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## The Bread of Life

GOD'S WORD,  
OUR FOUNDATION

### Psalm 92:1

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

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Sunday, June the 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Troy Taylor once again welcomed Evangelist Mike Sanchez to Victory Tabernacle. His Scripture reading came from Acts 17:27-28 and John 6:35 with the focus of his message being on 'The Bread of Life.'

"I am the bread of Life, Jesus said" was Bro. Sanchez's opening statement. He went on to explain that you can travel to almost any country and set in any restaurant and you will be served bread. Because bread is not a regional food nor a national dish and no country claims to have exclusive source for bread.

In the Bible bread is mentioned many, many times and it is symbolic. The first time it is mentioned in the Bible is when God sentenced Adam and told him that by the sweat

of his face he would eat bread until the day he dies (Gen. 3:19). Bread was the first thing Abraham offered to Jesus and the two angels of the Lord when He visited him in Genesis 18:5. The feast of unleavened bread is an important part of our Passover celebrating and reminding us of when we were brought out of Egypt in Genesis 12:39. The Lord rained down bread from heaven and called in manna for the children when they were in the wilderness for forty years. David referred to manna as angel food in Psalm 78:25.

The term bread is use metaphorically in the Bible as the bread of idleness, the bread of wickedness and the bread of adversity. When the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, he told Jesus to command that the stones be



Evangelist Mike Sanchez

turned into bread. In Matthew 4 the Lord said in His last prayer He said give us the day our daily bread and in Matthew 6:11 it says that at the last supper Jesus took the bread and said take eat this is my body. Now these are just a few places in the Bible that mentions that Jesus is the bread of life.

The will of God is that we

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## Temptation

Pastor Troy Taylor's Father's day message was on Temptation with his Scripture reading coming from 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Referring to his Scripture reading Pastor Troy Taylor began his message by telling us that this temptation thing here is referring to way more than just adultery, fornication, robbing a bank or stealing. This temptation here is en-

compassing many events, trials, and situations of life. It could be a temptation to want to throw in the towel and quit. It could be a temptation to want to become discouraged, despondent, to get in despair. It could be a temptation to join up with the wrong party, the wrong group, the wrong side. It could be a temptation to backslide. This temptation

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Pastor Troy Taylor

## The Bread of Life

would take into our hearts Jesus Christ. He talked to us so many times about bread in the Bible because He knew that when we would sit down at the table we would eat bread. And that when we would bread that bread we would be reminded of Him and His purpose that He has for us. The purpose and reason Jesus Christ came is to forgive us no matter what we have done and whether or not we believe that we can be forgiven or to receive mercy. To believe otherwise would be a lie. Jesus can and will forgive, heal, and will provide for you.

Even though we get to thinking about ourselves sometimes of how bad we feel about ourselves which

makes you feel unworthy and shut off from God and makes you feel like God has given up on you. Well that is a lie from the devil because He said there is no more condemnation to them that believe in Jesus Christ and walk in His Spirit. We need to walk and trust Him today and not look to the world and believe in the lies of the world.

How many times have we tried to get God to move but we just don't feel worthy and that we have not done enough for Him? But that is where our problem comes from because we are looking at ourselves and not at His abilities. We're measuring ourselves by how we feel or how we have per-

formed in our walk with Him. Therefore it gives us our answer where we can feel whether we can believe or whether we can have faith that He will. But so often we are satisfied with just the crumbs and settle into the mindset of accepting the idea that we don't deserve all of His blessings because we haven't been as devoted as we should but if You will just give me a crumb. When we do that we start eliminating God's power of working in our lives. But when you get the 'Bread of Life' you get the whole loaf. Which means that you will get all the blessings without having to beg for the crumbs.

*Count as lost each day you have not used in loving God.*

## Temptation

here is broad and varied and very wide.

So don't limit it to just adultery or the like because it is way more than a physical thing, it's a spiritual thing. And it really denotes a whole lot of things going on that could go on. It is struggles of life, battles, tests, trials, temptations, and persecutions. It's what you're going through now like the loss of a love one and tough times at work and home. It involves so many things so we have to remember here what Paul is saying. There's no temptation that's taken you but such as is common. In other words he's saying that you're not the only one that's going through it. Other people go through tough times too. A lot of folks say 'if anybody knew what I'm going through,' well your friends might not know but Jesus knows. Cause the Bible said He was tempted in all points like we are yet without sin.

