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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Wednesday, **Blind Bartimaeus**
February 3 #190

Mat 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43
Do we know that Jesus will help us? Do we trust Him to take care of us?

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

SERVICES

SUNDAY: WEDNESDAY:

Worship 10:25 AM Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Worship 6:00 PM

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John David Thomas Jody Thomas
Jamey Thomas Blake Tyndell

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Happenings in God's Family



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Whose Reality Will We Accept?

Humans have a way of trying to impose their own beliefs on the world and seeking to change it to their own desires. Much of these efforts are denials of what is really real. It is a sure path for failure. What is really real? Ultimately, God is what is real, and when we fight reality, we are fighting Him. Reality isn't what we want it to be. It is what God wants it to be. Disappointment happens when our expectations don't match reality. We become disillusioned and may even fall into despair. Some just decide it isn't worth it to stick around anymore. There is a better way.

Instead of seeking to change the world to match our desires, we should change ourselves to match God's world. This is God's message to us in the Bible. Sin is not just "moral" failure; it is a failure of perspective on our place in God's creation. That's what Paul is seeking to get across in Romans 1:21: "because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

What happens when the heart is darkened? We try to change reality to conform to our desires instead of conforming our desires to reality. "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). When we transform ourselves to God's will, we prove God's good, acceptable, and perfect will. That is, we show it, in our lives, to be true. It's not that God's will is false if we don't do this, rather, our own lives are.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021

Devotional/classes ----- 68

SUNDAY, Jan 24, 2021

AM Worship----- 70

PM Worship----- 41

Contribution ----- \$3,626.00

Average to Date ----- \$3,429.27

Budget ----- \$3,100.00

January 31, 2021 Servants	
Announcements: Mike Raney	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Overstreet	Derrell Patterson
Jamey Thomas	Dave Conley
Lord's Table	
Jim Patterson	Jimmy Smith
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PM Communion: Jimmy Smith	
February 7, 2021 Servants	
Announcements: Blake Tyndell	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Hobson	Scott Overstreet
Jim Patterson	Derrell Patterson
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas	
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	



Peanut Butter or Jelly

Please Pray for ...

Don Grider	Gayle Floyd
Faith Salfen	Mary Hankins
Meg Shelton	Robin Upson
Winnie Tucker	Blake Drinkard
Marie McPherson	Keith & Helen Clark
James Love	Clark
Clara Inman	Helen Francis Davis
Ginger Plumlee	Davis
J.L. & Jaunice Foster	Juanita Higginbotham
Mary Hankins	Kimberly (Shute) McDaniel
Amanda Georgakis	McDaniel
Charles Downs	Gerald Watkins
Lindsey Book	Gerald Watkins
Ricky & Sonya Champion	Horace McPherson & family
Ray McClung	Ray McClung
Henry Murray	Cayden Harris
Norma Crawford	Glenda Isbell
Grieving families	Wyvon May

Birthdays	
Morgan Arsenault	Feb 2
Peggy Johnson	Feb 2
Gale Stevens	Feb 2
McKenzie Thomas	Feb 4
Thomas McGee	Feb 5
Marylynn Murphy	Feb 5
Anniversary	
M/M Ernest Shelton, Jr	Feb 2

January 31—5th Sunday speakers.

Jimmy Smith will preach Sunday morning. I know we'll hear a good lesson.

Sunday evening, we will have a guest speaker. Andrew Patterson will preach. He is a grandson of Derrell and Donna Patterson.

Can we identify with David?

David the son of Jesse became king of Israel after Saul. A great story recorded in 1 Samuel 17 begins to reveal David's courage. He heard Goliath's challenge and was willing to answer it. He wanted to do this for the benefit of his three oldest brothers, all of the men of the army, the nation of Israel, and King Saul also. **He knew he would not be fighting alone against the giant, just as he had not been alone against bears and lions as a good shepherd.**

David's view of things was unchanged despite the negativity of his brother Eliab and the skepticism of King Saul. Not being dissuaded, the "tender"(?) youth was given the opportunity to act consistent with faith in his God, just as his words had been. What an underdog scenario it must have seemed to all the witnesses! How hopeless it must have been to behold the size difference of the combatants! Perhaps the climax of this trial of faith was the onslaught of Goliath's words of disdain and cursing. The amazing resolve of David was rooted in evidence of God's deliverance.

The whole scenario was talked about then—far and wide. Two nations—Philistia and Israel—heard about this upset victory involving a seasoned fighter and a youth. 3000 years later we are still astounded. So many had been cowed into submission! So many benefitted from the example of this youth. We also today are able to find strength in the **presence of God** as we face and fight through life for what is right! With our convictions about God's power and benevolence, we will attempt and achieve what seems impossible. Our calling as Christians is nothing less than just that. We may seem to be outnumbered, outclassed, or facing certain(?) defeat in struggles of life. Be bold. Have confidence. Believe to the saving of your soul. (Heb 10:35,39) Following the faith of Abraham, (who in the midst of trial also, believed God who keeps his promises—God would raise Isaac from the dead [Heb 11:17-19] if necessary) David invested himself in God's will. He obeyed God, and God blessed him.

Christians should see the hope and comfort God provides in the scriptures (Rom 15:4). We ought to be fully equipped thereby unto all good works (2 Tim 3:16,17). God's ultimate deliverance will occur when he judges the world by that man whom He hath ordained (Acts 17:31). Security and blessedness of an incomparable type are part of the state of being of those who, like David, realize God is bigger, faster, stronger, etc. than any enemies or problems we face. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ are direct testimony of God's extensive love for mankind. There is no danger so harmful as sin (Rom 6:23; Jam 1:15), no enemy so formidable as the Devil (1 Pet 5:8). Terrorism can never make inroads into the heart of a Christian who remembers **God is with him**. (Psa 118:6; Heb 13:6; 2 Cor 4:14). jp