A SERVANT'S HEART
Text: Romans 12:1,2

Intro: Every saved person is called on to serve the Lord. Servant comes from the root word, slave. Our main duty in life is to be a servant. Eccl. 12:13,14 The job you work at should be a side line to keep you in business for the Lord. Jesus gave us the example of a servant when He washed the disciples' feet. The greatest saved person will be the servant. Our main occupation should be serving the Lord. What kind of heart does the servant have?

I. THE HEART OF PURITY
A. The spirituality
1. Spirituality simply means that we are seeking to be spiritual in our conduct. We want to serve the Lord the Lord's way.
2. The saved may not be spiritual. Paul told the Corinthians they were not spiritual. I Cor. 3:3 God wants His people to be spiritual so they can do a spiritual work.
3. According to Paul envying, strife, divisions and feeding on milk are signs of carnality not spirituality. I Cor. 3:1-3
4. The fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life or the lack of it will manifest if you are spiritual or not. Galatians 5:22,23 Just before these verses, Paul described the works of the flesh.

B. The separation
1. It is not possible to live in the world and serve the Lord at the same time. II Cor. 6:14-17
2. We are instructed to come out from among them and be separated. II Cor. 6:17 The Lord has always called upon His people to live holy lives. I Peter 1:15,16
3. Living a separated life means we are living and conducting our lives according to God's Word. I John 1:7 Only a life lived like this can enjoy fellowship with the Lord.
4. Demas, one of Paul's fellow workers, forsook the Lord and Paul because he loved the present world. II Timothy 4:10 Jesus taught in John 17 that we are in the world, but we are not part of it.

C. The satisfaction
1. Jesus satisfies the longing soul, not the world. Psalm 107:9 He fills the hungry soul with goodness.
2. Demas forsook Paul having loved the present world. II Tim. 4:10 The present world feeds on the lusts of the flesh and eyes and the pride of life. I John 2:15-17
3. Jesus leaves us His peace. John 16:33 Living for Jesus will be very satisfying. Spiritually Jesus satisfies the soul as water satisfies the flesh and as food satisfies the physical body.
4. Saved people are spiritual beings and it takes the spiritual things of God to meet their spiritual needs. The world no longer has anything to offer them.

D. The services
1. The services of the Lord were intended to meet the needs of God's people. The singing, praying, and preaching ministers to our inner spiritual man.
2. Normally we sing, pray, and are taught the Word of God. This meets the need of the inner man. It takes spiritual food to satisfy the spiritual person.
3. We desperately need the fellowship of God's people. We need to use more time in fellowshipping with the Lord's people. It will encourage us.
4. The Lord will speak to you in every service. The Holy Spirit will move on your heart and reveal and teach truth needed for daily living.

II. THE HEART OF PEACE
A. The character
1. Jesus is the Prince of peace and those who live for Him will be peaceful like Him. Jesus gives us peace even during a storm.
2. We are to live as much as possible in peace with others. Romans 12:18 Others may not allow us to

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live in peace with them, but we are to try to do so.
3. We are to allow the peace of God to rule in our hearts and guard them. Col. 3:15; Phil. 4:7
4. One of the ways to experience His peace is to obey Phil. 4:8. Think on the things the Lord wants us to think on. We will become what we think on the most. Prov. 23:7

B. The conflicts
1. There have been and will always be conflicts in the saved person’s life and the churches of the Lord.
2. There is a struggle between the Spirit and the flesh. Gal. 5:17 This conflict is real and it is great. Every saved person goes through this conflict and struggle.
3. Those who are trying to live for the Lord will pursue peace in daily life.
4. Our world is filled with hate and violence. This is true in the country as well as in the large cities.

C. The caring
1. The peace of God for the saved is optional. We are not assured we will have peace. The way to enjoy God’s peace is to stay close to Him.
2. We can have the peace of God, but we must make an effort to enjoy it. This is the age old struggle between the flesh and the Spirit.
3. Loving the Lord and the Lord’s word and people will help us live peaceably. Love will act and react according to I Cor. 13:1-8.
4. Love for people will give evidence to salvation and personal discipleship. I John 3:14; John 13:34,35. Maybe this is why it is so hard to discern God’s people from the lost.

III. THE HEART OF PRAISE

A. Love the Lord
1. We should praise the Lord in every service. I appreciate people that want to make sure our songs are scriptural.
2. Singing to the Lord is a sign of loving the Lord. We are exalting Him for who He is and what He does.
3. Love for the Lord will manifest in our obedience to His commands. John 14:21-23
4. Obedience manifests you love the Lord. Disobedience manifests you do not love the Lord. I did not make this test. The Lord did and it is so very true.

