

MARKET STREET

"And this the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



MESSENGER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 p.m.

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Is There Anger In Your Bosom?

John M. Duvall

Anger is extremely dangerous for the child of God. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the church in Ephesus wrote, "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil" (Ephesians 4:26-27, ESV). The apostle Paul did not instruct Christians not to become angry. He told Christians not to allow their anger to create an opportunity for the devil. All Christians must consider Paul's warning with the utmost gravity. Let us take a little time to consider several passages which make clear the reasoning behind Paul's warnings.

Solomon understood the dangers of uncontrolled anger. Solomon knew that a quick temper can cause a person to act in a foolish way. Solomon wrote, "a quick-tempered man acts foolishly, and a man of wicked intentions is hated" (Proverbs 14:29). Although controlling one's anger is much more profitable and wise, there are times when some people are unwilling to put forth the necessary effort. At those times of inattentiveness to the control of one's anger, foolishness will abound within that person's actions.

Another danger inherent to uncontrolled anger is causing others to become equally angry. Solomon wrote, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1). Later in the chapter, Solomon would again write, "A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention" (Proverbs 15:18). Quite often, when people are engulfed in anger, they fail to realize how their angered actions will affect other people. It is very possible that a person's angered words or actions will prompt an equal response from other people. Just as Solomon wrote, harsh words will stir up anger and a man full of wrath will stir up strife. It is important for every child of God to heed Solomon's instructions, being slow to anger and always giving a soft answer.

Anger and wrath also serves as snares (or traps) to a Christians' soul. Again, we turn to the wisdom of Solomon. Solomon wrote, "Make no

friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man do not go, lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul” (Proverbs 22:24-25). There is a two-fold problem with being friends with one who does not control his anger: 1) You can succumb to the influence of this angry person. Consider children who are greatly influenced by their parents. Children will see the emotional outbursts of their angered parents and grow up thinking that it is acceptable to respond in such a fashion. 2) There is also the danger of the angry friend turning loose his wrath on you. Like a ticking time bomb, you may not know when you will be the next victim of your friends verbal or even physical assaults.

There are several more passages in the book of Proverbs which address the dangers of anger. However, let us turn our attention back to Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus. In Ephesians 4:31-32, we read, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Paul instructed the brethren to put away from their lives those angered emotions and responses. He told the saints to put away from their lives all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking. The saints were to fill the void with actions of kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness. In his letter to the church in Colossae, Paul wrote in similar words, “But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth...even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do” (Colossians 3:8, 12-13).

Christians will never be able to avoid every situation that would prompt anger. However, Christians can and must remain in control of how they react to when angry. Christians must never act quickly when facing anger. Christians must weigh every action or word to make certain that they do not sin against the heavenly Father as well as sin against another person. Remember, the words of Solomon when he wrote, “Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry. For anger rests in the bosom of fools” (Ecclesiastes 7:9).

—via *In Remembrance*; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

The Value of Persecution

Zack Lee

Jesus said in the beatitudes, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 5:10). It is hard for us to imagine how we can be happy about being persecuted. However, Jesus teaches us that there is great joy and great value in being persecuted. Let us examine the value of being persecuted.

Persecution helps the Christian really know himself.

When we are persecuted for the sake of Christ it helps us see where we really stand. Peter was one who realized where he stood the night Jesus was arrested. He had previously told Jesus that he was willing to die for Him, however, when it came time to step up for Jesus he remained silent (Matthew 26:69-75). Peter saw himself for who he really was. He wept the night he betrayed Jesus because he realized that he was not as strong as he thought he was. When we are persecuted it forces us to get off the fence and choose who we are going to serve. How well do you know yourself?

Persecution helps the Christian understand what is really important.

Often times Christians do not stand up for what is right because we are afraid of the earthly consequences. We may lose a close friend or lose a job when we stand up for Christ. Are the earthly consequences really important? To the Christian they are not. Jesus said, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Our soul is the most valuable possession that we will ever own. Our houses, possessions, stocks, bank accounts are of no value considering that none of those things will go with us into eternity. Paul wrote, “For we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world” (1 Timothy 6:7). Guarding and protecting our soul is important. Hungering and thirsting after the righteousness of God is of greater value than any earthly possession. The apostle Paul understood that all earthly things were counted as rubbish because the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as his Lord was of the utmost importance (Philippians 3:3-8).

Persecution helps the Christian understand the importance of prayer.

When we are suffering persecution we learn the importance of praying to God. In Acts 4, Peter and John were arrested because they were preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. They were eventually released and warned that if they continued to speak in the name of Jesus they would be arrested again and possibly be put to death. When they went back and reported to their friends what had happened, their first reaction was to lift their voices in prayer to God (Acts 4:24-30).

-via *Manslick Road Speaker*; Louisville, Kentucky



***Providence –
In The Present Moment***

Dennis Carrow

Where are you spiritually? Much of our journey through life is spent looking backward or looking forward. It is imperative that we see where we are in the present moment. Our senses can become numbered by things that have occurred in the past, and our vision can be clouded by our worry about the future.