In this whole temptation thing it says it's not just about us it is common to man. Your predecessors, your forefathers, and the ones that went before you fought and battled the very same

things as we are. So don't say it's just you going through what you're going through because there is a brother or sister that knows exactly how you feel. So don't think it is merely you because the common demand is that it is going to rain on the just and unjust. Everybody has a fight to fight, a struggle, trial, and tribulation.

It's real easy to look at people and the car they're drive and the home they're living in and the jobs they have and thing that they are very successful people. But you don't know what's going on inside their lives. You don't know the inner turmoil, the struggles and battles internally they have. They could be just a few days from suicide; they could be in a state of depression or discouragement.

It's not just everybody else going through things but there're some people in the Church going through some things too. And there's some people you know and love dearly that are really going through some tough times. Our world is going through some tough times right now. Our nation is convulsing and reeling under

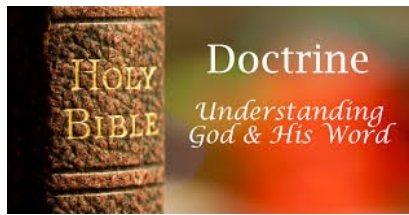
pressures of life and difficulties and mistakes and bad decision's people make as well as troubles, trials and things that try to divide us and tear us apart. There's no temptation that's not common. Somebody has been down this road before. It's not just us, our forefathers have been through it and if they can come through and survive so can we.

Temptation wasn't sent by God to destroy you. The devil would like it that way but God has the final say so. The devil may send temptation but the Lord says devil I have you on a short leash and you can only go so far and I'm going to take care of my children. With every temptation we have an opportunity to succeed and get victory out of it. Every trial can bring triumph, every test can bring a testimony, every mess can bring a message, and every struggle can bring victory.

There's no temptation that can overcome you if you will hold on to Jesus and Him hold on to you. You can go through anything, any storm, any battle, any trial, any difficulty, or any mistake or failure. You can go through that in Jesus Name.

## Doctrines of the Bible

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### One God

There is only *one* God. This statement of fact is fully documented throughout the Scriptures. In the Old Testament, god said, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." And, "Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any." (Deuteronomy 6:4 and Isaiah 44:8)

This same truth is *fulfilled* in the New Testament. In Paul's writings we find, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 2:5) Again, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19)

There are *no contradictions* in the Bible. The word "trinity" is *not* found in

the Bible. This term, coined by the Roman Catholic Church, was introduced at the Nicean Council of 325 A.D. It is accepted by most Protestant groups, and states that there is one God divided into three persons who are coequal and coeternal. This, of course, is a contradiction, and impossibility, and completely unscriptural. It is without *scriptural foundation*.

God is a Spirit. He has no physical limitations. He may be seen only in Jesus Christ. But He is everywhere, an omnipotent, omnipresent God, filling the universe. John said, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

Many people try to explain the mystery of the godliness and get very confused. This simple truth must be understood by revelation. The Holy Ghost, which is the Spirit of God, will reveal this beautiful truth to honest-hearted people seeking truth.

God was manifested in the flesh, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. (1 Timothy 3:16 and John 1:14) In Jesus Christ dwelt all the fullness of the godhead bodily. (Colossians 2:9)

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. (2 Corinthians 5:19) God desired complete fellowship with His creation, and He was finally achieving this goal through the supreme sacrifice.

The purposes of the Sonship of God are as follows:

To provide a Redeemer, a sinless sacrifice of our sins. Only God could provide such a sacrifice.

To become our Mediator.

To become our King. Someday He will reign upon the earth as the King of kings. (Matthew 26:64)

To become our Judge. (Acts 17:31)

With this understanding, you can readily see how Jesus Christ possessed a dual nature. He was both divine and human. He was deity when He said "all power" was given unto Him (Matthew 28:18), and when He exercised the right to forgive sins. (Mark 2:5 and Luke 7:48) he was humanity when He suffered, bled, and died on the cross. He was deity when He arose again, victorious over death.