B. Learn of the Lord
1. We are invited to come to Jesus and learn of Him. Matthew 11:28-30 Living for the Lord should be a life time learning experience.
2. Paul teaches us to study God’s Word to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needs not be ashamed. II Tim. 2:15
3. Jesus is our example in all of life. If you want to do what is right, study His life.
4. You learn a lot about the Lord by studying the Bible and then by putting that knowledge to work in your life. Just knowing Bible truth will not insure that you learn of Jesus.

C. Lift the Lord up
1. Lift the Lord up as the Saviour of all men, Acts 4:12 Hold Him up high as man’s only Redeemer and Saviour.
2. Lift the Lord up as the sustainer of the lives of all people. Psalm 3:5 The psalmist stated a plain truth. We go to sleep and wake up because the Lord gives us life for another day.
3. Lift the Lord up as the strength of all believers. II Cor. 12:9 His amazing grace is sufficient for every trial and trouble.
4. Lift the Lord up as the Salvation of the soul. Romans 10:13 It is wonderful. Jesus saves. He is still in the saving and forgiving business.

IV. THE HEART OF PARDON

A. The pattern
1. Jesus is faithful and just to forgive us of sin. I John 1:9 When we confess, He will always forgive and cleanse us of all sin.
2. In the model prayer He taught us to forgive those who sin against us. Matt. 6:14,15
3. A person who has not a forgiving spirit will become bitter and sour. We have too many who are that way now.
4. Read and study about the Lord’s way of forgiving people and try by His grace to practice that truth with His help.

B. The problem
1. Nearly every problem you will face involves some human being. Job 14:1 I don’t like this Scripture, but it is God’s Word and it is true.
2. People say and do things that are wrong and they can deeply hurt us. When we are hurt, we are to forgive. This is a command of the Lord.
3. Jesus teaches us that He will not forgive us if we don’t forgive others. It is a terrible thing to see a saved people who will not forgive others.
4. Saved people are in trouble and so are churches because of an unforgiving spirit.

C. The principle
1. The key to forgiveness is to be kind and tenderhearted toward one another. Eph. 4:32 What kind of person are you? Are you kind and tenderhearted? You should be.
2. We are to forgive others as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven us. The Lord forgives and so can we forgive.
3. In order to forgive we must put some things off. Eph. 4:32 We also must not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. V30 These things grieve the Holy Spirit and us.
4. A lot of churches are being destroyed because the membership will not practice this principle. It isn’t easy, but it will work.

V. THE HEART OF PATIENCE

A. The trouble
1. Patience deals with enduring primarily that which is wrong. We often think it is just taking things and not becoming angry. Too many things packed into a busy schedule will cause us to not have patience.
2. Tribulations works patience. Rom. 5:3 As we take tribulations the way the Lord wants us to it works patience. I don’t pray for it. I just hope I get it.
3. When we do not act in patience, we will do a lot of
things wrong. We will do them in the wrong way.
4. This flesh wants to have an easy way for everything. We will deal with trouble and we must be patient.

B. The toughness
1. Paul told the Ephesians to be strong in the Lord. Eph. 6:10 The weak and fainting often do things that are wrong, because they will not become strong.
2. If you want to be a soldier for the Lord, you must seek to please the Lord. II Tim. 2:4
3. We are to endure hardness as a soldier in Christ. You can’t endure hardness by letting your feelings get hurt easily.
4. We are to be tender and tough. There must be a good balance here. Too many are too weak and they falter and give up in the Lord’s service.

C. The triumph
1. The Scripture says in your patience possess ye your souls. A lot of people die early because they have a short fuse and do not practice patience.
2. When you deal with life according to God’s Word, you will learn to be patient.
3. If you handle life your way, most of the time you will be doing it the Devil’s way.
4. There is wonderful and great victory as we are patient in the Lord’s service. The Lord wants us to take things one day at a time and take them with His grace and strength.

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Subject: Exposition of Nehemiah
Focus: PARTICIPATING IN THE CONSTRUCTION

Introduction:
A. The REVIEW
1. Neh. 1 - The PASSION
2. Neh. 2:1-10 - The PREPARATION
3. Neh. 2:11-20 - The PROCEDURE
4. Neh. 3 - The PARTICIPATION
B. The REVELATION for our consideration deals with...
1. Entering into or participating in construction.
2. Spiritually significant truths which are vital in building for God.

I. THE SCOPE OF THIS CHAPTER - (Embraces 3 truths).
A. ADMINISTRATION
1. Notice the common sense & down to earth practicality in the things they do.
2. God could have done it all for them.
3. But God uses people in order that they might receive the blessing and share in the work.
4. Nehemiah recruited the people and gave them their assignments and responsibilities.
5. A great tragedy of many leaders is failing to recognize the importance of each willing worker in the work of God.
6. Leaders need to realize the importance of followers.
7. You cannot do the job by yourself.
B. ORGANIZATION
1. A marvelous demonstration of organizational abilities.
2. He divided the people into 42 working divisions.
   a. Every part of the wall was assigned.
   b. Each one had a service to do and a sacrifice to make.
3. Notice God’s roll call of the faithful and willing.
4. Gods keeping the record. Heb. 6:10
C. CO-OPERATION
1. Note V5 with V27 - the shirkers.
2. Through their co-operative effort they were able to do the impossible in 52 days.

II. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CONSTRUCTION
A. The OVER-ALL aspect of building for God - each one doing their part.
B. The ORDERLY significance of the gates as they relate to spiritual experiences in building for God.
1. Sheep gate V1
   a. IDENTIFICATION - through this gate they brought the animals to be sacrificed.
   b. INSIGHT - gate of sacrifice or salvation.
      1. This is the beginning of Christian life.
      2. Real life begins at the place of sacrifice.
3. This is vital.
   a. Fish gate V3
   b. Gate of soul winning.
   c. Matt. 4:19
   d. God's work cannot be built without the reality of this truth.

3. Old gate V6
   a. Refers spiritually to the old paths.
   b. Jer. 6:16
   c. Old path of prayer - Bible study - learning to walk with the Lord in the power of the Spirit.

4. Valley gate V13
   a. Speaks of humility
   b. Speaks of humble experiences

5. Dung gate V14
   a. Speaks of remission of trash and garbage.
   b. Speaks of cleansing and confessing. II Cor. 7:1; 1 John 1:9

6. Gate of the fountain V15
   a. The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
   b. If you want to be filled with the fountain of living waters humble yourself and confess your sins.

7. Water gate V26
   a. A picture of the Word of God.

8. Horse gate V28
   a. A symbol of work and warfare.

9. East gate V29
   a. The truth regarding the second coming.

10. Mphkhad gate V31
    a. Gate of appointment and judgment.

Conclusion:
   A. In building for God - we must get a hold of these truths.
   B. Note V32 - back to the sheep gate with Rev. 20:11-15

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GET IN THE WORD!
Text: II Timothy 3:14-4:2

Introduction:
   A. Get acquainted with the AUTHOR OF THE WORD. Pray with the psalmist, "Make thy face (presence and power) to shine upon thy servant..." Psal. 119:135;
      Exod. 33:15; I Kings 18:36; Acts 27:21-25
   B. Get in the Word! Stay in the Word!
      1. As the Bereans. Acts 17:11
      2. As Paul admonishes Timothy. II Tim. 3:14; I Tim. 4:16
      3. As Paul and Barnabas taught the CHURCHES in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. Acts 14:22
   C. Get the Word of God into your inner most being! Psalm 119:18, 11

D. Remember WHO OUR TEACHER IS! John 14:26; I Cor. 2:14

E. It is true that we need God's sufficient grace, the fellowship of our fellow-believers. We need God's Word! God's Word is...
   1. The New born lamb's MILK 1 Pet. 2:2 and TENDER GREEN GRASS Psalm 23:2
   2. The spiritually Mature one's MEAT. Hebrews 5:14
   3. The Soul Winner's SEED Psalm 126:5; 6; Luke 8:11
   4. The Builder's and Blacksmith's HAMMER Jer. 23:29
   5. The Traveler's GUIDE Psalm 119:015
   6. The Scribe's TREASURE Matt. 13:52
   7. The Diligent Student's GOLD MINE Psalm 119:18
   8. The Senior Citizen's VITAMINS, SECURITY PILLOW, and HONEY IN THE ROCK I Thess. 4:18; Psalm 119:103
   9. The Holy Spirit's SWORD Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12
F. A word for PREACHERS AND TEACHERS, SUPERINTENDENTS:
I. THE WORD OF GOD ENLIGHTENS! (Illuminate, Educates, Informs)
A. Psalm 19:8 "...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." Psalm 119:105
1. The unsaved need the "light" of God's Word.
2. The uninvolved need "light" to see the error of their way.
3. The "unhappy" need to be enlightened in the things we have to rejoice in. Phil. 4:8
4. The unclean need the "INFORMATION" revealed by the MIRROR (James 2:23-25) and the CLEANSING FLUID OF THE WORD (John 15:3).

II. THE WORD OF GOD ENERGIZES. (Rouse, Rally, Renew, Restore, Refresh, Rejuvenate)
A. The Word of God vitalizes (Gives LIFE AND VIGOR) activates, stimulates, EXCITES. Jer. 20:9
B. The Word of God enables...Equips...Provides MOTIVE, MEANS, and POWER to "Be," and "Do" and "Say Something." Romans 1:16
1. Children of God are called to BE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING, AD SAY SOMETHING. (Teach, Preach, Instruct, Exhort, Incite, by example and word) and Comfort.
2. Review what we have heard many times. "One can no more teach (or preach) what one does not know than one can return from where one has never been." Unknown
C. The Word of God "Fortifies" one with STRENGTH OF MIND and FIRMNESS OF PURPOSE!
1. Thus it enables one to ENDURE. Hebrews 12:2; II Tim. 2:3
2. Psalm 119:28
3. We often hear, "HOLD ON," "HANG IN." What we really need is to BUILD OUR FAITH AND HOPE ON THE SOLID FOUNDATION OF GOD'S WORD (Matt. 7:24) which teaches that THE LORD DOES THE HOLDING AND THE UPHOLDING. John 10:28; Psalm 37:24

