

HIRAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

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"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

1 Peter 4:11

"Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you." Romans 16:16

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements: Matt Johnson
Opening Prayer: Matt Johnson
Song Leader: Kwame Abdul
Second Prayer: Jeff Kirkland
Lord's Table: Clarence Proctor
 Devin Bryant
Message: Melvin J. Bryant II
Closing Prayer: Alex Johnson

Attendance

Morning Hour: 24
Bible Class: 28
Worship: 36
Wednesday: 20
Contribution: \$1232

Weekly Service Times

 The Morning Hour 9:00am
 Bible Class 10:00am
 Morning Worship 11:00am
 Wed. Evening Bible Classes 7:30pm

The Morning Hour

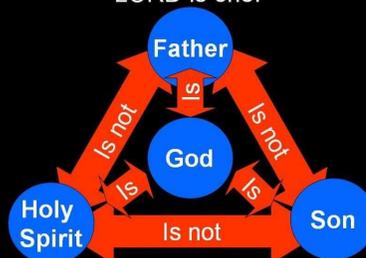
- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

Missions: India & Childhaven

PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10

Deuteronomy 6:4
 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!"



WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?

WHAT IF WE...

...carried it with us everywhere?



...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?



...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?

What would our lives look like?

ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia)

PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Dennis Johnson** had another medical test last week and the results were good. They plan to travel back to India later this week.
- ▶ **Brad and Doranda** are in need of prayer as they prepare to relocate.
- ▶ **Ameena Redic** passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.
- ▶ **Mary Troup** had mouth surgery and is in need of our prayers.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested prayers for his son in law, Tommy. He goes in a few weeks to see if he still has fluid in his pancreas, if he does the doctors will put a stint in his colon, which will have him in the hospital 7-10 days.
- ▶ **Traci Bryant's** uncle passed away. Let us keep the Molden family in our prayers.
- ▶ **Erica** is in need of prayer for her overall health. She appreciates the calls and prayers.
- ▶ **Mary Brock** has requested prayers for her daughters.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

✓ March Birthdays

Becky - 15th
Erica - 23rd
Patty - 29th

✓ Local Church News.

✓ Traveling.

Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.
Dennis and Beth Johnson will be traveling back to India.

✓ We will have a Fellowship Meal on the last Sunday of each month.

✓ Hiram Church of Christ News

Let us keep James Munsell in our prayers. He was added to the Lord on January 20, 2019. He found our church Youtube channel and studied with Bro. Bryant, now he's a child of God. He was baptized at the Quivira Heights church of Christ in Topeka, Ks.

✓ We have been asked to keep another interested person in prayer. Her name is Maricela, she has asked that we keep her sons, Antonio and Alexander along with ex-husband Torrell and friend Justin in prayer. She lives in California, and she too has found our Youtube channel and has shown interest in studying more regarding the word of God. Let us pray that the Lord will open her heart to heed the things spoken.



“WORSHIP...GOD” Pt. IV
“Identifying the FOUR types of Worship in the Bible”
“Ignorant Worship”
Acts 17:22-23

When God declares something, it would be in His servants (His children’s) best interest to adhere to what He has commanded. It is important that we follow the instructions the Lord has laid out when we come before Him in “Worship!” He is to be regarded as HOLY! In Deuteronomy 5:1, Moses spoke to ALL the children of Israel and said to them, **“Hear, O Israel, the Statutes and Judgments which I speak in your Hearing today, that you may LEARN them and be CAREFUL to OBSERVE them.”**

- God requires that we LEARN: (*that is*, God desires that we acquire the knowledge of what He has commanded from His word). Then; God requires that we be CAREFUL; (*that is*, God wants us to take care that we avoid mishap or harm when LEARNING His will). And; God requires that we OBSERVE (*that is*, to notice and register His word as being significantly important in our lives)!
- SINCE the subject matter that we’re discussing is “Worship,” God wants us to LEARN what He has authorized for us to do in “Worship, (in our SERVICE to Him)!” And, once we LEARN it, He commands that we be CAREFUL, we avoid doing things that we can’t find AUTHORIZED by Him! Nadab and Abihu is an example of this in Leviticus 10:1-2!
- What did they do? They offered STRANGE (or Profane) fire before the Lord, which He had NOT commanded them! God had ALREADY COMMANDED the priest in Exodus 30:9, NOT to offer ANY Strange (or Profane) fire on the alter, And when Nadab and Abihu VIOLATED the command of God, FIRE went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they DIED before the Lord!

Uzzah is an example of this in 2 Samuel 6:6-7!

- What did he do? He was with the children of Israel as they were transporting the Ark of God, And, when it stumbled, Uzzah put his hand out and took hold of it. The ANGER of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God STRUCK him there for his error; and he died there by the Ark of God.
- It doesn’t matter how sincere we may do things, “IF” it’s NOT according to the commandments of the Lord, we are in SIN when we do things OUTSIDE of Faith!
- David explained that no one was to carry the Ark of God but the Levites (1 Chronicles 15:1), and the reason God broke out against them was because they didn’t consult with Him about the “Proper Order!” God has a “Proper Order” on HOW He wants things done, how He expects us to “Worship”!

