

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Mark Davis

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Jerry Schnelle, Chris Stinson,
Randy Ellis

Prayers

Clay Morris, Bill Rinehart

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Cole Meador

Song Leader

Jack Calvert

Prayers

Daniel Allgor, Chris Stinson

Invitation

Willie Standokes

work” (Ex. 20:9-10). What did God tell Adam? “Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life” (Gen. 3:17). Look at the difference. Adam was to toil every day of his life. He was not given a rest day! The Jews at Mt. Sinai were given a rest day, but Adam never was promised one.

God cannot lie about the Sabbath!

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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**Confidence in God’s Provision
Josh Blackmer**

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe (Prov. 18:10). This is a lesson that Solomon learned from his father, David. Many of the Psalms are prayers to the Lord.

“Hear my cry, O God; Give heed to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a refuge for me, A tower of strength against the enemy” (Psa. 61:1-3). This is a Psalm of prayer. Many times, David had been in a situation to cry out to God for help—in times of war, in times of personal sin, in times of family issues. Over and over he faced many challenges. During those challenges, he always cried out to the Lord. From that he learned to trust in Him. We see his confidence in his prayer. “This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us” (1 John 5:14). Similarly, in Hebrews, “Therefore, do not throw away

your confidence, which has a great reward” (10:34).

It is faith that produces this confident hope. “Let me dwell in Your tent forever; Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. For You have heard my vows, O God; You have given me the inheritance of those who fear Your name” (Psa. 61:4-5). This is similar to “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:1-3). We trust the One that is the Good Shepherd. “I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep” (John 10:14-15).

David understood the promises of God. “You will prolong the king’s life; His years

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

Mike is recovering from back surgery. He's doing some walking and standing.

Linda, Jerry, and Karen are recovering from surgery. Jerry is having some additional health concerns that need our prayers!

Gerald is having eye surgery tomorrow.

The Standokes family is sick. Willie said he misses and loves everyone!

will be as many generations. He will abide before God forever; Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him. So I will sing praise to Your name forever, That I may pay my vows day by day" (Psa. 61:6-8).

There are some lessons that we can draw from this today. God knows our dilemmas and cares (1 Pet. 5:7). We are to trust God and "know in whom we have believed" (2 Tim. 1:12). We are to pray earnestly without losing heart (Luke 18:1). We can remember the mercies of God—His longsuffering and patience with us. That can motivate us to keep our vows just as Thomas declared, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). We can still say with confidence and trust, "lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Psa. 61:2).

Christianity, A Spectator Sport Josh Blackmer

In America we like sports. Baseball, once America's favorite pastime, now has fierce competition with the National Basketball

Association and the National Football League. A spectator sport is any sport that is usually associated with people watching. The most watched sport on the planet is Soccer (a.k.a. Football), though I would not recommend "following a multitude to do evil" (Ex. 23:2).

No matter what your sport of choice is, have you ever considered your walk as a Christian a spectator sport? Paul did in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27—"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified." In this text he highlights self-control and discipline. Both the athlete and the Christian need these for the longevity and endurance that is required of both. "Let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

Who are the spectators? This passage in 1 Corinthians 9 eludes to two. The first is He who gives the crown or wreath. If we are to run in such a way to receive a wreath, who is it that gives us said wreath? The Bible says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Watching the evil and the good" (Prov. 15:3). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done" (2 Cor. 5:10). God sees all and will give the faithful a crown: "in the future there is laid up for me the

crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:8).

The second group of spectators are the "others." Paul said, "after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified." What must be understood is that we should be talking to "others" about Christ. It is obvious that those "others" will be watching us. Our good works are to be seen by men to glorify God: "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Knowing that God is ever vigilant and that people are watching how we live our lives, we should be compelled to do more to glorify God. Not motivated by fear but motivated by love for the spectators.

The Sabbath in the Garden of Eden? Dan Jenkins

There is no doubt what Moses told the Jews about the Sabbath. He said that God ". . . declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments" and then affirmed, "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not his covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day" (Deut. 4:13; 5:2-3). How much clearer could God be in saying that the ten commandment covenant which included the Sabbath was not made with the fathers like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?

When confronted with these clear statements, some who have a predetermined agenda to bind

the Sabbath go to Genesis 2:2-3. To go to this passage and interpret it as affirming that God gave the Sabbath to Adam and all his descendants does not settle the issue. This interpretation simply makes God contradict Himself. God cannot lie, and to say God teaches in Genesis that He gave the Sabbath to Adam makes God a liar, when He clearly says in Deuteronomy that He did not make the Sabbath covenant with anyone before He gave it at Mt. Sinai.

Then, what does Genesis 2:3 teach about the Sabbath? "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made." Read the passage again. The verse does not affirm that He sanctified the seventh day before He rested. It does not affirm that He sanctified it as He was resting. He had completed His seventh day rest and then sanctified the day because He had rested. The sanctification of that day was after He rested. Deuteronomy clearly shows when He revealed for the first time about man keeping a rest day!

Recognize that Moses who wrote Genesis lived after two events. First, he lived after God rested, and he lived after God gave the Ten Commandments! His words in Genesis were written after God had done both of these events.

One other thing. Moses told the Jews at Mt. Sinai, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no