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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Gary Colley

How wonderful it is to have the friendship of the members of the body of Christ meeting at Getwell and Dunn! These are people who are serious about serving their Lord in the manner He has commanded. They also have the desire to include all who will to enjoy the blessings in Christ by obedience to the Gospel and living the Christian life. They realize that unless an individual is sincere in desiring to go to Heaven, and helps himself in hearing and believing the Gospel, no one can help him successfully. Please let us help you in answering any Bible questions you may have, and then taking your responsibility in devoting your life to live for the Lord.

We need to observe closely the five "Ls" in the life of mother Eve that caused her to sin and introduced sin into the world. When we study chapter three of Genesis in the Bible, we can see these clearly. They spell out the wrong way to deal with Satan and his imps who are false teachers. We need to pay special attention to the apostle Peter's warning about the tricks of Satan. He wrote, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (I Pet. 5:8).

1. Eve LISTENED to the serpent.
2. Eve LOOSENED her guard.
3. Eve LOOKED at the sinful item.
4. Eve LONGED for the forbidden fruit.
5. Eve LAID HOLD on that which God forbade.

These are the steps down the ladder of sin! We urge all to beware of even the first step, lest we find ourselves at the bottom of the ladder and LOST!

Where in the Bible Will I Find . . .

A Christian Family's Responsibility

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Paul said we are to “fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life” (I Tim. 6:12), and that we are to seek contentment in this life by Godly living (Rom. 12:1-2; I Tim. 6:6). In the beginning of time God established three divine institutions for the happiness and salvation of man: the home, the government, and the church. A lack of respect and rebellion for any of these will bring distress and difficulty to mankind. In an excellent article with good Biblical advice for young parents entitled, “A Christian Family's Responsibility, Lowell D. Turner wrote, “I want to stress the importance of a Christian family and urge young parents to realize their responsibility in properly rearing their children in a Christian home. A family is quite an “Institution.” God brought it into existence in the Garden of Eden. It is the basic unit of our society. Some families are successful and others are not. Here are some of the principles a successful family must follow:

1. They must love one another and show it in various ways.
2. They like to be together, and are, at every opportunity.
3. They all hurt when one is hurting.
4. They are happy when one is victorious.
5. They support one another.
6. They may disagree, but they do not impugn character.

7. They don't always agree with every decision, but for this they do not leave the family.
8. Each member does his part to maintain a harmonious operation of the family.
9. Each member has family loyalty.
10. Each member keeps family problems in the family and does not discuss it with neighbors or friends.
11. Each individual in the family must worship God according to His commandments given to us in the Bible.
12. Family worship and prayer are a basic foundation for a “Christian Family.”

We commend all of these thoughts to families everywhere! The writer of Psalms said, “Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it” (Psa.127:1). The New Testament says, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:1-4). These things are the heavy responsibility of Christian families.

RON'S REMINDERS



How Can God Be Jealous?

The Old Testament describes God as jealous about thirty-five times. To some readers, such a description might be troubling, for jealousy is normally a negative characteristic (Proverbs 14:30; Galatians 5:21; James 3:16). Can an emotion so destructive and petty be properly applied to a deity who is the standard for human behavior?

Because every case of God's jealousy in the Bible occurs in the context of idolatry, we can properly deduce that the worship of other gods is the only thing that provokes the Lord to jealousy. It is no accident that the jealousy of God was first mentioned in connection with His covenant with Israel. Exodus 20:5 states, "You shall not bow down to them [that is, other gods] or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me" (ESV). Why did God explain His demand for absolute devotion in this way?

The nature of God's covenant was to increase His intimacy with Israel. As His self-revelation became more intimate, so His expectations increased. As His expectations increased, so did the penalties for disobedience. Thus, God's wrath was inexorably tied to His jealousy. When God pronounced judgment on unfaithful Israel, He stated, "And I will judge you as women who commit adultery and shed

blood are judged, and bring upon you the blood of wrath and jealousy" (Ezekiel 16:38).

God's jealousy, as the passage above indicates, is not a characteristic to be feared but one to be appreciated, for the jealousy of a husband is caused by love for his wife. The greater concern for the person of faith ought to come when God is no longer jealous. Just as a husband can grow so cold as to become ambivalent in the face of his wife's adultery, so also God lost His concern for Israel in the midst of her unfaithfulness. In the same passage, the Lord stated, "So will I satisfy my wrath on you, and my jealousy shall depart from you. I will be calm and will no more be angry" (Ezekiel 16:42).

God's jealousy is not opposed to His love. It is actually motivated by His love. When God ceased to become jealous, He ceased to show His love toward His people, at least temporarily. This situation brought about the Babylonian captivity, during which time the prophet Ezekiel lived. Jealousy is not the anomalous description of a vindictive author. Jealousy is an essential part of the divine nature. God is jealous because He cares. All His servants ought to give thanks for His jealousy.

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