## God's Wisdom for Daily Living provided by Pastor Curtis Taylor

### God is Gracious

The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The Lord gives light to the eyes of both (Proverbs 29:13).

### God is Merciful

The great God who formed all things gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages (Proverbs 26:10).

The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but deliverance is of the Lord

(Proverbs 21:31).

### God is Mysterious

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter (Proverbs 25:2).

### God Has a Son

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has estab-

lished all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you know? (Proverbs 30:4).



## Sis. Sherry's Column

### CAN YOU STAND?

**I can answer that question for us all. WITH GOD, YES WE ALL CAN STAND!**

To be able to stand is going to take a relationship with God, time in prayer and fasting. Time Studying the word of God and **STANDING ON GOD'S WORD!**

A true relationship with God is what is going to help us in our time of need. God will be there for us and help us to **STAND NO MATTER WHAT COMES AGAINST US!** Our walk with God determines our outcome in this life and after life. Which brings another subject up 'HEAVEN or HELL'? My next article might be "WILL IT BE HEAVEN OR HELL"? Decisions have to be made in our lives, and now more than ever. **CAN WE STAND IN THIS LIFE? CAN WE STAND THE BATTLES OF THIS LIFE? THE ANSWER TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS IS "YES WE CAN STAND, BUT ONLY WITH GOD".** It is going to take God to get us through every step, every disappointment, every hurt, every battle, **IT IS GOING TO TAKE GOD!** As the saying goes 'BUT GOD'. Things may look dim, terrible, difficult, hard, horrific, messy, any word you want to come up with for the way things may look or seem, 'BUT GOD' I CAN STAND, AND ONLY WITH GOD! **GOD IS THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE AND CHANGE ANY OF US NEED IN OUR LIVES TO MAKE IT THROUGH LIFE. IT TAKES A TRUE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. IT TAKES KNOWING WHO YOU ARE, AND WHO'S WE ARE. SO, The question "CAN YOU STAND"? ONLY WE CAN DECIDE THAT AND MAKE THAT DECISION. YES WE CAN STAND WITH GOD, BUT IT IS UP TO US INDIVIDUALLY TO TAKE A STAND AND TO BE ABLE TO STAND,** which brings us to another question, "ARE YOU ABLE TO STAND"? And with that

question brings us more to our life and walk with God. I know there is a lot of questions, but they have to be answered within ourselves in order to be able to stand. Is our walk with God strong enough to "STAND". Is our relationship with God good enough for us to be able to STAND? This is some very hard and strong questions, but we as a people of GOD have got to determine and know if we CAN STAND. And once we realize there is a difference in knowing and being able to stand or not. We have got to be strong enough in God and in our walk with God to be able to stand. Below is a few Bible verses about being able to **STAND.**

● <sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup>**Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.** <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup>And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

● What do you do when you don't know what to do? Ephesians 6:12 says, "...Having done all....stand." There are times when that's all you can do. Maybe you're in the middle of a difficult physical, relational, financial or spiritual challenge today. When you've exhausted your own resources to solve your problem, the only thing you can do is give it to God. He is not wringing His hands about your situation because it took Him by surprise. He is fully aware of what you're going through and fully

capable of giving you the answer to your problem.

● I love the story in 2 Chronicles 20 about Jehoshaphat. Three armies were coming against him. He didn't know what to do and his first response was much like ours would be. He was afraid. (2 Chronicles 20:3) But he turned his heart to seek God, reminding Him of His covenant with Israel and His promise to them. You can do the same. God has given you promises in His word for every situation, and His word will "not return void, but accomplish the purpose for which it was sent." (Isaiah 55:11)

● When the doctor comes to you with a report that brings fear to your heart, you can remind God of His promise in Exodus 15:26 that says, "I am the God that heals you." Psalm 107:20 says, "He sent His word and healed us." For a financial need, you can remind God of His promise in Philippians 4:19 "but my God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Or, "God is able to make all grace abound to me, always having all sufficiency in all things, I have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

● Maybe you feel like Jehoshaphat when he said in verse 12, "For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, **but our eyes are upon You.**" We need to learn to stop looking at the problem and "fix our eyes upon Jesus" and the promises in His word.

