ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 15, 2025

Song: 22 – Be With Me, Lord

Song: **77** – Anywhere with Jesus

First prayer: Mark Brandt

Song: **100** – The Lord's Supper

Communion servers: Geremy Thomas & Mernie Ray

Prayer for giving: **Geremy Thomas**

Song: **55** – *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Sermon: 2 Corinthians Overview – David Ray

Invitation song: **466** – *Trust and Obey*

Closing song: **67** – *At Calvary*Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those traveling: Brian, Chrishawn & Mattie

- Kim's cousin's son (Isaac Wood)-hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)

- 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 JUNE 8, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 9 AM Worship – 11 Sun PM – 9 DBR – 5 Wed (6/4) – 9

Contribution – \$

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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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NEVER THE RIGHT TIME

Having the apostle Paul in his custody presented Felix, the Roman procurator of Judea, with a marvelous opportunity:

And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee (Acts 24:24-25).

Paul spoke about the need for righteousness and self-control. As Drusilla was Felix's third wife, whom he had enticed away from her own husband when she was sixteen, these were subjects this couple needed to address. Paul also warned about the final Judgment to come. Such preaching caused Felix to "tremble," as he presently stood condemned by his manner of life and was presently in danger of the eternal fires of Hell. Despite his awareness of his spiritual situation and despite the fear that shivered his body, he sent Paul away. There was someone present with the remedy for Felix's deadly malady, yet he sent Paul away. Why? Because the present time was not a "convenient season."

The text does not tell us why Felix perceived that particular season to be particularly inconvenient. That he and Drusilla would have to separate themselves from their adulterous marriage was a likely factor (Matthew 14:4;

19:9). His aligning himself with Christ and Christ's church would have alienated him from the Jewish majority in the province he governed—the very reason he would keep Paul imprisoned as long as he did was to placate the Jews (Acts 24:47). Felix certainly knew that heeding Paul's preaching would require major changes from his present course. At any rate, he effectively told Paul, "Perhaps at some later time I will become a Christian. Right now is just not the right time."

But when **would** be the right time? How many of those circumstances would improve for him in the coming days, months, and years? In how many further worldly entanglements would he find himself as he continued in his sinful paths? In years to come, would he have an inspired apostle of Jesus Christ at the ready for personal consultation? Why would any future time be better than that present moment?

So many delay their obedience to Christ because they do not perceive the present time as being the "right time." But if by "right time," one means the moment when everything will be easy, when sacrifice and change will be minimal, that time will never come. As writer James Clear said of attacking important tasks, "It's never the right time, but right now is usually the best time." This is certainly true with regard to obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As the Scripture says, "I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

If now is the acceptable time for God, there could be no better time.

Lee Moses

FINDING TIME TO READ THE BIBLE

So many seemingly cannot find time each day to spend a few minutes in God's book. Here are a few suggestions as to how you can find time to read the Bible daily.

- 1. Carry a Bible in your briefcase, purse, or coat pocket. No telling when you might have a few minutes and could read if a Bible were available.
- 2. Put a Bible under your pillow and read a few minutes each night before you go to sleep.

- 3. Have a Bible with you while waiting for people who are not punctual, or for a meeting to start.
- 4. Keep a Bible in your glove box. You may be in a traffic jam or stuck waiting for someone.
- 5. Never go on a trip by plane, bus, or train without a Bible. Reading is worth more to you than just staring out the window.
- 6. Take a Bible along with you to the doctor's or dentist's office.
- 7. Wake up ten minutes earlier each morning.
- 8. Read a few verses at mealtime when the family is together.
- 9. Keep a Bible in the kitchen, to read while waiting for food to cook or for water to boil, or near the phone, to read while on hold.
- 10. Never forget that reading is a command of God (Colossians 4:16).

Time is precious. Do not waste it, when reading daily from God's book is so important. If you can read just 30 minutes a day, at the end of the year you will have spent the equivalent of twenty-two 8-hour days in reading.

One magazine article I recently read told of a man who read Gibbon's Immortal "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" in intervals while waiting for his wife to go out for dinner. Do not waste time. Find a way to read God's Word each day. The time is there if our desire is great enough.

Don't just own a Bible—read it!

Author unknown

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

- 1. <u>HEAR THE WORD</u> Romans 10:17
- 2. BELIEVE IN JESUS John 3:16; 8:24
- 3. REPENT OF YOUR SINS Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
- 4. CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
- 5. BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- 6. REMAIN FAITHFUL 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10

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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."

