

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- April fell this week and spent some time in the hospital. She is home and recovering.
- The Christians in the Philippines.
- Bobby & Karen Graham safely arrived in Blackfoot yesterday; please welcome them and enjoy a week of bible study.

Song Leaders for our Meeting:

Sunday AM – David Porter
Sunday PM – Tom Mitchell
Monday PM – Chad Mitchell
Tuesday PM – Ross Ward
Wednesday PM – Tom Mitchell
Thursday PM – David Porter
Friday PM – Ross Ward

For prayer requests, call or text Chad @ (208) 221-2587

Assignments

Today

Bible Study – Bobby Graham
Song Leader – David Porter
Lord's Table – Chad Mitchell
Sermon – Bobby Graham

Wednesday

Song Leader – Tom Mitchell
Sermon – Bobby Graham

Next Sunday

Bible Study – Tom Mitchell
Song Leader – Tom Mitchell
Lord's Table – David Porter
Sermon – Ross Ward

Next Wednesday

Bible Study – Ross Ward
Song Leader – David Porter
Invitation – Ross Ward

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Meeting Times:

Sunday Morning Classes 10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Evening 7:30PM



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Learning Respect: A Hard lesson to Learn!

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"And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honored upon Pharaoh, and all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord. And they did so." (Ex. 14:4)

A principle involved here seems to be a bit hard for us to grasp; false ideas are developed from a misunderstanding of the terminology used.

The **basic principle** is one that each of us needs to grasp and deal effectively with: **That of respect**. Let us remember that God sent a messenger to Pharaoh with instructions to let His people go. However, Pharaoh did not acknowledge the Lord, thus asked "who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." (Ex. 5:1-2). In reality to his ignorance and shame he thus spoke, expressed the lack of knowledge that is valuable and his disrespect!

1. It is to **Pharaoh's shame** that he did not know the Lord. However, he was in a position to learn who He was and be benefited greatly, had he not been so arrogant. Yet, like so many he allowed his pride move him to his hurt. There are many things that each of us does not know; but we can learn if we have a mind to. Learning RESPECT for the Lord should be basic; however, to so many it is never on their agenda. May that NOT be true of us, beloved.

Respect for God is basic, as we need to learn to respect other matters: such as the power of electricity, the destructive nature of water and fire, are just a few. People who do not learn to respect various powers and forces in the universe are damaged by them and many destroyed. Even more so is this who will harden his/her heart and ignore the evidence of the Creator.

He/she who does not have the humility to recognize their need for learning and submit to the principles of learning are in a very precarious position, being very vulnerable. How many people are destroyed by forces they haven't learned to respect? And this when they had the opportunity but ignored and refused to consider, take advantage of that which was available to them.

2. Lack of respect often brings results that may seem cruel. Children are bitten by a poisonous snake, may seem cruel. A child may come in contact with live electric wires, fall from a height, and a thousand other factors that seem cruel. Yet, such happens, and if we are thoughtful, we'll see that there would have to be some kind of intervention to keep such from happening.

It seems cruel to many when men like Pharaoh is said to be "hardened." Yet, he and others have opportunity to LEARN respect for the Lord God. When such is not learned, however, having had the opportunity, the hardening process sets in. Let us be sensitive to the fact that we are warned against being hardened by the influence of sin.

Hebrews 3:13 "But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

If one doesn't have that **hunger and thirst** to LEARN, then the consequences are great. Let us be aware of that fact:

II Thess. 2:9-12 "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." Beloved, LEARN RESPECT for God!

AN INVISIBLE ENEMY

By Kyle Campbell

Doubled over and choking, they staggered to hospitals by the thousands, crying for help and refuge from a colorless cloud of gas that turned Bhopal, India into a tomb on a terrible December day in 1984. "We have been working nonstop to treat the people and still they are coming," said one volunteer who tried to help doctors and nurses cope with streams of injured at five jammed hospitals. Several thousand died in the accident at the Union Carbide plant, many never fully aware of what hit them.

No enemy is harder to fight than an invisible one. Christians also face an unseen adversary, who leads the forces arrayed against us in spiritual conflict (1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:10). Paul wrote, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:11-12). The proper response is to aggressively engage in righteous warfare — striving against sin: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12; cp. 1:18). In fighting this enemy, we participate in "casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

False doctrine and sinful temptations are always around us. These are not happenstances; they are a concerted effort by Satan to draw us away from God. The tempter can indeed tempt you (1 Thessalonians 3:5)! Paul said that Satan would deceive us: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). Don't let Satan deceive you in respect to falsehood and sin. Paul had written earlier in the letter, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). Study your Bible and learn the scriptures so you can be saved.