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COMPASS

**Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation**

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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

*The grass withereth, the
flower fadeth: but the word
of our God shall stand
for ever. Isaiah 40:8*



TO BE SAVED, ONE MUST REPENT

Ken Mears

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31). “I tell you Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5). **THE ULTIMATUM OF GOD IS THAT SINFUL MEN MUST REPENT.**

Repentance has been defined in the word of God. Even so, there still seems to be some confusion as to what repentance is. Sometimes people are heard to say that a certain person has repented, and how do they know that that person has repented? “Why, I saw them walk down the aisle shedding tears.” This is not evidence of real repentance. It is true, when a person genuinely repents, it may bring tears. There may be an overwhelming sorrow in the heart, but the word of God says in 2 Corinthians 7:10, that “For godly sorrow worketh repentance.” Godly sorrow is not repentance, but it brings about repentance. We learn from Paul’s statement to the church at Rome, that the love of God brings about repentance. Therefore, just because a man may be sorry that he is caught in his sin, does not necessarily mean that he has genuinely repented. But it seems to me that the word of God has defined it simply enough for us to understand what it means to repent. In Matthew 21 beginning with verse 28, our Savior gave an illustration which clearly shows what repentance is. The Lord said, “But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first.” The Lord clearly gives us the definition of repentance. What is it? Whereas a man has said, “I will not obey God,” when he repents, he says, in effect, in word, in life, “I will”.

Repentance is not a commandment, a positive utterance of God that refers only to the people of Crossville, Tennessee; **IT IS A UNIVERSAL COMMANDMENT.** God commanded all men everywhere to repent. Why is it so? For the simple reason, that sin is universal “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

Repentance is a present necessity. It is not a thing which can be put off, because every moment you put off repentance, you endanger your soul. With God’s help, you can overcome those things which keep you from true repentance and faithfulness to God. Therefore, repent now – this is the message of the Bible.

LONGING FOR GOD

“When I remember these *things*, I pour out my soul in me. For I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with the multitude that kept holyday” (Psalm 42:4).

David spent a lot of time in exile away from Jerusalem, and he wasn’t able to be at the temple worshipping God. He really missed it. His soul was thirsting for God, like a deer pants for water; as he longed to be in worship again. He remembered how great it was to be in worship and rejoicing when he could get back.

When we make our lives around worshipping the Lord, the loss of worship time will leave a big hole in our lives. Let’s not fill that hole with something else. Let’s get back to God before it is too late. (Focus ...On Findlay Volume XXIII)

FEAR OR FEARLESS; WHICH SHOULD WE BE

David Shannon

God doesn't want us to be afraid or does He?

Paul told the young man Timothy "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" in 2 Timothy 1:7. Paul was speaking of his imprisonment and urging Timothy not to let such a situation make him afraid to do the Lord's work.

If you were to go to prison for living the Christian life, would you? "I'm afraid who would take care of my children" we might say. We might be afraid we would lose our job, our reputation, or maybe even our life. But God says, "I didn't give you that fear!" Then who did? Satan did!

Fear is a part of the enemy! Too often we find ourselves like Peter when he was afraid. He sank in the water (Matthew 14:30) and another time he separated himself from the Gentiles whom he ought to have embraced (Galatians 2:12). Fear will cause us to sink in sin and embrace the wrong things. It will also cause us to stay in sin believing we can cowardly hide instead of courageously turning back to God. Adam sinned and hid himself because he was afraid (Gen 3:10). The one talent man never used his talent because of fear (Matthew 25:25). Saul couldn't face the giant because he was afraid (1 Samuel 17:11). Fear paralyzes us from serving and sacrificing our life to God! Paul was pleading with Timothy to recognize only God gives us power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

There is a fear which we are to develop. It is the fear of God. This awesome respect and reverence for God is spoken of many times, but especially in Psalms. See Psalms 25: 12; 115:11, 13; 147:11. David knew the importance of esteeming God in the highest.

David was courageous for God against Goliath when all the other soldiers, including Saul, were afraid. He was fearful of the Lord almost all the time. Let's ask ourselves these questions. When was David afraid of God? Do you remember when he consulted people instead of God when he had a cart built to move the ark? Uzza died and "David was afraid of God that day" (1 Chronicles 13:12). His fear stemmed from knowing he had disappointed God, but he was not exactly sure in what way. David read the law of Moses on how to move the ark and did so "as Moses had commanded according to the word of the Lord" (1 Chronicles 15:13-15). The point is, we ought to be very afraid when we realize we are not standing with God! We are to be fearless with God on our side and fearful if He isn't!

SATAN'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are they who are too tired and busy to go to church on Sunday,
For they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who are bored with the minister's mannerisms and mistakes,
For they get nothing out of the sermon.

Blessed is the member who expects to be invited to his own congregation,
For his is part of the problem instead of the solution.

Blessed are they who gossip,
For they cause strife and divisions that please me.

Blessed are they who are easily offended,
For they soon get angry and quit.

Blessed are they who do not give their offerings to carry on God's work,
For they are my best helpers.

Blessed is he who professes to love God but hates his brother and sister,
For he shall be with me forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers,
For they shall be called the children of the devil.

Blessed is he who has no time to pray,
For he will be easy prey.