

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	32
Attendance AM	75
Attendance PM	23
Wednesday PM	31

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Phil Tydings; Mozilla Tate; Dana Grigsby; C.D. Arnett; Reagan Blanks; Ruby Cole; Otis & Glenna Adair; Richard & Florine Thomas; Betty Blakely (Stones Springs); Wife of our Terminix service man (she has cancer)

Traveling: Richard Melson, Jr.;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: June — 1 Stephanie Hoover; 2 Alyse Poole; 4 Janis Bland; 5 James Vance III; 6 Carlene Harley; 8 Randy Farmer; 13 Chris Poole; 17 Deonna Cole; 19 Linda Thomas; 25 Charles Chittick; Richard Thomas; 29 Anthony Grigsby; James Vance

Anniversaries: June — 20 Philip & Kimberly Tydings; 28 Jerry & Linda Thomas

Ladies Reading Group: Zoom Class June 22 @ 6:00 PM Lesson 7

Potter Children's Home:

June 18	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Opening Prayer	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Song Leader	Patrick Cook	Patrick Cook
Lead Lord's Supper	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Server 1	Chris Poole	Norris Cole
Server 2	James Grigsby	James Grigsby
Scripture Reader	Ryan McGahee	Patrick Thomas
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Patrick Thomas	Patrick Thomas
Closing Prayer	Norris Cole	Norris Cole
Announcements	Lyle Cole	Lyle Cole
Greeter	John Bouse	John Bouse
Usher	Anthony Grigsby	Anthony Grigsby
Usher		

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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Schedule of Services

Sunday
Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

1st Sunday No 5:00 PM

Wednesday
Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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- Supporting**
- Christian Courier
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 - Potter Children's Home
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HOW GOD'S HOLINESS RELATES TO HIS NATURE AND HIS ATTRIBUTES

Oran Rhodes

I have come to the conclusion that holiness is not an attribute; rather all attributes demonstrate God's holiness. The term, holy, is applied to God when referring to His transcendent majesty, glory, greatness, power, and righteousness. "For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name" (Luke 1:49). None of the attributes are synonym of holiness, but, instead, they are elements of His Holiness. God reveals himself as "Holy" when he manifests any of these attributes and he is "sanctified" among men when they attribute to Him any of these divine qualities. "And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only are holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest" (Rev. 15:3-4).

Holiness, then, is a perfection absolutely considered in the nature of God. There is a perfect and unpolluted freedom from all evil-which is necessary for God to be God. "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). God is Holy by virtue of the fact that he had all the resources of His being within himself. Holiness, then, is the substance of God. "The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks" (Amos 4:2).

WHAT IT MEANS FOR GOD TO BE HOLY

The idea of holiness seems to be closely akin to the idea of absoluteness as ascribed to God. Generally, it is recognized that "holy" indicates a relation of God to the world. When applied to God, the term "holiness" as used in the Old Testament, indicates majesty and divinity. "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory" (Isa. 6:3). The term holiness describes God's relation to his people. "There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none besides thee: neither is there any rock like our God" (1 Sam. 2:2). In the New Testament, the same term has a causative meaning-it is the principle of the sanctification of the church. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Pet. 1:4).

Holiness is the basis of obligation since it conditions the exercise of every attribute. God's hatred of evil would not always allow the wickedness of man to defile the earth. "And God looked upon the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth" (Gen. 6:12-13). "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" (2 Pet. 2:5). Though God was merciful and longsuffering, His holiness demanded the destruction of the wicked in spite of the pleadings of mercy. "Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them; he will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. Then said the LORD unto me,

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

Let the Bible explain itself

It's not just about reading



When asked the question, "How does one decide whether the language of the Bible is to be taken literally or figuratively?" the simple answer is that throughout the world in every language we take what is said literally. The exceptions to this rule would be when the speaker often uses nonliteral language or when taking the words literally twists or distorts what is said.

Look at the book of Ezekiel for a moment. The opening words speak of "the fourth month on the fifth day of the month." Common sense makes it obvious that this is a historical narrative. Now, for someone to take the word and use his own imagination to make some profound affirmation about the numerical value of the numbers four and five violates the nature of the text. Ezekiel is simply establishing the date of the revelation God was giving to him.

However, in the verses which follow there is a description of the vision seen by the prophet. There is a whirlwind, raging fire, a great cloud, four creatures which look like a man, with each one having four faces, four wings, straight legs, calves' feet, faces like lions, oxen, eagles and humans. Beside each of them were wheels, that had wheels inside wheels, that lifted the creatures up, and they flew. What on earth could this mean? We read the words describing these creatures, but what is this all about? The answer is simple. "This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord" (Ezek. 1:28). Do the wings, feet, faces, and wheels have some figurative meaning? There is no way any man can give precise meaning to each of these, for God does not reveal them. Ezekiel saw a manifestation of the glory of the Lord. He wanted us to see that he uses words to tell us what he saw in the vision, and then God specifically describes the creature.

