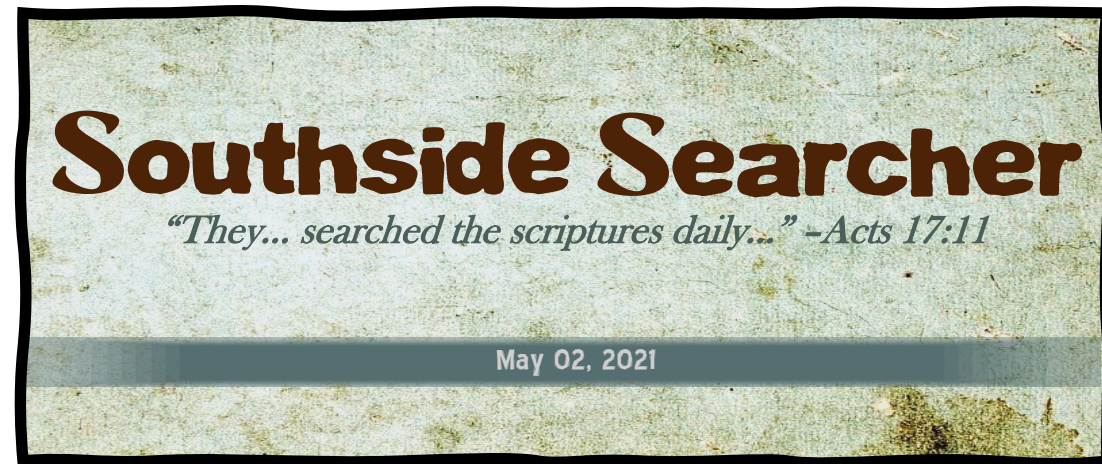


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Eli Todd Reading: Jeremiah 39:11-18 ➤ Song Leader.....Michael Pickford ➤ Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader..... Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.... Michael Pickford ➤ Invitation..... Michael Pickford ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. ➤ Closing Prayer..... Kenny Johnson ➤ 	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel:</u> Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe:</u> Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin:</u> Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith:</u> Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized:</u> Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful:</u> Rev. 2:10 <p style="text-align: center;">Obey Today!</p>
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Servant Of The King

JESUS CHRIST IS THE King of kings, and Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15). We realize the importance of being a servant of the King. Only those who serve the Lord faithfully until death will receive the crown of life (Revelation 2:10). Faith and baptism are required to become a servant of Jesus (Galatians 3:26-17) as illustrated by the Ethiopian Eunuch of Acts 8:35-39. It takes boldness and courage to serve Jesus faithfully in a wicked world.

But we read about another Ethiopian Eunuch in Jeremiah chapters 38 and 39. His name was Ebed-Melech which means, you guessed it, Servant of the King. Times were turbulent during his life. The Babylonians were about to sack Jerusalem, destroy it, and carry most of the survivors into captivity. Jeremiah, God's prophet, warned Zedekiah the king and instructed him as to how he could save Jerusalem. But Zedekiah disliked the words of Jeremiah, and at the urging of high-ranking officials, he ordered Jeremiah to be thrown into a muddy cistern and left to die.

Ebed-Melech, the Ethiopian eunuch, courageously appealed to the king on behalf of Jeremiah. As a result, Ebed-Melech was allowed to free Jeremiah. It took courage to confront the king. It took courage to go against the desires and actions of the Jewish leaders. But Ebed-Melech displayed that courage. It takes courage for us to go against what everyone else is doing. It takes courage to make the right decisions and do the right thing. But if we would be a servant of the King, we must find and exercise this courage (Ephesians 6:10).

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Those Who Mourn

“BLESSED ARE THOSE who mourn, For they shall be comforted” (Matt. 5:4). What did Jesus mean by those who mourn? Was He encouraging people to be continuous crybabies? Was He advocating a pessimistic disposition? No. Jesus did not recommend a gloom and doom attitude, or a mad and sad disposition; after all, a child of God should rejoice always in the Lord (Phil. 4:4). Some saints plod through life looking as if they have been sentenced to Christianity. We must be a joyous people!

We must consider the type of mourning Jesus intended—that is, the root cause of the mourning. We may have good cause to mourn over the loss of an investment, a home, money, a job, health, and especially the loss of a loved one. These are worthy causes for mourning. But these are not the types of mourning Jesus had in mind. Jesus spoke of those who mourn over sins, particularly their own. The one who will receive the blessing—the comfort—is the one who possesses emotional, mental, and moral sensitivities to his spiritual transgressions to the point of mournful proportions. Many Don’t!

Some mock sin while others become desensitized to a point where they no longer possess the ability to feel remorse over their transgressions. I will never be inclined to take the necessary steps toward forgiveness until I can feel godly sorrow over the wrongs I commit. Paul wrote about two kinds of sorrow—Godly sorrow, and worldly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:8-11). It is worldly sorrow when one frets merely over the worldly penalty he must pay for his transgression(s). For example, a thief may sit in prison feeling sorry for himself because he got caught. He does not care that he did wrong, nor that his wrongdoing impacted others in a negative way. This is worldly sorrow. It focuses exclusively on selfish affliction. On the other hand, the thief who possesses godly sorrow feels mournful over the fact that he has sinned against God (and others). This is the kind of mourning Jesus spoke about.

This beatitude connects beautifully with the previous one. When we feel our own spiritual bankruptcy, we will feel godly sorrow over our sins. This sense of remorse will lead to the type of mourning Jesus spoke about. This will in turn lead us to repentance, obedience, and forgiveness (Acts 2:38).

Blessed are those who mourn!

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*“being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are **whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents.**”*

-Romans 1:29-30

*“For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, **backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;**”*

-2 Corinthians 12:20

“Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law.”

-James 4:11

“You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.”

-Leviticus 19:16

*“A talebearer reveals secrets,
But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.”*

-Proverbs 11:13

*“A perverse man sows strife,
And a whisperer separates the best of friends.”*

-Proverbs 16:28

*“He who covers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates friends.”*

-Proverbs 17:9

*“A fool’s mouth is his destruction,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.
The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles,
And they go down into the inmost body.”*

-Proverbs 18:7-8

*“Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;
And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases.”*

-Proverbs 26:20