● As Jehoshaphat prayed and fasted for an answer, God gave them a plan. (2 Chron. 20: 14-17). I love what God said in response to Jehoshaphat's prayer. **"Don't be afraid or dismayed."** (vs. 15) **"The battle is not yours, but God's."** **"You will not have to fight in this battle...stand and see the salvation of the Lord."** (vs. 17) Oh, how we need to hear that today! Stand and see the salvation of the Lord." Maybe you're out of answers, but God isn't.

● He had an interesting battle plan for the children of Israel, and it's still

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a good battle plan for us today. (2 Chron. 20: 21-22) The singers and musicians were placed in front of the army to lead them into battle singing and praising, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever." They went into battle singing and praising, and the Lord fought the battle for them.

- Here's a key. 2 Chron. 20:22 says, ***"When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the enemy."*** When the three armies heard the sound of worship, they became confused and began to destroy each other. I'm sure there was an angelic choir joining in as well! When we begin to worship and praise in the middle of our battle, all of heaven joins in, and the sound of praise confuses and confounds the enemy. Jesus said in Matthew 21:16, "have you not heard that out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?" Jesus was basically quoting Psalm 8:2, "Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger." Satan wants to steal your song....my song, because he knows if he can stop our song of worship and praise, he can defeat us more easily. But when we sing and praise in the middle of our battle, "the Lord sets ambushes against the enemy!!"

- When Judah came over the hill, they saw that the three armies had destroyed each other. They picked up the spoils of war and didn't have to fight for them. God fought this battle for them, and He will do the same for you.

- God hasn't forgotten you. He hasn't forsaken you. He knows exactly what you're going through today and He has an answer for your situation. Your strength and your resources may be gone, but God's strength and resources are unlimited. Put a song of praise and worship on your lips today, and ***stand and see the salvation of the Lord!***

- For His Glory,

Prayer, fasting and spending time in God is what is going to help us to stand. There is nothing to be afraid of. God's got this! Every situation, every problem, every circumstance, everything and anything you need God has got! being afraid is fear, being fearful. As the song goes "Fear is a liar". Fear comes from the enemy. fear is only a word, until we allow it to become more! Mind control is another good thing to do an article on. We might not can control our minds completely, what comes to our mind, in our mind, it is what we do with what we think in our minds. The Bible says in Philippians 4:8 – Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, Whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Think on things above! Stop stressing and worrying about what is going on in this crazy world. God is in control. God always has been and always will be in control. It is what we do that is messing things up, what we think, how we think, what we do, our actions. God is Love, Hope, Peace and Joy! God is life everlasting! With God, all things become new! So keep your eyes on God. Stay focused on who you are and who's you are. Keep your mind focused on the things that matter in this life and the hope we have in God! After all God is life, so relax, chill and know that God is the Great I AM. We all know who God is, so we need to act like we know the God we serve and the God within us! Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

God is good! Stay prayerful, fast, know who you are and who's you are! What you let in your mind and allow to stay and dwell in you, is what your outcome will be. If we dwell on God, what He is, who He is, what He can do and focus more on the problem solver than the problems in our life, then that is when God can take fear and turn it into faith and far more than our natural minds can ever dream of! Which brings me to another great point in life, the Bible says in Proverbs 29:18: Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. Fight the good fight of faith and keep believing God and trusting god! As a song we use to sing "Everything is going to be alright"...But I will add, as long as we trust and believe Jesus and let Him work it out. Remember He goes before us. We fight our battles by prayer and fasting, stay focused on God. God will bring us through it! Another saying I like to say is: You pray you stay, you fast you last, you doubt you do without! Which brings us back to the topic of this article: CAN YOU STAND?

## The Book of Ruth Part 2 of 2

*taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course*

### I. Ruth's Rest at the Feet of Boaz (Chapter 3)

Chapter 3 of Ruth begins and ends with rest.