III. THE WORD OF GOD ENLIVENs. (How we need it) (To Animate, Make Active and Cheerful, to Refresh, to Fire Up)
A. The psalmist prayed for it. Psalm 119:25, 107, 154 Include these words, "Quickens thou me according to thy word."
B. Paul TRIED it. Rom. 13:11
C. One hears a lot about REJOICING and that is good, but when I come to the FEEDING PLACE (PLACE OF WORSHIP) GIVE ME SOMETHING TO REJOICE IN TODAY AND TO CLING TO TOMORROW AND TO ANTICIPATE WHEN I SET SAIL!
2. My soul is SAFE IN HIS HANDS. John 10:28
3. God is working His will in me. Psalm 37:24; Phil. 2:13
4. Tell me MY FATHER IS ABLE TO MEET MY NEEDS. Phil. 4:13; Eph. 3:20
5. Remind me of GOD'S ENABLING GRACE. I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 12:9;
6. Tell me there is a place prepared for me in the Father's house and Jesus is coming to receive me, change me, and present me to the Father without spot or wrinkle...AMEN, PRAISE GOD.
7. Remind me that if I stumble or weaken (Psalm 37:25) in faith HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL, AND UPHOLDS ME. II Tim. 2:13
8. Tell me of a day of PEACE IN JERUSALEM.
9. Tell me about MY ETERNAL HOME WITH THE FATHER IN A NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH.

IV. THE WORD OF GOD ENSURES. (To make sure, Guarantees)
A. The Word enables one to have and to enjoy having a know so salvation. Luke 7:50; Acts 16:31; I John 5:13
1. Believers in Christ can know both Redeemer and Redemption. Job 19:25; Eph. 1:7
B. Salvation...the experience of being saved includes...
2. Now cleansed from sin's stain. I John 1:7
3. Now accepted in the beloved. Eph. 1:6
4. Now righteous because we are clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God. II Cor. 5:21
5. Now free from condemnation and will know no future condemnation. Rom. 8:1; John 5:24
6. Now sons and daughters in the family of God and sealed by the indwelling Holy Spirit of God unto the day of redemption of the body. I John 3:2; Eph. 1:13; 4:30
7. The child of God can know and enjoy knowing we are kept by the power of God. I Peter 1:5
C. The Word of God teaches the saved that we can BE SURE OF HIS PRESENCE, POWER, PROVISIONS, AND PROTECTION ALL THE WAY HOME. GET IN THE WORD!

V. THE WORD OF GOD ENLARGES ONE'S VISION AND UNDERSTANDING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTERING!!!
A. The Word enlarges one's VISION. Luke 2:10; John 3:16; Acts 1:8
B. The Word of God enlarges one's KNOWLEDGE.
   James 4:12; Acts 17:11
C. Knowledge of the Word EQUIPS for entering doors
   of opportunity for ministering. (Witness, Teach,
   Preach, Comfort).
   1. Admonitions Prov. 4:7; Eph. 6:15
   2. Examples:
      a. Ezra 7:10
      b. Aquila and Priscilla Acts 18:26
      c. Then one reads of Apollos..."helped them
         much which had believed...he mightily
         convinced the Jews...shewing by the scriptures
         that Jesus was the Christ."

Conclusion: GET IN THE WORD.
   A. Appreciation...for the AUTHOR, CONTENTS,
      ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
   B. Appropriate...(Take, Seize)
   C. Apply. G.E.T.

IN THE HAND OF SATAN
Text: Job 1:1-22

Introduction: Many believe that Moses wrote the book of Job and
that it very well may be the oldest book of the Bible. The book of
Job is a study of the mighty power of God. The Lord permits the
Devil to rob Job of everything he had except his very life. The
Devil thought Job would turn away from God if he lost his material
things. The Devil was permitted to rob Job of many things, but Job
did not turn from God, neither did he sin or charge God foolishly.

I. JOB LOST HIS FORTUNE (WEALTH). Job 1:12-17
   A. We see the Walk of Satan. I Peter 5:8
   B. We see the Wiles of Satan. Ephesians 6:18
   C. We see the Wages of Satan. I Peter 5:8

II. JOB LOST HIS FAMILY. Job 1:18,19
   A. The Word came to Job.
   B. The Winds came from the Wilderness.
   C. The Wages of Death came to Job's Family.

