

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 19, 2025

Song: **688** – *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

Song: **876** – *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

First prayer: **Jeremy Thomas**

Song: **787** – *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Communion servers: **Shane Upton & Mernie Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Larry Simmons**

Song: **706** – *Love Lifted Me*

Sermon: *"Perfect That Which is Lacking"* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **67** – *At Calvary*

Closing song: **691** – *Farther Along*

Closing prayer: **Mark Brandt**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Scott Esk – cancer
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood) – stroke recovery
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David, Mattie

Please continue to remember: Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- "Precept Upon Precept" is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)

RECORD FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 11 AM Worship – 13 Sun PM – 11 DBR – 7 Wed (1/15) – 12

Contribution – \$1215

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Sunday Bible class: 9am Worship 10am & 12:30pm Wednesday Bible class: 7pm

Matthew 9:37-38 *"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."*

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MAKE YOUR DAYS GOOD

Throughout the psalms, David regularly identified God as his source of help and blessings. He also called upon others to enjoy these blessings as well: "O taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8).

How would one take advantage of the blessings offered by God? Notice what David wrote: "Who is the man who desires life and loves length of days that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:12-14).

David gave a simple formula that, if followed, would allow one to see the good days which the Lord could offer – guard your speech, overcome sin, do what is right, and seek to be at peace with others.

With all of the trouble in the world, many are longing for better days. While it is true that we will continue to face trouble until the Lord returns to welcome home the faithful, we can see better days if we will do as David said.

So make your days good. We may not always be able to change our circumstances, but we can change our actions and attitudes. Let us follow David's advice so we can "see good."

Author Unknown

SEEKING SIGNS

Two of the most unfortunate errors being made today are (1) seeking (demanding) signs from heaven and (2) maintaining unscriptural expectations. These two problems are related and are causing untold difficulties and much strife among the people who profess to be Christians. There is no sure way to evaluate all the loss to human beings because of these two popular but false ways. Both practices are the product of the uninformed mind; they are strongly subjectivistic and constitute a very dangerous rejection of the completeness and authority of God's written revelation.

An evil and unfaithful generation seeks after a sign.

Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he [Christ] answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (Mat. 12:38-40).

The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ is the sign. No other sign is needed, and no other sign will be given. All present-day claims for signs of all kinds are nothing more than foolishness coming from the vain imaginations of human minds which have refused a love of the truth of God.

Faulty expectations are tragic in their eventual effects. They lead many good people to disillusionment, some to skepticism, and, in time, lead people away from God and God's way for humankind. If God does not say it, we cannot believe it. If God does not promise it, we cannot expect it.

We cannot improve God's way by our humanistic claims of this or that. God's established order is complete and adequate to accomplish our salvation. Seeking new or additional signs is a waste of time and effort and a violation of God's Word. Whatever people may think they have found that is new or extra will be useless in establishing and maintaining an approved relationship with God. All this humanistic behavior will make an acceptable relationship with God impossible.

There is evidence that claims of special signs, extra revelations, and additional personal experiences indicate troubled, sometimes twisted, and always misinformed minds.

The growing subjectivism among those professing to be Christians is becoming one of the greatest hindrances to the effective proclamation of God's Word by which we are saved. In many instances, it is substituted for spiritual growth, Christian behavior, and God's Word to serve as the spiritual guide.

The fact remains that the Gospel of Christ is God's power to save. It (the Word of God—1 Pet. 1:22-25) contains the evidence to produce our faith, the commandments to obey in the beginning, and in living the God-approved life in the church, and the promises we can expect from God (Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 18:8).

If the Gospel of Christ is not permitted to serve its God-ordained purposes in our lives, we are told that we will be lost (2 The. 1:7-9). This being true, we must content ourselves with God's way—to learn, believe, and live it.

We must seek what God teaches us to seek and expect what God tells or promises us to expect. Other seekings and other expectations will cause us to fail.

Bob Wear

What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. **HEAR THE WORD**
Romans 10:17 – "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."
2. **BELIEVE IN JESUS**
John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." **John 8:24** – "...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."
3. **REPENT OF YOUR SINS**
Luke 13:3 – "...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." **Acts 17:30** – "And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." **2 Corinthians 7:10** – "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."
4. **CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD**
Romans 10:9-10 – "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
5. **BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS**
Mark 16:16 – "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"; **Acts 2:38** – "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."; **Acts 22:16** – "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord"; **1 Peter 3:21** – "...baptism doth also now save us..."
6. **REMAIN FAITHFUL**
1 Corinthians 15:58 – "Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"; **Colossians 1:23** – "...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard"; **Revelation 2:10** – "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."