

Morning Words To Live By: Perfect – The Quest For Perfection – Matthew 5:43-48

Humans are very creative and gifted. We can do remarkable things and can accomplish a lot of good when we apply ourselves. Indeed, when we read about what God expects of us, we see a high standard of living. There is an interesting statement at the end of Matthew 5 that grabs our attention when we talk about God’s expectations for us. In this statement, Jesus challenges us to, “Be Perfect...as your heavenly Father is perfect. Is that our standard, the perfection we observe in Almighty God? Can we be perfect? Today, we will dig into these challenging words of Jesus.

Evening The Reign of God: Preparation for Something Better – 2 Chronicles 33-35

This is a part two of last week’s Sunday Night Lesson. The main point is that this life is a preparation for us to be fully ready to enter the Kingdom. When we accept the message of God and are baptized, we become citizens of the Kingdom. Jesus is our King and as we imitate Christ, we are transformed into His image. “If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him...” (2 Timothy 2:11-12). Tonight, we will reflect on the lives of two of the Kings of Judah, to gain insight into how to prepare to endure, and to reign.



Things to Know

Bulletin Deadline

Now that we are getting back to having a printed bulletin, a gentle reminder. If you would like something put into the bulletin please have your request to the office by Thursday at noon.

Handicap Equipment Needed?

Check with the church, there are walkers, crutches & wheelchairs available for members.

YOUTH & COLLEGE AGE

Meeting/Lunch at Spencer & Heidi Guest’s home 12:30pm TODAY LUNCH PROVIDED bring your own drink. We will be discussing youth group activities and LTC. Even if you just graduated you should be there.

CORRECTION

Charlotte Turgovich is listed on the November calendar for her birthday. That is incorrect, her birthday is May 30th. Please make a note on your November calendars.

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I believe the answer to this question lies in His character of love. John says that the defining element of His nature is love (I John 4:16) and this is the first clue that reveals the reason He is pleased when we obey. The second clue is found in Genesis where Moses writes that humans have been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). The final insight is the fact that disobedience is the cause that now separates man from God and alters his original God-like nature (Genesis 2:15-17).

When we put these together we realize that when man obeys God it means that He is seeking to become like God as he was first created to be before sinful disobedience marred his likeness of the Divine. This, in turn, pleases God because it means that man is positioning himself (through faithful obedience) for blessings which God, in His love, is eager to provide for those who believe and obey Him. (Ephesians 1:1-14).

So, what's in it for God when we obey Him? The short answer is that our obedience gives Him the opportunity to bless us in love, and blessing us pleases Him.

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Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
(via Zoom)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm
(via Zoom)	

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
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OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to noon

ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	51
Worship - AM	68
Worship - PM	17

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$3713

Prayer Requests

Patti Brunner’s family is doing better, her brother is home from the hospital and improving.

Levi Zebell (Elizabeth Marley’s son) surgeon recommended removal of tonsils and adenoids. His tonsils are very enlarged, he is scheduled for surgery on the 12th of November. He continues to have trouble sleeping at night. The family appreciates all of the prayers.

Cliff Seawel fell and hurt his right hand. He is home healing.

Caitlin Hanna is doing well and now has a walker to help her get around.

Amber Cox having nodules on thyroid tested.

Neil & Cristie Simmons 18month old grandson **Wyatt** has bronchoscopy, CT scan and other imaging tests to be done on Tuesday.

Hallie Adams (Maxine Dillahunty’s sister) doing better, she is home recovering.

Continual Prayers

Health Reasons/Treatment

- ~**Scott Brukardt** lymphatic cancer
- ~**Nate Schoen** metastatic testicular cancer, almost completed chemo treatment will get update scans in a few weeks.
- ~**Ruthie Jarrett** (Marcia Serrano’s cousin) cancer has spread even after surgery and chemo.
- ~**Marilyn Lara** (Marcia Serrano’s friend) stage 4 breast cancer and to return to the church. She was admitted to the hospital last week with an infection.
- ~**Daniel Tillman** brain tumor
- ~**Allen Till** (Dolores Buehler’s son-in-law) cancer.
- ~**Kathryn Norton** (Peggy Turner’s cousin) advanced metastatic melanoma
- ~**Rita Bowden** (friend of Sally Guest) stage 4 cancer.
- ~**Dee Bryan** health issues.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell
Betty McInnes (Syble Mann’s mother)
Ravenell Young