

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Desire for Heaven

It is true that no normal person can live in Heaven without a strong desire to enter therein. It is said of the ancient Hebrews, “Now they desire a better country” (Hebrews 11:16). The country in which we live is indeed a sorry place from several viewpoints. The law of Jehovah is spurned, rejected, denied and often laughed at. The morals of the country are scarcely above that of rats and rabbits. Political chicanery and dishonesty run rampant. Faithful children of God often despair and long for better days. It matters not how wicked and depraved this old world gets, the Christian must continue to live and walk by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7).

We can have many *desires*, but none can equal the *desire* for a better country. We can follow the example of these ancient Hebrews who desired a better country. Those faithful people were busy seeking a better country (Hebrews 11:14). Almighty God does not force His abode on careless people.

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews presents a portrait of those who offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice. Consider the great effort which the people expended. It was by faith that “the elders obtained a good report” (Hebrews 11:2). God rewards those who “diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). Abraham desired the city which had foundations, whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10). The walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days (Hebrews 11:30).

God hath prepared for His people a magnificent holy city which should be desired above all else. The city of God is a heavenly place. It is the “habitation of God.” The Lord looketh from Heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation, He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth” (Psalm 33:13-14). God has provided “some better thing for us” (Hebrews 11:40). Why will people refuse to live and walk by faith, rejecting the better things of God?

The provision of God holds in store a *better* resurrection (Hebrews 11:35). Such will be a better place. There will be no pain nor sickness in that better place. Can we not think about what it will be and thus *desire* to live in Heaven?

The peerless apostle not only wanted to be saved, but he wanted others to reap the reward. He declared, “my heart’s desire and prayers to God for Israel is; that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God” (Romans 10:1-3).

The apostle wrote, “For in this we groan, earnestly *desiring* to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven: If so, be that being clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Corinthians 5:2-4). We sincerely trust that each reader will earnestly *desire* to inherit life eternal with the Savior—

the eternal life that He has made possible. Think of the alternative.

The apostle worked and prayed that many others might be saved. That was his goal in life. He declared, “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Hebrews 6:11-12).

—Wayne Coats

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Anneliese Gleaton in the loss of her husband **Irby**. The Gleaton’s were members at Eisenhower several years ago. They moved to Cedar Park, TX to be closer to their daughter, Shannon. Keep Anneliese in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Wilene Wright fell last week at her home. Continue to keep both her and her son, David, in your prayers.

LaDonna Chism is home after having spent a few days in the hospital last week. She is in need of daily prayers.

Trina Plyler is in a hospital in Ft. Worth and has been placed under Hospice Care. She has battled cancer for a very long time. Please keep Trina on your daily prayer list.

Mary Anchondo is still waiting for an appointment to see a neurologist. She is feeling a little bit better and was able to sit up at the table last Wednesday.

Julie Munoz is having a problem with her liver and other health issues. She needs prayers.

Concerns Update

Keith Mitchell (Micah Wesson Mitchell’s father-in-law) had brain surgery on Thursday. The surgery went well as it could have according to the surgeon.... 99% of the cancer was removed. Keith needs continued prayers.

Also, **Amea Blumenauer**, (wife of Chuck Blumenauer who is the Fire Chief over the Midland Fire Department) had brain surgery on Friday. She needs prayers.

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; Charlie Carson; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Keith Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Jefferson Wood; John Wood; Natalynn Wood; Wilene Wright; Grace Zuniga.

Eisenhower’s Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

Watch “***In Search of the Lord’s Way***” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Gospel Meetings...

The flyers for all the upcoming “Gospel Meetings in the area are posted on the bulletin board for you to stop by and check out.

Office News...

Next Sunday, we will have a **“Potluck Luncheon”** following our A.M. service. Our visitors are invited to join us.

“September Attended Nursery”

9/17 Sonia & Jaque—9/24 Hannah & Gloria

“Thy Will Be Done”

The apostle Paul in writing to the church in Ephesus reminds us of the importance of “understanding” the will of the Lord (Ephesians 5:17). This affirms the warning Jesus gave in Matthew 7:21-23.

Each of us understands that we will never succeed in our Christian service if we do not do the will of the Lord. Knowing and doing the will of God must be a vital concern for Christians. It is crucial if one is to be obedient to God. Knowing God’s will and obedience to it, all are a part of the “building” blocks that aid in our successful Christian service.

There are two important points to know in successfully doing the Lord’s will:

1. Jesus Yielded in Obedience to God’s Will.
2. The Important Characteristic of Obedience.

We all know that Jesus yielded in full obedience to God’s will. One would be wise to note the many Scriptures that tell of the importance of obedience (cf. Phil. 2:5-11; 2 Corinthians 8:9; John 4:24; 5:19, 30; 6:38; Hebrews 5:8-9; Mt. 26:36-39). When we see the desire and success of Jesus in regard to doing the will of God, we begin to learn how we, too, can be obedient.

One will never be able to do the Lord’s will without an understanding of God’s Word (Acts 8:35-36). Step two in doing God’s will is the recognition of one’s own sinfulness (Romans 6:3-7; 16:18). Anyone who desires to do the will of God—will be willing to do His commands/demands (Acts 2:37-38). Note: it is not obedience to do those things that we like to do and then refuse to do those things which we consider distasteful.

It is not hard to figure out—it is important to develop a strong Christian character in order to resist temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Joseph is a prime example for each of us to consider. See Genesis 39.

It is my prayer that each of us has the desire to do God’s will. True Christians are characterized by desiring to do all the Lord requires of us (Galatians 1:10). Obedience is required by all! I believe obedience results when we desire to do God’s will more than our own! Go back to Galatians 1:10 and then ask, “Am I obedient?” Can you truly say, “Lord, thy will be done” (Matthew 6:10)?

—Jimmy Young

Sept 17th, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
David Ryan
Jr. Munoz
Scot Straw

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Tommy Garcia
Larry May
David Baldwin

Lords Supper

Tommy Garcia
Richard Siler
Oliver Hernandez
Don Easlon

Cody Wesson
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland -254-8209 *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Pulpit:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Contributions:* Cody Wesson

Sunday AM

“Real Christianity” (Romans 12:9-13)

Sunday PM

“He is Raised” (Mark 16:1-14)

Our Records

Bible Class... 70

Morning Worship...118

Evening Worship ... 79

Wednesday...81

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