III. JOB LOST HIS FITNESS (HEALTH). Job 2:7,8
   A. The Smiting of Job
   B. The Sore Boils of Job
   C. The Sitting in Ashes

IV. JOB LOST HIS FACE (REPUTATION). Job 2:9,10
   A. His wife questioned Him.
   B. His wicked friends accused Him.
   C. His wiles of satan was robbing Job.

V. JOB LOST HIS FRIENDS. Job 2:11-13
   A. His Friends were his Adversaries.
   B. His Friends were his Accusers.
   C. His Friends added to his Afflictions.

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THE GIFT OF GOD
Text: John 3:13-18

Introduction: These verses have given rise to more sermons than
just about any verses I know. Those of us who know Christ, love
these verses. They are always new. They are forever fresh. They
never grow old and we never tire of hearing them.

I. THE QUESTION RAISED BY NICODERMUS.
   A. He was a ruler of the Jews who came to Jesus by
      night.
      1. He was impressed with the things Jesus had done.
      2. He wanted to know more about who Jesus really
         was.
   B. He told Jesus he knew He was a teacher come from
      God because no man could do these miracles except
      God be with him.
      1. Jesus' works were of God - yet His greatest work
         was still before Him.
      2. Jesus was sent by God - in fact He was God
         manifest in the flesh.
   C. He heard something he did not expect, nor
      understand.
      1. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a
         man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of
         God." V3
      2. Nicodemus could not understand how a man could
         be born a second time!
      (Note) The first, or fleshly birth...
      1. Produces a corruptible nature.
      2. Produces a sinful nature.
3. Produces a nature which is under sentence of death.  
(Note) The second, or spiritual birth... 
1. Produces an incorruptible nature. 
2. Produces a sinless, righteous nature. 
3. Produces a divine nature making us a child of God. 

II. THE EXAMPLE SET BY MOSES 

A. The children of Israel were in the wilderness. 
1. They had compassed the land of Edom. “And the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.” Exodus 21:4 
2. They spoke against God and against Moses. “With whom have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.” Exodus 21:5 
3. The Lord sent fiery serpents among them and many of them died. Exodus 21:6 
4. They confessed their sin to Moses and asked him to pray that God would take the serpents away. Exodus 21:7 

B. The Lord told Moses what to do. 
1. “Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.” Exodus 21:8 
2. Moses did what he was instructed to do, made the fiery serpent, put it on a pole, and raised it up for all to see. 

C. The people had a choice. 
1. They could refuse to believe that looking on a hideous snake would do them any good, remain in their tent, and die! 
2. Or, they could “Look and Live!” 

III. THE LOVE DEMONSTRATED BY GOD 

A. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." V14 
1. We have been snake bit! 
2. We have been bitten by the serpent called sin. 
3. The bit is universal and fatal. 
4. There is only one way to escape. 

B. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whatsoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." V16 
1. He loved the world so much! 
2. That He gave His only begotten Son. 
3. Who became sin for us. 
4. Who took our place. 
5. Who suffered the fatal snake bite of sin for us. 

C. Now we have a choice. 
1. We can refuse to believe such a simple plan, remain in our sinful state of unbelief, and die lost. 
2. Or, we can believe that Christ died for us, paid the penalty for us, became sin for us, and be saved. 
3. The message is still the same - "Look and Live!"

D. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” V18 

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THIS MAN 
This man was God’s Messenger, 
Dedicated, Firm, Loving, and True. 
He loved to share God’s Word, 
With God’s Children, and Sinners too. 

This man loved to share his Sermons, 
With His younger brother preachers. 
He had a volume of God’s Knowledge, 
He was a wonderful Gospel Teacher. 

This man’s life really showed, 
His love for God’s Wonderful Grace 
And he always, had a little story, 
That would bring a little smile to your face. 

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This man was God's Warrior,  
Bravely Fighting the Battles of life.  
He knew that, old Satan was always here,  
To bring him sorrow and strife.

But this man, like unto Job,  
He always knew, God was near  
He would carry him thru this strife,  
And Bring him to rest, in Heaven so Fair.

Now this man God's Precious Child,  
Will be missed from our view  
But aren't you glad that we can know,  
He's with his Heavenly Father, and one day we'll meet  
Him there too.

This poem was written by Dovie Brown on the day of Bro. D.B. Wright funeral. She read it at the funeral. This poem described the way Dovie Brown saw Bro. D.B. and the way those who knew him saw him to.

HOW GOD MADE MAN WITH A WILL!  
Text: Genesis 2:7-17

Intro: We have looked at God's will in both respective, now let us look at the will of man.
I. GOD KNOWS ALL THINGS FROM THE BEGINNING.

A. God knew man would sin.  
1. God was not caught by surprise when man ate of the forbidden fruit.  
2. In eternity, God had already made preparation.

B. God knew man would be saved.  
1. Jesus would come and die.  
2. Man would be left with the choice to accept His sacrifice.

