ in Auburndale. Cost is \$50 per person. See the bulletin board for more details.

Friday, April 25

- ◆ **Ladies' Fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. at Boulevard Rehab Center in the Club Room (2839 S Seacrest Blvd, Boynton Beach 33435). Come encourage one of our shut-ins by sharing a devotional, singing and doing a service project. Bring a salad to share (chicken, beef, fruit, etc.). See Skye Brown or Allison Roman for details.

Saturday, April 26

- ◆ **EDP & Office Cookout** at 6:00 p.m. See David Sproule for details.

Saturday, May 3

- ◆ **Elders' Workshop with Dan Winkler** at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Power Up! A Recharge for Christian Men** from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Trusting My God More."

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

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.

Saturday, May 17

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 24

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.

Saturday, May 31

- ◆ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All PBL members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Ivan Villard or Robert Lupo for more details.



Palm Beach Lakes **Youth**

Sunday, April 13

- ◆ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ◆ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Saturday, April 19

- ◆ **Egg Hunt for Grades 5 & Under hosted by the Jr. & Sr. High Youth** at 10:00 a.m. 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). Please RSVP by April 17 (see page 7 for a link). See Ivan & Amber Villard for details.

Sunday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 27

- ◆ **Jr. High & Sr. High Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink or dessert to share.

Origin of Gender

by Dave Miller



Considerable discussion has occurred in secular society in the last 50 years concerning gender—from the Feminist Movement of the 1960s to the more recent attention to transgenderism. The Bible speaks very precisely and definitively on the matter of gender. The phenomenon of gender is the result of God’s own divine determination when He created the first human beings on the sixth day of Creation week: “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

When God created gender, He clearly intended to set the stage for all of human history. He sought to convey for all time the interrelationship between men and women. In the New Testament, this interrelationship is discussed in considerable detail in 1 Timothy 2, where Paul explains gender roles as they relate to worship. However, Paul also discussed gender in one of his letters to the church at Corinth. His pronouncements on gender are clearly tied to how men and women in the church are to interact with each other. The respective roles of male and female in the church are affected and informed **by gender**.

Paul’s remarks demonstrate that gender, as it relates to role function in the church, is a matter of Creation—not culture (as some have alleged). He explains the origin of gender as it was instigated by God at Creation:

For man is not **from** woman, but woman **from** man.... Nevertheless, neither is man independent of the woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as the woman was **from** the man, even so the man also is **through** the woman; but all things are from God (1 Corinthians 11:8, 11-12).

The bolded words represent prepositions in the original language. The term rendered “from” is the Greek preposition *ek* which means “out of.” The man was not “out of” the woman, but rather, the woman was “out of” the man. He is referring very specifically—and literally—to the origin of the first woman on Earth. Her body was constructed from a portion of the man’s body. Her physical origin was literally dependent on having been taken “out of” the man’s body. No wonder Adam declared: “This is now bone of **my** bones and flesh of **my** flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken **out of Man**” (Genesis 2:23). In Hebrew, the word for man is “*ish*.” Adam employed a play on words by building on the word for man to indicate a woman: “*ish-ah*.”

Three verses later, Paul further clarifies gender by stating that though the woman was “from/out of” man, nevertheless, the man is also “through” the woman. Here the Greek preposition is *dia* meaning “by/through.” Once again, Paul is speaking very literally. All men throughout human history (except for Adam) have come into this world **through** a woman. Women are the designated child bearers. Men have no reason to consider themselves—or their role—to be superior to women. God intends for the male to fulfill very precise responsibilities in and out of the church, and He likewise has created the female to do the same. Their respective roles are, indeed, rooted in the creation of gender by God at the very beginning of time.¹

Endnotes

¹ For a discussion of gender roles in the church, see Dave Miller (2014), “Male and Female Roles: Gender in the Bible,” Apologetics Press, <https://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=7&article=5007&topic=389>; Dave Miller (2019), *Female Leadership in the Church* (Montgomery, AL: King Solomon Publications).

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
April 6

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, April 13th

Henry & Bereather Williams (Ann.)
Marcia Clough-Moss

Friday, April 18th

Loni Fuller

Tuesday, April 15th

Aaron & Squadeina Ross (Ann.)

Saturday, April 19th

Sherrri Richmond



We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards during the passing of our dear sister.

Christene Bean & Loretta James

LOCAL VISITORS: Miss Christy Anderson; Mr. Charles Davidson; Ms. Helene Dieujeusse; Mr. Sterling Frederick; Mrs. Ann Freseman; Ms. Nancy Friesner; Mrs. Janet Friesner; Mr. Michael Fuentes; Ms. Sylvia Goldie; Mrs. Tangela Jackson; Mr. & Mrs. Rai & Ashley Masuda; Miss D.L. Moore; Ms. Maria Muniz; Mr. Nicholas Ruffini; Miss Anny Silva; Mr. Joshua Tull; and Mr. Joseph Wanyoike.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Ms. Dorcas Francois, US Virgin Islands; Mrs. Odot Hodges, Deerfield Beach, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Brenda McLeod, Tallahassee, FL; and Mrs. Andrea Poggi, Plantation, FL.

Young Families Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be games and activities following the egg hunt. Please RSVP and sign up to bring a food item by April 17.



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, April 13

Singing Dion Hayes
 Lord's Supper Ivan Villard
 Singing
 Opening Prayer Jeff Leslie
 Scripture Reading Jim Rogers
 Singing
 Contribution
 Singing
 Sermon
 Singing
 Closing Prayer Michael Erickson
 Serve at Table:
 Jimmie Banks Michael Menendez
 Connor Goodale Islay Rodriguez
 Jeff Goodale Vincent Rogers
 James Green Joseph Snyder

Sunday Evening, April 13

Singing Graysen Hayes
 Opening Prayer John Hoelzer
 Scripture Reading Casey Crews
 Singing
 Lord's Supper Kirk Crews
 Contribution
 Singing
 Sermon
 Singing
 Closing Prayer Kane Campbell
 Serve at Table:
 Jack Holoman Islay Rodriguez
 Audio this week: David Brown
 Computer this week: Israel Cuevas
 Video this week: Scott Studer

Wednesday Evening, April 16

Singing Freddie Gadson
 Invitation Dan Jenkins
 Family Prayer Ivan Villard

Our Record

Attendance	Apr. 6	Mar. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	174	168
Sun. AM Worship	262	286
Sun. PM Worship	135	136
Wed. Bible Study	134	133
Contribution	\$18,142	\$17,384
2025 Weekly Budget: \$16,803		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$8,639		

Service Coordinator:
Eugene Williams

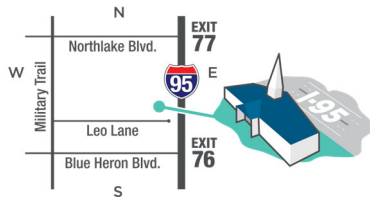
Ushers for this week: Lance Collier & Marty Williams
Safety Team for this week: Victor Colage



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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: **Spanish Speaking + English Speaking + Jesus = Uno!**

