

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Demands of the Old Paths

“Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein” (Jeremiah 6:16). This plea for the Israelites to return to God’s way, is as meaningful today as when given to Jeremiah by God. The significance of the passage is as binding today as ever. Wholesale changes are taking place among God’s people—changes that are not according to God’s direction. For us to properly apply the principle of this passage in the church today, we must understand some demands of God’s way.

First, we must accept the fact that, God has spoken to us today, “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son” (Hebrew 1:1-2a). ***“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him”*** (Matthew 17:5). ***“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you”*** (John 14:26). Thus, the writings of the New Testament are given to direct our paths today.

Second, understanding that God has spoken to us today, the old paths demand to be read and studied. Too much time and attention are spent on denominational methodology and too little on the old paths. If we want to develop a soul-winning program, do we examine the methods of some fast-growing denominational organization or do we examine the activities of the early Christians recorded in the Bible? Copying denominationalism will lead to more denominationalism. We need to re-evaluate our sources of instruction. ***“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*** (2 Timothy 2:15).

Third, the old paths demand to be believed. “I know that is what it says, but ...” is a phrase heard all too often. God told Israel, “I have loved you,” but Israel said, “We don’t believe it.” ***“Without faith it is impossible to please Him”*** (Hebrews 11:6)

Fourth, the old paths demand to be obeyed. We say we study and believe the Word of God, but do we? Consider some of the changes taking place in the organization, worship and work of the church. Much of what is taking place in the church and called the work of the church has no similarity at all to the church and its work that we read about in the New Testament. How many churches do you know of that obeys the teaching of the old paths to “withdraw from every brother that walketh disorderly” (2 Thessalonians 3:6)? How often do we find the kind of hospitality and fellowship today that characterized the church in the first century? How many pulpits are filled with preaching following the pattern of 1 Peter 4:11? Too much “preaching” gives the hearer nothing but oracles of men, not the oracles of God. ***“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but, he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven”*** (Matthew 7:21).

Fifth, the old paths demand that we reject all other teachings. Yet, today’s cry is “fellowship everybody.” ***“In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”*** (Matthew 15:9). In spite of efforts by some to distort and twist the meaning of 2 John 9-10) it still says, ***“Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God***

speed.”

If we are going to stay with or return to the old paths, these demands must be met.

—Sidney White

Prayer Request

John Wood is scheduled to have laparoscopic surgery on December 9th at Midland Memorial Hospital to remove a kidney stone that he has had for a while. Please keep John in your prayers that the surgery will be a success with a short recovery time.

LaDonna Chism was admitted into the Medical Center Hospital last week due to a possibility of dehydration and other serious conditions. LaDonna is in Rm. #843. She is in need of prayers.

Cesar Benavides and all his family were sick last week with cold and flu-like symptoms. The kids had strep. Keep this family in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Jr. and Julie Munoz were also sick with colds as well.

Melissa Moore has requested prayers for her brother and sister-in-law who were involved in an auto accident last week in the Dallas/Ft Worth area. Her brother sustained internal bleeding and fractured hip and back and being scheduled for surgery. And, her sister-in-law's hip and legs were shattered. She is on a ventilator. Melissa traveled there to be with them. Keep Melissa and her family in your prayers that her travel and their surgeries will go well.

Dana Erwin (Linda Tate's cousin) was admitted into the Medical Center Hospital last week with Sepsis. She was treated with high antibiotics. Dana was released to go home on Tuesday night. She needs prayers.

Prayer List

Rudy Alaniz; Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Elaine Huntington; Chuck Keith; Bella Lee; Mildred Lee; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Augie Rubalcado; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Bill Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers

Events

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

Youth

Bible Knowledge ... “Who said this?”

John the Baptist said “I baptize you with water for repentance.” (Matthew 3:11)

Office News

“Ladies' Christmas Exchange” at Bonnie Sorenson's, Friday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a finger food and gift to exchange.

NOTE: The NMCCH will be here on December 5th to pick up the children's gifts.

Warnings

We are more aware of and better prepared for tornadoes than ever before. In part, this is because so many have been captured on our phone cameras and aired repeatedly on television. We also have better warning systems and better equipment to predict the development and track the progress of tornadoes. With so many advances, why do some still perish in spite of adequate warning? Perhaps, it is because a warning given and a warning heeded are two different things. History is filled with examples of those who rejected warning to their own tragic demise.

At the coming of the Lord, God's power will be displayed as never before. The Bible says "Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire" (2 Thessalonians 1:7). Scripture says, "The Heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10). Jesus is coming again. The earth will be destroyed by fire. The warning has sounded. Have you become so accustomed to the warning that it no longer arouses your attention? When the trumpet sounds and Jesus is revealed in the clouds, will you be ready? Or, have you decided to leave the warning unheeded?

No doubt, if given the opportunity, some would try to capture the Lord's return in a video format. But it will not be on the six o'clock news. His coming will be like a thief in the night—unannounced, unexpected and sudden. There will be no last-minute preparation—just eternity. Only those standing in the grace of God and walking in the light of Christ's teachings will be ready for His coming.

When told of a tornado headed their way, why do some leave the warning unheeded? More tragic still are those who live in rebellion to God and do not seek refuge in Christ. We may never know why some choose to ignore the warnings of God in His Word, but they will have eternity to think about why they did not respond to His love and grace.

—Glen Elliott

November 27, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Scripture	Oliver Hernandez	Caleb York
Second Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer	Cody Wesson	Charles Wood
Lords Supper	<u>Jeff Wesson</u> Scot Straw Larry May Jacob Carson	Richard Siler Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834— *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871— *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983— *Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151— *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Collections:* Richard Siler

Sunday AM

"Discipline Demands Discipline"
(Luke 2:44)

Sunday PM

*“Cost and Value of Faith”
(Hebrews 11:35-40)*

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