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Yearly Bible Reading Schedule

Sunday: Leviticus 26-27

Monday: Numbers 1-2

Tuesday: Numbers 3-4

Wednesday: Numbers 5-6

Thursday: Numbers 7

Friday: Numbers 8-10

Saturday: Numbers 11-13

Bible Reading Questions

1. What tribe was not numbered according to the house of their fathers?
2. T/F – When a sin was committed in the Old Testament, there was no forgiveness since Jesus hadn't died yet.
3. How old did a Levite have to be to enter the Tabernacle?
4. How did God make His presence known by day and by night?
5. What two food items did God give His people?

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Thanks to Brian Hockett (See 2Chronicles 1) 05-14-2004
THIS FEAT LEFT NO DOUBT AS TO SOLOMON'S WISDOM

“At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, ‘Ask! What shall I give you?’...Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

1 Kings 3:5, 9

“After I set out to refute Christianity intellectually and couldn't, I came to the conclusion the Bible was true and Jesus Christ was God's Son.”

~ Josh McDowell

Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

God's Love vs. Man's Love

This week, many of you will be celebrating a special holiday (Men, here is your reminder to get flowers and chocolates). Valentine's Day is a special day when we remember the love we have for our significant other. We spend the whole day showering our partners with gifts, flowers, candies, and maybe even a nice, candle-lit dinner. It's good to show the people closest to us that we love them and appreciate them. In fact, I think the strongest couples do so on a regular basis, not just on Valentine's Day.

As you are declaring your love for your spouse or significant other this Thursday, don't forget to remember the love that God has shown us. When I look at how much I love my wife, I know it doesn't even come close to the amount of love God has for His people. God's love is so much different than man's love.

God's love is eternal, man's is emotional. Since the beginning, God has loved His people and has proven that throughout the entire Bible. Paul tells us that because God loved us, he chose us to be adopted into the name of Jesus Christ before the foundations of the world were even set. (Eph. 1:4-5). He has always loved us and will continue to love us. However, we love based on emotion. We love whatever is making us feel good. Many people have left their spouse because the love “just went away.” We need to learn to love like God loves. God looks at us even in our darkest times and continues to show His love for us.

God's love is selfless, man's is selfish. God's love for His people drove Him to send His only Son to die on earth as a criminal (John 3:16). He gave up everything so that you and I can have hope at eternal life. In most relationships, each side of the couple is in it for some sort of self-satisfaction. Maybe it's physical or emotional needs. Maybe it's the need to feel wanted or maybe it's the feeling of security. Whatever it is, we as humans look for love so that we can have our own wants fulfilled.

Let us learn to love like God loves. Go read 1 Corinthians 13 and see if it describes your marriage or your relationship with God. Love is the greatest gift that God has given us. Let us share it with those closest to us.

~ Kevin



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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:45 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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2013 Theme: “Seek and Save”

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”
– Lk. 19:10



“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151

Developing and Using My Talents

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:6-8

❖ Matthew 25:14-30

❖ Finding Your Talents

- The Lord has given _____ a specific talent

- Ephesians 4:11

- Find a talent that fits _____!

❖ Developing Your Talents

- Developing your talents takes _____.

- Hebrews 5:12-6:1

- The problem is most Christians don't want to put in the work. They don't want to put in the _____ and _____.

- Our goal is heaven. What are you doing to get there?

❖ Using Your Talents

- We don't use our talents to bring _____.

- Ephesians 4:11-12

- Use your talent to the _____ of your ability

- 1 Peter 4:10-11

- Romans 12:6-8

- Don't be _____ to use what God has given you

- Matthew 25:25

- "I was _____, and went and _____ your talent..."

This Morning's Sermon:

Developing and Using My Talents

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Song Practice

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"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

~ 1 Peter 4:10

Daily Spark #26

Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the LORD, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

Have you ever wondered how God feels about His people? Have you ever wondered why through the many years, God has always stayed with His people, never wavering in His love for them? This verse is a spectacular insight into God's mind and on what God sees when He looks at His people. In the specific context, God is using Jeremiah to speak to His people about Babylonian captivity and how after some time, God will deliver them from the hand of their adversaries. He tells them that they are a blessed people and God wants them to succeed. He tells His people that He has given them a future and a hope.

What about us today? So many people go throughout their lives thinking that God has it out for them. People notice all the bad things going on in their lives and wonder why God could ever allow such horrible things to happen. Some people like to think God is just sitting up in heaven, watching His people suffer on earth. He enjoys the sight of bad things happening to His people. If we have that view on God, then we have it all wrong.

Our verse in Jeremiah gives us an awesome insight on what God really thinks about His people. He has thoughts of peace and not evil. God wishes that no man would suffer, He wants all His children to be with Him. God does not have evil thoughts or evil intentions towards us, but instead He wishes that all people would recognize His name as Lord and all His people could be in heaven with Him.

God has given us a future and a hope. God sent His Son on this earth to die for you and me. He looked down on His people and had pity on our lowly estate. He had a plan for us to be saved. God knew that through Jesus Christ, we would have a future in heaven. I say all the time in my prayers and in my sermons, "we are thankful for Jesus Christ, without Him we have no hope at eternal life." Jesus is our hope. We can take comfort in Him. More often than not, we lose track of the blessing of Jesus Christ. We see the bad things in life and in this world, and we forget Jesus came and died so we have hope after this life. We look at the suffering on earth and we forget that we have eternal comfort waiting for us. We look at the negatives and we forget to focus on the positive example of Jesus Christ.

God loves each and every one of His children. How are you feeling today? Are you mad at God for something? Do you have ill feelings towards Him because you feel like He dealt you a bad hand? Try something right now. Try thinking of one good thing God has given you. Just one. Now, try thinking about your life without that one thing. How different would your life be? Instead of focusing on the bad, try focusing on the good God has done. Tomorrow, think of something different. Try it for a week. At the end of the week, you will start to see that God really has blessed you beyond what we deserve.

God thinks about us every day. He thinks of us being with Him. He thinks of the sins we commit. He thinks of how His people have constantly turned their backs on Him. He thinks about how He has never given up on Him people. He thinks about how He will never give up on you. He thinks about us being with Him. God knows His plan for you. Are you allowing His plan to unfold? Don't hold back. We need to let God work through us and let His plan be fulfilled. He has a future of peace and hope planned out for us.

I can't wait to see all of you in heaven.

~ Kevin

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