

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Kevin Grant
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Vernon Houts
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Jack wall
Announcements: Keith Stifflemire
Singing: Judd Wall

Happy Birthday

Koh Stapp March 12th
Dennis Sheldon March 30th
Doug Pruett April 1st

Dates to Remember

March 10
Day light Saving
March 17th
St. Patrick's Day
March 31th
Noon Fellowship
April 1st
April Fool's
April 7th
Mission Sunday

Prayer List:

Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall

A woman was waiting in the checkout line at a shopping center. Her arms were laden with a mop and broom and other cleaning supplies. By her actions and deep sighs, it was obvious she was in a hurry and not happy about the slowness of the line. When the cashier called for a price check on a box of soap, the woman remarked indignantly, "Well, I'll be lucky to get out of here and home before Christmas!" "Don't worry, ma'am," replied the clerk. "With that wind kicking up out there and that brand new broom you have there, you'll be home in no time."

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Why Do Men Sin?

The question has been asked: Why do men sin? There are really only two general answers to the question: 1) Men sin because God made them that way. That is to say, men have to sin; or 2) Men sin because they make the choice to do so. They have the option to obey God or not, and they choose not to obey Him.

Consider the first option: Men sin because God made them that way, and the sin that results in their lives is unavoidable and inevitable. This conclusion is in direct contradiction to the plain statements of Scripture. For instance: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" ([James 1:13](#)). Furthermore we have the case of Jesus himself, who (as a man) lived a sinless life. He was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" ([Hebrews 4:15](#)). And we are commanded to "follow in the steps" of Him who "did no sin" ([1 Peter 2:21,22](#)). The command is senseless if, in fact, we cannot follow Him because God created us in such a way as to make it impossible. We must conclude that men sin, but not because we are made that way.

Therefore we are left with the only other option: men sin because, when faced with the choice to do good or do evil, they choose to do evil. This conclusion matches perfectly with many passages of Scripture:

a.. "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:" ([Deuteronomy 30:19](#))

b.. "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." ([Joshua 24:15](#))

c.. "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." ([Eccl. 7:29](#))

It is obvious that we have a choice. The reality is that we fail to make the right choice ("For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" - [Romans 3:23](#)). Contributing factors to these bad choices would surely include the fact that we live in a sinful world, completely surrounded by and brought up in an environment of sin. Furthermore, we are typically short-sighted and opt for immediate gratification instead of eternal reward. But, it is still our choice, and we are not forced to sin by virtue of the way God created us. -

by Greg Gwin

The Meaning of Obedience

Those who question the values of Old Testament study should consider the fact that no place in the word of God defines obedience with greater precision and clarity than the book of Deuteronomy. Special attention should be focused upon three passages:

- ♦ "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you" ([Deut. 4:2](#)).
- ♦ Ye shall observe to do therefore as Jehovah your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left." ([Deut. 5:32](#)).
- ♦ "What thing soever I command you, that shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it" ([Deut. 12:32](#)).

What is suggested is that obedience requires doing exactly what God commands without modification. Israel was warned against adding to or diminishing from God's commandment, and in the first of the three verses the purpose of such strict adherence to the divine command is assigned — "that (i.e., in order that) ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God." This is simply saying that the only way to keep the commandments of God is to do exactly as God says, without addition or subtraction.

When one adds to or diminishes from the divine commandment, and then fulfills the modified version, he has not kept the commandment of God at all; he has done as he pleases. That is a lesson worth remembering. The commandments of God that are in force today are not the same commandments which God gave in an earlier age. But the meaning of obedience does not change, no matter what commandments God gives.

by L.A. Mott, Jr.