

"and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

Welcome Visitors

We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us!

Prayer Requests

Bonnie Godwin
The Wilkersons
Jodie Willis
Alison Benefield
Kenny and Edith Laminack
Joyce Combs
Shelley Vick
Pam Garrett

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June	
Nathan Hotalen	6
Sammie Cole	6
Brenda Cash	8
Jodie Willis	11
Kim Wilkerson	17
Brandon Estvanko	23
Edith Laminack	27
Joe and Amy Alan and Kim	13 16
Kenny and Edith	30

"Receive with Meekness"

James describes the kind of heart we need in order to profit from studying the Bible. Read His words carefully. "Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (Jas. 1:21-22).

Every time we read the Bible, listen to Bible teaching or are studying the word, we must receive it with meekness. Sometimes there are individuals who have great knowledge about the Bible and can readily quote it, but it does not seem to change them. Why? Because they do not receive it with humility. Knowledge of the Bible involves the "head," but meekness involves the "heart." When Samuel heard the message of God in the middle of the night, he said, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears."

There is more than meekness involved in Bible study which will change our souls. James uses the expression, "the implanted word." Jesus' parable about the sower described what happened to the seed which fell on good soil.

James 1:22

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only..."

God's Plan of Salvation

- 1. Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17; Acts 16:32)
- 2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
- 3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
- 5. Baptism (1Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
- 6. After the above five steps, faithful (Christian living (1 Peter 2:11-12; Rev. 2:10)

This Week Leading Worship: Sunday Morning (9:30 AM):			Next Week Leading Worship: Sunday Morning (9:30 AM):		
Announcements	Harel Otwell		Announcements	Joe Mallory	
Scripture			Scripture	Camp Mallory	
Song Leader	Harel Otwell		Song Leader	Harel Otwell	
Opening Prayer	Steve Cole	(Opening Prayer	Steve Cole	
Table	Kelly Cauthen		Table	Kelly Cauthen	
Assisting	Kenny Laminack		Assisting	Kenny Laminack	
Closing Prayer	Carlos Payne		Closing Prayer	Camp Mallory	
<u>Sunday (11:30 AM)</u> :			Sunday (11:30 AM):		
Announcements	Kelly Cauthen		Announcements	Joe Mallory	
Song Leader	Harel Otwell		Song Leader	Camp Mallory	
Opening Prayer/Table	Kenny Laminack	(Opening Prayer/Table	Harel Otwell	
Closing Prayer			Closing Prayer	Kenny Laminack	

Unlike the seed which fell on stony ground which began but "had no root" (Luke 8:13), the roots of the seed on the good soil had depth and produced much fruit. James is not talking about just hearing the words but adds the word "implanted," showing that the "seed" is far more than knowing the Bible. This seed sinks deep into our hearts. This is why the KJV translates this as "the engrafted word." Bible study in this passage describes four actions: (1) the hearing of the word; (2) an openness to receive the word; (3) a heart which humbly listens to God—he is humble enough to accept the truth, even when it hurts and condemns; and (4) letting the words sink deeply into us.

Look again at this paragraph in James. It begins with the word "therefore." This indicates that divine truths had just been uttered and based upon that truth a heavenly conclusion is stated. What had James just said?

James had described a man who so readily charged God with tempting him. James showed this violated the nature of God. Look at verse 19. "So then my brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." Is it possible that these words which can apply to dealings with others have a

Reminders:

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Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

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primary application to not hastily charge God, but to be swift to hear God, slow to speak before Him and become angry at what He says?

The next time you study the Bible, do not begin your study with a preconceived conclusion you want to use the Bible to prove what you believe. Remember that Solomon said that when we come before Him, "let your words be few" (Ecc. 5:2). Always be swift to hear God. Think about it. Abraham was a faithful father. God said of Abraham, "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (Genesis 18:19). The father is the spiritual leader of the home. He is to impart spiritual truths to his children so that they may learn God's ways. He is the chief implementer of justice and righteousness in the home. When children have no father, they will lack some understanding regarding righteousness and justice. We need faithful fathers!

Jesus had a faithful Father, and I'm not speaking about Joseph. His Father taught Him (John 8:28). The Father gave Jesus a good example (John 5:19). The Father gave the Son life (John 5:26). The Father loved the Son (John 5:20). The Father works (John 5:17), and the Father gave the Son work (John 5:36). All of the wonderful traits that we find in fathers were first found in the Father. Earthly fathers will fail. Their lives will come to an end someday, but our eternal Father in heaven will always be there for us (Ephesians 4:6). Thank God for faithful fathers!

- Dan Jenkins