

Scriptures Used In Todays Sermon

John 7:37-39

- 37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.
- 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water."
- 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Psalms 27:1

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation who shall I fear.

Psalms 43:3

- 3 O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your dwelling places.

John 8:12

- 12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of Life.

John 6:31-36

- 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."
- 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
- 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."
- 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
- 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.

Reference John 3:19 John 4 Matthew 5:14-16



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It's here once again. Another year in the rear view mirror! I was visiting with a friend the other day and we both made the observation that the older we get birthday's and holidays seem to come and go so quickly and it seems when we turn around another one has come and gone. Not complaining about this but where does the time seem to go and why so fast? I hope you were able to slow down a bit and enjoy this time spent with family and friends. Happy New Year!

We are coming up on a new year and with that our focus on personal evangelism. Have you invited someone to church with you this morning? If not I hope you will consider that in the new year. Just think if everyone of us made that commitment to focus on just that one what would the end of 2016 look like? I am excited to see the results with your help and the Lords increase.

If at any time you have a question of us? Would like to set up a group or personal bible study? Want to learn how you can access our video library that's free and available to you right now. Looking for a church home, need assistance or know of someone who does feel free to meet with us on your schedule we would love to know how we may serve you.

We have always known that Jesus was a great teacher. If nothing else its what some of those who don't believe give to his credit. But sometimes great lessons were missed mainly because they were looking for something else. Whether they took his lessons too literal and didn't step back and see the real meaning. Sometimes I think we may miss a lesson or two. We have just had Christmas and the wonderment and lights. Jesus used a Jewish celebration that was similar with its fanfare and lights where he proclaimed He was the light of the world. But where and when He said it is what we will be looking closer at today. Our text is found in John chapter 7 and 8.

*A listing of scriptures used for this message is found on the back of the bulletin for your convenience.

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:.....Glen Wampler

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:
Morning Worship:
Evening Worship:
Mid-Week:
Ladies Class:
Contribution:\$.....
Weekly Budget:\$3,908.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:Weldon Flanagan
Closing Prayer:James Brennan

Scripture:Eric Sharum

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd
Closing Prayer:Ed Valdez

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Eric Sharum
Closing Prayer:Tommy Bowden

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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.

PRAYERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOW-

ING: Johnny Burch will have surgery on January 5th in Okla. City. Irene Martin, Debbie Bowden’s mother is still in serious condition. Bryan Cain is recuperating from surgery. Leroy & Pat, Brad & LaDonna and Letha Owens.

THE CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2016 are in the foyer.

MEN if you can do a devotional for the MNFTM there is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Trena Burch
- 3 - Donna Caldwell
- 10 - Jerry Golson
- 12 - Taryn Higgins
- 18 - Pat Doughty
- 27 - Kenneth Gregory
- 31 - Jesse Stoner

AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR: Friday & Saturday, February 26-27, 2016 - The Message of Nehemiah for Today - Hosted By the Oklahoma City Area Churches of Christ - Held at: North MacArthur Church of Christ, 9300 N. MacArthur Blvd., Okla. City.

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, J.L. & Claudine Bolton, Debbie Bowden, Kenneth Gregory, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy & Pat Horn, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Randy Hill, Glenda Kinney & Nathan McBride.

EXTENDED CARE:

Kenneth Gregory is in Willow Park in room 14 B
Joyce Ray is in Cedar Crest in room 115.

In Case You Missed It

Revelation 7:11-12 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen

This time of year we can’t help but be thankful. It is a time we reflect that each of us are thankful for our family and friends maybe our health (sometimes) our jobs. We say we are thankful. But what does it mean and represent has it just become a saying like we say Thank you, is it something we do or show like giving a gift this time of year to show our appreciation. I’ve been reading some things about thanksgiving, and I find it not only interesting but also challenging with examples of thankfulness from other cultures. In Africa, there are several tribes that have remarkable ways of expressing their gratitude. In East Africa, the Masai tribe expresses thanks by placing their foreheads on the ground and saying, “My head is in the dirt.” Another African Tribe communicates gratitude by sitting for a long time in front of the hut of the individual whom they want to thank, saying, “I sit on the ground before you.” What some of these understand is that a core attitude of thanksgiving is humility, and their way of expressing it clearly represents that attitude. Our passage in Revelation reflects the same thing of the angels, elders, and living creatures they all fall on their faces in humility and gratitude to God for who He is. Do we see that and show that thankfulness to God when most don’t have any time for Him. Can we start to see a deep connection between thanksgiving and humility which, perhaps, is often overlooked. Thankful people recognize their need,

and the generosity and beneficence of the Giver, in our case God why Paul says in Romans 12 it is only reasonable after all what God has done for us we would only want to somehow pay Him back we can’t so how do we do it? Paul says to present ourselves as a living sacrifice which is our service...our worship to Him and it should be that every truly grateful person is humbled by the amazing gifts he’s received from God when frankly we didn’t deserve it. It is one thing to take a gift from someone we know and they have done something nice but for all what God did for us when He didn’t have to. Isn’t that humbling? It should be. Can we start to see that true humility will always be accompanied by gratitude, and also, that those who are truly grateful will be growing in the beautiful characteristic of humility. Because we know the reverse is true. I was often miffed by the 10 lepers only one came back to thank Jesus. Weren’t they thankful before it took their lives. This was a disease that put you out of the city. You had to live outside the walls and had to pronounce loud enough “I am unclean” to those approaching you possibly unaware, lost your family, your dignity not to mention the added pain and sores and only one was thankful. So many of us may have a expectation that doesn’t come with any humbleness. Are we truly thankful or is it just something we say and not show. I hope above all during this time of year we can start to show that humbleness and thankfulness to God and others as we look to start a new year.