

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Al Corkren

On the Table: Head - Eddie Dickinson
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Greg Lowery
Billy Box

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae 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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Elders: Leonard Key / David Key
Billy Box / Eddie Dickinson

Deacons: Al Corkren / Josh Berryhill

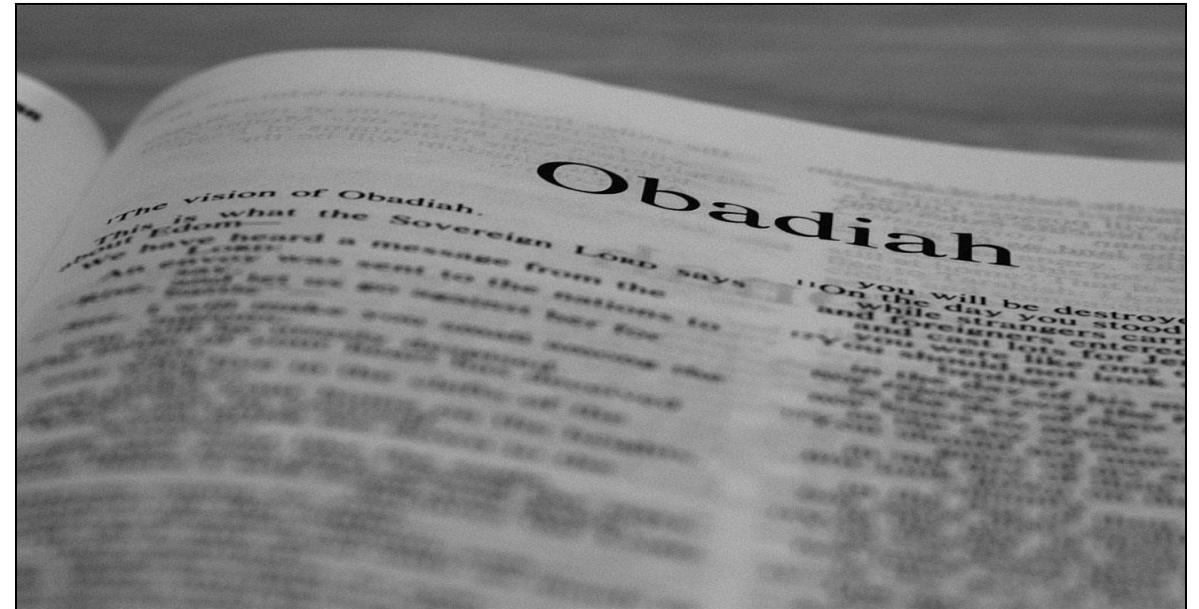
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As Thou Hast Done It Shall Be Done Unto Thee



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The Blame Game: Stop Blaming Others

By Brad Harrub

When I was growing up my parents forced me to take responsibility for my actions. Yes, occasionally I tried to blame my two older brothers—but at the end of the day I was forced to look in the mirror and admit I was the one at fault.

It was my fault the dogs had not been fed. It was my fault the refrigerator door was left open. It was my fault the grass had not been cut. It was under their roof that I learned the importance of “owning” my mistakes and errors.

Lately, it feels like I’m surrounded by individuals who missed that life lesson. It seems that everything is everyone else’s fault. Even when someone makes a blatant mistake on their own, it is still the fault of someone else.

I fear this lack of responsibility has been fed by parents who defend their children no matter what the situation. Because of course their precious little angel could never do anything wrong. Yes, they hit the boy at school, but really it was the little boy’s fault—and besides, that little boy had it coming. In fact, the only reason their precious little angel got in trouble was because of that mean teacher that doesn’t really like their child. You know, the teacher that really shouldn’t be teaching because of the way he or she talks to the students. (Insert eye roll here.)

Parents, you are not doing your child any favors by covering for them or making excuses for them every time they make a mistake. What you are doing is creating a human who believes their bad behaviors are everyone else’s fault – which may be why so many of our modern-day children struggle with the concept of sin.