Some focus on the details of the vision and try to find some hidden meaning, yet Ezekiel tells us the precise meaning. Ezekiel talks about the Spirit in this book (3:12-13, 25; 8:4; 9:3, 11:23; 45:9). Common sense would lead us to spend far more time on the Spirit and where He is found in relation to the temple than to spend all our time trying to make too much of the description of the Spirit in the vision.

Hopefully, looking at these words from the early chapters of Ezekiel will help us more clearly see one principle of dealing with prophetic, poetic language. We must never place more emphasis on the figurative language in any verse than the Bible does. Let God emphasize what matters in the text. Be willing to stop short of assigning your own meaning to figurative language. Find God's emphasis and then stop. Let the Bible explain itself.

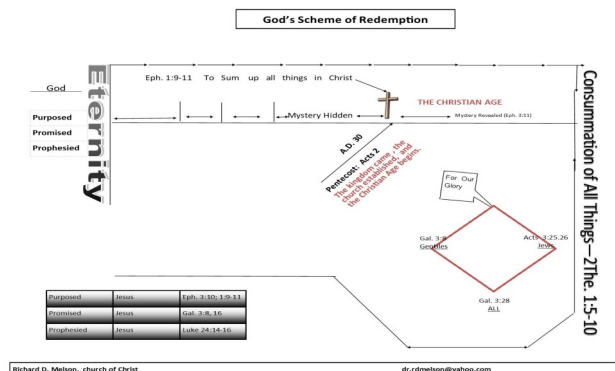
— Dan Jenkins

There is no better part of your day (don't even try to argue against this!) than when you get to read your Bible! Thus, reading it should be a principal part of each day. But, we must do more than merely run our eyes over lines of text. We must take time to understand it.

The Ethiopian eunuch was reading from Isaiah 53, but Philip wanted to know, "Do you understand what you are reading?" (Acts 8:30). Ezra, the scribe and priest, "read" the Book of Law "from morning until midday," but he wanted "the people to understand the Law" (Neh. 8:3, 7, 8). The people "rejoice(d) greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them" (8:12). Paul told Christians, "when you read [what I have written], you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:4).

The same God who gave us the words of the Bible gave us a brain to understand those words. Let us enjoy the best part of our day, not only reading His Word but taking time to understand it and apply it daily (Jas. 1:22-25).

David Sproule
Thought for the Day



Melson's Musings ...



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Pray not for this people for their good" (Jer. 14:10-11). Consider this: the greatest exhibition of the holiness of God will be the final punishment of the wicked.

To make an attempt to give a definition of God's holiness is difficult, but perhaps can be summed up this way: Holiness is the moral perfection of God considered from the point of view of his absoluteness and transcendence. Righteousness is God's holiness in relation to man as a responsible moral agent. His nature being Love, demonstrated in His goodness and mercy, is the holiness of God as interested in man in his weakness and sinfulness. So it is a redemptive quality. "The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God" (Isa. 52:10). Also, consider these passages: "The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen" (Ps.98:2)."For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness" (Ps. 105:42-43). God's holiness makes Him a Redeemer and by redeeming His people He makes them holy (saints): "For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth"(Deut.7:6). Carefully read Jeremiah 31:31-34 as you consider this subject.

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto

the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

- ☞ Happy Father's Day to our dads.
- ☞ **Read The NT**—Starting July 1—we will have a congregational reading of the New Testament in 180 days. More information coming.
- ☞ **Bible Marking for Ladies:** Whoever wishes to join, every 3rd Sunday at 4 PM.
- ☞ **Summer Series 2023**—Theme "*Called Unto Holiness*", June 7 – August 30, each Wednesday we'll have a different speaker for each subject. The tentative schedule is:

Date	Speaker	Topic
7-Jun	Tim Hatfield	Holiness of God
14-Jun	Raymond Sweet	Holiness of Christ
21-Jun	Kevin Berry	Holiness in Transformation
28-Jun	Bob Vincent	Holiness and Worship
5-Jul	Richard Nepal	Holiness and Respect for the Scriptures
12-Jul	Patrick Powers	Holiness and Overcoming Temptation
19-Jul	Kevin Berry	Holiness and Being a Proper Example
26-Jul	John McGiffin	Holiness in Recreational Activities
2-Aug	Norris Cole	Holiness and Drug Use & Abuse
9-Aug	TBD	Holiness and Abstaining from Evil
16-Aug	TBD	Holiness and Personal Finance
23-Aug	Keith Allen	Holiness and Purity of Speech
30-Aug	Patrick Cook	Holiness and Personal Maturity



NEWS AND NOTES

- Visit these online resources: www.wvbs.org ; www.apologeticspress.org ; www.searchtv.org; <http://gbntv.org/>; <http://kibbystreetcoc.org/index.php/let> (Let The Bible Speak); <https://fun1071.fm>; [soulofdayton.com](http://www.soulofdayton.com) (8:00 AM)
- View: In Search of the Lord's Way— Dish- 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