The Young Prophet in 1 Kings 13:23-24 is an example of this!

- What did he do? He listened to an Old Prophet who told him that he received word from an angel of the Lord who told him saying, “Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.” In I Kings 13:18, the Bible tells us, (He was lying to him). God had ALREADY told the Young Prophet in 1 Kings 13:8 what NOT to do! The Young Prophet UNDERSTOOD the commandment of the Lord, BUT; he allowed himself to LISTEN and be Persuaded by the Old Prophet, and as a result of his Disobedience, a LION met him on the road and KILLED him!

Now, this is just for the sake of Further Understanding as we continue to venture into our lesson!

- God also shows us THREE ways in which we are attacked by satan! “IF” we want to avoid becoming a victim to sin, we will LEARN these ways! (1) The Lust of the Flesh. Paul speaks of the “Works of the Flesh” in Galatians 5:19-21. (2) The Lust of the Eyes. David sinned in this with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11:1ff) and (3) the Pride of Life. The king of Babylon was of this sort (Isaiah 14:12-21). One interesting note regarding the king of Babylon. Most in religious circles believe that Lucifer (v.12) is referring to the devil. This is not true since (a) the context, (v.4) tells us it’s the king of Babylon. (b) he is mentioned as a MAN (v.16), and (c) satan is a spirit (Ephesians 2:2) not a man! Understanding this....

God has shown us FOUR ways of “Worship” and desires that we LEARN TO AVOID three of these FOUR ways! (1). “True Worship” (John 4:20-24) which is the only one! (2) “Will Worship” (Colossians 2:20-23). (3) “Vain Worship” (Matthew 15:7-9). And; (4) “Ignorant Worship”. (Acts 17:22-23).

I. IGNORANT WORSHIP (Acts 17:16-34).

- A. The Bible mentions a way of “Worshipping” God and calls it, “Ignorant!” (Acts 17:22-23).
- The word “Ignorant” is different from the other types of “Worship” because it is defined as, “to be uninformed about, not to know, (to) be ignorant.” (BDAG 3rd ed., p. 12).”
 - So, just because a person doesn’t KNOW how to “Worship God” correctly, and they choose to “Worship” Him “Ignorantly” (*that is*, without knowledge from His word) that does not (and will not) validate an approval from God because of their “Ignorance!”
 - Now, Paul in Acts 17:16 is waiting on Silas and Timothy to meet him, and as he is waiting, he was not standing around being idle, his spirit was provoked because he saw that the city of the Athenians were given over to idols!
 - Every time we see people “Worshipping God” from a standpoint of “Ignorance,” our spirit should be “Provoked” as well!
 - In Acts 17:17, Paul REASONED, in the synagogue and marketplace with the Jews and Gentile worshippers. And, he did this DAILY!
 - (1). For those who say that men are NOT subject to KNOW and UNDERSTAND that there is a “Proper” and “Orderly” way on how to worship God, here is one thing for SURE....God will hold them accountable for not knowing!
 - If one way of worship is as good as another, Paul could have EASILY left them to their own “Ignorance”, and had the attitude of saying, “What they are doing is NONE OF MY BUSINESS”, as so many of us have done, (and do), when we see people Worshipping God “Ignorantly”! But Paul KNEW what the Lord had commissioned for him to do, (Acts 9:15 cf. Matthew 28:18-20) and these Athenians were not exempt from that command!
- B. The Ignorance of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers (Acts 17:18).
- The Epicureans and Stoic’s are philosophers who believe in a philosophical system!
 - Just because a person maybe an expert in a field of study, he can hold more degrees than a thermostat, “IF” his study contradicts OR goes against the commandments of God, he is to be labeled WRONG, and what he proclaims against the commandments of God is to be counted as USELESS! Or, as Paul would count it as, “Rubbish” (Philippians 3:8)! God’s word is inspired, NOT a man’s degree or his field of study!
 - (2). What did Paul Preach to them? He Preached JESUS (Acts 17:18).
 - Remember Acts 8:35, Philip Preached Jesus to the Ethiopian Eunuch. ANYTIME we preach Jesus, we are to preach ALL that is required for one to become a Christian, that includes baptism, the sacrifice of what the Lord has done (Acts 8:32; 17:18 cf. Isaiah 53:7-8), and continue to teach them thereafter. (Matthew 28:18-20).
- C. Paul standing in the midst of the Areopagus. (Acts 17:22-23).
- People can be Religious, (sincere in their beliefs), and yet “Ignorant” at the same time.
 - These Athenians studied ALL types of worship, idol gods, and Paul finding an alter to the “Unknown God,” he tells them they “Ignorantly Worship” (KJV) or “Worship without knowing” (NKJV). Then he proceeds to preach to them of the True living God (vs.24-31).
 - One of the most profound verses in this text is found in Acts 17:30, “Truly, these times of IGNORANCE God overlooked, but now commands ALL men EVERYWHERE to Repent.”
 - Ignorant worship to God will not be accepted, regardless how sincere one may be.
 - Let us be provoked as Paul was in any city and teach men that God has a “Proper Order of Worship” and He demands that ALL men LEARN, and be CAREFUL to OBSERVE it.