

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	N/A
Attendance AM	70
Attendance PM	N/A
Wednesday PM	N/A

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Walter Tolley (heart issues & colon cancer— surgery 3/11); Jerry Thomas; Otis & Glenda Adair, Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley; William & Priscilla Bogan; Tally Poole (knee); Norris Cole; Frank Brock
Prayer: Richard Melson, Jr. Patrick and Ashley Thomas (work); Gabrielle Willis (interview); Rita McGahee
Traveling: Norris Cole, II;
Prayers: Norris Cole, II;
Repentance: Richard Melson, Jr.
Baptism:
Sympathy:
Birthdays: March—5 Brandon Lease; 6 Melody Angus; 9 Rita McGahee; 11-Mary Vance; 17 Pat Norris; 18 Layne Vance; 27 Lyle Cole; 28 Cynthia Lease; 30 William Bogan & Timothy Angus -
Anniversaries—
Ladies Reading Group: March 6th at 6:00 PM on ZOOM— Chapters 8 & 9

February 28	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Richard Melson	
Opening Prayer	Walter Tolley	
Song Leader	Michael Blanks, Jr.	
Lead Lord's Supper	Anthony Grigsby	
Server 1	Denzil Turner, III	
Server 2	Mike Mamula	
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	
Sermon	Richard Melson	
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer
 "Pray without ceasing"
 1 Thessalonians 5:17

TO OUR VISITORS
 Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your "church" and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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 2211 Needmore Rd
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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30
 Worship 10:30 A.M.
 4:30 P.M.

1st Sunday
 No 4:30 PM service

Wednesday

Bible Study
 7:00 P.M.

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PROMISES OF A BRIGHT FUTURE: AMOS 9:11-15

Homer Hailey

From the smouldering ruins of the fallen house of Israel the prophet looks into the future with optimism and hope. He sees rising from the ruins a new kingdom, with the tabernacle of David restored and the nations calling upon the name of Jehovah. This is the only optimistic note in the entire book: "In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations that are called by my name, saith Jehovah that doeth this" (9:11-12).

James appeals to this passage at the conference that met in Jerusalem to discuss the question of the Gentiles and circumcision. Having commented on Peter's statement of God's visiting the Gentiles when he went down to the house of Cornelius "to take out of them a people for his name;" James continued saying, "And to this agree the words of the prophets: as it is written;" quoting Amos' statement (Acts 15:13-18). James not only appealed to Amos, but to "the prophets;" plural. He quotes Amos as teaching what all taught. It was not just the testimony of one prophet, but since all taught the same thing, it was an appeal to all.

Some contend that James was saying the prophecy of Amos would be fulfilled after the bringing in of the Gentiles, hence is yet future. Any who so contend do not read the passage. James was quoting Amos as having said, "After these things;" that is, the things prophesied of by the prophet concerning the doom of Israel, her captivity, God would raise up the house of David. The things foretold by the prophet had been fulfilled, and now had come the time for the bringing in of the Gentiles, the redeeming of the residue of the nations. In order to do this the house of David must be raised up. The house had been raised, and the residue of men could now seek after the Lord, "And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called:' Unless the passage in Amos is fulfilled in Christ, now, the Gentiles have no right to have His name called upon them, nor for them to call upon His name. Premillennialists completely miss the point of both Amos and James.

But again, someone will say, "How about the verses that follow, concerning the plowman overtaking the reaper and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed"? This is fulfilled in the gospel dispensation, for Jesus said, "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:35, 36). One overtakes the other, the two, planting and reaping, go together under the gospel.

Further, God said, "And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them

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Words of Wisdom For Youth ... 1 Timothy 4:12

GOD'S PATTERN

As Applies To MUSIC IN THE WORSHIP

★ The pattern is specified:

1. Vocal — Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; 1 Cor. 14:15; Jas. 5:13
2. Instrumental — (Not in the pattern)
The law of exclusion must be observed!

★ Old Testament Examples: Romans 15:4

Cedar	NOAH	Gopher
WOOD		
Oak		Pine
<p>Genesis 6:14-22 Generic: Wood Specific: Gopher</p> <p>When God specified the kind of wood, all other kinds were excluded.</p>		

Camel	JEWS	Lamb
BLOOD		
Cow		Pig
<p>Exodus 12:21 Generic: Blood Specific: Lamb's Blood</p> <p>When God specified the kind of blood, all other kinds were excluded.</p>		

★ Applications To The Christian's Worship Today: Heb. 8:5

Guitar	MUSIC	Sing
Piano		Harp
<p>Ephesians 5:19 Generic: Make Music Specific: Sing</p> <p>When God specified the kind of music (vocal), all other kinds were excluded.</p>		

Pie and Ice Cream	LORD'S SUPPER	Bread and Fruit of Vine
Cookies and Water		Ham and Eggs
<p>1 Cor. 11:23-26 Generic: Eat and Drink Specific: Bread and Fruit of Vine</p> <p>When God specified the kind (Bread and Fruit of Vine), all other kinds were excluded.</p>		

God is displeased and division among His people results when His specific commandments are not obeyed. Adding to or substituting constitutes a violation of the law of exclusion, and disrespects the silence of the Scriptures.

What's my motivation for doing nice things?



Our world looks at "doing nice things for others" or "helping others" and sometimes asks, "Ok, well, what's in it for me? What do I get out of it?" If we are not careful (as Christians), that same mentality can creep into our hearts. We must be vigilant to guard against it.

Jesus addressed this topic in Luke chapter 6, with three scenarios: "...if you love those who love you... if you do good to those who do good to you... if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back..." (6:32-35). Think about each of those. Those are the easy times to act, respond and do nice things for others—when it's being reciprocated. But, to each situation, Jesus asked the same question: "What credit is that to you?" Then He affirmed that "even sinners" will do that, so what are you doing more than the average sinner?

