

The name of the LORD
is a strong tower;
the righteous man
runs into it
and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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ISRAEL FELL! WHY! . . .

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2 Kings 17 gives us some specific insight as to why the great Northern kingdom of Israel fell. I believe we, as individual Christians, can fall into the same traps, and lose God's blessing in our lives...

Israel Served other gods. 2 Kings 17:7 tells us that Israel had sinned against the Lord their God..." They had feared other gods." "They set up for themselves sacred pillars and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree" (verse 10). Right here in modern America, you will probably never be tempted to practice idolatry of this type – to bow down to an image of stone, glass, or wood; but nevertheless, idolatry reigns in America, even among those who claim to be Christians, because covetousness is idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Covetousness is the love of money. You cannot serve God and riches (Matthew 24). If more Christians would serve the Almighty God as diligently as they served the almighty dollar, the church would grow by leaps and bounds.

Israel Shunned The Prophets. 2 Kings 17:13-14. God repeatedly sent prophets to warn Israel that they must turn from their evil ways and return to the Lord's statutes and commandments. They "Stiffened their necks." There are people today who will shun Gospel preachers when they preach things difficult or uncomfortable to hear. Many preachers have been treated roughly by God's people, criticized, slandered, and run out of town with no means to support themselves or their family. The Bible speaks of the time when folks would not want to hear sound preaching, opting rather to be filed with the philosophies and think-sos of men. And they will eliminate those who preach the word, and replace them with "Preachers" who will scratch their ears, and satisfy their "Intellectual prowess." Be warned! 2 Timothy 4:2-4. Reject preachers of fables, don't despise preachers of truth (1 Cor. 16:11).

Israel Sinned Against God. The first two on our list were sinful things in and of themselves; but when we serve riches, and shun faithful Gospel preachers/preaching, we set ourselves up for more sinful behavior. They compounded sin upon sin (2 Kings 17:15-18). They "Went after the nations who were all around them" When we leave God's principles, and pattern ourselves after the world and its standards, we have departed from the living God, and set ourselves up for a great fall. Romans 12:1-2; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17

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GOD IS ABLE

Larry R. Ping II

Our exploration of the Bible continues. We are hunting for a better knowledge of Who God is, Who God is not, What God is and What God is not.

We continue our residence in the letters of Paul the apostle. He had much to say about the God he once ridiculed. And today's remark about God is the most absolute. Consider.

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” (*II Corinthians 8:9*).

“God is able.” One may wonder, what is God “able” to do? Perhaps the better question is — what is God “not able” to do?

God can do what He wants, when He wants, how He wants, to whom He wants for as long as He wants. Period. May we never put God in a box and tell Him what He can and cannot do.

The Bible is supplied with many versions of “God is able.”

“And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham” (*Matthew 3:9*).

“And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again” (*Romans 11:23*).

“Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand” (*Romans 14:4*).

“God...is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (*Ephesians 3:19-20*).

On this day, may we realize we serve a God Who is ABLE — ABLE to do what he wants. This is bad news for those who dismiss God. This is great news for those who believe in and are obedient to God. So where do you stand with this ABLE God?

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

Title: _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Sam Miller
Reading: 1 Kings 3:6-9
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

Thank You For Serving!

***Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!***