

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Joshua Berryhill

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

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

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: Leonard Key / David Key  
Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

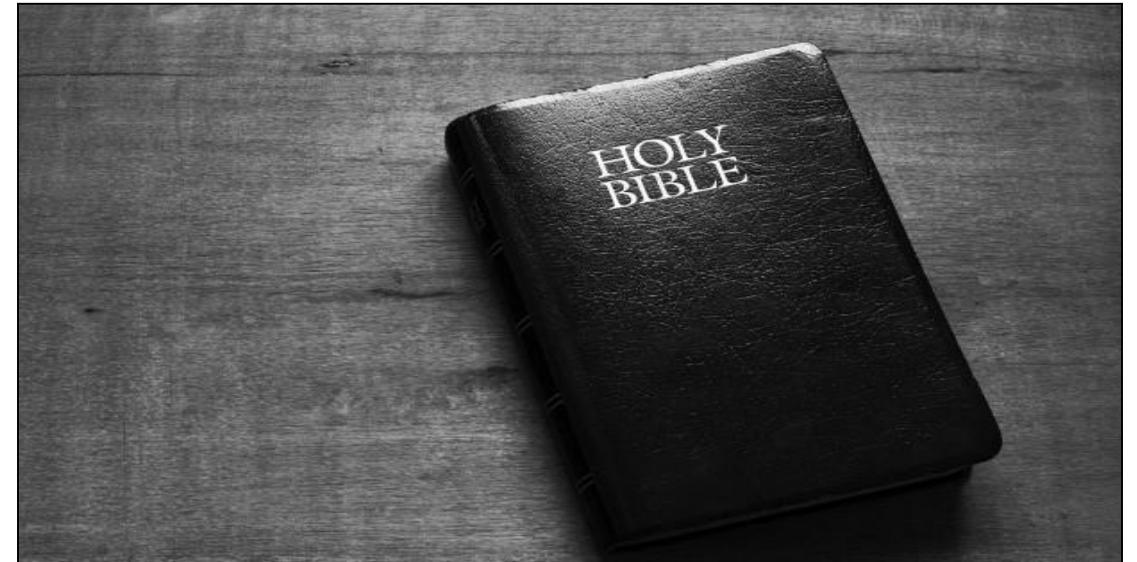
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# What Is Really Important?



*The  
Brilliant  
Beacon*



**Perfection**

By Roby Ellis

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*  
(Ephesians 4:11–16)

Webster defines perfection as something that is “complete or correct in every way, conforming to a standard or ideal with no omissions, errors, flaws or extraneous elements.” We think of something as perfect if it is totally free of errors or cannot be criticized in any way. We’ve always heard that “nobody’s perfect,” and yet Jesus says that we are to aim for perfection—even God-life perfection (Matthew 5:48). So can we be perfect? And does God expect perfection from us?

The Scriptures give us a number of examples of men who exhibited perfection in their lives, and yet we see that the Biblical concept of perfection is somewhat different from our typical use of the word. Noah, for example, was “a just man, perfect in his generations” (Genesis 6:9). Noah achieved this perfection by walking with God (v 9) and by doing all that God commanded him (v 22). Was Noah sinless? Of course not. After the flood we read of an occasion in which he intoxicated himself with wine and shamed his family (Genesis 9:20–23). We read that David’s heart was “perfect with the Lord” (1 Kings 11:4, KJV). We all know about David’s unspeakable sins (2 Samuel 11–12), and yet the Scriptures declare him a man “after God’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14). “Asa’s heart was perfect with the Lord all his days” (1 Kings 15:14, KJV).

**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

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

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

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

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Randy Pickard, Sr.: received injuries from a tractor accident and the doctors found a spot on his thyroid, please pray that he will have no major complications from the accident and that the spot will not be found to be cancerous

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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

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

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

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

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Winfred York: is home and is recovering from injuries obtained in an automobile accident, please keep him and Mrs. Vertie in your prayers

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation October 17<sup>th</sup> dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: obtained severe injuries from a recent automobile accident and is showing signs of improvement, please keep him and his family in your prayers

We read how this king removed the sodomites from the land along with the idols that his father had made (v 12). He dedicated vessels of gold and silver to the temple (v 15) and even removed his own mother from her position of authority because of her idolatry (v 13). And yet Asa was not sinless. He failed to remove the high places (v 14) and made a league with the king of Syria (vv 18–19). When a prophet rebuked him, Asa cast him into prison (2 Chronicles 16:2–10). Perfect with the Lord all his days? Yes. Sinless? Absolutely not. Obviously God’s idea of perfection is not achieved by being completely mistake-free. Each of these men made enormous mistakes. God’s idea of perfection is achieved through a lifetime of putting no other gods before Him.

How can you and I achieve perfection before God? We need to walk with God as Noah did (Genesis 6:9), doing whatever He commands (v 22). We need a penitent heart like David’s that causes us to confess our sins and turn from them. We need a zeal for God like that of Asa. We don’t need to be sinless, and we don’t need to punish ourselves mercilessly when we fail. Instead, let us learn to put faith in the grace of God and press onward toward the glorious prize (Philippians 3:10–17) that awaits all those who seeks God’s kingdom and God’s righteousness above every other pursuit (Matthew 6:33).

