

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Billy Box

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

Closing Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

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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He Called Himself



*The
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Beacon*



“Meek And Lowly In Heart”

By Bill Flatt

Perhaps the most beautiful invitation (and command) in the Bible is given by Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

When we think of this text, we cannot keep from thinking of those who are invited: those who are exhausted and weighted down under their burdens. In this context, one thinks especially of the Jews who were given heavy burdens too grievous to be carried (Matt. 23:4). The demands of the law and especially the intricate elaborations of the law by the Scribes and Pharisees were indeed a burden impossible to bear. The yoke of the teachers of the law in the days of Jesus was rough, it did not fit well, and was hard to wear. Even for those who were willing to submit, the demands exceeded their abilities to respond. The expression “the yoke of the law” was commonplace in Judaism (Acts 15:10). They indeed needed rest for their souls, and so do we. At our best, we all sin and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23).

Jesus wants both Jews and Gentiles to take his yoke upon them and learn of Him. His yoke is easy. It fits well, and meets our needs. We are thus obligated to Christ. We learn from Him. We submit to Him.

In the first four chapters of the book of Matthew, the question of the identity of Jesus is answered. He is of the son of David and of the seed of Abraham. He is of God, born of a virgin (Gen. 22; 2nd Sam. 7; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1). He is worshipped by wise men and introduced by the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist (Mal. 4:5-6; Matt. 2-3). He resisted the temptation of the devil. His will was to do God’s will, not merely to feel good, look good, or have everything He wanted. Thus, His disciples listened to Him as He taught them the good news of the Kingdom (Matt. 4). They imitated Him. He teaches us by word and example what we need to know and what we need to be.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

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

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

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

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer and had some of his stomach removed, please keep him and his family in your prayers

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

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Al Corkren: is continuing to improve, please be praying that his recovery will be successful

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Pam Davis {Adrian’s daughter} has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: she is still dealing with some health issues , please pray that the doctors will be able to help her

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: {Lindsey’s son} diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Faye Jordan (Vertie’s sister): she is improving and is in rehab in Fulton for 21 days, please pray that she will have no further problems

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Jeff York (Vetrie’s son): is back home and is recovering from recent infection, please pray that he has no further problems

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

Ruth Addison: experienced a fall last week and is weak, please pray that she will get stronger and be able to attend worship, which is her desire

Mary Box: experienced a fall had has some cracked ribs and some other health problems, she is in rehab at the nursing home room #18, please pray that she will get better

Gunner Pendley: suffering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

But why should we learn of Him? Because He is meek and lowly in heart and He gives rest to our souls. We go to Him because of who He is and what He does for us.

Neither pagans of the first century nor non-Christians of today think of meekness as being virtuous. Greater respect is often given to those who push themselves forward. The meek are patient, submissive and humble (Pa 42:26; 25:9). Meekness was to be a quality of the messianic King (Pa 45:4). It was a quality of Moses, who though meek, was strong (2nd Sam. 16:11). Meekness is an inward attitude, a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). The meek accept the realities of life. Meekness enables one to accept mistreatment from others without resentment. Jesus is our supreme example of meekness when He was basely accused, yet He opened not His mouth (Matt. 26-27).

We are to be meek as we teach others (2nd Tim. 2:25) and as we bear with one another (Eph. 4:2). We are to answer those who ask us concerning the hope that is in us in meekness (1st Peter 3:15).

Jesus also is lowly in heart. The Servant of Isaiah’s prophecy “will not cry, nor lift up His voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street” (Isa. 42:2). Yet He will bring forth justice in truth. He will not be discouraged until the isles shall wait for His law (Isa. 42:3-4). He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised, stricken, smitten, chastised, whipped, oppressed, and afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth (Isa. 53:1-7). We are as sheep gone astray, and He brings us back to the fold of God.

As we work with one another, we are to have the mind of Christ. We are to do nothing “through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others” (Phil. 2:3-4). This means denying self and being a servant (Phil. 2:1-11).

We have a Savior who is appealing and can give us rest, relief; we must come to Him with an attitude of personal need and give our burdens to Him; and we must take His yoke (His standards, His requirements, His teachings) upon us and learn of Him. We must be submissive and courageous. We can bear up under the load He puts on us in love. He will help us to meet every temptation of life and give us life abundantly. Our primary task in life is to resist the devil and to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:1-11). We are thus meek and lowly in heart, tamed and controlled by God. He will provide rest for our souls through Jesus Christ our Lord. And what a beautiful rest this is indeed!

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The Shepherd And The Sheep

By Winfred Clark

When one thinks of a shepherd, the thought of Psalm 23 comes to mind. That is a great lesson, but not one we have in mind for this study. We are thinking of the shepherd of John 10:11. Here our Lord identifies Himself as “the good shepherd”. None of us doubt the fact of His being just that, “the good shepherd”. He will speak of several things that concern the shepherd in this chapter that will be of interest to us.

1. He Will Speak Of “My Sheep”

“My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). Here our Lord will speak of the relationship that He sustains to those who are His followers. He knows them by name, and they know Him. This represents a close knit relationship between Christ and His people.

2. He Will Speak Of “My Voice”

“My sheep hear my voice” (John 10:27). This speaks of direction. It is by that voice that He will give direction to those who are His followers. It is by that voice that He will give calmness and control to the life of the sheep which are a part of His fold.

3. He Will Speak Of “His Hand”

“Neither shall any pluck them out of my hand” (John 10:28). What a promise! Here are those sheep that follow the Lord and are a part of His fold. They hear His voice. As they do this, they are assured of the Lord’s help. They need not be afraid of what a man might be able to do. No man would be able to destroy that relationship that exists between them and the Son of God.

4. He Will Speak Of “His Life”

“I lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:15). That tells you a lot of things. If you dare doubt His love, then all of that doubt should flee against the background of this statement. Surely nobody would doubt it since the Lord has told us how far He would go in seeking to save the sheep. What price a He paid for our redemption!

That shepherd demands the very best that we can offer. He deserves the best of our lives and our love.

Expositions of “The Expositor”, p. 495-496.

Upcoming Events

Today	Fellowship Meal	
Today	Bible Bowl {Carbon Hill}	2:00 pm
August 4 th	Country Place	2:00 pm
August 11 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm