

## THE WISDOM OF MEN

In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 the great apostle Paul solidly stated the firm foundation upon which he stood. He made it crystal clear that the preaching of the cross would cause men to place their faith in the power of God instead of the nebulous wisdom of men. Today we continually need this exact emphasis. High sounding theological arguments or towering monuments of sophistry will not save the sin burdened souls of mankind. Plain, thrilling, uncontaminated truth is the basic ingredient missing in so many lives and so many sermons. America and the world stand on the very threshold of damnation and utter ruin because of the glaring lack of dynamic, straight-forward, uncompromising Bible preaching. Elbert Hubbard was very perceptive when he stated: "Theology is an attempt to explain a subject by men who do not understand it. The intent is not to tell the truth but to satisfy the questioner." If you have ever listened to a man who knows a lot of homiletics, philosophy and textual criticism but very little about the Bible you can well appreciate the foregoing statement. Far too many preachers today are studying what men say about the Bible rather than what the good Book says about men!

In James, chapter 3, we read the vivid contrast between man's wisdom and God's wisdom. There is a chasm vast and wide and the wisdom of the world shuns the power of the gospel because it is just not sophisticated enough for the arrogant leaders of society. However, the very message they reject will rise up to haunt them in judgment (John 12:48; Romans 2:16). We ought always to remember the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. When any man, who claims to be a gospel preacher, refuses to proclaim the simple message of Christianity he chooses a course that will condemn him and his audience. When anyone sells his mind to Satan for use in teaching error or veiling truth he becomes a mental prostitute. There can be no crime more serious. We may live in a highly educated, secularized and mobilized age but it still takes plain vanilla (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38 and Galatians 3:27) to save a soul. While the souls of men are dying in sin for want of gospel preaching let us not be found at the shrine of theology drooling over vague and conflicting dogmas that may sound ever so brilliant. The tremendous vocabulary of a university professor may be the source of pride for some people but it has seldom been the cause of conversion for anyone.

I have actually listened to some men on lectureship programs who speak in such high-sounding terms that one would think it was an unknown tongue. Such orators would probably name their stray dog Phydeaux (that's French for Fido, don't you see?)

- Johnny Ramsey: *Fulton County Gospel News, February 1989*

# Memory Verse

"Thus says the LORD: "Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

## Jeremiah 6:16 (ESV)

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Assembly 5:00 PM  
*Live on Facebook*

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# CHURCH OF CHRIST

"...speaking the truth in love..." Eph. 4:15

July 17, 2022

## WHAT IS LOST IF PREMILLENNIALISM IS TRUE (PART 1)

### THE GLORY OF THE THRONE OF CHRIST

Christ prayed in John 17:5 that God return Him to the glory He had when He was in Heaven. Paul wrote that Christ coming to earth from Heaven made Him poor (2 Cor. 8:9). Simple, unbiased reasoning would conclude that **Heaven is greater than earth**; thus, to put the throne of Christ on earth is to make it inferior to His actual throne – placed at the right hand of the Father in Heaven. A throne in Jerusalem is inferior as is the doctrine of premillennialism – it is as simple as that.

### THE SPLENDOR OF THE POWER OF GOD

Jeremiah wrote about the Almighty, "**there is nothing too hard for thee**" (Jer. 32:17), as did the Psalmist in Psalm 135:6. God swore by Himself to Abraham because He could swear by no greater (Heb. 6:13). If man truly altered God's original plan, then man has more power than God; thus, one should abandon a powerless God or one should abandon a doctrine that inaccurately represents the true power of God – it is emphatically the latter!

### THE COMFORT FROM THE WISDOM OF GOD

One must acknowledge that God is omniscient in nature. "Great is our Lord, and of great power: **His understanding is infinite**" (Psa. 147:5). Luke wrote that all God's work were known from creation (Acts 15:18). For one to argue the premillennial agenda he must admit that he believes that God was "caught off guard," because the belief is that the crucifixion of Christ and the establishment of the church were a result of God not understanding circumstances surrounding Christ's incarnation. We find comfort that, as the song says, "God holds the future in His hand." The theory of premillennialism robs God of His wisdom, and robs us of that comfort.

- Josh Walker

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## HEART-TO-HEART

Remember **Dagan Danley** in your prayers. He came forward asking for prayers struggles with doubt.