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**America’s New Kind of God**

By Dan Jenkins

The events which followed the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel are recorded in the seventeenth chapter of Second Kings. The Assyrians moved many of the Jews, who were part of Israel, and sent them throughout the Assyrian world. Then, they brought men from other nations and settled them in Israel. This was an attempt, largely successful, to destroy the ethnicity of the Jews.

There was a problem when all of this happened. The Gentiles who came into the Promised Land brought their own gods and worshiped them. The anger of the Lord was stirred against this use of His land. “Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them” (v. 25). So, the king of Assyria understood the reason for the problem and said the lions “...are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land” (v. 26). His solution was to find a Jewish priest and send him to Bethel to teach them how to fear God (v. 28).

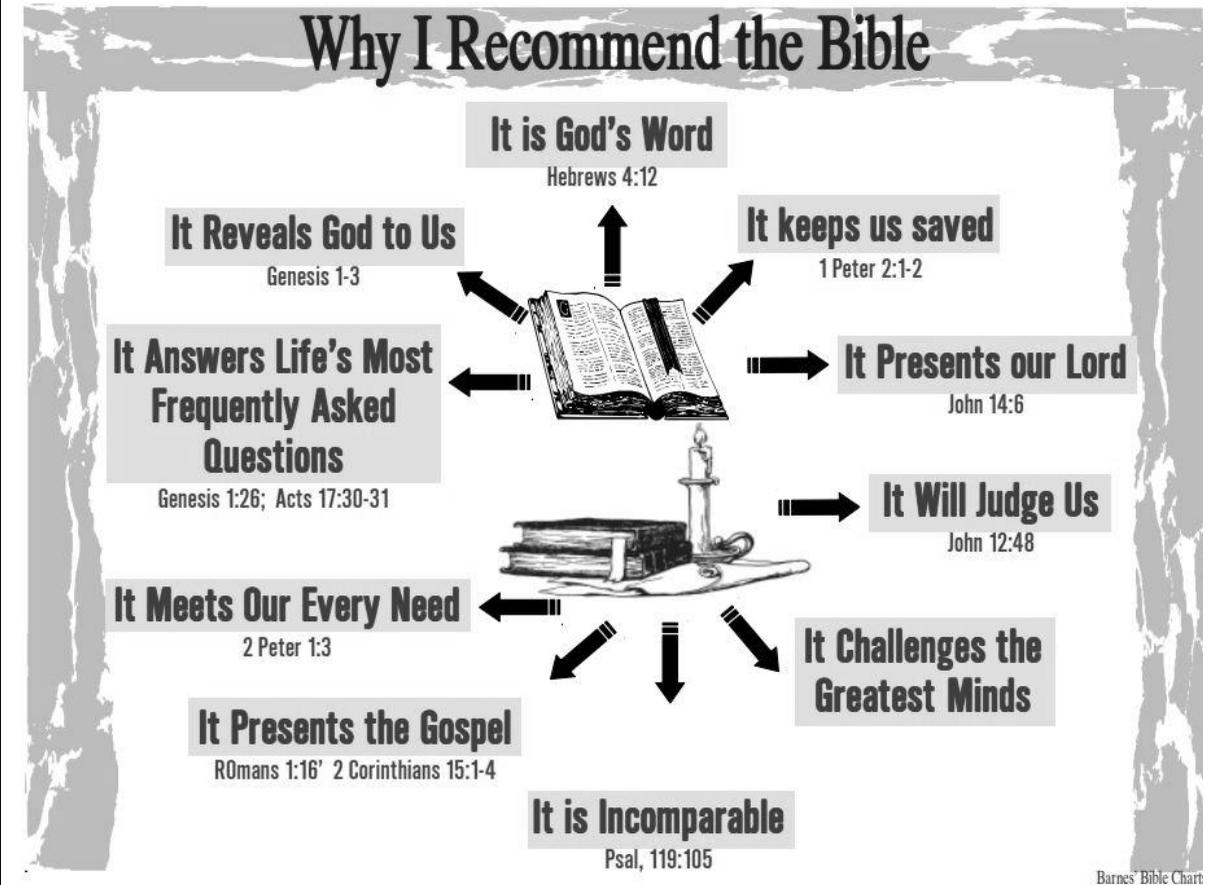
What was the result of all of this? “They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods— according to the rituals of the nations...they did not obey, but they followed their formal rituals...so the nations feared the Lord, yet served their carved images” (vs. 33, 40, 41).

What happened in that land is happening in our own land. Those people of the fallen northern kingdom did not like what they had been taught about the God in whose land they now dwelt. They simply redefined the God of Israel and ignored what He had said. Perhaps their fear of the lions was greater than their fear of the Lion of Israel. It is obvious they accepted some of the “rituals” of Judaism but brought in a new god they defined. The actual truth about that situation is found in verse thirty-four. “They do not fear the Lord, nor do they follow...the commandment which the Lord commanded.” Isn’t this is what is happening in our land?

We have redefined God and, while ritualistically following Him in some ways, we are serving our newly defined God! Think of all that is happening with the elevation of our own ideas. God’s view of marriage has been laid aside, and the “new God” accepts our own definitions of marriage. God’s view of worship being centered on all humbly praising Him has been replaced with worship that is man-centered and is designed to make us feel spiritual. The applause is given to Christian entertainers instead of reverence directed toward heaven. Look at all of Christendom and see if we are not doing as those in Israel.

It is high time for our nation, and us individually, to truly fear God and keep His commandments.

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**Upcoming Events**

Today	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Country Place	2:00 pm
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	