

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Josh Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Billy Box  
Servers - Bradley Box  
Ralph Burleson  
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Elders: Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

Leonard Key / David Key

Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

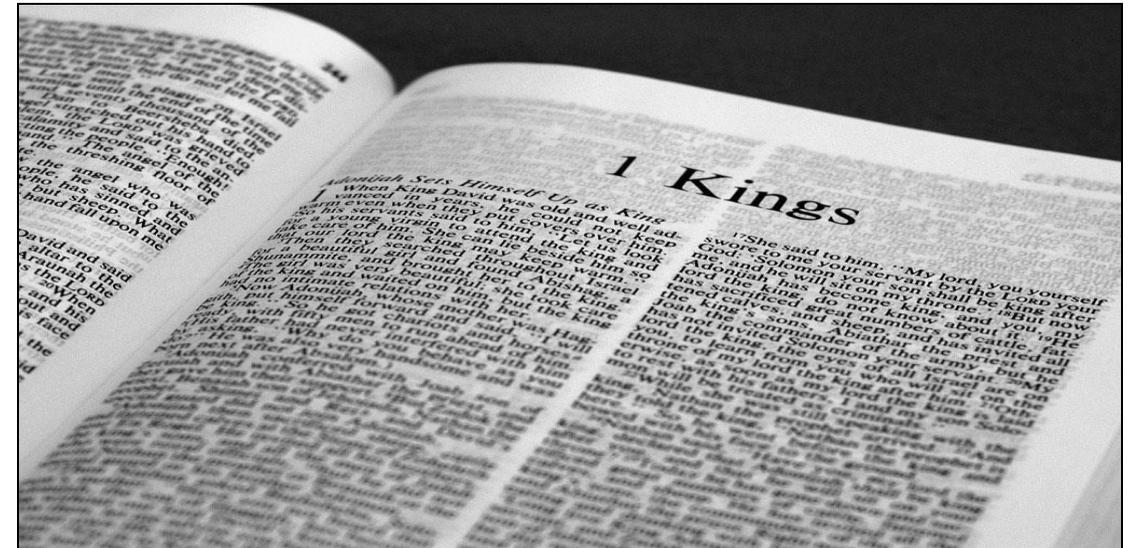
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# An House For The Name Of The LORD



*The Brilliant Beacon*



**God’s People In The Land Of Idols**

By Winfred Clark

One is not left to wonder how God’s people are to act in the midst of idols if he reads the book of Deuteronomy. Take the 7th chapter and you will have a handbook on how they are to react to the nations that were within the land. You will be able to see what kind of people they were to be.

**I. They Are To Be A Responsible People**

One has no trouble at all in seeing this as he reads the first five verses. Personal pronouns abound within this section that plainly and positively set forth their personal responsibility. Notice for example verse 2:

And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them.

You wouldn’t have much trouble seeing responsibility within that verse, would you?

But doesn’t this matter of responsibility come home to us in the very same way? Don’t we sustain a relationship to God like unto theirs? If you read carefully these twenty-six verses, you will find fourteen times that he uses the term, “the Lord thy God”. Why is such emphasized? Is it not to show them what their responsibility really is? Since there was such a relationship, there is also a corresponding responsibility.

In view of this, one would not sit back and say, “Somebody needs to do something”. They would say, “because we are who we are then we are responsible”.

**II. They Are A Righteous People**

After God has assigned their responsibility and said that they are to make no treaty nor are they to marry any from among the nations, he tells them why. He says,

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

April Tidwell Dawson: she has recently been diagnosed with stomach cancer; please be praying that this cancer will be defeated with successful treatments

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Don Lawrence: is recovering from a recent stroke, please be praying that there will be no long term complications or any further problems

Eddie Dickinson: recovering from recent colon surgery, let’s be praying that he makes a full recovery with no complications

### THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Karen Chaffin: has had fainting spells, please pray that the doctors can determine what is wrong and that she will have no serious problems

Pray for all those dealing with COVID especially those of the household of faith.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

## The Sevenfold State of Deliverance

Ephesians 2:13-22

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- ▶ **NEW FELLOWSHIP BY ONE BLOOD 2:13B**
  - ▶ **NEW FATHER BY ONE BROKEN WALL 2:14,15**
  - ▶ **NEW FUTURE BY ONE BODY 2:16,17**
  - ▶ **NEW FRIENDS BY ONE SPIRIT 2:18**
  - ▶ **NEW FELLOW CITIZENS BY ONE COUNTRY 2:19A**
  - ▶ **NEW FAMILY BY ONE HOUSE 2:19B, 22A**
  - ▶ **NEW FONDNESS BY ONE HOLY DWELLING 2:22B**

For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth (Deut. 7:6).

