

I Thought...

- *“I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies” (Psalm 119:59).* Repentance is a change of heart that results in a change of action. We must consider our ways, examine ourselves often; there may be something we need to repent of (Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 13:5).
- *“I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me” (Daniel 4:2).* It is good, and we are commanded to share the Gospel with others (Mark 16:15; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- *“Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth” (Acts 26:9).* Paul thought he was pleasing God in opposing Jesus (Acts 23:1). Many today think should just follow their conscience, listen to their heart. God says we should listen to the Lord and follow His commandments (Acts 3:22; Colossians 3:17). Many think they are pleasing God in their religion; but they are not if they’re engaging in unauthorized religious practices (Matthew 7:21-13).

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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

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- 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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GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

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When we speak of the promises of God, we often consider the marvelous and wonderful promises He has made; such as the promise of eternal life for His faithful servants (Titus 1:1-2). But we must remember that there is severity with God, and that He is a consuming fire (Romans 11:22; Hebrews 12:29). God has also made some very severe and negative promises, and He keeps them! Because of her involvement with the events concerning Naboth’s vineyard, the Lord had said, “The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel” (1 Kings 21:23). He kept that promise!...

World Destruction. People worry about “Man-made Global Warming” and other such things. They are deceived into thinking that man can and will destroy the earth. Not so. God has promised that he will destroy the world on the last day. It will all be burnt up. In light of this, we should live holy and righteous lives before Him (2 Peter 3:10-13).

Loss Of Fellowship. Folks want to think of good moral people, good religious people, being right with God and going to heaven when they die. But God promised that those who transgress the doctrine of Christ will not have God (2 John 9). God wants us worshipping and serving Him only in the way he has directed in his word. If you can’t find your belief or practice in the Gospel of Christ, you do not have God, regardless of how much “Good” you may do in life. Sincere, religious people will lose their souls if they don’t have authority for what the belief and practice (Matthew 7:21-23; Colossians 3:17).

The Wages of Sin is Death. Many have bought into the Gospel of tolerance that our society endorses and demands. God is not tolerant when it comes to sinful behavior. He has promised that the wages of sin is death. He still demands repentance in order to receive salvation - life (Acts 17:30; Acts 11:18).

Sinners Will Go To Hell. The thought of one being tormented in hell forever has caused many to diminish hell, or to do away with it altogether. But God has promised that those who do not obey the Gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). The Lord promised that those who do not serve others with good works will go into eternal punishment (Matthew 25:46). Consider well the negative promises of God! ☞

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"I WILL"

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Inherent in the phrase "I will" is the concept of determination. It is fruitless and useless to declare you will do something and then fail to do it. In the book of Psalms we find many lessons from the use of the phrase "I will." ...

I Will Sleep. "I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for you alone, oh Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8). Many seek good sleep with a pill. Some look for security in a home security system. These are well and good, but ultimately, our source of safety and security is to be found in the fact that we are living right before the Lord. This is the only way to have true peace within oneself. Coming to Jesus is the only true way to have rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28-30; Mark 16:16).

I Will Teach. "Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord" (Psalm 34:11). The Lord must be taught. Christians must be evangelistic. Our children, our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, those we do business with; they must be taught! Jesus left this world with the great commission on His lips. Preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). God isn't willing that any should perish, neither should we be (2 Peter 3:9). The only way they can come to an obedient faith and find salvation is by hearing the Gospel (Romans 10:17; Romans 1:16). What am I doing to share the Gospel with others?

I Will Love. "I will love you, O Lord, my strength" (Psalm 18:1). Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to love God (Matthew 22:37-38). Our possessions, our desires, our family – all of these must take a back seat to God. Obeying God and serving others are ways that we express our love for Him.

I Will Obey. "Hear me, O Lord, I will keep your statutes!" (Psalm 119:145). The Bible often tells us that in order to go to heaven one must be obedient. Jesus is the author of eternal salvation only to those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:8-9). Jesus spoke of some very active and religious people who would be lost because they served God in their own way, rather than obeying God and serving Him in the way he directs (Matthew 7:21-23). Those who do not obey the Gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

I Will Walk. "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living" (Psalm 116:9). Ours lives must be lived in holiness and righteousness. Many want to claim to love Jesus, yet they walk according to the wicked ways of the world around them, entertain themselves with man's unrighteous offerings, and clothe themselves after man's immodest dress. You cannot be friends with the world and friends with God at the same time (James 4:4; 1 Peter 4:2-4; 1 John 2:15-17).

I Will Praise. "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). We can and should worship God in our personal and private lives; but God also commands us to assemble with the saints to praise and worship Him (Hebrews 10:25; Ephesians 5:18-19; Acts 20:7). If one wants to assemble with the saints in heaven, he must assemble with the saints while on earth.

I Will Behave. "I will behave wisely in a perfect way" (Psalm 101:2). As a child, were you ever told to behave? God is concerned with how we act. It is foolishness to act in way that is contrary to what we know to be right. Sometimes we hear someone say about someone who did something wrong, "he knows better than that." God teaches us how to act in His word. Let's behave. ☞

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...Michael Pickford
Reading: Hebrews 9:23-28
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Todd
 - Serve.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

Thank You For Serving!

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!

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