

August 1, 2021

A Sure Way to Fall

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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.

Proverbs 16:18: *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.*

The Bible repeatedly stresses the consequences of becoming puffed up with pride. This is taught through direct statements and through examples of people whose downfall is connected to their pride.

Consider, for instance, the fall of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. God allowed Nebuchadnezzar to become wealthy and powerful from an earthly perspective (**Dan. 4:22**).

King Nebuchadnezzar let his success “go to his head,” and became arrogant. As “**he was walking in the royal palace of Babylon...The king spoke and said, Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?**” (**Dan. 4:29-30**).

God responded to the king’s arrogance by saying, “**O king Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you**” (verse 31).

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Nebuchadnezzar came to realize that ***“those who walk in pride [God] is able to abase”*** (verse 37). This is precisely what happened to him.

Nebuchadnezzar’s descendant Belshazzar was likewise haughty. Belshazzar knew that when Nebuchadnezzar’s ***“heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne”*** (Dan. 5:20). Yet, Belshazzar behaved in a way that led Daniel to tell him ***“You, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, but have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven;”*** (verses 22-23). Like Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar’s pride led to *his* fall (verses 28-31).

Years before, a man named Uzziah was king over Judah. Initially, Uzziah ***“did that which was right in the sight of the Lord”*** (2 Chron. 26:4). ***“But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord***

his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense” (verse 16).

Some priests tried to stop Uzziah, but the king resisted ***“and while he was wrath with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord”*** (verse 19).

Uzziah was a leper until the day he died (verse 21). He is another example of **Proverbs 16:18**.

The book of **Esther** details the pride of Haman, yet another man whose downfall exemplifies **Proverbs 16:18**.

The book of **Obadiah** speaks of Edom being deceived by pride, and the humbling God would bring upon them (cf. **verses 3-4**).

Time and again, Scripture makes clear that God humbles those who are puffed up with pride and refuse to humble themselves (**Matt. 23:12; Luke 18:14**). May we heed God’s warnings, and humble ourselves under His mighty hand (**1 Pet. 5:6**).

Area Gospel Meetings

Hazell Dell Church of Christ:

August 1-6 (with Jarrod Jacobs)

Sun: 9:00, 10:00, 6:00; M-Fri: 7:00 PM

Casey Westside church of Christ:

August 3-5 (with Kris Emerson)

T-TH: 7:00 PM

Topics for Our Meeting (Aug 8-13)

Sun Class – Flesh and Blood Hath Not Revealed This

Sun AM – How Was Jesus Glorified

Sun PM – The Purpose of Good Works

Mon – Jesus: God’s Grace, Our Savior

Tues – How Does God Choose Us

Wed – How Does God Deliver Us

Thurs – How Should I Respond to the Gospel

Fri – No Other Name

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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

Prayer List

Holly G

Sandy S

Cheryl S

Norma C

Raymond & Maxine

Barbara G (Cancer)

Robert C

Don C (Esophageal Cancer)

Ken G (Pancreatic Cancer)

Ethan W (Injuries from fall)

Daily Bible Reading

August 1 – Job 28-31; Acts 13:1-25

August 2 – Job 32-34; Acts 13:26-52

August 3 – Job 35-37; Acts 14

August 4 – Job 38-40; Acts 15

August 5 – Job 41-42; Acts 16

August 6 – Psalm 1-6; Acts 17

August 7 – Psalm 7-12; Acts 18

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.” – Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV)

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Bible Study: Dave
Worship: Larry
Evening: Carlyle

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

John

Clean Building

Jessica

Prepare Communion

Jessica

Upcoming Reminders

Aug 7: Flyer distribution 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
(meet @ church building at 9:30)

Aug 8-13: Gospel Meeting (with Jim Stauffer)

Assignments

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Reading: Dave
Announcements: Mike
Table: Dan H
Serve: Darrell
Jeff
John
Dave

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Invitation:

Anniversaries

August 15 – Roger & Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 – Steve
August 5 – Julzy
August 10 – Cheryl
August 11 – Jim
August 19 – Paula
August 24 – Debbie
August 26 – Olivia