As they go into the land, they are to go as such a people. They will represent God to the people who are in the land. What a responsibility they have!

Isn't it the case that God's people now have such a responsibility? Take a look at 1 Peter 2:9-12. In these verses, one will find the kind of people they are to be. They are called a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people. Thus, as strangers and pilgrims, they are to abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul. They are to have their conversation honest among the Gentiles. They are to show themselves as people who are a righteous people.

### III. They Are To Be Resolute People

As they go into the land, they are told to destroy the altars, groves and all that pertains to idolatry. They are to leave nothing. Their action is to be decisive. They are to ask no quarter; neither are they to give any.

May God hasten the day when we can see ourselves again as such a people. May we be as stirred as was Paul when he stood in Athens and saw a city wholly given to idolatry (Acts 17:16). Paul could not and would not sit by without putting forth an effort to reach those who were under such control.

*Expositions of "The Expositor"*, vol. 1, p. 584-585.

**If We Would Be Strong In The LORD**

By Winfred Clark

There is no doubt in the mind of the child of God about his being strong. Time and time again, the Christian is commanded to be strong (Eph. 6:10; 2 Tim. 2:1; 1 Cor. 16:13). This is not an optional thing. It is something required.

But why is it so important to be strong? Are there sufficient reasons given? Let Paul tell us. Listen as he says, “that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Eph. 6:11). Again, “that ye may be able to stand in the evil day” (Eph. 6:13). If there were no such enemy as the Devil, nor the days of evil did not abound, we would not have to be strong.

But does he tell us how to be strong? Are provisions made to help us? As you read the writings of Paul, you will find a number of things to help us be strong.

**I. With The Truth We Are Guided**

That is what is meant when he speaks of “having the loins girt about with truth”. That means a person’s life will be guided in every department by the truth. Such a person will live a life of righteousness (Titus 2:11-12). That person will do what is right in every circumstance of life. Wasn’t this true of Daniel in far off Babylon (Dan. 1:7)? His loins were enclosed with the truth.

**II. There Will Be The Protection Of Faith**

One will be protected from the darts of the Devil by the shield of faith. This was surely the case with the early disciples. They faced the storms and struggles of persecution. Take a look at the situation in Acts 4. They had been threatened and told not to speak or teach any more in the name of Jesus. Such darts are calculated to discourage and defeat the people of God. But what did they do? Did they give in or were they strong? You will remember they would meet together and pray. They kept their faith (Acts 4:32).

**III. There Will Be Confidence In The Word Of God**

As one goes to battle, he will have in his hand and heart the Word of God. But if a man does not have the confidence he should in the Word, he is apt to seek a substitute. That will weaken such a person, and Paul knew that. He would not say take “the sword of the Spirit” if he did not have total and complete confidence therein. If we are going to be strong as we should this is an absolute must.

There is no reason for us to lose the battles. We can be strong.

*Expositions of “The Expositor”*, vol. 1, p. 520-521.

**Just Be There**

By Cecil May, Jr.

Job’s three friends were a comfort to him for a full week. They were silent, but there (2:13). When they spoke, they were “worthless physicians” (13:4) and “miserable comforters” (16:2).

A little girl was “adopted” as a grandchild by a couple next door. The wife died; the girl went next door and sat outside with the old man for a couple of hours. When she came home, her mother asked, “What did you say to him?” “Nothing,” she said. “I just sat with him and helped him cry.”

When death or other tragedies occur, often there are no appropriate words to say. To be of genuine comfort, just be there.

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