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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday July 26, 2020
Mark 11:15-18; John 2:12-25
Jesus and the Moneychangers
What is the difference in the temple and
the church now?

Wednesday July 29, 2020
5th Wednesday

**Are you interested in GOD'S
SALVATION PLAN?**

Divine Love: John 3:16
God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16
Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work: James 2:24
Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10
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Happenings in God's Family

Racism in the Bible

Jesus was no stranger to the problem of racism. The Jews of his day were highly prejudiced against the Samaritans and gentiles. Jesus countered this prejudice in his ministry to break down false distinctions imposed by Jewish traditions (Luke 10:30-36, Luke 17:16, John 4:9). He advocated unity based upon God's truth to usher in God's kingdom, the church (Ephesians 2:11-22). Anything that opposes this unity is sinful because it opposes the purposes of God, and racism opposes this unity.

The problem of racism was so rooted in the minds of Jews that the apostles refused to baptize gentiles for the first ten years of the church. They believed that touching a gentile conveyed impurity. This was why they washed after they visited the marketplaces (Mark 7:1-4). It was not until God confronted the issue directly in Acts 10, through the household of Cornelius, that Christians began taking the gospel to people other than Jews. God disabused them of their false beliefs by personally touching the gentiles with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:44-46). Peter said, "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him" (Acts 10:34-35).

We ought not to think, however, that opposition to racism alone is sufficient to satisfy the righteousness of God. It is not. Opposing racism makes one no more righteous than opposing murder, adultery, homosexuality, or any other sin. *Jesus makes us righteous.* "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). It is when we submit to God's righteousness through Jesus Christ that we become righteous (Romans 10:1-3).

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

Play "Catch" With Your Children

God's wisdom is seen in His stressing the importance of instilling in children the truths of His Word at an early age (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:4-7). The child will become the man he is trained to be. By exposing children to a large quantity of Bible teachings in their early years, we can be instrumental in programming their mental computers to think as God does.

Truth is as much the natural staff of life for the soul as bread is for the body. The soul cannot be strong and healthy without it. Ignorance leads to the starvation of the soul; error is its poison; truth is its food and healing medicine. The highest truths are those which should be imparted at the earliest possible period to a child. It is important that as soon as a child's mind can admit the thought, she should be taught concerning Him who made her and all things, and who rules in heaven and on earth. You may train a fruit tree by tying it to a railing, but the tree whose branches have nothing to lean on but air is not trained at all (cf. Proverbs 29:15).

Much of what parents teach children is caught rather than taught. Children are far less influenced by precept than by example. Our character is a stream, a river flowing down upon our children hour by hour. What we teach here and there to carry an opposing influence is, at best, only a ripple on the surface of the stream. If we expect children to go with the ripple instead of the stream, we shall be disappointed.

Example teaches without a tongue. Precept may point the way, but example carries us along. The saying of "Do as I say, not as I do," is reversed in the experience of life. All persons are more apt to learn through the eye than the ear, and whatever is seen makes a deeper impression than what is heard.

Whatever children see they unconsciously imitate. Thus, it is important that parents and grandparents set a good example for children. They must live near to God. The influence of a parent or grandparent should make it "easier to be holy than to be sinful, to do good than to do evil, to sacrifice than to enjoy." Solomon said, "The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, if it is found in the way of righteousness." (Proverbs 16:31). What you are, your child will likely be.

Some do not get better with age. Some begin to murmur and complain (cf. Philippians 2:14). They exaggerate problems and minimize blessings. Someone said "The older a man gets, the farther he had to walk to school as a boy." At the funeral of a man prominent in the community, I overheard some elderly women talking about the deceased. "It's really too bad about him," one said. "he had the same thing I've got, only mine's a lot worse."

We should try to avoid this attitude, for it will not set the right example for the next generation. The road to success is always under construction, but a gray-headed Christian is someone worth imitating. Author Unknown, *House to House*, Vol 25 #6

OUR FAITH IN ACTION	
SUNDAY, July 19, 2020	
Bible Classes-----	n/a
AM Worship-----	49
PM Worship-----	n/a
Contribution-----	3,091.40
Average to Date -----	\$3,038.93
Budget -----	\$3,100.00
Wednesday, July 1 -----	

July 26, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: John David Thomas	
AM Prayers	Lord's Table
Scott Hobson	Jody Thomas
Monty Crawford	Ben Dooley
	Jamey Thomas
August 2, 2020 Servants	
Announcements:	
Am Prayers	Lord's Table
Blake Tyndell	Jody Thomas
Jimmy Smith	Jamey Thomas
	Ben Dooley
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

Birthdays	
Winnie Tucker	July 27
Kevin Cauley	July 30
Patricia Smithson	July 31
Andrea Tyndell	August 1
Anniversary	
M/M Derrell Patterson	August 1

Please Pray	
For these in need	
Don Grider	Clara Inman
James Love	Faith Salfen
Robin Upson	Enoies Curbow
Billy Johnson	Shina Shaw
Amanda Georgakis and family	Juanita Higginbotham
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Sara Jo Vance	Meg Shelton
Juanita Shelton	Marie McPherson
Keith & Helen Clark	Charles Lansford
Miki Fowler	Jackie Hervey family
Shirley Mills Crawford's family	Otto Cowling and family



A card came in the mail last week:

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many prayers and beautiful flowers.

It is very comforting to have a loving church family.

A special thank-you to Kevin for the service he did.

Love,
Scott & Becky Overstreet and Hervey Family