

EXAMINATIONS

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People today place great emphasis on their health. They're concerned about certain illnesses and diseases; therefore they go for regular examinations to give themselves assurance that there's nothing wrong with them. Also, with many cancers and other illnesses, early detection is essential if one is to survive them.

Wouldn't it be nice if Christians felt the same way about their spiritual health? Your physical health is important, but your spiritual health is much more so. Physically, some people ignore small, insignificant symptoms as being nothing. And many times they are nothing. But let

me assure you, small sins in your life are something! The road to hell is paved with those "small, insignificant" sins.

The Hebrews writer said "*Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us...*" (Hebrews 12:1). We commit these "Small" sins so often that we begin to not see them as being so bad. We justify ourselves in our sin. It is imperative that we take that Bible out and examine ourselves on a daily basis. We must Make certain our spiritual health is sound, and our souls healthy. "*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves*" (2 Cor. 13:5). 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- www.defendthegospel.com
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Children's Class, 2nd & 4th Sundays, 5:30 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 3:30 pm, Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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JUDGMENT DAY DATE SETTERS

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Down through the ages there have been many prophesies made by men (and women) as to when Judgment day will be. These date setters...

Declare The Season. Some give the year, others bring it down to the month, while many are so bold as to predict the exact day and time when judgment day will occur; as Harold Camping did recently. Have they not read the words of the Lord? "*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, but My Father only*" (Matthew 24:36). Jesus went on to teach, as Paul and Peter did later, that Judgment day would come as a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10). The obvious implication is that we don't know when the Lord will come. These Date Setters also...

Distort The Scriptures. Harold Camping recently tried to distort the meaning of something Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:8. He claimed that the statement "*That with the Lord one day is as a thousand years*" is to be taken literally as a mathematical statement. He distorted this statement to mean that one of our literal twenty-four hour days equals exactly one thousand years

with God. But notice that Peter then reversed the statement by saying the exact opposite, "*and a thousand years as one day.*" Both can't be true! Peter's point is that God is not limited by time as we are. Camping built his entire schematic prediction on this distortion. Psalm 90:4 tells us that with the Lord a day is as a thousand years AND a day is as a watch in the night. Inasmuch as a watch in the night is about three hours, we know neither statement is to be taken literally; you see, a twenty-four hour period can't be both a thousand literal years AND a three hour period at the same time! The date setters also...

Deceive The Simple. Read Romans 16:17-18. Just as with the false predictions of the past, in the last several days many reports went out about folks selling all their possessions and using the money to warn folks about May the 21st being judgment day. Now what will they do? Harold Camping and other date setters will stand condemned for distorting God's word and deceiving people with their fanciful false predictions (2 Peter 3:16). "*Beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked*" (2 Peter 3:17). 🔍

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DANIEL
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One thing that impresses me about Daniel is that he was a man of habit. I'm not speaking of bad habits like drinking or smoking; I'm talking about habits which reap spiritual and heavenly benefits. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home, and in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days" (Daniel 6:10). It was a habitual thing!

Daniel was a man of good habits. In this society of countless bad habits, we need to become aware of Daniel. When we inundate our lives with good habits we will be better able to overcome the temptations to cling to old or develop new bad habits. Our lives need to be filled with prayer to our God (1 Thess. 5:17). Our lives need to be filled with studying God's word (Acts 17:11). Our lives need to be filled with worshipping God (Heb. 10:25). Our lives need to be filled with GOOD habits!!! What are your habits like? "Examine yourselves, weather you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Cor. 13:5).

Too many Christians have developed bad habits over the years, causing them to stray from the truth. This can be avoided if we will put more energy towards developing good habits.

Daniel was also a man of courage. Even in the face of the lions' den Daniel continued to be faithful to God. As those Christians in the first century were being led to their deaths because of their faith in God, they doubtless gained courage from the example of Daniel. We need courage and backbone! It has been said there was no way those lions could have eaten Daniel because he was nothing but grit and backbone. We lose heart so easily. When we are rejected while trying to teach the gospel to others, we lose courage and quit trying. Let's not lose that courage! In the face of possible death, those scattered from Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the Gospel (Acts 8:4). Galatians 6:1 says to go to a brother in sin and try to correct him. Many folks ignore the sin of their brethren because they lack the courage to confront them. We need courage to try and turn him from his sin and save his soul from death (James 5:19-20). 🔑

DOING WITHOUT THINKING

Someone once said "A habit is something you can do without thinking - which is why most of us have so many of them." I can think of many essential habits that require intense, deliberate thinking: Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17); daily Bible study (Acts 17:11). When we speak of doing something without thinking, we mean that the thing has become so regular in our lives that it has become "Second nature" to us. It's not that we're not thinking while doing them, but rather that we automatically begin doing them without thinking. O how true this should be of prayer and Bible study.



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

We're Still Here!

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

Introduction:

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Sam Miller
 Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-17
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table:
 Lead.....Kenny Todd
 Serve.....Chris Meade
 Serve.....Lynn Buttrey

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Lord's Table.....John Nelson

Wednesday Evening

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

**Home Bible Studies
 Available Upon Request!**

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!