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11 AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - SIMILAR BUT DIFFERENT

7 PM - SINGING NIGHT (NO FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTERWARDS)

OUR SEMINAR ON ISLAM WILL BE FEB 25-27. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WILL BE AT 7 PM. SUNDAY WILL BE AT 9:30 & 10:20 AM AND 1:30 PM WITH A FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PLEASE TAKE COPIES OF THE FLIER FOR OUR SEMINAR AND GIVE THEM TO FRIENDS AS YOU INVITE THEM

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- DEUTERONOMY 1-2; MON - 3-4; TUE - 5-8; WED - 9-11; THUR - 12-14; FRI - 15-18; SAT - 19-22; SUN - 23-26

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 21: Bettye Henderson

25: Travis Richardson

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

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SIMILAR BUT DIFFERENT

(Numbers 21:4-9)

The similarities.

- A. Both were given as means of _____ by God.
 - 1. God _____ Moses to build the serpent (vs. 8.).
 - 2. John 3:16 tells us that Jesus was _____ by God for man.
- B. Both were the _____ means of salvation.
 - 1. There was no other way for the Israelites to be saved but by _____ at the brass serpent.
 - 2. Today, there is no other means of salvation than _____.
- C. People _____ about serpent, we must tell about Jesus.
 - 1. The people had to be told the _____ of the serpent or they would have never known to look at it.
 - 2. You and I must tell people about Jesus so they will know to _____ to Him (Matthew 28:18-20).
- D. The _____ of both was to save life.
 - 1. The brass serpent saved _____ life - if they looked they lived.
 - 2. Jesus saves _____ life.
- E. Both were to be _____ up.
- F. Both required more than simple _____.
 - 1. No one was saved by God who didn't _____ at the serpent.
 - 2. Faith in Jesus as the Son of God requires _____ (James 2:17).

I. The differences.

- A. There is a _____ difference.
 - 1. The snake was made from brass not from a _____ snake.
 - 2. Jesus came in _____ like us.
- B. God commanded Israel to not _____ the serpent but we are to worship Jesus.
 - 1. This was not to become an _____ for Israel.
 - 2. You and I are to worship _____ (Philippians 2:10).
- C. Eventually, Israel _____ the serpent and Jesus can never be defiled.
 - 1. 1 Kings 18:1-4 tells us that _____ had to destroy the serpent because the people burned incense to it and had named it.
 - 2. Jesus can never be _____ in any way.
- D. More than looking at Jesus is _____ in being saved by Him.
 - 1. The Israelites, though more than simple faith, had to simply _____ at the serpent to be healed.
 - 2. To be saved, one must be obedient to the _____ will of God and His plan of salvation.

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Patrick Morrison

One of the highest compliments ever paid to David flowed from the very mouth of God: “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will” (Acts 13:22). While there were times in the life of this great king when he was self-serving, his life was generally a life spent seeking after the heart of God. Jehovah sought after a man whose heart was attuned to heaven. While David was a man after God’s own heart, Jehovah was a God after man’s own heart. When Samuel went to the house of Jesse per God’s instructions, knowing that God had chosen one of Jesse’s sons to take Saul’s place upon the throne of Israel, Samuel assumed that the new king must certainly be one of the bigger, stronger, more mature sons of Jesse. After pronouncing that Eliab (the eldest son of Jesse) must be the one that God had chosen, Jehovah responded: “Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart” (1 Sam.16:7). Oh, how we need to be reminded that God does not see as other men see, but looks upon our hearts! It is because of the compassionate, gracious, long-suffering, loving heart of Jehovah that He sought our hearts in the giving of His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16). We must in turn seek Him with all of our heart (Matt.22:37).

Our Father in heaven has always been concerned with the heart of man. He knows that from it flow the issues of life (Prov.4:23). It is from the heart that all actions (Mark 7:21) and words (Matt.12:34) flow. God could have created man to serve Him without any choice on man’s part. However, He wanted our hearts, not praise and devotion from automatons. God has always known that if He captures our hearts, then He has our affections, our devotion, our praise and adoration, our service, our all. His will is aimed at our hearts, which we must obey from the heart (Rom.6:17) and hide it away therein that we might not sin against Him (Psa.119:11). The devil is busy trying to capture our hearts as well. He will make every effort to remove God’s word from the heart so that it does not take root (Luke 8:12). Satan is not concerned with having all of our heart; he simply wants us to divide our allegiances among many things. God demands the whole heart (Psa.119:2, 10, 34, 8, 69). He must reign supreme in our lives (Matt.6:33). To put God in any other place is to reject His rule over us (1 Sam.8:7). Though we sometimes want to believe otherwise, it is not possible to divide our allegiance between God and the things of this world (Matt.6:24). When the world infiltrates the heart, God is pushed out of His rightful and wanted place in our lives. He will not accept half-hearted service (Rev.3:15-16).

Our loving God came to earth in the form of the Son to seek after the hearts of men. Has He captured your heart? Are you seeking the heart of the Father as did David? Be a man/woman after God’s own heart, knowing that He is a God who is seeking after your heart!