

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Who is Wise

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Steve and Abby are in Juneau.

AED Training: There will be an AED training session this afternoon beginning at 3:30 PM. We need as many people trained in this as possible, so everyone who can attend are encouraged to. See Daniel for details.

Ladies Class: There will be a Ladies Class February 13, 2021 beginning at 11:00 AM at the church's building. All the ladies are encouraged to attend. Contact Terry Campbell for additional information.

Online Directory: Please check the online directory to make sure you and your family are in it and that the contact information is correct. Check with Bill for information and instructions on how to make corrections. If you and your family are not listed in it, let Bill know that so that he can get it corrected..

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise," **Ephesians 5:15 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD" **Psalms 107:43 (KJV)**

Tonight's Lesson: "The Two Swords" by Charles Nordstrom

Attendance Last Sunday 69/49: Our Record: 107

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear..... Romans 10:17
 Believe..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
 Repent..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
 Confess..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
 Be BaptizedMark 16:16, Acts 22:16
 Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM

AM Worship: 11AM

PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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Who Is Wise In Understanding

Jesus used the wise and unwise to teach lessons in several of His parables throughout His Earthly mission. We can all remember his parable of the wise and foolish builders in **Matthew 7:24-27 (KJV)** *"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."* Of course Jesus was teaching us to be certain that our faith is built on sound doctrine, otherwise we can not expect it to stand when faced with the storms that will be sent against us by Satan. It is not by accident, nor happenstance, that the Holy Spirit caused Matthew to place this parable here at the end of Jesus's sermon on the mount that begins in Matthew 5:3. In addition the last teaching of Jesus before this parable is one that we all need to take seriously. There Jesus stated *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* **Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)**

In another of His parables, Jesus states in **Matthew 25:1-13 (KJV)** *"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."* The message that we can understand from this parable is that of preparedness. We don't know, and will not know until it happens, when Jesus will return. But he will return; *"And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."* **Mark 14:62 (KJV)** And when Jesus returns, the wise will be prepared but the unwise will not be.

Sermon: Tom Betti; Article: Bill Beebe

At that time the wise will be allowed into the presence of God and the unwise will be left outside, out of the celebration and separated from the presence of God forever.

Then in **Ephesians 5:11-17 (KJV)** Paul writes *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."* We as Christians are charged to be wise and understand what God's will is. The only way we can do that today is through consistent and intentional study of His word. When we do that with an open mind, with our only intention being to understand what God's will is for us we will be able to wisely live our lives. And by doing so, we will be prepared when Jesus does come again. In **1 Thessalonians 4:13 (KJV)** *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."* A person who is "not ignorant" is one who understands what is about to be said. Paul is going to tell the Christians in Thessalonica that Jesus will return and he intends to help them to understand this fact. Paul tells them that he doesn't want them to be ignorant, in other words he wants them to understand what will happen; He wants them to be wise. Jesus will return, those Christians who have died will rise first then the Christians who are alive will meet both them and Jesus in the air.

When we become Christians, we understand the basics. We believe in Jesus, that He lived, died and was resurrected. We believe that He is God's only son (Acts 8:37). We recognize that we have not been living as God would have us live and repent, making a conscience decision to change and pattern our lives in the way Jesus lived His (Luke 13:3). We confess our belief in Christ as being the Son of God (Matthew 10:32). We are baptized to wash away our sins therefore calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16). As we study and our understanding and wisdom in God's word increases we will begin to see what our responsibilities as Christians are. By doing this we grow (2 Peter 1:5-11).

When we are able to do this we do that thing that Paul prayed that the Christians in Colossae would do *"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;"* **Colossians 1:9 (KJV)** Who is wise, who has understanding? Only those who spend time in God's word, learning from that how we should live our lives.