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#### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

##### 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

We had a very exciting Sunday at the Getwell church of Christ. We started our Gospel meeting with brother Ray Peters of Macon, TN. He has delivered outstanding lessons thus far. We are very grateful for his willingness to come speak for us. Though we have not had great attendance numerically, we have all benefitted greatly from these lessons.

Since we have resumed meeting together, we have enjoyed good fellowship with one another. Let us never take these things for granted. Please remember that we will resume our study of 1st Timothy at the conclusion of our Gospel meeting. We left off studying chapter 2, which has often been thrown by the wayside by the denominational world.

Even though we are no longer in our "Pack our Pantry" month, please do not neglect our pantry. This is a great opportunity to help those who are in need.

Bradley Smith

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# From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

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## Living Like Job

In our Wednesday night study of Job, we have noted the description given in Job 1:1 several times. It reads, "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil" (Job 1:1). We should all strive to meet these superlatives. What kind of man was Job, and how can we live like him?

### Perfect

As we all know, this did not mean that Job was entirely without sin. The Hebrew word used is *tam*, meaning one who is complete. There is only one way to be complete, being well-versed in God's Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17). While we will commit sin in this life (1 John 1:7-10), we must not continue to dwell in sin (Rom. 6:1-4). Let us strive to be complete in all we do.

### Upright

This is the Hebrew word *yashar*, meaning one who is straight in his ways. One who is upright will not turn to the right hand or to the left of God's commands (Deu. 5:32). One cannot turn and continue walking in the light (1 John 1:7).

### Fears God

The Hebrew word used here is *yare*, meaning having reverentially awe. This is, after all, the whole duty of man (Ecc. 12:13). If we truly have reverence for God, we will desire to do His will in all things (Pro. 3:5-6).

### Eschews Evil

The word "eschew" is the word *sur* in the Hebrew. It means to turn away from something. Like Job, we must turn away from evil. The only thing that truly benefits us in life is doing God's will (1 John 2:15-17).

Though our study of each point was shorter, we should all strive to have these attributes. When we meet these goals, we can also have the title that God gave Job, "my servant" (Job 1:8).

# RON'S REMINDERS



## He Steadfastly Set His Face To Go To Jerusalem

If you knew you had one week to live, how would you spend that time? What if you knew your time on earth would end violently? Would you shrink from that destiny? Jesus knew more about His destiny than any man who ever walked this earth, but He did not shrink from that violent destiny, rather He embraced it. Some six months before His life ended, He "steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem" where His destiny awaited Him (Luke 9:51).

Jesus and the twelve journeyed from Galilee through Judea to the familiar city of Jerusalem. For Jesus it would be the last time. He would not leave the area alive. He would die just outside the city at a place called Golgotha. Jesus and the disciples arrived on a Friday. They sought out a familiar haven in the town of Bethany where they would enjoy a supper prepared in the house of Simon the leper (John 12: 1-8; Matthew 26:6). Bethany was two miles east of Jerusalem up and over the Mount of Olives.

What a gathering that was, not because of what was prepared to eat, but because of those who were present. The disciples were there as were Jesus's beloved friends Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead. This was not the first time that Jesus found Himself in the presence of these beloved friends (Luke 10:38-42). Simon, identified as a leper, was also present. Is this one of those lepers whom Jesus had healed of this dread disease (Luke 5: 12-15)? There was the ever present and curious crowd that by this time in Jesus' life had grown to be a great multitude (John 11:55; 12:9, 12). The Jewish leaders were at least nearby and incensed at the events that were unfolding, to the point they were scheming to kill both Lazarus and Jesus to pro their power (John 12:10, 19).

It was then that Mary gave the Master a powerful expression of her love for Him as she took a pound of costly oil of spikenard, anointed His head, and wiped His feet with her hair. In so doing she anointed Jesus for His burial despite the protests of the disciples. No doubt Judas protested loudest. Jesus said this act of love would be remembered by His followers for all time (Mark 14:3 -9).

The next day begins the last week of Jesus's life on this earth. Again, what a scene as Jesus comes across and down the Mount of Olives with the great Multitude following him. As He approaches the city, teeming with the multitudes gathered for

the Passover celebration, the people lined His path with their clothing and palm branches and praised God for the arrival of the King of Israel (Jl 12:12-15; Luke 19:28-44). As Jesus came closer to the city He weeps over the holy city. The word *weep* is defined as a loud external expression of grief. He no doubt weeps in anticipation of the judgment of the city He will predict three days later on the very Mount of Olives over which He had just traveled (Matthew 24; Luke 21:5-28).

Earlier He had sent His disciples into the city to claim and ready a young donkey on which Jesus would make His triumphal entry into the city. This in fulfillment of a prophecy (Psalm 118:26; Zechariah 9:9).

As they witnessed these events, the disciples did not understand it all, yet they would when Jesus was glorified, a reference no doubt to His resurrection and ascension (John 12:16-19). The multitude was curious due to the presence of Lazarus and the reports of the many signs Jesus had done. How would all this play out? The answer would come in the next few days. One might wonder how many of the multitude who praised God for Jesus' arrival that day would be themselves a part of His fulfilling His destiny a few days later as they cried out "crucify Him, crucify Him" (John 19:13- The Pharisees were enraged by the scene and even more committed to killing their own Messiah.

Jesus, the central figure in this passion play, understood what lay ahead and was troubled sorrowful, even unto death, but He understood in it was His purpose, His destiny (John 12:2; Matthew 26:36-46). What was to come in just a few days was the very reason He had come to this place and this time. There would be the agony in the garden of Gethsemane where in fervent prayer He would wrestle with that destiny, but through that struggle resolve to accept and do God's will through that resolution fulfill His purpose on the cross.

While we may not know as much about our destiny as did Jesus, we know that if we commit doing God's will as Jesus did, come what may, there remains a glorification for us, a crown of life and an exaltation in Heaven for the faithful of the ages (Revelation 2:10, 2 Timothy 4:6-8). Let us then set our face toward our own Jerusalem and make it our purpose to glorify God with our lives as our Lord did.