We are admonished to keep in mind what is before us today. From this perspective we can be aware of God's provisions. We often view God's providence as something available in the past or in the future, but God is a very present help in time of trouble. Jesus instructs us to realize that the difficulties we may face today should be our concern. The things of tomorrow will worry about themselves (Matthew 6:33,34). Worrying about things of the past, and what may come in the future, can blind us from what is available to us in the present.

God has promised to provide a way of escape from temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). Temptation is what is before us today. While we may face temptations in the future, our concern should be with what is before us in the present moment.

Where are you spiritually? This question is not asking what you may plan to do in the future about your soul's salvation, but what about now - what about today?

What God has provided for us is available right now. Whether it be deliverance from temptation today, or forgiveness of sins in the past. His grace and mercy are

extended. The question is, what will we do with that which He has provided us?

In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

-via *What Is True?*; Little Rock, Arkansas

News & Notes

THE SICK:

In The Hospital:

At Home:

Lola Colwell	Tony Corsbie
JoAnn Gilbert	Mary Davis
Henrietta Word	Jeff Waddell
James Craig	Matt Poff
Kennedy Pepper	

Athens Convalescent Center:

Betty Bates, rm. 17

Limestone Health Facility:

Essie Belle Bates, rm. 118	Jerry Gilbert, rm. 111
Lorene Bradford, rm.117	J.D. Clanton, rm. 11E
Mary Smith, rm. 85	Rosella Pugh, rm.
Albert Norton, rm. 100	

Limestone Manor:

Ruth Owens, rm. 80

Shut-In:

Sarah Halbrook, Glade Retirement, Memphis, Tenn.
 Jimmy Killen, at home
 Reba Adams, at home
 Majorie Lambert, at home
 Albert & Mary Norton, at home

MILITARY SERVICE: Remember all those that are serving on foreign soil in the military for our country. Those who are among us or have connections to the Market Street church are:

Brandi Lawrence; Afghanistan
 Joel Smith; Iraq
 Whitney Smith; Japan

OUR MEETING: Our meeting is approaching quickly. It is just 3 short weeks until it begins. Let's remember the meeting in prayer. Remember to invite others to join us. Also, if you would like to go out and pass out some meeting invitations, let me know. We will start going out next Sunday afternoon and during some of the evenings during the two weeks preceding the meeting.

NEW BABY: We rejoice with *Cory and Kim Nelson* on the birth of their daughter, *Marley Jane Nelson*. Marley Jane weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20.5 inches long. *Marley Jane* is now at home with her parents and big brother, *Judson*.

BACK HOME: Last week, *Cody Brown* returned from Iraq and arrived in Colorado. He will be in Colorado for a period of time. We are thankful that Cody has returned back safely.

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE STUDY: Last night we had our fourth High School/College Age study. We looked at "*The Unchangeableness of God.*" We had 28 to attend this study. We have been having good studies and a good number of visitors at each session. Our next study is planned for September 26th. Remember this effort and tell others about it.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group 4 will meet tonight in the small auditorium in the west wing following our evening service. If your last name starts with P – W, you are in group 4.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Pleasant Valley church* is beginning a gospel meeting today and it will continue through Friday. *Jeff May* will be the speaker in this meeting.

THE RECORD: Attendance – Week of August 16th

Sunday:	Bible Classes.....	134
	Morning Worship	160
	Evening Worship.....	100
Wednesday:	Bible Classes.....	99

Gospel Meeting

September 13-17, 2009

Jeff McCrary, Speaking

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, August 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Stuart Wilson
Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin
Preaching	Warren Glass
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Benton Ball
Assisting	Albert Bowers
Serving	Chris Sides..... Marvin Putman
.....	Landon Adams..... Marion Pepper
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Evening Worship

Announcements	Marty Adams
Song Leader	Stuart Wilson
Prayer	Kenneth Smith
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Benton Ball
Closing Prayer	Wayne Vaughn

Other Assignments for Sunday August 23rd:

Usher	Bonnie Sutton
Work Sound System	Danny Johnson

Wednesday, August 26th:

Song Leader	Frank Noblitt
Bible Reading.....	(Proverbs 20:1-10)
.....	Nathaniel Adams
Prayer	Rusty Brand
Invitation	David Cox
Closing Prayer	Joel Hamm

Sunday, August 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Joel Hamm
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding	Benton Ball
Assisting	Albert Bowers
Serving	Chris Sides..... Marvin Putman
.....	Landon Adams..... Marion Pepper
Closing Prayer	Frank Noblitt

Evening Worship

Announcements	Dwaine Allfrey
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer	Marty Adams
Preaching	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Albert Bowers
Closing Prayer	Marion Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday August 30th:

Usher	Russ Wulfekuhl
Work Sound System	Tim Craig