



SUNDAY AM FEBRUARY 8, 2015

Announcements.....Adam Guthrie
 Prayer.....Adam Guthrie
 Song LeaderJimmy Spivey
 Communion Chad Smith
 ServerJeff Hale
 Server Billy Bowles
 ServerJonathan Wilson
 Prayer..... Rick Harrell
 ScriptureBenjie Meeks
 Lesson Deland Guthrie
 Closing PrayerMatt Stubbs
 Nursery.....Morgan Guthrie
 Foyer Monitor Eddie Stewart
 Greeters
 Lock Building Eddie Stewart

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Gospel Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel
 Romans 1:16 Romans 10:15-17

Believe the Gospel
 Mark 16:15-16

Repent of Your Sins
 Acts 3:19 Acts 17:30

Confess Christ as the Son of God
 Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins
 Acts 2:38 Galatians 3:27

Live Faithful
 Revelation 2:10

Study the Word
 2 Timothy 2:15

For the Record

Bible study----- 15
 Worship
 Sunday morning----- 53
 Sunday evening----- 32
 Contributions----- \$2812
 Wednesday evening ----- 24

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Family Matters

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Fooling God

By Gene Wilder

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, 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.

Announcements

- ❖ Ladies Bible class Tuesday mornings @ 10 am
- ❖ February 16 ~ **6:30 pm** ~ "Struggle Seek Grow" ~ Ladies Bible class
Please see Sharon for details.

In our Prayers

Dorothy Meeks, Reggie Wisenbaker, Wanda Deweese, Ruth Starling, Johann Sluss, Ray Norvell, Morris Copeland, Marsha Swain, Charles White, Haden Vinsen, Irene Horne, Wanda Hamm, Addison Johnson, Glenda Hyatt, Bob Myers, Chad & Billjean Smith, Ray Joiner, Gary Weller family, Beverly Strange, J. C. McMullin

Area Meetings

- ♥ **Moultrie Sing - February 13 - 7:00pm**
- ♥ SCARS - Yes Weekend-February 20-22, 2015 - Youth enrichment seminar -Forrest Park - Details on bulletin board in kitchen hallway
- ♥ Dasher Gospel Meeting - Charles Box - March 1-4 - -Times posted on bulletin board in kitchen hallway

Weekly Bible Verse

2 Timothy 3:17 New King James Version

that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
