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AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "OUR BRITHERHOOD"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "ARE YOU READY FOR HIS RETURN?"

GOSPEL MEETING AT ZION, OCT 4-6

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF LOTTIE TOWNLEY WHO DIED SATURDAY. THE VIEWING IS AT 1:30 MONDAY AT COLLINS-BURKE AND THE FUNERAL IS AT 2:30

DESSERTS FOR OCTOBER 1: VERCIE GRIFFIN; 8: DEBRA ALEXANDER; 15: SANDRA HUNT; 22: SANDY RICHARDSON; 29: GAIL WINDHAM

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

SEE DAVID FOR TAPES

BIRTHDAYS:

Sep. 30: Deloris Brown & Margie Mays

Oct. 1: Brock Windham

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SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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OUR BROTHERHOOD

- I. We should have brotherly _____.**
- A. _____ 13:1.
 - B. John 13:34-35 - agape love, sacrificial love, is our _____.
 - C. Without such we cannot love _____ (1 John 4:20).
 - D. The type of love we are to have is the kind that does not work any _____ towards our brethren (Romans 13:10).
- II. We should have brotherly _____.**
- A. We need to show concern for our _____ brethren who are suffering in any way.
 - 1. We are to be _____ to those who are sick by helping bear their burdens (Galatians 6:2).
 - 2. We should _____ with our brethren who are in need.
 - B. We will reach out to those who are falling behind _____ and contemplating giving up (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
 - C. We will definitely seek out to help those who are being _____ for being righteous (Philippians 2:21-30).
- III. We should have brotherly _____.**
- A. There must be _____ for individual thought and opinion.
 - 1. Brethren should feel free to ask questions without being _____.
 - 2. Brethren should be treated fairly and _____ (Matthew 7:12).
 - 3. Brethren are to be _____ in their dealings with one another (Ephesians 4:25).
 - B. We need to remember that we are all weak and _____ from time to time.
- IV. We should have brotherly _____.**
- A. We have gotten away from _____ with our sister congregations in meeting work.
 - B. We are not _____ with one another or enemies of one another, but sister congregations all with the same goal.
 - C. We should never knowingly _____ another brother's or congregation's work for Jesus (Philippians 1:15-18).
 - D. We are to be tenderly _____ towards one another (Romans 12:10).
- V. We should show brotherly _____.**
- A. A loyal brother will tell you, not everybody else, when you are _____.
 - B. We need to be willing to go to our brethren when they are doing wrong or

- headed in the wrong _____ (Galatians 6:1).
- C. It may even lead to _____ of fellowship (1 Timothy 5:20).
- D. Even when this takes place, we are to still be _____ for the person (2 Thessalonians 3:15).

Who Is My Neighbor? (Pt. 2)
Ben Wright

Several times in the gospel accounts, we read of Jesus having compassion on someone or some group. He had compassion on the multitudes that followed him, which caused Him to feed them (Mark 8:2ff). He had compassion on the man who had been possessed by the demons known as “Legion” (Mark 5:1-19). What is extremely interesting is that each time compassion was shown by our Lord, it was more than being emotional. It was shown in His actions. He fed the multitude and healed the man possessed. In the parable under consideration, the Samaritan had compassion and showed it by taking care of the one who had been beaten. Compassion is an action, biblically speaking, not an emotion.

From this parable we also see that my neighbor is one I can go out of my way to help. No doubt it took time away from other business the Samaritan had to help this man. It took money out of his pocket to pay for the man’s care. Most certainly, he had to go out of his way to help this man.

Being a neighbor is not always easy. When someone is in need of compassion, it takes effort to meet that need. When someone is not like me, but in need of help, it takes effort to give that help. Being a neighbor takes effort and is difficult, but God expects us to do it, therefore it is possible, else God would not ask us to do such.

We also see from this parable that my neighbor is one who is in need of mercy. As the parable closes, Jesus asked the man who was attempting to justify himself, “Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?” (Luke 10:36). The man answered correctly when he replied, “He that showed mercy on him” (Luke 10:37). According to Strong’s, mercy is helping one who is afflicted or seeking aid.

There are those around us who are afflicted and seeking aid every day. According to Zodhiates, mercy specifically carries the idea of “special and immediate regard to the misery which is the consequence of sins” (The Complete Word Study Of The New Testament, pg. 911). Those who are lost are definitely afflicted. They have a sin problem

and need to seek aid, whether they no it or not. We show mercy when we teach someone the gospel. We show mercy when we help alleviate the burdens of life with which people may be dealing.

Who is our neighbor? He is one who does not have to be like me socially, racially, religiously or economically. He is one who is in need of compassion. He is one for whom I can go out of my way to help. He is one who is in need of mercy. It does not take a Solomon to see that everyone, at some point, fits one of these descriptions. Thus, all men are our neighbors. May we as God's people realize this and act accordingly.