

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

Song: **191** – *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Song: **239** – *Angry Words*

First prayer: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **104** – *'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow*

Communion servers: **Jeremy Thomas & Mark Brandt**

Prayer for giving: **Shane Upton**

Song: **335** – *Is It for Me*

Sermon: "One Man's Turning Point" (**Luke 19:1-10**) – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **453** – *I Am Resolved*

Closing song: **22** – *Be With Me, Lord*

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

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 APRIL 13, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 9 AM Worship – 9 Sun PM – 9 DBR – 3 Wed (4/16) – 5

Contribution – \$1512

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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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FOR WHAT AM I RESPONSIBLE?

One of the most significant problems afflicting mankind is the refusal to accept responsibility for one's actions. Most people are determined to blame someone else for their unacceptable conduct. Some blame their bad behavior on their ancestors, others blame a society that existed 150 years ago, and many say the devil makes them act as they now act.

The Word of God says, "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12). The Bible doesn't teach that we shall be able to blame our failures on others successfully. God holds each of us accountable for our **choices** and **actions**. This is why each person should possess the attitude of the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

People are responsible for their attitude toward and knowledge of the Word of God. Many believe the Bible is God's Word, but they never study the Holy Scriptures. Ignoring the Bible's teachings is to act as if it does not exist. Some give "lip service" to the Bible but have no real understanding of the Scriptures. It requires diligent study to know right from wrong and truth from error (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15).

Some are convinced that if they remain ignorant of God's Word, they will not be accountable for their ignorance. But the Bible doesn't so teach. Each person is

responsible for finding the truth on any given matter, accepting it as it is, and making such truth a guide for their actions.

One may know that instrumental music was used in the Old Testament (cf. Psa. 150) and thus **feel** that it is an acceptable means of worshipping God today. But the Old Testament is not the covenant that we are under today. That covenant—and all it contained—was nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14) to make way for the “better covenant” (Heb. 7:22; 8:6). The first covenant was taken away “that he may establish the second” (10:9).

Under the New Covenant, God has authorized singing, **not** playing. Search your New Testament, and you will find examples and commands regarding the music that God desires in worship today (Mat. 26:30; Acts 16:25; 1 Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; Jam. 5:13; Rev. 5:9; 14:3; 15:3). There is Bible authority for singing, but no authority for playing an instrument.

One is responsible for understanding that there is only **one** church that Jesus built (Mat. 16:18), the church of Christ (Rom. 16:16). The church and the body of which Christ is the head are the same (Eph. 1:22-23). The apostle Paul made it clear to the Ephesians that there is only one body (4:4). “One” **never** means more than “one” until folks begin to discuss religion. It’s only then that “one” means “two,” “three,” “four,” or “one hundred four.” The one Head (Christ) then becomes the Saviour of multiple bodies that He never promised to build and did not purchase with His blood (Acts 20:28). There is no Bible authority for man-made churches (Mat. 15:13; 1 Cor. 10:10-13).

One is responsible for obeying the Gospel. There is only one Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9), and it alone has the power to save a soul from sin (Rom. 1:16). Those who do not obey the Gospel will be eternally lost (2 The. 1:8). Baptism is a part of the plan of salvation, and one must be baptized to be saved (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21). Baptism is **for** the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) and one cannot be saved while still in their sins.

Yes, man is responsible for many things. But the thing that matters the most is your attitude toward the Word of God. Will you accept it and obey it as the Truth it is (John 17:17; 8:32), or will you ignore it and cling to the opinions, creeds, and traditions of men? Remember, **you** are responsible before God for your choices and actions.

Marvin L. Weir

WE MUST PLAN TO DO GOOD

We must plan to do good, not evil. God’s example demonstrates the importance of planning. He purposed man’s redemption (Rom. 8:28), the church (Eph. 3:10-11), the temple (Heb. 8:5), etc. (cf. Gen. 12:1-7). Likewise, God’s servants need a plan to succeed in His service (Luke 14:26-33; Dan. 1:8; Psa. 17:3; Acts 11:23; 2 Cor. 9:7). What other important endeavors will we succeed without a plan?

Consider the forethought needed to build a house, run a business, a household, program a computer, etc. Worthwhile activities, to be successful, require planning. Likewise, to change your life, you need a specific, practical checklist of steps you will take to change. Analyze the circumstances or causes that lead you to fail to do right, then plan how to avoid those causes. It may help you to write down your plan and modify it as needed. This plan will include some specific points we are studying and other points that fit your problem. Many people fail to change to please God because they never planned to succeed. They did not plan to fail, but they failed to plan!

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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.”