

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett

(FV) Mike Lovell

(O) Calvin Burks

(A) Doug Pruett

1st prayer Jack Wall

2nd prayer Jorge Garza

Announcements: Judd Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

Lynn Parker

Kadence Payne

Anita Adams

Virginia Lovell

Letha Sheldon

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

August 6th

Mission Fund

August 8th

First Day of SCHOOL Evant ISD

August 13th

Men's Business Meeting

August 27th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

Who Will Hear?

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10).

In the World Trade Center rubble after 9/11, President Bush rallied the people: "I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people ... who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon."

"The heavens shall pass away with a great noise." That great noise, literally "a roar," will come as the elements melt with fervent heat, and the earth and its works are burned up.

Jeremiah prophesied, "At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations" (50:46). After marching quietly around Jericho, on the seventh time, "Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city" (Joshua 6:10), a fearful noise as the walls fell.

At the day of the Lord, those who were deaf to the will of God will hear and understand that God was serious about His commands and promises. Will we hear? By Bob Prichard

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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

Believe

“With God, all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). However, there is at least one thing that Scripture points out is impossible with God (Note: This is no contradiction; Jesus’ statement must be considered contextually). “Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6). Yes, the impossibility here falls on the burden of the human being. Grammatically, we can change it to say: “It is impossible for God to be pleased with one who is without faith.”

Why do I need faith? First, it’s impossible to please God without it. Second, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

How do I obtain faith? “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Does this mean in order to have Biblical faith, all I have to do is audibly acknowledge God’s Word? Does it mean that I do not have to actually do anything? James says, “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:20, 26). “Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works” (James 2:18). But Paul said all I have to do is hear God’s Word? Yes. Is this a contradiction? No.

We can see that it is not a contradiction by properly understanding what it means to hear. When a mother says to her daughter: “Go clean your room.” The daughter stays put. And her mom asks, “Did you hear me?” Can the daughter then just say, “Yes, I heard you,” and rightfully continuing doing something other than cleaning her room? Or would her mother discipline her for not really listening? The fact is, we know that “hearing” in that context also requires action. And the same is required in the Romans 10:17 instruction.

Therefore, believing Biblically is not merely a mental acknowledge of something but acting upon it according to God’s standards. “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). Some have asked, “Why Jesus did not say, ‘he that believeth not and is baptized not shall be condemned?’” The answer is found in the definition of belief that we have just discussed. If one does not believe, there is no need for the actions that emanate from belief. A grammatical consideration of Mark 16:16 solidifies its meaning and denies all contradictions. Consider: “He that eats and digests his food will live; he that eats not will die.” If one does not eat, there is no need for digestion. If one does not believe, there is no need for baptism. However, if one believes Jesus, then he will know that he cannot be saved before baptism.

The need to believe is apparent. Do you believe? **By Clifton Angel**

Foolish Disregard

To dismiss God from our decisions is a most foolish thing to do. The reality of God is the most massive truth we’ll ever encounter, and the most consequential. It is folly to omit this truth from our thinking, as if we expected it to move out of our way.

Some individuals disregard God by adopting the intellectual position that He does not exist. These have thought the matter through and come to the conclusion that there is no God. In their conduct, they may live as if there were a God and may even adhere to a certain spirituality, but their position, at least philosophically, is that a personal God does not exist.

If God does exist, such a denial is obviously unwise. But many of us disregard Him in a way that is no less foolish. We do this when we simply conduct our lives without taking God into serious account. This is a more practical kind of atheism. We pay lip service to a God who “perhaps” exists, but we believe that this God can be safely set aside in the actual conduct of our day-to-day affairs. He has no real impact on our lives. In Psalm 14:1, it is this kind of “fool” who is described. He says “There is no God” not so much by his dubious philosophy, as by his disobedient lifestyle.

There is a sense in which this kind of atheism is more arrogant than any other. In Psalm 10, for example, we are shown how PRESUMPTUOUS it is to disregard God: “The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts” (v.4). “He has said in his heart, ‘I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity’” (v.6). “He has said in his heart, ‘God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see’” (v.11). “He has said in his heart, ‘You will not require an account’” (v.13).

When we live in this manner, we trivialize God in the most blasphemous way. Unlike the atheist who believes there is no God to be dealt with, we believe that we don’t really have to deal with the God who does exist. We think that, for all practical purposes, He can be ignored. But if God is our Creator, our disregard only shows us to be foolish. It does nothing to diminish Him. **by Gary Henry**