My motivation in helping others should be higher than the average person. No wonder the verse right before these says, "Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (6:31).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day

The Church of the Lord Is Essential

- The fulfillment of prophecy: Isaiah 2:2,3
- The object of Christ's promise: Matthew 16:18
- The institution of all the saved: Acts 2:47
- Purchased by the blood of Christ: Acts 20:28
- The family of God: Ephesians 3:15
- The kingdom of God: Matthew 16:18,19
- The custodian of God's wisdom: Ephesians 3:10
- The pillar and ground of the truth and the house of God: 1 Timothy 3:15
- The group whom Christ will save: Ephesians 5:23
- The Bride of Christ: Romans 7:4
- That for which Christ gave Himself: Ephesians 5:25

Plumb-Line



Melson's Musings ...



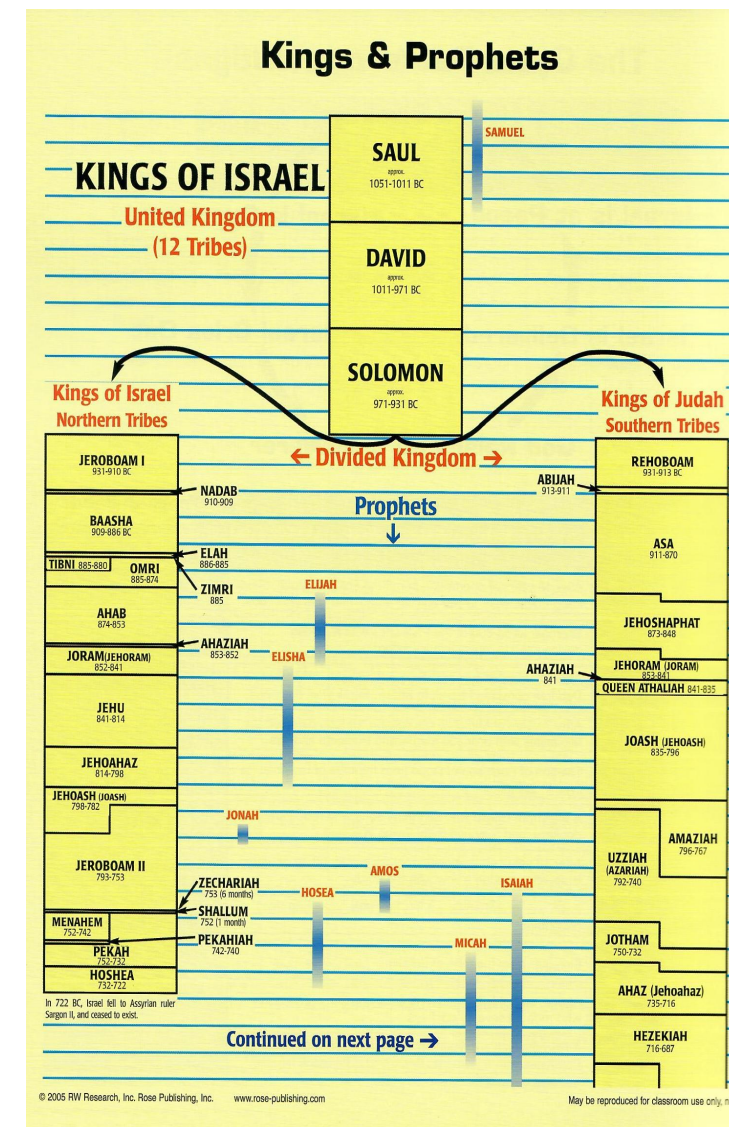
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upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith Jehovah of hosts" (vv. 14-15). A careful reading of Luke 1:67-79 shows this passage was fulfilled in Christ. Zacharias said that God had "visited and wrought redemption for his people, and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old)" (vv. 68-70). Exactly what Amos said he would do, and what James said He had done. Further, Zacharias said that through this they should be delivered out of the hand of their enemies and should serve Him without fear (v. 74). Their fullness is complete in Christ (Col. 2:9-10), and heaven is their fatherland (Phil. 3:20), from which no hand can pluck them. The promise is fulfilled.

Israel rejected God and plunged herself into sin. She was carried into Assyrian captivity and her city, Samaria, was destroyed. God then returned and in Christ raised the tabernacle (house) of David to restore the people to Himself, and to call His name upon Edom and the Gentiles. The glorious hope of Amos has been fulfilled in Christ, the Messiah.

For those who desire to prepare for the next lesson it will be from the prophet Hosea. I will begin with an introduction of the book. Keep in mind that the historical background is similar to that of Joel and Amos with the distinction being that he is only Minor Prophet from the Northern Kingdom. So as you ponder Amos' message prepare for the prophet whose names means salvation.

- Richard



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org ; <http://gbntv.org/> ; kibbystreetcoc.org ; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak)
- View In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish network Sunday 7:00 am Channel 239; DirecTV Channel 307; GBN 7 PM
- Check out Tullstar Archives at <http://media.Tullstar.org> for lessons from faithful brethren.

GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S SALVATION

"Sirs, What must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30

- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Heard - John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17; John 8:32
- ♦ The Gospel Must Be Believed—John 8:24; Mark 16:16
- ♦ Sins Must Be Repented of — Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38
- ♦ Christ Must Be Confessed—Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37
- ♦ There Must Be Baptism (Immersion) for Remission (forgiveness) of Sins—Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
- ♦ Christian Growth and Faithfulness—1 Peter 2:2; Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 3:18



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