

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: David Key

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

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

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

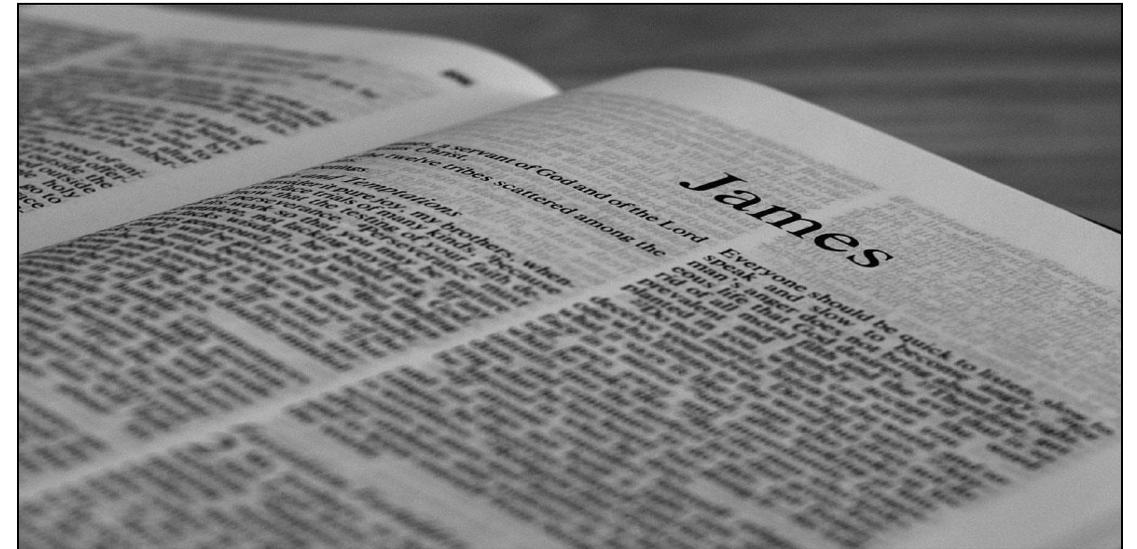
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Wisdom Will Show Its Self



*The
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Beacon*



He Will Provide the Food

By Dan Jenkins

God has not promised us T-bone steaks for every meal, but He has promised us that He will provide the food for us.

He provided the food for Elijah during the 42 months of famine. With Ahab and Jezebel seeking to destroy this prophet, God supplied him food the entire time. As long as the brook Cherith had water, the birds brought him two meals each day with bread and meat. When the drought became so severe that the brook dried up, God provided him and widow of Zarephath with food.

He provided food for the Jews on their forty-year journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. Before they arrived at Mt. Sinai, He gave them manna in the morning and quails in the evening (Ex. 16:13). The psalmist described it this way, “He also rained meat on them like the dust, feather fowl like the sand of the seas” (Psa. 78:27). As soon as they entered the Promised Land, the manna ceased (Josh. 5:12).

David understood that God would provide food for His people. “I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread” (Psa. 37:25). Think of David who spent years fleeing from King Saul. Yet in spite of all the adversity the evil king brought into David’s life, God took care of him. God provided the food he needed. David saw that God fed His people.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes a great contrast between how saints look toward food and the way that unbelievers look at it. “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all of these things the Gentiles seek” (Matt. 6:31-32). Those who are not God’s children must, of necessity, be fearful that they might not have food. Those empty shelves in Publix are a major concern to them. Our Lord says that we should not have a single concern and then He gives the reason. “For your heavenly Father knows you have need of all these things.”

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

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

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

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

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

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

Tony Lawrence: please continue to pray that he will continue to improve

Virgie McMillan (mother of Ann Box: dealing with complications from a recent stroke, please keep her in your prayers

Don Lawrence: had a temporary knee replacement because of an infection. He will be taking antibiotics to clear up the infection and then will have a total knee replacement; please be praying that the infection will clear up

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

Nelda York Bishop: recovering from spinal surgery, please be praying that she has a successful recovery

Jamie Long: doctor was pleased with the outcome of his hernia surgery, please be praying that he has a successful recovery

