

Pearls from Proverbs



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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!



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

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HATRED

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Certainly we should hate sin and its devastating effects, but for the most part hatred is condemned in the Bible. Consider the...

Definition of Hatred. From nearly the beginning of time this work of the flesh (Gal. 5:20), hatred, has existed. It was exemplified in Cain as he rose up to kill his brother Abel. Paul writes that those who hate will not inherit the kingdom of God. "Hatred" literally means, "antipathies, and want of love, producing contentions and strifes." This attribute is opposed to love and kindness. This word describes the feeling of hatred within one's heart without the action it produces, but hatred can lead to evil acts. The Proverbs writer defined this word well when he wrote, "*Hatred stirs up strife*" (Prov. 10:12). In fact, in Paul's list of the works of the flesh, he gave "*contentions*" as the next sin after hatred. The Lord taught that hatred leads to murder (Matt. 5:21-26).

Direction of Hatred. Hatred has been directed towards many people. Many, including Christians in some cases have hatred in their hearts for various different people. There are some who hate their parents, but the Bible says to honor your father and

your mother (Eph. 6:2). Some hate their enemies, but Lord said to love your enemies (Matt. 5:44). Some hate their brother or their sister in Christ, but John wrote, "*He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.*" (1 Jn. 2:9). Some people have come to hate their bosses, but Paul wrote that we should serve them as if we were working for the Lord (Ephesians 6:7; Colossians 3:22-23). Do you hate the Lord? Some do, (Jn. 7:7). Then there are those who are "haters of God" (Rom. 1:30).

Detriments of Hatred. Indeed, this evil attribute of hatred is felt in the hearts of many for various different people in their lives. What a shame! People who carry around hatred become very bitter people and usually live their lives with no true inner peace. "*Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred*" (Prov. 15:17). Their lives become even worse when they act upon that hatred by involving themselves in fights and malicious acts, including murder. But the worst comes when they face God on judgment day and are condemned for their hatred – when they learn that because of hatred they cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven (Galatians 5:20-21). LOVE!🔗

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WHAT DAY IS IT?

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On occasion you might wake up in the morning a little disoriented. Your first thought might be, "What day is it?" The Bible emphasizes some pretty important days.

The day of salvation. *"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2). God has told us what to do in order to secure salvation: Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 2:38), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:9-10), be baptized for the washing away of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), and serve the Lord faithfully (Revelation 2:10). But when should one do these things? Now is the accepted time, today is the day!

The day of adversity. *"If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small"* (Proverbs 24:10). Christians face adversity every day. I'm talking about the relentless onslaught of the devil, our adversary (1 Peter 5:8). David overcame a bear a lion and a giant by the strength of the Lord. This

is how we can overcome in the day of adversity, regardless of what the challenge might be. The Lord offers strength through prayer, His word, our brethren, etc. (Matthew 26:36-43; Hebrews 3:12-13) We must turn to the Lord through these if we would overcome. *"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might"* (Ephesians 6:10).

The day of judgment. *"In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ"* (Romans 2:16). We don't know when we will die (Luke 12:19-20), and we don't know when the day of judgment will come (Matthew 24:36). We must get ready and watch by obeying the Gospel and remaining faithful to the Lord. Once the day of judgment comes, there will be no more chances (2 Corinthians 6:2). On this day God will compare our lives to the Gospel (Romans 2:16; John 12:48). We'll be judged based on our deeds, whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10-11). Are we striving to measure up? 🔍

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

"Judge Not"

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
Reading: Matthew 7:1-6
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....John Nelson
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Invitation.....Ben Green

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

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN

(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

BOTH SIDES:

"PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH"

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



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Obey Today!