

The Bulletin

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“What Is Your View Of Sin?”

By Jarrod M. Jacobs

Thousands died because they considered sin as nothing! Despite the pleading of Jeremiah, the Jews refused to walk in *“the old paths.”* (Jeremiah 6:16).

In the face of Ezekiel, they were hard-hearted and impudent as he pled with them to return (Ezekiel 3:7). Others such as Elisha, Hosea and Micah, Samuel and Malachi, as well as others, both named and unnamed, (but all known to God), continued preaching God’s word for the purpose of getting people to repent of their sins. (Repentance is taught from Genesis 3 to the end of the Bible!)

Some saw success (Jonah, Oded, etc.), while others died for preaching God’s will and standing opposed to what the sinful people were doing (Hebrews 11:37-39). Yet, all of those who obeyed the Lord were blessed for their actions!

It is no different in New Testament days. Being the friend of God meant an enemy of the world. *“No man can serve two masters”* in this world (Matthew 6:24).

We now have a choice. Will we consider sin as nothing, or will we stand with the Lord? The world will hate us for being God’s friend (John 15:19-20), but God will reward us. Choose wisely; your soul depends on the decision you make today (2 Corinthians 6:2; Revelation 22:14; Matthew 7:24-27; etc.)!

“What Are Your Goals?”

By Jefferson David Tant

If there are any universal traits in the human race, surely one important one would be the achieving of goals. We all have goals, and it would be fruitless for us to seek to enumerate them all, for they are so many and so varied.

Academic Goals

Consider a few. As school children, among our goals would be passing our exams and graduating. And how do we achieve those goals? It takes time and effort. If we want to pass our final exam, we don’t wait until the night before the exam to study the material over which we will be tested. It works well to spend time studying our lesson material from the very first day of class. This will then prepare us to achieve two goals-passing the exams and being able to graduate.

Sports Goals

Another obvious place for goals is in sports. If we want to join the team, we must prove that we are able to play so that we can add to the teams’ success. And we don’t put off practice and preparation until the day the players are selected by the coach. No, we plan ahead and practice.

Family Goals

Obviously, an important goal for most young people is to get married and have a family-children who will carry on the family name and legacy. This goal naturally includes love and companionship, and often continues for decades, and helps give meaning and direction in life.

Spiritual Goals

One particular goal that is often neglected, delayed or totally ignored is the greatest goal that has ever been put before the human face, and that is the ultimate and final goal of an eternal home in heaven.

I suppose that this goal is not set right before us, for many tend to neglect it and put it off to some future time. That is not wise.

Suppose you were offered the chance to receive \$1,000,000 as a gift? There were certain things that you had to do before a certain deadline in order to receive the money, but you were not told then the deadline was. Would you then think, "Oh, well. I've got plenty of time, so I'll get around to getting the requirements done later when I have more time."? I doubt it.

So, what advice is given to us concerning the greatest prize that humans could ever receive-an eternal home in heaven? The wise Solomon instructs us Ecclesiastes 12:1: *"Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them.'"*

Question: What do you want out of life? Would joy and happiness be among the items at the top of our list. And how do we achieve that goal. The apostle Paul gives us an answer in Philippians 4:4: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"*

Consider Paul's words to the church at Philippi: *"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead."* (Philippians 3:13). Whatever else was going on in Paul's life, there was one supreme and important goal that was always before him – heaven.

Not only does following God's Word give us a good and joyful life, but it also keeps us ready for the unexpected. Matthew 24:42 *"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming."*

It only makes good sense to be prepared.

"Three Things You Will Not Hear On The Day Of Judgment"

By Roger Campbell

The concept of a coming Day of Judgment is not a fantasy or fable. It is a fact. Paul told the people in ancient Athens that God *"has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness"* (Acts 17:31). All people who have ever lived on the earth will be brought before the throne of God, and His glorious Son will judge each one of us (Matthew 25:31-33). On that great day, do not expect to see or hear these things:

On the Day of Judgment, no one will say, "There is no God." According to the Bible, that is what fools say while living in this world (Psalm 14:1). However, on judgment day this truth will be clear to all: "He is" (Hebrews 11:6). *"So then each of us shall give account of himself to God"* (Romans 14:12).

On the Day of Judgment, no one will say, "One religion is as good as another." On that day all will know that only through Jesus can people come to the Father (John 14:6). All will see that only those washed in the blood of the Lamb are redeemed from sins (Revelation 5:9). And the only way for His blood to keep on cleansing a person is for that person to continue to walk in the light of His word (1 John 1:7).

On the Day of Judgment, no one will say, "I regret that I did my best to follow Jesus faithfully." The crown of life is for the faithful (Revelation 2:10). It is the good and faithful servant who will hear on that day, *"Well done....Enter into the joy of your Lord"* (Matthew 25:23). Regret such a reward? Never! Every service attended, every prayer offered, every minute spent in Bible study, every visit made, every mile walked for the cause-all of this and more will make us think, as the hymn says, "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

May we all give diligence to make our call and election sure (2 Peter 1:10-11).

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billy Grisham, Burt Ward, George Hutto, B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Michelle Hopper (Dan Cottrell's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer, Stacy & Annette Meeks, Anita Harris' mother, Hillard Switcher, Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble, Danny Briggs (cancer), Kelcy Whittemore, and Cameron Hutchins.

