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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

The ABCs Of Christian Living

A-cccept the fact than no one is perfect.
 B-ible study is absolutely essential
 C-ount your many blessings.
 D-ig deeply for worthwhile causes.
 E-njoy the simple things of life.
 F-ight for that which is right
 G-o to church, services every Opportunity
 H-elp the needy.
 I-can't do everything but **I** can do something.
 J-ust a cup of cold water given in His name will receive its reward:
 K-eeep on keeping on even when others falter.
 L-ove your enemies!
 M-ost people don't intend to go to hell.
 N-ext time tum the other cheek.
 O-pen your heart and let God's love in.
 P-eople will not always be on your side .
 Q-uality of life is more important than life quanity
 R-eturn on occasions to the roots of your faith.
 S-elfishness has ruined many congregations.
 T - hankfulness is never untimely.
 U-nderstand your leaders' problems.
 V -ictory is yours in Christ Jesus!
 W-orry is your worst enemy.
 X-ray your life and not the life of others.
 Z-est' for living is no substitute for living in Christ

BULLETIN DIGEST

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A Wrathful and Merciful God?

Gary Colley

To many it seems inconsistent to say that God (Amos 4:12). The enemies of God, Satan and his people, will know God's wrath! is a God of love and mercy but also a God of utter destruction. These refuse to admit both ideas taught in the Bible and cannot reconcile the two in reference to God.

It is certainly a lopsided matter to suppose that God can be just, good, and not bring destruction on the ungodly and disobedient. Justice demands that God will save the righteous and destroy the wicked in Hell.

God's mercy is affirmed throughout the Bible (Ex. 34:6; Deut. 5:9-10). Psalm 136 is given entirely to the fact that "his mercy endureth for ever." The compassion, kindness, love, and good will toward those who are suffering, whether by physical or spiritual afflictions, have been known by all who have "called on his name" in the proper way (Rom. 10:13-17; Acts 22:16). We affirm that God is merciful, but we must not forget another attribute of God mentioned in the Scriptures: "our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29).

Again the Bible says, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses" (Heb. 10:28). Amos warned even Israel about being on the opposing side of God in battle. He said, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel"

The Old Testament abounds with those who defied God's will, turned from their Creator, and suffered His wrath. He has the sovereign right to cast every mortal into judgment and will do so "according to their works" (II Cor. 5:10-11).

God's mercy is wonderfully shown in the Gospel for our salvation. Peter spoke of God's mercy even to the murderers of the Son of God: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

What exceeding mercy! What wonderful love! What if men reject His offer of love and mercy through the powerful Gospel (Rom. 1:16)? For sure, God promises to those who reject His longsuffering and offered mercy that He will send His Son in vengeance (II Pet. 3:9; II Thess. 1:7-9). All can enjoy the mercy of God by obeying His Son (Heb. 5:8-9), or they can reject His Son and receive His wrath against sin (John 12:48, Rom. 6:23).

RON'S REMINDERS



The Grasshopper Complex

***Editor note; While Spiritual Sword Media no longer exist, the thoughts expressed here are true of the Lord's work**

Following a forty-day survey of the promised land, the spies reported, "We came unto the land wither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there" (Num. 13:27-28). Caleb however, "stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it" (Num. 13:30). Unfortunately, the fearful spies again reiterated their lack of faith in taking the land and reasoned, "The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight" (Num. 13:32b-33).

The lack of faith demonstrated by the ten spies swept throughout the congregation of Israel. The people began to murmur and complain, thus uttering the unthinkable, "Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt" (Num. 14:4). As a result of their disbelief, with the exception of Joshua, Caleb, and those below the age of twenty, the children of Israel were doomed to spend forty years wandering in the wilderness (cf. Num. 14:20-35). Furthermore, the ten spies who gave a bad report and negatively influenced Israel died by the plague (cf. Num. 14:36-37).

We, like the children of Israel, can develop the grasshopper complex when it comes to engaging in the work of the church. Take for example, the task of world evangelism. Prior to ascending to heaven, Jesus gave the marching orders, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but

he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:15-16). With a world population now exceeding six billion people, objections to fulfilling the Great Commission range from a lack of manpower to insufficient financial resources.

In all seriousness, do you really believe God would give us a command we could not fulfill? While there are numerous means available to enable us to reach the world with the gospel, one of the most effective tools is television. At the Spiritual Sword Media, we are committed to world evangelism through the medium of television. Granted, we also employ radio and the printed page. However, one of the television programs we produce, *The Everlasting Gospel*, featuring Gary McDade and B. J. Clarke, airs each Sunday evening on DirecTV at 8:30 P.M., CT, on channel 321 [through 11/25]. We have over 700 precious souls enrolled in Bible correspondence courses as a result of this program. One lady just completed the coursework and sent word to us that she is ready to be baptized. Think about it, we are in Memphis, TN, and she is in West Palm Beach, FL, and yet through television she came in contact with the gospel of Christ and is now a New Testament Christian!

While the grasshopper complex is alive and well among some brethren, we trust you have the faith to help us in our goal of global evangelism. Please make the Spiritual Sword Media a part of your 2008 budget. We desperately need your prayers and financial support! Why not partner with us in taking the gospel to the world? We look forward to working with you in 2008.

Mike Hixson