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

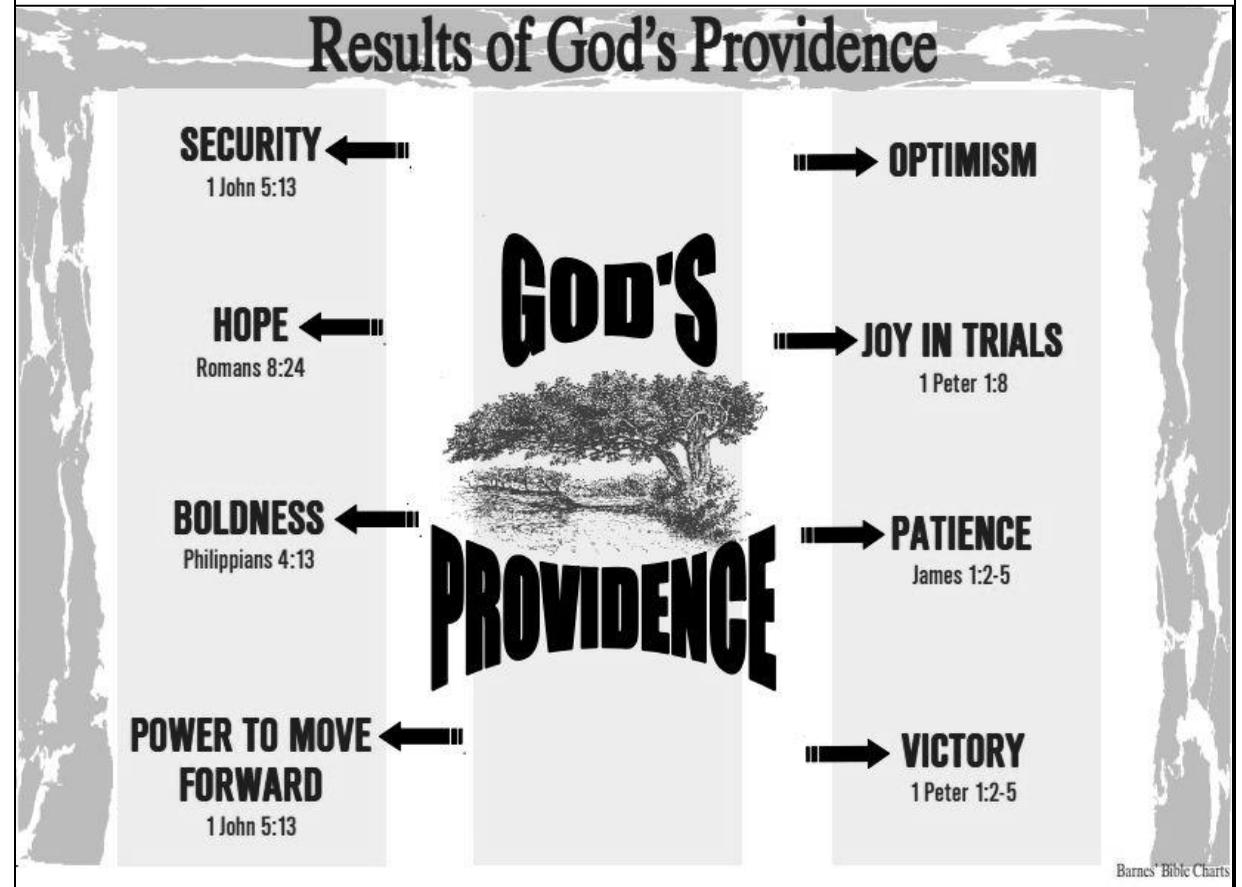
Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please pray that those working with her can help her

Bobby Sanderson: dealing with COVID and pneumonia, please keep praying that he overcomes these issues

Later in that sermon, Jesus discussed how an earthly father would not give a stone to his child who asks for bread. The Lord’s prayer says we should ask every day for daily bread and with firm assurance He will provide. “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will you Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him” (Matt. 7:11)!

Our godly grandparents dealt with the Great Depression and not one of them starved. How did this happen? Because they took seriously the final thing Jesus said about this. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.” Think about this in these trying days as you pray that He will provide daily bread.

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I'm Not the Man I Used to Be

By Raymond Elliott

There is a religious song that is often sung by different quartets, groups and individuals, emphasizing how that one's life has been changed by Calvary, noting the death of Jesus Christ Who died on the cross for the sins of the world. Regardless of how a person lived previously, when he or she believes in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, is penitent of sins and obeys the Gospel of Christ, his or her sins are forgiven and forgotten (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Hebrews 8:12).

Mankind is not so merciful and forgiving. Recently, I read about "Boeing's communications chief who was forced to resign because of an article he wrote criticizing women in combat in 1987 – more than 30 years ago – when he was a Navy fighter pilot." The gentleman explained he no longer held the same views about women serving in the armed services as he did when he was a young man. Nevertheless, he was forced to resign his position with the company. This is a prime example of the extremes we now witness in our nation.

What if God treated mankind in like fashion as those responsible for pressuring this person to resign from his work with Boeing? Consider the following men who said or did something that was not in harmony with the will of God, and yet, the Lord forgave them and used them in His kingdom.

Abraham, the 'father of the faithful,' was not perfect. In two incidents, he intended to deceive rulers in order to protect his life. When Abram "went to Egypt," because of the beauty of Sarai his wife, he said to her, "Please say you are my sister that it may be well with me for your sake, and that I may live because of you." Thus, Pharaoh and others believed that Sarai was only a sister to Abram and not his wife (Genesis 12:10-20). While this statement was partially true, it was not the whole truth. Then, there was the time when Abraham and Sarah went to Gerar. While there, he told others, "She is my sister." King Abimelech took Sarah. God intervened, and the king did not touch her (Genesis 20). David, after much time and many obstacles, became King of Israel. God richly blessed him abundantly with power and material things. Yet, he lusted after a woman, committed adultery with her and had her husband killed (2 Samuel 11). Peter denied his Lord three times (Matthew 26:69-75). The apostle Paul, prior to his conversion, persecuted the church of the Lord (Acts 9). He referred to himself as being the "chief" of sinners (1 Timothy 1:12-15).

Abraham matured his faith in God and his belief "was accounted to him for righteousness" (Romans 4:3, 5). King David was truly penitent of his sins (Psalm 32; 51). The apostle Peter was genuinely sorry for his denial of Jesus Christ (Matthew 26:75). Saul (Paul) believed in Jesus, repented and was baptized to wash away his sins (Acts 9:9-11; Acts 22:16).

These individuals were not the men they used to be. God did not hold their past mistakes, faults and sins against them. Have we not all thought, said or written something that displeased God and sought His forgiveness? We should be thankful for the infinite mercy of our Heavenly Father. God has given His children this blessed assurance: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25).

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