

LISTEN TO ME

We looked at the importance of listening to what God says as we studied Proverbs 5. *“My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge”* (Proverbs 5:1,2). The NKJV states, “My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding...” Then again in Proverbs 5:7 *“Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.”* What God was going to say through Solomon was very important and he wanted individuals to listen to what He had to say. He would address the problem of fornication and adultery in this section of scripture. He would then address the marital love that should exist between a man and the wife of his youth. Solomon then comes back to the eye opening realization that should be ours. Proverbs 5:21, *“For the ways of man are before the eye of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.”* We may be able to hide things from friends and family, but not from God. That should cause us to think very seriously when we are tempted to commit sin. Burton Coffman stated in his commentary on Proverbs 5, “We noted earlier that there is a recoil from this particular ‘great wickedness’ against society, against one’s spouse, against the family, against the church, against one’s own body, etc.; but over and beyond everything else, It Is A Sin Against God!” Think about how much better off we would be if we took the time to think about what we are doing and pay attention to what God’s word says. It would save much heartache today and very possibly our souls for eternity. Listen to what God says. —L. Cole

SEEKING GOD WITH THE WHOLE PERSON

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! (Psalm 119:1,2)

IF WE ARE TO BE WHOLE PERSONS, WE MUST SEEK GOD WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS. Doing this requires a more balanced effort than most people have ever given to their seeking of God.

Intellect. The intellect, or mind, is our ability to acquire knowledge, think, and reason. In giving us this wonderful ability, God intended us to use it to apprehend truth about Him and about His creation, including ourselves and our relationship to Him. With the intellect, we are able to be aware of God and understand at least something of His nature and His will.

Emotions. Not only can we know, we can have feelings about what we know. And how impoverished we would be without our feelings and our affections! To know about God without having any desire for Him would be a dry and dusty business indeed.

Will. Our intellect and our emotions weren't given for their own sake, but to support our actions. It is with the decision-making ability of our will that we respond to God. And if we don't give God our will by obeying Him, then our knowledge and our feelings are worth little. These things are to move us to godly action.

Toward the end of his life, Moses exhorted the people of Israel to remain faithful to God after they entered the Promised Land. If they did not, the land would be taken away from them, and they would be scattered among the nations. As they suffered in exile, however, they could turn back to God. And if they did so with all their heart, they would find God again: *"But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul"* (Deuteronomy 4:29).

To seek God with the "whole heart" means, primarily, to seek Him with complete sincerity. But God gave us hearts with more than one dimension, and we were designed to seek Him in all of these. Is this not also what wholeheartedness means? To give God less than all three — our intellect, our emotions, and our will — is to be less than a whole person.

"Man was made to know good with his mind, to desire it with his affections once he knows it, and to cleave to it with his will once he has felt its attraction" (J. I. Packer).

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FAINTING IN THE DAY OF ADVERSITY

To many in both the secular and the religious realm, there is no such thing as sin. In their minds, there are no absolutes of right or of wrong. For example, what used to be the sin of homosexuality is now just a different "sexual orientation." Some are so foolish as to claim that God's blessings rest upon those who practice this abominable sin. The point is, now, everything must be politically correct. No one must be offended, and no action must be offensive. Again, the wise man Solomon addressed this foolish idea of compromise. In Proverbs 24:10 he wrote: "If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small." When evil threatens and we attempt to placate it by compromising the truth, we fail to stand in the time of adversity. To do this lessens our strength, and we become weaker each time we act in such a manner.

Satan, through his agents, seeks to intimidate, frighten and cause the faithful to run for cover. On the other hand, the apostle Paul, in writing about the armament of a true Christian, concluded by saying, "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Are you "fainting in the day of adversity," or are you standing with readiness to "fight the good fight of the faith?"

Ernest S. Underwood, www.gospelgazette.com, 03/17

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

May 21, 2017

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---9:00 AM

Coordinator Steve Anderson
Announcements Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.. II Pet. 3:9, 15. . Dallas Eddie

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer. George Clay

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Mitchell Brooks
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Ethan Leonard, Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon— Is the Saving Gospel Saving Men?
PM Sermon— Sheep & Goats

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Kaleb Bush
Song Leader. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Reading...Matt. 25:31-33 Dallas Eddie

Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord’s Supper Roger Draper
. Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer George Clay

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... Kaleb Bush
Song Leader Dallas Eddie

First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Closing Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.

Prepare Communion for May
Patsy Reece

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME: Opal Agee-Kindred
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THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling, Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole, Arnold Rich, Sue Buckner, Ruth Smuckers, Neil Marshall is on the road to recovery.

SYMPATHY to the family of Kathy Harville who passed away Sunday. This is Carolyn Halliburton's sister.

PANTRY ITEMS: This week: Bathroom Tissue

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

05/14/17

Wednesday.....	52
Worship Sunday AM.....	110
Bible Study Sunday AM.....	83
Daily Bible Readers.....	38
Worship Sunday PM.....	56

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 26th & 27th. Debate at Macon Co. Junior High School on Eternal Security of the Believer

May 28th. Fellowship Meal

June 18-22nd. Gospel Meeting with James Rogers

READING SCHEDULE FOR MAY

01 II Chron 28-30	16 Job 8-10
02 II Chron 31-33	17 Job 11-13
03 II Chron 34-36	18 Job 14-16
04 Ezra 1-3	19 Job 17-19
05 Ezra 4-7	20 Job 20-23
06 Ezra 8-10	21 Job 24-27
07 Neh 1-4	22 Job 28-30
08 Neh 4-7	23 Job 31-33
09 Neh 8-10	24 Job 34-36
10 Neh 11-13	25 Job 37-39
11 Esther 1-3	26 Job 40-42
12 Esther 4-6	27 Psalm 1-5
13 Esther 7-10	28 Psalm 6-8
14 Job 1-4	29 Psalm 9-11
15 Job 5-7	30 Psalm 12=14
	31 Psalm 15-17