

Bethel church of Christ

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June 10, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Fooling God

Scripture warns us not to be deceived (**1 Cor. 6:9; 15:33**). We can be deceived in many ways, but one of the major sources of deception is self. We find ways to avoid facing unpleasant truth and rationalize away personal guilt.

It is foolish to try to deceive ourselves. **Galatians 6:7-9** touches on some common illusions among those who profess to be Christians. Sadly, those who try to deceive themselves and others by these things somehow think that God will likewise be deceived by them.

God Cannot Be Mocked

To mock is "to turn up the nose at, sneer at, treat with contempt, is used in the Passive Voice ... does not mean that men do not mock Him; the Apostle vividly contrasts the essential difference between God and man. It is impossible to impose upon Him who discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart" (W.E. Vine, Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, p. 760).

God is not mocked in that His law cannot be ignored without punishment (**Rom. 2:6-9**). Adam and Eve tried it to their sorrow (**Gen. 2:15-17; 3:6, 24**). Ananias and Sapphira tried it to their death (**Acts 5:1-11**).

God is not mocked in that He cannot be deceived (**Heb. 4:12-13**). Achan concealed his sin from others but God was not mocked (**Josh. 7**).

Gehazi, Elisha's servant, tried to gain a personal profit by lying but God was not mocked (**2 Kings 5:20-27**). Jonah tried to run from Him but God would not be mocked.

God's Law of Harvest Cannot Be Broken

If one sows to the spirit, he has real hope of eternal life (**2 Tim. 4:6-8**). If one is sowing to the flesh, he had better be ready to reap corruption (**Rom. 3:8; 6:23**). One cannot neglect God's law without consequences (**Heb. 2:2-3**). One cannot sow the "works of the flesh" and reap heaven (**Gal. 5:17-21**). One cannot engage in such things as "*adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions,*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study Team:

Will be meeting this evening after services to discuss the plan for this summer. Please stay and help!

Guest Speaker:

Tim Haywood will be with us on June 17 to tryout for the preaching position.

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Word

(Rom 10:17)

Believe in Jesus

(John 8:24)

Repent of your sins

(Luke 13:3)

Confess faith in Christ

(Rom 10:10)

Be **Baptized** for forgiveness of sins

(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**

(1 Cor. 15:58)

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact Kyle Richardson.

Flower Request - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Kyle Richardson

Serving: Eric Horne

Austin Horne

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Austin Horne

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Brian Horner

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Devotional: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Howell Todd

Preaching: Tim Haywood

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back
and worship with us soon!

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:

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jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like" because "those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." One cannot sow "wild oats" and expect to reap that which is good.

All The Fruits Of Our Behavior Are Not Immediate

As a matter of fact, we must look primarily beyond the present for reward. Paul said, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). He added, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (1 Cor. 4:17). One should never mistake God's present tolerance for a full harvest. Some were erroneously thinking that way in New Testament times. The apostle Peter corrected them by saying, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:9-10). The young may escape the wrath of their parents, the law and society but they will not escape God's judgment. The worldly may think they have "gotten away with sin" if they receive no immediate penalty or if their sin is condoned by brethren -- but such is not the case.

Conclusion

All of us must realize that God will not be mocked -- neither in this life nor in eternity. He is not fooled by our clever deceptions. We will reap what we sow. Therefore, we must obey God.

Gene Taylor
Zion, IL

Bible Riddle

Listen now, as a few things I show
About a name in the Bible that all should know.
Three places in the Bible wore the name,
Though only one was of any great fame.
Through this place our Lord has walked;
To the people there he freely talked.
The name of this place suggests blessings to men;
It is also known as a place of sin.

One place was the residence of certain kings;
Another place supplied many pretty things.
Two people in the Bible by the name are known,
Although it is possible the two may be one.
This name, when you find it, will not be long;
It may be seen in many a story and song.
As you read of the place, if you'd like to be there,
Do not hesitate the name to declare.

(last week's answer: Olive)

Filling Your Shoes

One of the moments as a parent that never stops touching us, never fails to make us smile, is when we see a small child put on Dad's or Mom's shoes. They struggle just to keep their small feet in those big shoes, much less really go anywhere in them. My guess is small children have been trying to walk in Daddy's shoes ever since Daddies have been wearing shoes. Have you ever wondered why they all do that? It seems to me, in their mind, Daddy or Mommy is bigger than life, and can do anything. They want to be like Dad or Mom. Jesus calls us, as his followers, to step into his sandals and walk with Him. We need to understand, God calls us to be "like" Jesus. Are you trying to walk in the steps of the Savior? I hope so!

Philip Sims
Haskell church of Christ
Bulletin Digest

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:10

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Whose wages were changed ten time?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
A - 100. Gen 21:5

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - cancer
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Richardson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - inoperable condition
Joe Allen
Bonnie Richardson - cancer
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery
Dylan Speck - kidney problems
Haily Speck - melanoma
Edna Forbes
Jackie Wright
Mary L'Heureux
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister

June Birthdays

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Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	Ephesians 1-3
Monday (The Law)	Leviticus 1-3
Tuesday (History)	1 Kings 10-13
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 69-71
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 4
Friday (Prophecy)	Ezekiel 1-6
Saturday (Gospels)	Luke 11-12