Naomi counseled Ruth to remind Boaz that he was their kinsman and thus could redeem them. Here we find Ruth taking advantage of another of God's laws. In the law that God gave to Israel, if a widow was childless, her dead husband's nearest relative was to marry her to perpetuate the dead husband's name (Deuteronomy 25:5-6).

As Naomi instructed, one evening Ruth lay at the feet of Boaz until morning and he covered her with a portion of his garment. (From Ezekiel 16:8, we infer that this was a token of betrothal according to the custom of the day.) Similarly, we must sit at the feet of Jesus in order to be filled with *truth* (Luke 10:39; John 1:14), and we must be covered with His garments of *grace* to be in the bride of Christ (Isaiah 330:1; 52:1; 61:3; Matthew 22:11).

Boaz told Ruth that in the morning he would redeem her inheritance. Likewise, our bodies are not yet redeemed, but if we tarry at the feet of Jesus through the night hours of this age, they will be redeemed when the Lord comes to catch His people away. This event will usher in the dawn of the millennial day.

If we sit at the feet of Jesus and are covered with the garment of His Spirit, we need not fear, for our inheritance will be redeemed "in the morning." It will pay to be true "until the day break, and the shadows flee away" (Song of Solomon 4:6).

### II. The Marriage of Ruth (Chapter 4)

Boaz told Ruth that there was a kinsman closer in relation to them than he, and he needed to have the opportunity to redeem their inheritance (Ruth 3:12-13). According to the law, anyone who had lost his in-

heritance could have his nearest kinsman redeem it. "If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold" (Leviticus 25:25).

The nearest kinsman declined to redeem the inheritance, so Boaz did. Ruth thus became the bride of Boaz, the owner of the field. Likewise, we will be members of the bride of Christ, if we glean in His field and trust Him to redeem our inheritance. (See Romans 8:23.) "In whom ye also trusted, after that his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold" (Leviticus 25:25).

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### III. Other Lessons in Ruth

Although Ruth was a hated Moabite, God adopted her into the family of God, and she became the mother Obed. He was the grandfather of the great king David, from whom came the Messiah.

The adoption of a Gentile woman into Christ's Jewish ancestry foreshad-

ows the inclusion of Gentiles in the church and the Gentiles being fellow-heirs of salvation with the Jews. "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name" (Acts 15:14). "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). As Peter declared in Acts 2:39: "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall Call."

God will always reward those who simply trust in His power. No matter how hopeless conditions about us seem to be, God is able to lift us above every one of them. Ruth's confidence in the Lord brought rich returns and is an admirable example to those in the church. Hebrews 10:35 exhorts us, "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward."

David testified of how God rewarded him and gave him victory over all his enemies because of his righteousness, which stemmed from trust in God. "He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me" (Psalm 18:19-20).

Our greatest reward will be at the coming of the Lord Jesus in the clouds of heaven. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matthew 16:27).

## The Uniqueness of the Genesis Creation Story

by Kenneth A. Matthews  
from Holman KJV Study Bible

While there are many similarities between parts of Genesis and ancient Near Eastern (ANE) myths, there are also fundamental differences. These are seen especially in the significantly different views of the Creator and creation. Five features in particular distinguish the biblical creation account and perspective. So distinctive theologically is the biblical teaching from that of Israel's neighbors that it is best explained as the result of divine revelation, not the imagination or "religious genius" of the biblical author.

### THE IDENTITY OF GOD

The basic identity of God as revealed in Genesis is distinct from all other ANE conceptions. The Lord God did not have an origin and did not have a female counterpart. In fact, Genesis does not present any kind of Theogony (origin of the gods). God simply always existed. The concept of fertility was a common explanation among the ancients for how the world was created. It was believed that gods and goddesses joined in sexual union and thus produced the world, just as man and woman can come together to create a child. Israel's God, however, was revealed to be asexual, neither male or female. According to other ANE religions the world (or parts of it, like the sun) was a divine "Thou," whereas in Genesis the world was revealed to be an "it," a non-supernatural reality brought into existence by a supernatural God.