C. God knew all would not accept.  
1. Heaven was created for those who believed.  
2. Hell was created for those who did not.

D. God knew the end.  
1. He knows and had from the beginning exactly how many would be saved.  
2. But He gave each man the choice by His own will.

II. GOD MADE MAN TO BRING HONOR AND GLORY TO HIMSELF.

A. Man was not made to be self-gratifying.  
1. Man by his own will has chosen the path he takes.  
2. When man is proud and arrogant, he is displeasing to God.

B. Man was made to worship and honor God.  
1. God wills to be worshipped.  
2. Man will eventually do this on his own.  
3. But it took God's salvation to bring him to it.

C. To bring a fellowship to God in His own image.  
1. God had angels, but they were not made in God's image.  
2. God made man in HIS image to fellowship with Him and bring glory to HIMSELF.

D. But man had to do it on his own.  
1. When man sinned, he failed and was condemned.

2. So God made a way back through Jesus.

III. MAN MADE THE CHOICE, AFTER GOD'S WILL WAS KNOWN.

A. God's Word makes it clear that man knew God's will.  
1. God told man what was acceptable and what was not.  
2. Man chose to eat the fruit after he was instructed by God not to do so.

B. He was allowed to weigh the choices.  
1. He looked at the fruit and at God's promise.  
2. He chose to eat the fruit, because his wife had eaten.

C. He made the choice in full knowledge.  
1. "You shall surely die!"  
2. His alternative seemed to have been that he would be as God, so it didn't make a difference.

D. God made the choice to save man even though he had chosen to disobey.  
1. God knew man would be a rebellious sinner in every generation.  
2. But He so loved man, He made a way that man could willingly come back.

IV. GOD LEFT MAN TO HIS OWN WILL.

A. You can choose today to serve God.  
1. We have the History.  
2. We have the Word of God explaining the story.  
3. We have a choice based on knowledge.

B. You can choose to reject Him.  
1. You can disbelieve and choose to go your own way.  
2. God has told us what that would bring.

C. God will be glorified.  
1. No matter what man chooses to do God will receive glory and honor.  
2. There will be a multitude without number that will choose to honor God.  
3. There will also be a multitude who won't.

D. Man will receive his just reward for his choice.  
1. The will of man is an important part of what God allowed in man.  
2. What will you do with your will?

Con. You must choose, you can't take the Neutral way.

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WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF YOU AS A CHURCH MEMBER
Text: Acts 4:23-33, V32,33
A. Setting of the text
1. Things that had happened to the church. Glorious experiences they had shared. Work they were doing.
2. To be in the direct will of God means that one is a child of God and interested in New Testament Christianity.
3. Our big trouble seems to be that of complacency. We are satisfied to put in our appearance once in awhile and if an urgent plea goes out for one to rally to God's cause we are willing to put forth a little extra.
B. Does God expect more than this of a member of His church? If so what does He expect? How may we know His will and be found pleasing to Him in our everyday walk?

I. GOD EXPECTS CHURCH MEMBERS TO BE BELIEVERS.
A. This was found of the early church. They were to be believers. Acts 4:32
1. Those who believed were added to the church. Acts 2:41
2. Many believed upon hearing the Word. Acts 4:4
3. Believers were added. Acts 5:14
4. The Word of God increased and many were obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7
B. An unsaved person has no right in the Lord's church as a member for the church is to be made up of believers. Those who have trusted Jesus as personal Saviour.
C. Many are in churches who have not believed in Jesus. Many are in pulpits, many are in pews who deny the truth of God's Holy Word.
D. God wants you to be one who has repented of your sin, who has experienced a change, been created in Christ Jesus, made new in Christ, been born of God's Spirit...then you are ready to join the church.
E. As you obey God you are pleasing Him.

II. GOD EXPECTS YOU TO BE A FELLOWSHIPPING BELIEVER.
A. Those in the church at Jerusalem had fellowship one with another.
B. They were of one heart and mind, soul. Acts 4:32
C. Sure there were differences of opinions, ideas, but they did not carry them around. These petty differences were not carried as barbs in the flesh. They were fellowshipping in spite of their differences. They put differences aside to worship and serve God.
D. They were of one faith and one mind, one cause...God's.
E. How much fellowship do you have? Much of the time all you see of one another is a few minutes on Sunday morning. Do you rush away from the House of God not speaking to all? Some times I am almost afraid to get in the doorway.
F. How concerned are you? Are you aware of others?

Its good to be sympathetic in sorrow...are you glad to see others?
G. God expects His church to be a model of love and fellowship.
H. Give it some serious thought.