Updates: Tim Harris Sr. is wearing his cast for several more weeks to heal up.
Billy Grisham is home recovering.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer:	Paul Busby
Preaching:	Brian Meade
Sermon #1:	<i>"God's Warning: Don't Fall Away!"</i>

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook:	Fred Johnson
Author:	1, 2, & 3 John
Starting Page & Question:	By Michael Hardin <i>Page #69, Question #25</i>

Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements:	Russell Briggs
Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:	Dan Cottrell
Scripture Reading:	<i>Philippians 1:3-6</i>
Song Leader:	Jerry Kennemur
Lord's Supper:	Fred Johnson
Assisting:	— —
Preaching:	Brian Meade
Sermon #2:	<i>"Developing A Heart Of Thankfulness"</i>
Closing Prayer:	Lee Busby

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.

December 3, 2025

Auditorium Bible Class:	Paul Busby
Workbook:	Great Bible Characters: Abraham
Author:	By Mike Willis
Starting Page & Question:	<i>Page #31, Question #1</i>
Invitation:	Russell Briggs
Song Leader:	Dan Cottrell
Closing Prayer:	Brian Meade



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“God’s Warnings: Don’t Fall Away!”

Lesson Text: **1 Corinthians 10:1-13.**

I. How Do We Know We Can Fall?

- God Plainly Says So- **Galatians 5:4; Revelation 2:5.**
- By The Examples Of The Fallen- **1 Corinthians 10:8; Hebrews 4:11.**
- God’s Warnings To Not Leave- **2 Peter 2:20-22.**

II. From What Can We Fall?

- God- **Hebrews 3:12.**
- Grace- **Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 12:15-17.**
- Faith- **1 Timothy 4:1.**
- Love- **Revelation 2:1-5.**
- Steadfastness- **2 Peter 3:17.**

III. How Do We Fall?

- Through Unbelief- **Hebrews 3:12; 3:19.**
- Through Pride- **1 Timothy 3:6.**
- Through Temptation- **Luke 8:13; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13.**
- Through Disobedience- **Hebrews 4:11.**
- Over Stumbling-Blocks- **Romans 14:13; 14:21.**
- By Following False Ways- **Matthew 15:14; Galatians 3:1.**
- By Casting It Away- **Hebrews 10:35-39.**

IV. What Are The Results Of Falling?

- Unfruitfulness- **Luke 8:13.**
- Condemnation- **1 Timothy 5:7-15.**
- We Are Not Saved! **Hebrews 10:26-31.**

V. How Can We Avoid Falling?

- By Giving The More Earnest Heed- **Hebrews 2:1-3.**
- By Being Diligent In Our Spiritual Life- **Hebrews 6:9-12.**
- By Continued Trust In God- **Hebrews 6:13-20.**

“Developing A Heart Of Thankfulness”

Lesson Text: **Philippians 1:3-8.**

I. The Heart Is Invaluable In Our Service To God.

- Your Heart Is Your Seat Of Your Thoughts, Passions, Desires, Appetites, Affections...
- Your Heart Determines How You Really Feel About Someone/Something.
 - **Proverbs 23:7; Jeremiah 9:8.**
- The Heart Determines What Kind Of Person We Are:
 - A hardened Heart, **Luke 8:5 (12).**
 - A Soil With Top Soil Only, **Luke 8:6 (13).**
 - A Soil Full Of Thorns, **Luke 8:7 (14).**
 - A Soil That Is Good And Noble, **Luke 8:8 (15).**
- Without Our Heart, Service Becomes Formality:
 - **1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Matthew 18:35; Romans 10:9.**
- Your Heart Must Be Guarded To Be Used Properly- **Proverbs 4:23.**
 - By Avoiding Behavior That Leads To Unthankfulness.
 - Selfishness Or Self-Centeredness- **Luke 15:25-32.**
 - Arrogance & Pride- **Luke 18:11.**
 - Always Expecting To Get From Others- **Proverbs 30:15.**
 - Not Placing Value In The Person Or The Gift. **Romans 1:21-23.**
 - Forgetting To Thank Others. **Genesis 40:23.**
 - Being Too Busy. **Luke 8:14.**

II. How To Develop True Thankfulness.

- By Making A Choice To Always Be Thankful!
 - Like The Samaritan Who Thanked Jesus- **Luke 17:14-19.**
 - It Is A Conscious Decision To Be Thankful.
 - A Deliberate Choice To Show We Appreciate Others.
 - By Choosing To Genuinely & Sincerely Thankful From The Heart!
- Look To Examples Of Those Who Are Thankful:
 - Noah- **Genesis 8:20-21.**
 - Abraham- **Genesis 12:7.**
 - Hannah- **1 Samuel 2:1-11.**
 - David- **Psalms 103:1-14.**
 - Paul- **1 Timothy 1:12-15.**
- Think Of Ways To Express Thankfulness:
 - Words Of Appreciation, Cards, Letters, Emails, Gifts In Return, Paying It Forward...
- Pray To God To Help You Be A Thankful Person! **1 Timothy 2:1 James 1:5.**
- Worship God With A Heart Of Thankfulness!
 - **Hebrews 12:28 (NASB; LEB; NIV).**