

BURIED TREASURE

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As a boy, the idea of buried treasure was very exciting to me. Just thinking of all the mystery and adventure involved made my young head swirl with delight. And then, the dream of spending all of that treasure on balls and toys and candy, etc.

I've now grown from childhood, and I no longer find a pirate's treasure of any interest at all. However, I am now a child of God, and guess what? As a child, I still love buried treasure! Not pirate's treasure, but the treasures found on the pages of inspiration. There are numerous little nuggets of truth saturated between the pages of God's word. I just love the adventure and

excitement of digging up more precious truths day after day.

I've often thought that studying God's word is like hunting for and finding treasure every day. What a glorious thought! David was a treasure hunter. He said God's word was "*better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver*" (Psa. 119:72). A lack of love for God's truths leads to ignorance which ultimately leads to deception (2 Thessalonians 2:10).

There's buried treasure of priceless value found within the word of God. You'd better get digging! "*I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure*" (Psalm 119:162). 🔍

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

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Children's Class, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 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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JUDGMENT DAY

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Peter speaks of the "*Day of Judgment*" (2 Peter 3:7). Paul spoke of this as a time when we would "*Appear before the judgment seat of Christ*" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Remembering this future event should cause us all to be more holy and righteous in our daily living (2 Peter 3:11). Think about...

The Surety of Judgment Day. Regardless of how many may dread it; regardless of how many don't believe it; regardless of how little it may be spoken of in many pulpits, The Bible makes it crystal clear that judgment day is coming. There will be a day when we will stand before the great Judge of the universe and give account of the deeds done in this life. "*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,*" (Hebrews 9:27). "*Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*" (Acts 17:31).

The Standard of Judgment day. The book of Revelation describes two books being opened on this great day (Revelation 20:11-12). The first book will be the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus stated "*He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*" (John 12:48).

The other book will be a record of my deeds in life. Paul stated "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*" (2 Corinthians 5:10). Judgment day will be the greatest test we take, but God has already given us the answers. If we constantly examine ourselves by comparing our life with God's word, we will be ready for this test (2 Corinthians 13:5).

The Separation of Judgment Day. Death is separation. The first death is when the soul separates from the body (James 2:26). The second death is when the soul is eternally separated from the Lord and cast into eternal punishment (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). No one wants to hear the Lord say to them "*I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness*" (Matthew 7:23). If you want eternal life from its Author, Obey the Lord (Hebrews 5:8-9; Mark 16:16; Revelation 2:10). 🔍

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ADULTERY

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Adultery is listed as a work of the flesh, and will keep individuals from inheriting the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19, 21). Adultery is an illicit connection with a married person; it is a physical, sexual interaction between a married person and an unmarried one, or between two individuals who are married, but not to each other.

Jesus taught that adultery begins in the heart when He said, "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). The sexual relationship is something that is good and desirable when it is found within its proper limits. This type of intimate relationship is only sanctioned by God when it exists exclusively between a man and his wife. "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled..." (Heb. 13:4).

That God has always hated adultery is seen not only in His prohibition of it in the New Testament, but also in His condemnation of it under the Old Law. He said to the children of Israel in the Ten Commandments, "You shall not commit adultery" (Ex. 20:14). Those who were found guilty of this sin were to be put to death. "The man who commits adultery with another

man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death" (Lev. 20:10). Clearly, God despises this atrocious sin. It is an abomination to Him. In fact, He hates it so much that He made it the only exception for a spouse to lawfully put away his/her spouse (Matt. 19:9).

Adultery begets suffering. When David committed adultery with Bathsheba, it led to the murder of her husband, and to the death of a precious child (2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:13-14). One does not have to look far in our society to see the foul fruits of adultery. Legal, emotional, and financial problems abound as a result; such that affect not only the guilty, but innocent children as well.

Since adultery begins with lewd thoughts, in order to overcome it one must control the thoughts which enter his mind. Keep your mind so busy with clean, pure thoughts that there is no room, or time for a lewd fantasy about another individual to dwell there and finally lead to the action itself (Phil. 4:8). Remember, those who commit adultery will be judged and condemned for it in the last day (Heb. 13:4). Adulterers will not inherit the kingdom of heaven (1 Cor.6:9-10). 🔍

WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION

The Bible speaks of those who are "Without Natural Affection" (Romans 1:31 KJV). The Greek is *astorgos* and it speaks of those who do not possess the kind of love for their children (Family) that should just naturally exist. I can think of no greater example of this than that of abortion; the murder of innocent children in the womb. Studies show that women who have abortions suffer from intense psychological problems when they grow older. Murder is always ugly!



SERMON NOTES

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

A Faithful Mother

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson
Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Ben Reagh
Serve.....Robert Johnson
Serve.....Chris Meade

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table.....Ben Reagh

Wednesday Evening

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

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; Acts 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!

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