

Pearls from Proverbs

By Michael Pickford

Plotting

“Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous.”
-Proverbs 24:15

Our worldly peers are often offended by the righteous lives we live. Our goodness shines a spotlight on their badness by contrast, and this often angers them. They look for us to slip, and if they can find no fault to capitalize on, they will make up lies about us – Speak evil of us falsely (Matthew 5:11). This is how they treated our Lord, and it is how they will treat us (Matthew 26:59-61; Jn. 15:20).

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!

Persevering

“For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again.”
-Proverbs 24:16

Don't be discouraged by wicked plots to slander your good name. Our *“Reward in heaven”* incentivizes us to carry on (Matthew 5:12). Our resilience increases as we endure each attack. Even if we fall seven times, we *“Rise again”* and are stronger for the next attack. When we're lied about we are tempted to fight back, lash out. Instead, silence them, or even convert them with your good works (1 Peter 2:12, 15).

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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 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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SIN (2)

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Last week we pointed out that the Bible defines sin as *“Lawlessness”* and *“Unrighteousness”* (1 John 3:4; 5:17). We observed that sin divides spiritually, destroys souls, and debilitates society. Notice also that sin is...

A SHREWD DECEIVER. Sin doesn't always come with a tag that says, *“Beware, I'm sin.”* It makes itself attractive. Someone once said, *“The devil is an artist, he paints sin in very attractive colors.”* Sin is a shrewd deceiver, and because of this God's people need to be well-informed in His word, so that we may identify the things that are sin. We need to beware, be on guard. Heb 3:13 says, *“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.”* The next verse tells us to exhort one another, *“lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”* The more familiar we are with the *“Word of righteousness”* the more effective we will be at discerning between good and evil and overcoming temptation to commit the latter (Hebrews 5:12-14).

A SEASONAL DELIGHT. No one denies that sin is pleasurable, that's why we desire it so much. Sin brings

fun and pleasure, but never satisfaction. It promises satisfaction, but it never delivers. Sin promises great things just like that fruit in the garden; but not only does it not fulfill its promises, it delivers discomfort and death. However, sin is pleasurable for a season. It is a seasonal delight. Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (KJV). The NKJV says, *“The passing pleasures of sin.”* The pleasures are temporary. ...

A SLAVE DRIVER. The Lord said in Jn. 8:34, *“Whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”* Billy Sunday once said, *“One reason sin flourishes is that it's treated like a creampuff instead of a rattlesnake.”* Sometimes people become so engulfed in it that they just can't seem to pull themselves up out of it. They have become servants or slaves of sin. Sin has become their slave driver and as a result their lives are miserable even though sometimes, from the outside, they appear to be happy, fulfilled people. This is what Proverbs 13:15 means when it says, *“But the way of transgressors is hard.”* The way of sinners is hard. Don't let sin sneak in and become your master, lay aside that sin that so easily ensnares you!🔗

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HELL IS REAL

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Hell is real. It is a "place" (Matthew 8:12) where many will "go" (Mark 9:43). It is described as "the fiery furnace" (Matthew 13:42), "the outer darkness" (Matthew 25:30), "the eternal fire" (Matthew 25:41), "the unquenchable fire" (Mark 9:43), "the gloom of utter darkness" (2 Peter 2:17), "the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:14), etc. It is "the punishment of eternal destruction" to be suffered "away from the presence of the Lord" (2 Ths. 1:9).

It is better to lose body parts than go to hell (Mark 9:43-48), for it is a "much worse punishment" than even death (Hebrews 10:28-29). It is a conscious torment that never ends. In fact, the same word (aionios) is used to describe the duration of heaven and hell (Matthew 25:46). Hence, both last as long as the other. They are eternal, everlasting, ongoing, without end, etc. That word is also used of God (Romans 16:26) and the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 9:14).

Hell will be heavily populated.

Jesus said that "many" are headed there (Matthew 7:13). This includes the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41), the ignorant and disobedient (2 Thessalonians 1:8), some religious people (Matthew 7:21-23), lukewarm members (Revelation 3:16), the ungodly and immoral (Revelation 21:8), etc. Just as heaven is a prepared place for prepared people, hell is a prepared place for unprepared people.

When hell is translated from the Greek word gehenna, it uniformly carries the idea of eternal punishment for the wicked beyond this life (Matthew 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6). Jesus used the word eleven out of the twelve times it appears in Scripture.

God has done much to keep people out of hell. He gave us His Son (John 3:16) and the message of salvation (Romans 1:16). He patiently waits for men to repent (2 Peter 3:9). If a person ends up in hell, it is not God's fault. -

"Exhort one another daily"

Hebrews 3:13

SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY DAILY!
Acts 17:11

Humble Yourself

Introduction:

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II. _____

III. _____

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson
Reading: James 4:6-10
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Johnson
Serve.....John Nelson
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Invitation.....Ben Green

**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!