

Scriptures Used In Today's Sermon

1 Kings 17:1

1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

1 Kings 18

- 1 Now it happened *after* many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth."
- 7 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?"
- 18 He said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and you have followed the Baals.
- 19 Now then send *and* gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, *together* with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.
- 20 So Ahab sent *a message* among all the sons of Israel and brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel.
- 21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word.
- 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal's prophets are 450 men.
- 23 Now let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one ox for themselves and cut it up, and place it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other ox and lay it on the wood, and I will not put a fire *under it*.
- 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, He is God." And all the people said, "That is a good idea."

1 Kings 18:26-40 (Read in your Bible)

1 Kings 19:1-14 (Read in your Bible)

Hebrews 1:1-2

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
- 2 In these last days has spoken to us in His Son

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We want to welcome you to services to start a brand new week in a brand new year. Happy New Year 2018! If you are visiting us today we welcome you back the next time you are able and would ask if you would remain briefly after services so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here in person. Again thanks for being here and Welcome!

If you are looking for a church home we invite you to be a part of the work that continues on here at University. Please consider meeting with us about working with each other to spread the Word of His Kingdom. Want to set up a group or personal bible study? Have a need or know of one we can be of assistance. Please take the time to visit with us today or anytime throughout the week.

What happens when you are going along in life and are strong in the Lord and then something happens. I think we would all agree this has happened to all of us in some degree. How tough are we on ourselves or with others when this happens? A lot of times we can look at it like those who looked at Thomas for his doubts. Was there anyone else who had these as experience. Peter comes to mind. What about any in the old testament? Today we will examine a great fear coming right after incredible victory. Today we will travel back to 1st Kings. A reminder that scriptures for today's lesson can be found on the back.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:
Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Charles Kelsey

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Bryan Cain

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:
Morning Worship:54
Evening Worship:
Mid-Week:30
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$6,546.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,750.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:Charles Kelsey

Closing Prayer:Glen Wampler

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Joshua Sharum

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:James Brennan

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Roy and Charlotte Young have placed their membership with the University Church. Their address is 807 Melissa, Apache Ok. 73006, P.O. Box 759. Their phone number is 580-588-2093. Welcome!

LADIES' CLASS will resume Wednesday January 10th at 10:30 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend.

THE FUNERAL for Anne Collins who was a long time member here will be this Saturday, December 6th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Becker Funeral Home Chapel.

THE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2018 are in the foyer.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Trena Burch
- 3 - Donna Caldwell
- 10 - Jerry Golson
- 12 - Taryn Higgins
- 15 - Charlotte Young
- 18 - Pat Doughty
- 31 - Jesse Stoner

BUDGET: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

A LETTER is posted on the bulletin board in the hall from Joshua Dugan who we support at the Southwest School Of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas.

NOTE from Collin Francis last week. Good day, I am Collin Francis (Grenadian, Caribbean) a past member of the University Drive church of Christ during the years 2000-2002 while completing my degree at Cameron University. The church received me with Love and placed me in the care of the Jack and Barbara Orr and the Wampler's. I am sending my regard to them and all the members who loved and supported me. I appreciate. Happy Holidays to you all. I am still an Okie. The church was very supportive even after I relocated to New York. Please pass on my regard and members can feel free to write or email to wish me the same. I lost contact with Barbara. Collin Francis Brother in Christ.

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CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, James & Barbara Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy Horn, Becky Kelsey, LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Dwaine Zacharias, David Byrd's father, Bryan Cain's father, Johnny Burch, Lena Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Joyce Ray, the sister of Luz Ray, Dala Melton, Teri Lynn Disney, Katrina Brennan and Angie Caldwell.

EXTENDED CARE:

Jack Treffinger is in McMahon in room A 82 B

Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 106

In Case You Missed It

Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.

When the apostle Paul compared our lives to clay pots, he focused not on the earthen vessels, but rather the contents of those vessels. Jars of clay deteriorate over time, become chipped, cracked, and eventually broken. I am reminded of that with a poem called See Me its about a older woman in the nursing home. It goes What do you see, nurses, what do you see? What are you thinking when you're looking at me? Crabby old woman, not very wise, uncertain of habit, with faraway eyes? Who dribbles her food and makes no reply who seems not to notice the things that you do, and forever is losing a stocking or shoe...Who, resisting or not, lets you do as you will, with bathing and feeding, the long day to fill....Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see? Then open your eyes, nurse; you're not looking at me. I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still, As I do at your bidding, as I eat at your will. I'm a small child of ten...with a father and mother, brothers and sisters, who love one another, a young girl of sixteen, with wings on her feet, dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet. A bride soon at twenty -- my heart gives a leap, remembering the vows that I promised to keep. At twenty-five now, I have young of my own, who need me to guide and a secure happy home. A woman of thirty, my young now grown fast, bound to each other with ties that should last. At forty, my young sons have grown and are gone but my man's beside me to see I don't mourn. At fifty once more, babies play round my knee, again we know children, my loved one and me. Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead; I look at the future, I shudder with dread. For my young are all rearing young of their own, and I think of the years and the love that I've known. I'm now an old woman...and nature is cruel; 'Tis jest to make old age look like a fool. The body, it crumbles, grace and vigor depart, there is now a stone where I once had a heart. But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells, and now and again my battered heart swells. I remember the joys, I remember the pain, and I'm loving and living life over again. I think of the years...all too few, gone too fast, and accept the stark fact that nothing can last. So open your eyes, nurses, open and see, Not a crabby old woman; look closer...see ME!! You see the real value of those ancient pots was not in the clay containers themselves. Paul reminds us but in what they contained. We tend to focus on the frailties and imperfections of our decaying "vessels," looking characteristically, on the outward form rather than the substance within. But the inward reality is what matters to God, and ultimately, to us as well, since that reality is His living Presence within us; a treasure of wisdom, power, and love with inestimable value. The Lord's evaluation of us is not by outward appearance, which is corruptible and deteriorates with time. His indwelling Spirit, His Living Word, and the dynamic intimate relationship into which He invites us -- are where the real treasure lies!