### NO RIVAL GODS

While polytheistic views dominated the ANE, Genesis revealed that God has no divine rivals. A common explanation for creation among the ancients was that an epic battle had raged between creator gods and anti-creation deities. Ultimately, the creator god overcame the anti-creation forces/gods, in some cases using the slain bodies of their enemies to make the stuff of the world. In Genesis there is no rival opposing the Creator. All creation obeyed the voice of God, as expressed in the recurring phrase, "and it was so" (1:7).

### CREATION OUT OF NOTHING

In Genesis the Creator by inherent authority as Sovereign Lord spoke creation into a functional, well-ordered existence. There was no eternal pre-created matter, such as was believed in the ancient myths. Genesis says God spoke all things into origination. This does not mean He uttered words that possessed inherent magical powers. Rather, the irrevocable power of God's creation words was grounded in the authority of God Himself. Unlike the nature deities whose existence was limited to the world system, God existed before creation and above creation. Also, creation was not the emanation of divine person or power. It was separate from Him, a new reality subject to His will.

### THE VALUE OF HUMANITY

In Genesis the Creator bestowed special value on humanity. Human beings in the ANE view were not indispensable to the operation of the world, whereas in Genesis they were essential as its chief caretakers. The Lord blessed humanity, assigning man and woman the responsibility to propagate and rule over the earth (1:26-28). ANE myths explain the purpose of humanity as servants who met the servile interest of the gods. The Bible elevates the person and role of humans who were "crowned ... with glory and honour" (Ps. 8:5), made in the divine image. God prepared the resplendent Garden of Eden for humanity, giving humanity meaningful work and purpose (Gen. 2:8-18). Also, Genesis presents the first humanity as individuals who were the progenitors of the human race.

### THE SABBATH

In Genesis the Creator provided the seventh day as a holy day of rest and celebration (2:1-3), which was later memorialized in Israel's Sabbath (Exod. 20:8-11). The Sabbath was unique to Israel, not tied to the movement of the stars, such as in the ancient preoccupation with astrology. The Lord was revealed as Master of the material universe *and* of time. All creation was invited to join in the knowledge of God and in the worship of Him as Creator and Sustainer of all things.

*Do the math . . . count your blessings.*

*Submitted by Sis. Lois Kilgore*

## Fully Human, Fully Alive

by Paul B. Mavesw

God is holy. We are to be like God, to have in us the mind that was in Christ Jesus. We are called to *be someone* as well as to *do something*.

To be *holy* is to be "set apart." To be holy is to be committed or to be dedicated to those values that are at

the center of all created being. To be holy also means to be "whole" or "healthy." To be holy is to be perfected, to be mature, to become what God intended when he created us.

It is in commitment to God's calling, in allowing ourselves to be set

apart for God's ministry, that we are made whole and grow up into that full measure of maturity that was in Christ Jesus. Perhaps instead of using the term *aging*, we should talk about becoming *fully human*, living out the life to which we were destined.



## Daily Scripture Reading



**Luke 11:3**  
Give us day by day our daily bread

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Jul 1	Ps	90-95	Jul 13	Pr	7-9	Jul 24	Ecc	11-12
Jul 2	Ps	96-102	Jul 14	Pr	10-12		S of S	1-4
Jul 3	Ps	103-105	Jul 15	Pr	13-15	Jul 25	S of S	5-8
Jul 4	Ps	106-107	Jul 16	Pr	16-18		Isa	1
Jul 5	Ps	108-112	Jul 17	Pr	19-21	Jul 26	Isa	2-5
Jul 6	Ps	113-118	Jul 18	Pr	22-23	Jul 27	Isa	6-9
Jul 7	Ps	119	Jul 19	Pr	24-26	Jul 28	Isa	10-13
Jul 8	Ps	120-138	Jul 20	Pr	27-29	Jul 29	Isa	14-19
Jul 9	Ps	139-144	Jul 21	Pr	30-31	Jul 30	Isa	20-24
Jul 10	Ps	145-150		Ecc	1	Jul 31	Isa	25-28
Jul 11	Pr	1-3	Jul 22	Ecc	2-6	Aug 1	Isa	29-32
Jul 12	Pr	4-6	Jul 23	Ecc	7-10	Aug 2	Isa	33-36

*When the Word of God is within us,  
it flows out from our life.*

## June Messages

06/03 Wed - Due to potential threats of violence there was no service.

