

Prayer Requests & Announcements

- David and Catherine will be traveling back from Georgia this week.
- Angi and Hanna will be traveling back to Reno
- Ross and Debbie will be traveling back from AR this week.
- The Christians in the Philippines.

For prayer requests, call or text
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Assignments

Today Bible Study – Tom Mitchell Song Leader – Tom Mitchell Lord's Table – Chad Mitchell Sermon – Tim Woodside	Wednesday Bible Study – TBD Song Leader – Tom Mitchell Invitation – TBD
Next Sunday Bible Study – Tom Mitchell Song Leader – David Porter Lord's Table – Tom Mitchell Sermon – Ross Ward	Next Wednesday Bible Study – Ross Ward Song Leader – Chad Mitchell 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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Excuse Making

By William C. "Bill" Sexton

People who don't want to do something can and do find many excuses. However, what does the Lord say about such? Look at what is recorded in the following passage: Lk 14:15-24

"15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."



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Beloved, there is really nothing more important than being redeemed by the blood of Christ. There is no other way to have one's sins of the past washed away! So to find an excuse to refuse the call of the Lord is foolish, actually destructive. It would be profitable to examine the basis for each of the excuses are mentioned in the passage. None are accepted, and yet each of the things people were involved in was legitimate in and of themselves. The problem was and is NOTHING is so valuable that we should allow it/them to keep us from listening to and heeding the Lord's directions (Cf. Matt. 6:33).

Tending the Land is a good occupation, but the Lord is over you and it. Purchasing a piece of land is acceptable, as the first excuse maker gave. To excuse yourself from serving the lord is a foolish decision that will cost one dearly – His/her soul!

Dealing with livestock is honorable, too. However, declining to place the Lord's direction by preferring to view and deal with them is a destructive decision to make. Yet this man in the story, and many in our day make excuses that are of this nature.

Certainly when one takes a wife, he takes on responsibility and should not take it lightly, but when one declines to listen to the Lord's instructions in preference to dealing with the mate, he has made a very poor decision. This decision will have eternal consequences that are undesirable. Actually, the very best way to be a GOOD HUSBAND/MATE is to be submissive to the Lord FIRST. When one fails to do that, he/she is a second rate mate at best.

Yes, I realize that it is easy to get to thinking that I have to put my family above everything else. When one does that, of course, he/she THINKS they are making a reasonable and wise determination.. That is due to the fact that one fails to know or comprehend God's word in reality to life.

Just as in the passage of scripture, neither of the excuses is acceptable to the Lord. They are not now, and surely they will not be in the days when each of us is called to give an account for our actions (2 Cor. 5:10-11)

Let us all understand how fearful it is to fall into the hands of the Living God (Heb. 12:25-29). Beloved, are you inclined to make excuses for not committing your life to God through Christ (Jn. 6:44-45; 14:6). He loves you and invites you to come. However, He'll not force you, neither will He accept

excuses. In fact He will send you a strong delusion that you might believe a lie (2 Thess. 2:10-12)

Resurrection of the Dead

By Joe R. Price

There will be a resurrection of the dead. Jesus' resurrection assures us of it (1 Cor. 15:20-21). The resurrection of the dead is central to our faith. Here are some vital, relevant truths that magnify its importance.

1. If there is no resurrection of the dead, then the gospel and all that pertains to it is a fraudulent hoax (1 Cor. 15:12-19).
2. The resurrection will occur when Jesus returns (1 Cor. 15:22-23).
3. The Bible affirms a bodily resurrection of the dead (1 Cor. 15:35-49).
4. All people of all time will be raised from the dead (Jno. 5:28; Rev. 20:12).
5. After resurrection, we will all stand before God in judgment (Jno. 5:29; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12).
6. Christians take comfort in knowing we will be resurrected to always be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17-18).
7. Without the resurrection of the dead, the Christian's hope of future reward is vain (1 Pet. 1:3-5; 1 Cor. 15:19).

These Bible facts about the resurrection are not believed by all who call themselves Christians. Even now, some people (the "AD 70" advocates) say the resurrection is past already (2 Tim. 2:18). The Jehovah's Witnesses say when we die we cease to exist. To them, the resurrection will have to be some manner of re-creation. However, the body of Jesus was raised from the dead, and our bodily resurrection will be like His (Lk. 23:43; Acts 2:27-31; 1 Cor. 15:45-49).

The "resurrection of life" will be filled with glory (Jno. 5:29; 2 Thess. 1:10; Phil. 3:21; Col. 3:4). The "resurrection of damnation" will be filled with terror (Jno. 5:29; Matt. 25:41, 46; Rev. 20:11-15). How you live now determines what you will experience that day.