Deep down they don’t believe they need to repent for anything, because after all, it’s everyone else’s fault. In fact, they are not totally convinced they need the blood of Jesus, because they are pretty good people on their own. Think about what happens when this mindset moves into the workplace or a future marriage. It doesn’t take long for disaster to strike.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Lannie & Glenda Key: be praying for both of them during this difficult time

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

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

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

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

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

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: hip replacement surgery went well, please be praying for a successful recovery

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.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Sandy Markham: is having a problem with her ankle, please pray that this will get better

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this caner

Billy Lee {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: he is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that he will receive treatments that can restore his health

Danny Berryhill: diagnosed with thickness of the heart, please be praying that doctors can successfully help him with this problem

Bill Berryhill: dealing with cancer, please be pray that his battle with cancer can be controlled and won

Mason Estes: he is need of a liver transplant; please be keeping him and his family in your prayers

Becky Jones: she has been diagnosed with renal failure; please be keeping her in your prayers

Frank Farris: is dealing with some health problems, please pray that he gets better

Judy Barker (David Barker’s Mother): she had been diagnosed with bone and lung cancer; please keep her and her family in your prayers

I am so thankful Jesus Christ did not do what so many are doing today. Instead of blaming everyone else (something He had every right to do), He freely went to the cross and gave His life.

Young people, it’s time to stop blaming others and own up to your mistakes and faults. No, you are not perfect. And yes, you need to learn to say (and mean) the words, “I’m sorry.” Otherwise, your walk with the Lord is going to be a challenge.

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Where is Your Faith?

-  **Many have their faith in SATAN**
1 Peter 5:8-10

-  **Many have their faith in SIN**
Proverbs 14:9 • Isaiah 30:1

-  **Many have their faith in SELF**
2 Timothy 3:1-4

-  **Many have their faith in the SAVIOR**
Ephesians 1:13

-  **Many have their faith in the SCRIPTURES**
1 Peter 1:23-25

-  **Many have their faith in the SAINTS**
Ephesians 4:11-19

WHERE HAVE YOU PLACED YOUR FAITH?

Barnes' Bible Charts

Jesus Is

By Gary C. Hampton

Many people talk about Jesus without knowing who He truly is. The prophet who often spoke of the suffering servant described Him beautifully. “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Jesus is wonderful for all who have received the forgiveness of sins. Paul declared, “O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:24-25a). This was achieved by God making Him bear sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21).

He is also a prized counselor who gives the best advice because in Him are the “treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:1-3). He delivered the words of the Father, which lead to everlasting life (John 12:46-50).

Our Savior can also be described as Mighty God since He created all things (Hebrews 1:1-3). “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him” (Colossians 1:16).

Our Lord is also Everlasting Father, which Homer Hailey says is in the sense of protector and sustainer. Joseph said, “So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt” (Genesis 45:8). Paul explained, “And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist” (Colossians 1:17).

Jesus is likewise the Prince of Peace because He sacrificed His blood to reconcile us to God (Ephesians 2:13-16; Romans 4:25-5:1). Those taking all their requests to God in thankful prayer will discover God’s peace guarding their hearts through Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:6-7).

Study these descriptions of Jesus. They will help all of us to grow in appreciation of Him and long to grow closer to Him.

Protecting What Doesn’t Need Protecting

By Kevin Cauley

The word protection means to defend, guard, cover, or shield against loss. We get insurance as “protection” against loss from fire. We may want a lock and key on our house to protect us against loss from intruders. We may use firearms as personal protection against loss of life. Most people want protection for something, but what happens when we seek to protect something that doesn’t need to be protected? It could lead to some bad results. In the most extreme cases, someone might get hurt.

There are some things that don’t need to be protected. Many try to protect themselves from their own sins instead of confessing them and asking for forgiveness as God says to do (James 5:16). This will simply create more shame and lead to withdrawal from others. Sometimes people try to protect their worthless possessions (Luke 12:15). Jealousy will create suspicion, undermine love, and destroy friendships. Protecting unscriptural religious traditions will create strife and cause divisions in the church (1 Corinthians 3:3).

Why do we protect things that don’t need to be protected? Pride reasons that the self will be destroyed! (It is really pride that will be destroyed, a good thing.) Pride will then lead us to bite, kick, scratch, and claw at one another for “protection.” Paul wrote, “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!” (Galatians 5:15). Instead of trying to protect our sinful pride, we should follow Jesus advice. “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matthew 16:24-25).

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