06/07 Sun - After a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost Pastor Troy Taylor read Psalm 80:19 and then spoke briefly on 'It's Not to Late.'

06/1 Wed - Evangelist Mike Sanchez preached on "There is a Way Out." Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:13-14.

06/14 Sun - Reading Acts 17:27-28, 25 and John 6:35 Evangelist Mike Sanchez preached on "The Bread of Life."

06/17 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Distractions" with his text coming from Acts 20:24.

06/21 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor reading from 1 Corinthians 10:13 preached on 'Temptation.'

06/24 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Being Changed." Scripture text: Exodus 34:28-35.

06/28 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor's message was titled "I Believe God" with his Scripture reading coming from Acts 27:23-25.

Don't be  
discouraged;  
everyone who got  
where he is, started  
where he was.


Though your beginning was insignificant,  
Yet your end will increase greatly

Job 8:7 NASB





# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Evening Service 7 PM	2	3  4th of July Federal Holiday	4  
5 Morning Service 10 AM	6	7	8 Evening Service 7 PM	9	10	11
12 Morning Service 10 AM	13	14	15 Evening Service 7 PM	16	17	18
19 Morning Service 10 AM	20	21	22 Evening Service 7 PM	23	24	25
26 Morning Service 10 AM	27	28	29 Evening Service 7 PM	30	31	

Without God we are Nothing!

## Chef's Corner

### Wedge Salad with Comeback Dressing

#### Ingredients

##### COMEBACK DRESSING:

- ½ cup light olive oil or vegetable oil
- ¼ cup chili sauce
- ¼ cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire
- 1 teaspoon Creole or other spicy mustard
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 hard-boiled egg, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped sweet pickle or pickle relish
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- Couple dashes hot sauce
- ¼ teaspoon Cajun seasoning, or to taste
- ½ tablespoon minced onion
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

##### SALAD:

- 1 head iceberg lettuce, rinsed, and cut into 8 wedges
- Purple onion, sliced thin
- Grape tomatoes, sliced
- Chopped pimentos
- Crumbled, cooked bacon



#### Directions

- 1) Combine Comeback Dressing ingredients until blended. May also process in a food processor or blender for a smoother consistency. Thin with a bit of milk, if desired. Store in refrigerator overnight before using.
- 2) To serve, drizzle each wedge with Comeback Dressing, and garnish with thin slices of purple onion, sliced grape tomatoes, chopped pimentos, and crumbled, cooked bacon.

**Cook's Note:** Omit the chopped eggs to use Comeback Dressing as a sandwich spread, or as a dipping sauce for crackers, veggies—everything!

## On The Lighter Side

The Mexican restaurant looked great. Only one problem: It wasn't open. So I jotted down the name for another day. Just then, a man came out of the restaurant and peeked a peek at what I'd written.

"That's not the name of the restaurant," he said, pointing to the sign over the door. "That's Spanish for 'closed on Mondays.'" *by Bettie Wright, Surprise, Arizona*

During a priest's sermon, a large plant fell over right behind the pulpit, crashing to the ground. Acknowledging his reputation for long-windedness, he smiled sheepishly and said, "Well, that's the first time I actually put a plant to sleep." *by David Berger, Troy, Ohio*

The waitress was refilling cups of coffee when she stopped at the table next to ours. "Regular?" she asked her customer.

"Yes, thank you," said the man. "Due to a steady diet of fruit." *by Janet Lundquist, Lake Stevens, Washington*

My wife, a real estate agent, wrote an ad for a house she was listing. The house had a second-floor suite that could be accessed using a lift chair that slid along the staircase. Quickly describing this feature, she inadvertently made it sound even more attractive: "Mother-in-law suite comes with an electric chair." *by Michael Kimmit*

A sign of Old Age that may  
be Creeping up on You:  
*Submitted by Sis. Lois Kilgore*

It takes two tries to get up from the couch.

## Figures of Isaiah 36—39

Every word in the list below is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward.

ADRAMMELECH

ISAIAH

AHAZ

JOAH

AMOZ

MERODACHBALADAN

ASAPH

NISROCH

DAVID

SENNACHERIB

ESARHADDON

SHAREZER

HEZEKIAH

SHEBNA

HILKIAH

TIRHAKAH

H	A	D	R	A	M	M	E	L	E	C	H	I	W	B
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### Answer to last month's Puzzle

On Trial

1	S	N	O	B	S	6	J	O	S	E	10	B	A	L	D
14	C	A	R	A	T	15	E	B	O	N	16	E	P	E	E
17	A	P	E	R	Y	18	S	I	D	E	19	R	A	V	E
20	M	E	S	A		21	C	U	E		22	M	A	R	R
23						24	B	I	A	S	25	P	I	L	A
27	W	O	B	B	L	Y	30	S	E	E	P				
31	A	U	R	A	L		32	H	A	R	S	H	33	E	H
36	C	R	O	S	S	37	A	G	O		A	38	L	I	E
39	S	S	W			40	G	N	A	T		41	B	A	S
43						43	D	U	D	S	44	D	E	T	E
45	A	B	S			46	I	S			48	C	I	T	E
50	U	P	L	I	F	T	51	D	A	M	52	L	O	S	S
56	S	H	A	M		57	A	C	A	D	58	A	I	S	L
60	D	I	D	O		61	R	U	L	E	62	B	E	L	O
63	A	D	E	N		64	S	P	I	T	65	C	R	O	W

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May the Lord's rich blessings rest upon you in Jesus' name.

Pastor Troy Taylor

## Church Staff and Services

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### Services

Sunday School . . . . . Suspended  
Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 AM  
(Virtual on facebook, Instagram & Youtube)  
Wed. Evening Worship . . . . . Suspended



## The Power of Corporate Prayer

*taken from the In Touch Magazine*

### 2 CHRONICLES 20:14-16

14. THEN UPON JA-HA'-ZI-EL THE SON OF ZECH-A-RI'-AH, THE SON OF BE-NA'-IAH, THE SON OF JE-I'-EL, THE SON OF MAT-TA-NI'-AH, A LEVITE OF THE SONS OF A'-SAPH, CAME THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IN THE MIDST OF THE

CONGREGATION;

15. AND HE SAID, HEarken YE, ALL JUDAH, AND YE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM, AND THOU KING OF JE-HOSH'-A-PHAT, THUS SAITH THE LORD UNTO YOU, BE NOT AFRAID NOR DISMAYED BY REASON OF THIS GREAT MULTITUDE; FOR THE BATTLE IS NOT YOUR'S, BUT GOD'S

16. TO MORROW GO YE DOWN AGAINST THEM: BEHOLD, THEY COME UP BY THE CLIFF OF ZIZ; AND YE SHALL FIND THEM AT THE END OF THE BROOK, BEFORE THE WILDERNESS OF JE-RU'-EL.

### Read: 2 Chronicles 20:14-30

When trouble loomed, the first thing that Jehoshaphat did was to turn attention to God and proclaim a fast throughout Judah (2 Chron. 20:3). People came from all around to support their king in prayer (v. 13).

Sometimes we are too proud to ask others to pray for us. Jehoshaphat was a king, yet he wasn't so self-sufficient that he wouldn't admit his army paled in comparison to the three forces united against him. He recognized his limitations and sought divine intervention. Though Jehoshaphat reigned over his subjects, he nevertheless called on them for prayerful support.

One of the wisest things we can do in the midst of difficulty is to engage the assistance of someone who knows how to talk to God. The body of Christ depends upon cooperation.

When the people of Judah began to pray, God provided a solution through a trusted prophet. Jehoshaphat was humble enough to listen and wise enough to follow his directives (vv. 14-17). As a result, his people were saved. The advancing armies turned against each other and destroyed themselves completely. Without shooting an arrow or drawing a sword, Judah's forces suffered not even one casualty. Because their humble king listened, they witnessed the Lord's remarkable victory (vv. 22-30).

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We have to attune our ears to God's voice in order to hear Him. Sometimes He speaks through people we would not choose to follow, and He often says things we're not expecting to hear. But He will provide us with solutions to our problems if we are willing to listen to Him.