

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE?

Our Gospel Meeting got off to a wonderful start with three challenging lessons from the book of Micah. Chapter 6:1-8 proved the basis for the lessons by brother James Rogers. God's challenge to Israel, "*What have I done to thee? and wherein have I wearied thee?*" (Micah 6:3). Tell me what it is that I have done wrong. What is it that has caused you to no longer follow my instructions? Their worship had become an empty formality. They brought things to sacrifice, but their heart was far from Him. He even makes reference to the pagan practice of offering their children as a sacrifice for their sins. Micah points out that this is not what God wants.

What God wants out of those Micah was addressing and out of us today is found in verse 8. "*He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth he LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*" These are not suggestions or recommendations. These are requirements. God wants all of us to do justly, that is justice, to do what is right. He wants us to love mercy. The word has the idea of loving kindness to others. The LORD wants us to walk humbly with Him. Do the right thing. Show Christian attitude toward others all the time. Walk humbly with God. The world will notice a difference when we, as children of God follow those simple requirements. *L. Cole*

Tear Down This Wall!

It was 30 years ago today that President Ronald Reagan gave a speech that perhaps, contained his most memorable quote as President of the United States. While speaking in West Berlin, President Reagan said to the Soviet leader, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Of course, the wall to which he was referring was the "Berlin Wall" that divided communist East Berlin from democratic West Berlin. As history records it, two years after this speech, the Berlin Wall was torn down and the people of East and West Berlin were finally united after a 28-year-long separation.

Whatever your feelings are toward the presidency of Ronald Reagan, his call to "tear down this wall" begs to be allegorized. While the Berlin wall was torn down, there remains many walls, yet standing, which also need to be torn down.

- Are you separated from a friend or family member because you refuse to accept an apology they offered? Tear down this wall!
- Is your relationship strained with someone because he/she attempted to correct you in a spirit of brotherly love? Tear down this wall!

- Do you privately or publicly have an adversarial position toward the bishops in your congregation because of a decision they made, or a direction they chose? Tear down this wall!
- Are you tempted to marginalize certain truths because they stand in opposition to the way you live or believe? Tear down this wall!
- Are you ever envious of the success of neighboring congregations or fellow preachers? Tear down this wall!
- Do you have prejudice towards people who are different from you in a multiplicity of ways (e.g. race, education, wealth, status, clothing, etc.)? Tear down this wall!

You see, there's still work to be done; There are walls still standing that need to be torn down. While there is a time to build, the wise man said there is also a time to break down (Ecclesiastes 3:3). Accept the challenge, and "tear down this wall!"

Steve Higginbotham (June 12, 2017) MercEmail Devotionals

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

Today's post is very simple. It is a poem that you have probably heard before, but that every parent needs to keep in mind as we seek to raise those precious treasures God has given to us.

The poem is called "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking," and the author is Mary Rita Schlike Korazan. We hope it encourages us all.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed that there was a God to talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I looked.... and I wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

Legacy of Faith, Adam Faughn, 03/16/17

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

June 25th.

Co-Coordinator George Clay
Announcements Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading...John 8:34-37 . . Austin Clay
Song Leader Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer. Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve:, Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Greeters: Please be here to greet before services.

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—The Word Has No Place in You
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

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

Announcements Dallas Eddie
Song Leader. Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading.... Col. 3:16,17 . . Austin Clay

Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord's Supper Jacky Carver, Sr.
. John William Leonard
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement. Dallas Eddie
Song Leader George Clay
First Prayer. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer Glen Reece
Closing Prayer Mitchell Brooks

Prepare Communion for JUNE

Vicki Russell & Dianna Dillehay

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 24th. VBS at Adam’s Ave. 10-2

JULY 9-13TH. VBS 6:30 each night.

July 16-22nd. Jackson Smith Co. Youth Camp

Aug. 5th. Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar at East Main, Murfreesboro.

BIBLE READING FOR JUNE

01 Psa. 18-20	11 Psa. 52-54	21 Psa. 84-86
02 Psa. 21-23	12 Psa. 55-57	22 Psa. 87-89
03 Psa. 24-28	13 Psa. 58-60	23 Psa. 90-92
04 Psa. 29-31	14 Psa. 61-63	24 Psa. 93-97
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