III. GOD EXPECTS YOU TO BE A GIVING BELIEVER.
A. These in God's church gave. Acts 4:32-35 (How?)
B. Are we to give this way now? Is this the pattern?
C. How are we to give? II Cor. 8:5 Why do we not have more members who will give systematically? II Cor. 8:5 is the answer.
D. How should I give? I Cor. 16:1,2; II Cor. 9:6,7
E. We should (have as soon) miss a meal, rather than to miss a chance to give to God.
F. We have over 100 families who can give regularly to the church...should average ( ) per week.
G. Until you get to the place that you put God first and are willing to see that your offering gets to the church with regularity, we are going to continue to be struggling financially.
H. I challenge you to take at least 10 percent first for God. Give to God's glory and see the blessings of God. Luke 6:38

IV. GOD EXPECTS YOU TO BE A WITNESSING BELIEVER.
A. These had a powerful witness. Acts 4:33
B. We are to witness. How? Sunday School, worship, B.T.C., prayer meeting, Brotherhood, visitation, and daily life.
C. Is that really too much? Don't you do about what you want to do?
D. You have an experience that will challenge others.

V. GOD EXPECTS YOU TO BE A GROWING IN GRACE BELIEVER.
A. This is the state God wants us in always. Acts 4:33
B. These were growing in grace. Working out their salvation. Phil. 2:12
C. If you are a born again believer, fellowshipping in God's church, a giver to God, witnessing believer, you will be a growing in grace believer. Many in the world are at a stand still...never read, pray, give, witness. Let God in.

Conclusion:
A. Are you doing God's will? Living? Giving? Witnessing?
B. Are you lost, unsaved?
C. Let God have His will in your life today!

This sermon was preached by J.B. Powers in the late 1950's. Bro. J.B. is with the Lord, but he continues to speak to us through his life and outlines given to this ministry.

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REMEMBERING JESUS
Text: Psalm 77:9-15

Introduction: When difficulties come upon us, we often try to handle the problem in our own strength. When we do that, we are assuring our defeat in our battle. When trials come upon us, we need to remember Jesus. However, we need to remember Jesus at all times, in good or in bad.

I. WHEN IN TROUBLE - REMEMBER JESUS.
A. When distressed. Matt. 11:28-30
B. When discouraged. I Pet. 5:7
C. When disturbed. John 14:1
D. When disappointed. James 4:7,8

II. WHEN IN TEMPTATION - REMEMBER JESUS.
A. He is our pattern. Hebs. 4:15,16
B. He is our provider. I Cor. 10:13
C. He is our protector. II Pet. 2:9
D. He is our partner. Psa. 34:17

III. WHEN IN TURMOIL - REMEMBER JESUS.
A. He is our stability. Hebs. 13:5,6
B. He is our strength. Psa. 27:1
C. He is our surety. Psa. 90:1,2
D. He is our satisfaction. Psa. 46:1-3

IV. WHEN IN TRAGEDY - REMEMBER JESUS.
A. A comforting reminder. Psa. 116:15
B. A confident reminder. II Cor. 5:6-8
C. A compelling reminder. Psa. 17:15
D. A certain reminder. Rom. 14:8

V. WHEN IN TRIUMPH - REMEMBER JESUS.
A. A sensible reaction. Luke 17:10
B. A serious recognition. Deut. 8:18
C. A sobering reminder. Dan., 4:25

VI. SUMMARY:
A. We need to remember Jesus:
   1. In our trouble.
   2. In our temptations.
   3. In our turmoil.
   4. In our tragedies.
   5. In our triumphs.
B. Summed up, we could say, simply, "Always remember Jesus."

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WHY SALVATION MUST BE BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH
Text: Ephesians 2:8-10

I. SALVATION MUST BE BY GRACE.
A. Because the text declares that it is by grace.
B. Because man is a willful sinner and is unworthy of salvation.
   1. Not only by nature, but by choice and willingness.
   2. No obligation to God to save men.
C. Because God knew that, because of man's sin weakness and failures it could be no other way. Inventor knows his invention. God created us. He knows us.
D. Because man could not meet the demands of God's justice and live.
E. Because none of man's works are acceptable to God.

II. SALVATION MUST BE THROUGH FAITH.
A. Because without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebs. 11:6
B. Because only through faith is Christ given the place of honor and glory that belongs to Him. (Salvation by works of man robs Christ of glory and honor and renders His work void.)
   1. Jesus is the author and finisher of faith. Hebs. 12:2
   2. Every blessing of grace is in Christ Jesus. II Cor. 5:17; I John 5:10; Eph. 1:3; Gal. 3:22
   3. Only through faith does Christ become precious to us. I Peter 2:7
C. Because only through faith is the sovereign power of God in salvation acknowledged. Isa. 45:22
D. Because the promise of the Word of God is that every blessing of salvation is received at the point of faith in Christ.
   1. We are justified by faith. Rom. 5:1
   2. We are passed from death unto life through faith. John 5:24
   3. We are delivered from condemnation thru faith. John 3:18
   4. We have eternal life through faith. John 3:36
   5. We have peace, hope, and joy through faith. Rom. 5:1
   6. We have remission of sins through faith. Acts 10:43; Gal. 3:11; Hebs. 2:4; Rom. 15:4; I Peter 1:8,9; Phil. 3:8-11

C.L. McCall - home in glory with the Lord. Stephen L. McCall shared some sermons of his father with me.
C. Ask any backslider who comes back to God if he had peace while away from God?
1. Lot lived 20 years in Sodom. He lost his wife and his children ruined.
2. Hear David cry, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom."
4. God's mill sometimes grinds slow, but it grinds fine.

