

Pastor's Pen

Godly Leadership

"Now it will be when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests." Deuteronomy 17:18

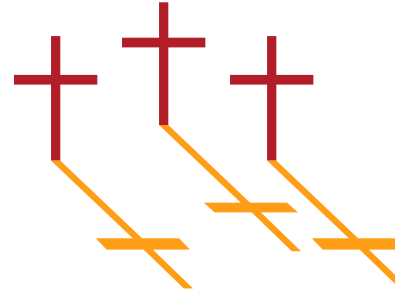
For the first 400 years after the exodus from Egypt, the Israelites were ruled by Judges. Yet when Moses recorded God's words in Deuteronomy, God said His people would one day have a king. God's best was for them to be ruled by Judges but the people would demand a Judge.

Knowing they would one day want a King, God commanded what they could and could not do. The King had to be an Israelite, and he was, **"not multiply horses for himself"** (Deut. 17:16). This sounds strange, but this does not reference his having multiple horses for himself. The horses mentioned here refer to war horses. This would have made the King's army vulnerable to armies with a large cavalry or chariot force. Thus, making the King rely on God instead of their military might. The King was commanded not to have multiple wives (Deut. 17:17). These wives would lead the King away from God, as was the case with King Solomon (1 Kings 11:4). The King was not to, **"greatly increase silver and gold for himself"** (Deut. 17:17). This was to prevent the King from acquiring wealth at the expense of God's people.

After setting the boundaries of the king's authority, God issued a crucial command for the King to follow. Upon ascending to the throne, the Kings of Israel were to personally transcribe a copy of the Law, which encompassed the first five books of the Bible. Furthermore, they were instructed to read from their copy every day (Deut. 17:19). This daily reading was not a mere ritual, but a means for the King to continually learn, **"to fear Yahweh his God, to carefully observe all the words of this law and these statutes, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his sons in the midst of Israel"** (Deut. 17:19-20)."

We do not serve an earthly King, but we serve the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. While we are not commanded as New Testament saints to write down the Bible, we are commanded to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, and strength. How can we do this? The same way that the Old Testament saints did: read, meditate, and memorize the Scripture. Too many Christians do not have joy and victory over sin in their lives because they don't know the Word of God. Be prepared, Christian, for the trials and tribulations in this World. God has given you a sword, His Word, in order for you to live a life that is holy and pleasing to Him.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark



Quote of the Week

"The gospel is not good advice, it is good news. It is not about what we do, but about what Christ has done for us."

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Grace Gems

The Golden Key! The Golden Thread! - Octavius Winslow

Jesus is the one great theme both of the Old Testament and the New. The whole Bible is designed to testify of Christ, **"The Scriptures point to Me!"** John 5:39

In Christ the Messiah, in Jesus the Savior, in the Son of God the Redeemer--all the truths of the Bible center.

To Him all the types and shadows point!
Of Him all the prophecies give witness!

All the glory of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation--culminates at the cross of Christ! The Bible would be an inexplicable mystery apart from Christ, who unfolds and explains it all. He is the golden Key which unlocks the divine treasury of Scriptural revelation!

Until He is seen, the Bible is, in a sense--a great mystery. But when He is found, it is a glorious revelation. Every mystery is opened, every enigma is explained, every discrepancy is harmonized, and every truth and page, sentence and word--is quickened with a life and glowing with a light flowing down from the throne of the Eternal God.

Christ is the substance of the Gospel. All its divine doctrines, all its holy precepts, all its gracious instructions, all its precious promises, all its glorious hopes--meet, center, and fill up their entire compass in Jesus!

He is the Alpha and the Omega of the Bible--from the first verse in Genesis to the last verse in Revelation. Oh, study the Scriptures of truth with a view of learning Christ.

Do not study the Bible as a mere history. Do not read it as a mere poem. Do not search it as a book of science. It is all that, but infinitely more. The Bible is the Book of Jesus! It is a Revelation of Christ! Christ is the golden thread which runs through the whole!

Blessed Lord Jesus! I will read and study and dig into the Scriptures, to find and learn more of You! You, Immanuel, are the fragrance of this divine box of precious ointment. You are the beautiful gem sparkling in this divine cabinet. You are the Tree of life planted in the center of this divine garden. You are the Ocean whose stream quickens and nourishes all who draw water out of this divine well of salvation.

The Bible is all about You!

Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM



Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday
Women of Grace | 9AM
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA



Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
Please check church website
for start date and directions to each



Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and need to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address on the back of this bulletin.



Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study; AWANA & Surge!



Service Times

Sunday Services 10:30AM
Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church @11:00AM



Giving from service on 08/11/2024

General Offering\$7,100.10
Building Fund \$2,164.00
Uganda Missions \$157.00

Total.....\$9,421.10
Attendance 226
Online29

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