

February 23, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mason McAlister (A.M.)

Jeff Roberson (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Kevin Shackelford,

Gene Yancey

Count and Usher

Randell Koon

Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges & Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (02/26/20)

OUR RECORD

February 16, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: 100

Sunday Morning Worship: 130

Sunday Evening Worship: 97

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 79

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,600

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

Mark Lindley

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:19-21). In this text, Jesus sheds light on the connection between treasures and the heart. One's heart will always be with one's treasures. To "treasure" a thing is to consider it precious. The "heart" that is found with one's treasures is the mind with its affections and desires. What one considers to be precious will always be the object of one's affections and desires. In view of these thoughts, one should consider the question: Where is my treasure? Honestly answering that question will reveal the location of our hearts.

Everyone has treasures. Our treasures are likely those things we constantly speak of, spend lots of money on, and devote our free time to. If one were so busy he had to let something go, the last thing one would let go is likely one's treasure.

Jesus teaches us to "lay up treasure in heaven." Our treasures, therefore, should be those things which are spiritual and sacred. We should treasure God's Word, the church, opportunities to worship, the forgiveness of sins, Christian friends, and the promise of heaven.

However, we are often tempted to "lay up treasures on earth." We lay up treasures on earth by prioritizing the temporal things of this world. We are laying up treasures on earth when we love money more than God. We are laying up treasures on earth when we "worship" sports and recreational activities. We lay up treasures on earth by teaching our children that popularity and having the approval of others are important values they should pursue. We lay up treasures on earth when we allow our jobs to dominate our lives to the extent we have no time for worshipping God. Sometimes, people make excuses for not attending worship services. The real reason some do not attend church services is that their hearts are not in it. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. If worshipping God is not something we treasure, then our hearts will not be in it.

If we treasure the wrong things, we will be disappointed. Jesus warned that moth, rust, and thieves may destroy or steal our treasures. Earthly treasures provide no real security. If our hearts are set on things of this world, we will likely experience painful consequences in this life. But we will certainly be disappointed in the world to come. Lay up your treasures in heaven!

**HAPPINESS IS GOING
INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD**

James Pilgrim

All Biblical writers penned their words under the inspiration of God. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21). David was moved to write, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1). David, a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), was glad, (Hebrew, SAMEACH, "to brighten up...blithe or gleeful:--(be) glad, joyful (making) merry ([hearted], -lly), rejoice (-ing).") (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, p. 391). Saints of God are described as being happy, glad, rejoicing in almost every book from Acts thru Jude. Eg. Book of Philippians (18 times: Joy, Rejoice, Rejoicing, Rejoiced).

Why should one be happy when in the house of the Lord? All who are in the true house of the Lord, the kingdom (1 Timothy 3:15), or church Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:13-19), and did establish (Acts 2), have every reason to rejoice. First, you are with elders who willingly, joyously, and faithfully oversee you, feeding you the word of God (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:7), watching for your soul under the chief Shepherd. (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

Second, according to God's plan, you have a preacher who faithfully, lovingly preaches the word of God to help you know what to do to go to heaven. (2 Timothy 4:1-8; Ephesians 4:15). Third, you have Bible teachers who show their care for your souls by teaching you the holy scriptures. (2 Timothy 2:2).

In the house of the Lord, you teach and are taught by others in song. (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). You give cheerfully according to your prosperity to help spread the gospel, help the needy, and such like. (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 8; 9). Your spiritual person is uplifted as you remember Jesus' loving and sacrificial death for you in communion upon the first day of every week. (Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17ff; Acts 20:7). What joy you feel as you lift up your voice to the great Creator of the universe "with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (Ephesians 6:18). Additionally, you hear prayers for you during the service. You also feel the warmth of the Christians for you before, during, and after the services. You do not forget these great moments after you leave. These are etched on your mind to be remembered long after they are history. These are events you can never see duplicated in the world. The world has nothing lasting to offer. (1 John 2:15, 16). "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (1 John 2:15). Rejoice in the house of the Lord.

"We Don't Study the Bible"

By Bill Brandstatter

In a Bible study a few years ago, a lady made a startling revelation to me. She mentioned the name of the group she was associated with; then she said, "We don't study the Bible." She then admitted they needed to study it more. When another lady in the class asked her if she had a Bible, again it was affirmed that she didn't study the Bible. The first lady did stay for our class and did study with us. She was right in saying her group needed to study the Bible more.

The Bible is God speaking to us. Paul indicated, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God." (2 Tim. 3:16) Peter acknowledged that "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Pet. 1:21) God speaks from His Word. God speaks to us by His Son. (Heb. 1:2) Are you listening?

The Bible is a lamp and a light. (Ps. 119:105) The Bible can help us to better understand life and its difficulties. It can also provide us with all that we need to face temptation and all that this world throws at us. Paul advises that we "put on the whole armor of God." (Eph. 6:11) Without the Bible in our lives, Satan cannot be resisted effectively.

The Bible is man's source for the future. I don't know what the future holds, but I know I have a future and I know it is in God's hands. After death, every person has a future. The Bible says, "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." (Heb. 9:27 NKJV) That future involves eternity. Jesus said the future is either everlasting punishment or eternal life. (Matt. 25:46) Where I spend eternity depends on what I do now. The words of Jesus and our obedience to them will be the determining factor in judgment. (Jno.12:48; Heb. 5:8, 9)

The Bible is our source for the right equipment in life. Paul wrote that through the Scriptures, "the man of God may be "complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:17 NKJV) Man cannot provide the equipment that the Bible does. How equipped are we to handle tragedy in our lives? Remember, Paul stated, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17). Without the Bible I would not have the faith I need to get through this life or get to eternity.

Do you need to study the Bible more? Think about what the lady said at a recent Bible study. God will bless us and heaven can be our home if we "receive with meekness the implanted word which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Feb 20, Thursday 6:30

Lesson 9 available in Foyer.

Book is "Whatever Happened to Fried Chicken" by Celine Sparks

LADS TO LEADERS

BIBLE BOWL & PEARLS TEST

Sunday, February 23rd

After Morning Services

Ripley Church of Christ

Christ is King Lectureship

February 23-26, 2020

"Fruit of the Spirit"

CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING

March 15 – 18, 2020

Adam Miller,

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:
Fellowship Meal to Follow

2:00 p.m. Sunday Evening

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening

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•**HOSPITAL:** Jo Chapman (Corinth)

•**REHAB:** Freida Hurt

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman
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•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), **Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).