D. A backslider is not always inactive, sometimes they keep busy heewing their broken cisterns. Jer. 2:13

E. The backslider loses 4 things.
1. Loses the joy of salvation. Psa. 51:123
2. Loses his fellowship with God. There is joy knowing you are right with God.
3. They lose their testimony. Psa. 51:13
4. Lose rewards that could have been theirs at the judgment.

VI. THE REMEDY FOR BACKSLIDING.
A. Return to the Lord
1. Acknowledge your sins. I John 12:9; Psa. 32:5
B. Peter wept bitter tears of repentance.
C. Backsliding is a gradual process, not sudden.
D. Examine your life. Have you lost the joy of salvation?
   1. Backsliders can doubt their salvation, II Peter 1:9.
   2. One of the works of the devil is to cause saved people to doubt their salvation.

CONCLUSION:
A. Signs of backsliding.
   1. Easier to stay at home than attend church.
   2. Easier to be critical than kind.
   3. Easier to grumble than to praise.
   4. Easier to find fault than to praise.
   5. Easier to gossip than to witness.
   6. Easier to hold grudges than to forgive.
B. Very little interest and indifferent to the cause of Christ.
   1. Don't care attitude.
   2. Always late for service. (Get to work on time but late to the house of God.)
C. How many of these signs are in your life?
D. Unsaved, God wants to save you.
   1. Don't let a backslider keep you from being saved.

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A MAN FOR HARD TIMES
Text: Genesis 41:28-45

Intro: Behold, there come seven years of great plenty through all the land of Egypt: And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

Time would be hard very soon in the land of Egypt: The memory of the 7 years of plenty would vanish in the harshness of famine. Pharaoh needed a leader for the hard times. Pharaoh chose Joseph.

How do a people become rich in times of hardship? Follow a man who's been there before. Joseph’s life reminds us that though the Lord has promised not to put on us more than we can
bear, the limits of our endurance are often stretched. But what better man to lead a people through hardship, than he who has already traveled the path of affliction.

1. **A patient man.** His dreams had to wait. Genesis 37:1-20; Acts 7:23-29
2. **A pitiful man.**
   a. Felt the sting of betrayal at the hands of those he loved.
   b. Forced into slavery.
   c. Faced sexual temptation.
   d. Falsehood, accused and imprisoned unjustly.
   e. Forgotten by men in spite of his kindness toward them.

   - One thing we learn from Joseph’s experience is, men cannot destroy God’s purpose for us, only we can do that!

**I. JOSEPH DELIVERED**

Though the chief butler forgot him (Genesis 40:23) the Lord never forgot him. “Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” Psalm 34:19.

A. **His sure foundation.** The Lord was with him and he needed not fear man. Hebrews 13:5,6; II Timothy 2:19.

B. **He saw** beyond what he could see, for a city his great grandfather taught his family to seek. Hebrews 11:10,22.

C. **He was shaped** in the fires of affliction.
   1. Sanctification sensitive. 41:14
   2. Spirit of God was in him. 41:38
   3. Secrets revealed to him. 41:39, Proverbs 1:5,23
   4. Steward extraordinary. 41:40,41 In every house he had ever entered, he cared for the things of others.
   5. Second chariot man! 41:43

**II. JOSEPH EXALTED.**

A. **Secured the signs of royalty.** 42; Esther 3:10 (A prisoner turned prince. Signs of acceptance for Joseph)

B. **Slave to be honored.** 43b “Bow down”

C. **Sustainer of life.** 45
   1. Something to offer. 41:56,57
   2. Someone to stand between. Numbers 16:48

**III. MESSAGE APPLIED.**

A. Serious concern for God’s servants. Humility or failure!
   “The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.” Obadiah 1:4

   “And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased….”
   Matthew 23:12

   “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly…”
   Romans 12:3

**B. Satisfy yourself, that affliction is God’s tool of instruction. I Peter 1:6,7** “The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” Psalm 34:18.

   “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” Isaiah 57:15

Contrite in these verses means to be crushed.

   “Thus saith the Lord, the heavens is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” Isaiah 66:1,2

Contrite here means stricken or smitten.

**C. Strategy Satan used to destroy God’s people. Zechariah 13:7** “Smite the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.”


**D. Security of the honest servant in hard times.** God will exalt the humble!

   “Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.” Psalm 37:34

   “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” I Peter 5:6

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