

February 21, 2021

Humbling Ourselves

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

Visitors are welcome

We offer Bible classes for all ages

We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

2 Kings 22:1-23:30 summarizes the reign of King Josiah of Judah. Josiah “**did that which was right in the sight of the Lord**” (**2 Kings 22:2**). One thing Josiah did was order the repairing of the temple (**v. 3-7**). Hilkiah the high priest was charged with leading this repair. In the temple, Hilkiah found the book of the Law (**v. 8**). The book was read to King Josiah (**v. 9-10**), after which the king rent his clothes in remorse upon recognizing his nation’s sin (**v. 11**).

Josiah commanded his servants to inquire of God when he recognized his kingdom’s severe disobedience (**v. 12-13**). His servants did so, and learned of God’s impending wrath against Judah (**v. 14-17**). Despite God’s anger at Judah, God promised Josiah that *he* would not live to see the great evil that would come upon his nation. His reason for showing Josiah mercy: Josiah’s “**heart was tender**” when he learned God’s truth, and he “**humbled [himself] before the Lord**” (**v. 19**).

In the Bible, “**humility**” is used at times as a *noun* to describe a *characteristic* we should be “**clothed with**” (**1 Pet 5:5**). “**Humbly**” is used as an *adverb* to describe *how* one should walk with God (**Micah 6:8**). “**Humble**” is at times used as an *adjective* to describe the *type* of heart one should have (**Isaiah 57:15**).

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As important as anything, “*humble*” is described as a *verb* teaching us something that we must *do*.

Matthew 23:12 says “***He that shall humble himself shall be exalted.***”

James 4:10 commands “***Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord...***”

Philippians 2:8 says Jesus “***humbled himself.***”

The word translated “***humble yourselves***” means “to make low, bring low.” It can mean to “to assign a lower rank or place to” (see *Strong G5013 & Thayer*). This may not sound like an action that makes a person strong. Yet, those who humble themselves can stand strong in the Lord. They bring themselves low so that God may be exalted.

The humble acknowledge their helplessness without God and total dependence on Him. They accept and acknowledge total subjection to God.

Those who choose pride choose instead to exalt themselves. These individuals would rather maintain a feeling of superiority or prestige than risk feeling or being viewed lowly.

God warns that those who choose self-exaltation are foolish, and will be humbled by Him.

Notice the first part of **Matthew 23:12: *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased...***

King Josiah was spared from Jewish captivity because he chose the opposite of this. He brought himself low. He chose to allow people to see the mighty king mourn in hopelessness instead of pretending to be too “strong” to be moved by the words of Almighty God.

Josiah chose to humble himself in submissiveness to God’s will instead of exalting his own will. His heart was tender, instead of hardened. His actions showed a resolve to make things right.

This type of heart is one God has sought throughout all dispensations. His desire for humility is stressed throughout both the Old and New Testaments.

God knows He deserves all honor, praise, and glory, and mankind does not. He wants us, like Josiah, to recognize this and humbly take our place under His mighty hand.

As **1 Peter 5:6** says, “***Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.***”

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

“For thought the fig tree doesn’t flourish, nor fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive fails, the fields yield no food; the flocks are cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the LORD. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.”

– Habakkuk 3:17-18

“Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.”

– 2 Timothy 2:15

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Mabel H
Cheryl S
Norma C
Raymond & Maxine
Barbara G (Cancer)
June H
Lyla B (Leukemia recovery)
Roger S
Jeanette's Grandson, Oliver
L.A. S (COVID recovery)
Justice G (Perthes disease)

Daily Bible Reading

February 21 – Amos 7-9; Revelation 8
February 22 – Obadiah; Revelation 9
February 23 – Jonah; Revelation 10
February 24 – Micah 1-3; Revelation 11
February 25 – Micah 4-5; Revelation 12
February 26 – Micah 6-7; Revelation 13
February 27 – Nahum; Revelation 14

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...” – 2 Peter 3:18

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Bible Study: Jeff
Worship: Mark
Evening: Roger

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Assignments

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Reading: Jeff
Announcements: Dave
Table: Mark
Serve: John
Douglas

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Invitation:

Clean Building

Jeanette

Prepare Communion

Jeanette

Upcoming Reminders

**Sunday afternoon services and Wednesday evening Bible classes are temporarily suspended, due to effects of COVID*

Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 23 – Larry
February 28 – Donna G
February 28 – Sandy