**Larry Fisackerly** will have surgery to remove melanoma.

**Sandra Higgins** is in need of prayers for problems she is having with her knee and foot (she stepped on a nail).

**Kelly Koonce** fell and separated his shoulder. He will be going to physical therapy

Pray for **Jacque Davidson, Brooke Thompson,** and **Mandy Tolbert** as they deal with Covid.

**Carolyn Cook** is in the hospital in Pine Bluff Thursday morning with blood clots in her lungs .

Pray for **Joel Thompson**, who is in the hospital.

**Candice Carter** is starting a new round of chemo treatments. Please pray that the treatments are effective and for strength.

Continue to remember the youth that are away at camp—that they will be safe, en-

### TODAY'S EVENTS

- Worship livestreamed at 10:30
- Singing at 5:00 followed by the Birthday/ Anniversary Fellowship

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Members:

Linda Bates...Tony & Judy Beard...Terry Boykin... Carolyn Cook... Gary Crook... Shawn Curtis... Jacque Davidson... Roger & Margaret Harris... Ray Leonard... Mamie Meier... Joe and Peggy Moore...LaVerne Potter..... Eddy and Suzette Russel... Jerry and Laura Smith... Rita Stiles... Joel and Brooke Thompson... Carolyn Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

#### Shut-ins:

Jean Enlow...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner... Marie Wooten

#### Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper... David Foret... Taylor Koonce... Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Justin Mills... Neil Rampy ... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...

### SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Shannah Baker...Rusty Blanks... Candice Carter... the church in Ukraine... Eliane Clay... Alli Cooper... Opal Crow... Larry Earnest... Joseph Friend...Tommy Haynes... Bertha Henry... Deane Johnson... Francis Jordan... Gary Light... Jay Light... Jim Looney... Kathryn McDonough... Rick Naron... Brent Newton... Mason Ingram... Robbie Pettigrew... Loyce Ray.. Christy Rice... Tori Roberts... Turner Roberts... Winnie Roberts... Leah Rye... Janice Sawyer... Sue Thomas...James Walton... Mark Wyers... Daisy and Lily Wilkerson... family of David Wilkins... Sue Woodard...

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|------|----|--|
| July | 18 | Shawn Curtis                                       |
|      | 19 | Janice Wright                                      |
|      | 20 | Joe Moore  |
|      | 21 | Tony Beard   |
|      | 22 | Donnie & Janice Wright                             |
|      | 24 | Jamie Beard  |
|      | 25 | Peggy Moore  |
|      | 26 | Jason & Lydia Meier                                |
|      | 27 | Larry Fisackerly                                   |
|      | 29 | Philip & Becky Colvin<br>Josh & Karli Walker       |
|      | 31 | Cade Newton<br>Brooke Thompson<br>Mike & Pam Beard |

### Heart-To-Heart cont'd...

joy their time, and grow spiritually.

All women are invited to attend a meeting about the **LOVE Ministry** on **Sunday, July 24th** at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall.**

### VBS IS COMING!

**VBS** will be a one day event on **Saturday, July 30th.** The theme is *Marooned: Steady Faith in Shifting Sand.* To read more about it visit [PromiseVBS.com/2019](http://PromiseVBS.com/2019) **Volunteers are needed!** A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. See **Chris Bryant** if you have any questions.

Please continue to remember in prayer all who are **traveling** in the Summer months.

**Best Choice labels** are still being collected. Place the **UPC labels** from **Best Choice products** in the box in **room 134.** The proceeds go to the **Paragould Children's Home.**

### Daily Bible Reading Schedule

- 17 Proverbs 4-6
- 18 Proverbs 7-9
- 19 Proverbs 10-12
- 20 Proverbs 13-15
- 21 Proverbs 16-18
- 22 Proverbs 19-21
- 23 Proverbs 22-24



*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." -Romans 12:12*

### Attendance

Bible Class .....	66
Sunday AM Worship...	100
Sunday PM Worship .....	70
Wed. Evening .....	N/A
Contribution .....	\$5,512

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### NURSERY

### Communion Preparation

July 17	Shirley Fisackerly
July 24	Shirley Fisackerly
July 31	Linda Forrest
August 7	Linda Forrest

### Ladies July Duties

<b>Cards:</b>	Barbara Dyson
<b>Food:</b>	Sara Newton Jill Curtis