

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****APR 17, 2011 SICK****LIST:****HEALTHCARE CENTERS:**

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Alexander, Cindy Ruddard, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Joe Windham, Vera  
Burke, Elmer Williams, Sandra Myers, Debra Webb, Sharon Lawson, Esther  
Sutton, Robin Harrison, Bill Hawkins, Bob Daniels, April KinneyAM - BEN WRIGHT - A KING GONE BADPM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**GOSPEL MEETING AT DOVERTOWN APR 17-19****READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- 2 KINGS 4-5; MON- 6-8; TUES- 9-11; WED-12-14;**  
**THURS- 15-17; FRI- 18-19; SAT- 20-22; SUN- 23-25****BIRTHDAYS:**

Apr 18: Jincy Wright

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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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**A KING GONE BAD**

(1 Kings 12:25-33)

- I. Jeroboam changed the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship (vs. 28).**
- A. Jeroboam decided that instead of worshipping the true God of Israel, the One who gave Jeroboam his \_\_\_\_\_, he would introduce new gods to the people.
  - B. Jeroboam gave to the idols the \_\_\_\_\_ that belonged to God.
  - C. God is glorified in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 3:21).
  - D. When we put something other than God as the aim of our worship, we sin and are \_\_\_\_\_ towards God.
- II. Jeroboam changed the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship (vs. 29-30).**
- A. Jeroboam felt it was not a good idea letting the people go to \_\_\_\_\_ to worship so he erected altars and idols at Bethel and Dan.
  - B. Today, God is to be glorified in the church (Ephesians 3:21) by true \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:24).
  - C. Sadly, many have replaced the place of worship, the \_\_\_\_\_, with many other things.
  - D. Jesus built one \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:18) and it is in the worship of that church that meets in various congregations that God is to be worshiped.
- III. Jeroboam changed the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship (vs. 31).**
- A. Jeroboam, to further break with the true worship of God, allowed anyone and everyone but \_\_\_\_\_ to be priests.
  - B. It was the Levites job to see to the \_\_\_\_\_ needs of the people.
  - C. In the Lord's church, all Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 1:6; 5:10).
  - D. It is \_\_\_\_\_ who are allowed to worship God because they are true worshipers.
    - 1. Others \_\_\_\_\_ other kinds of worship.
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ worship or \_\_\_\_\_ worship (Mark 7:7; Colossians 2:23).
- IV. Jeroboam changed the actions of worship (vs. 32-33).**
- A. Notice how the date of Jeroboam's feast was \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 33).
  - B. God tells us that He wants people to worship Him in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. With the proper aim of worship we can have the right heart because we are seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  - D. To worship God in truth means according to that which God has \_\_\_\_\_ - there is a proper way to worship God.
  - E. We have no authority to change the \_\_\_\_\_ of worship to God.
  - F. God is perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ of telling us how He desires for us to worship Him.
    - 1. God never commanded His people to do something and then \_\_\_\_\_ to tell them how He wanted that thing done.
    - 2. He has not failed in telling us how to \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

For the second time in recent months, I was approached by a denominational person about the “five-fold ministry.” I must admit that I was not familiar with the doctrine, but present-day apostles didn’t ring true because of what Peter said about apostles in Acts 1:21, 22. So, I did some research.

It seems the concept of a five-fold ministry comes from Ephesians 4:11 where Paul wrote about Jesus: “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers”. The idea is that God has restored, or is restoring, the offices of apostle and prophet in the church today. Paul goes on to explain why the offices named in verse four were given: “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” and he told how long they would last: “until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ep. 4:12, 13). Our antagonists would argue that the body of Christ (which they define as all denominations) is not built up to unity in the faith and has not attained the whole measure of the fullness of Christ, therefore, the offices of apostle and prophet must still be in effect, but they would be wrong.

The New Testament affirms that “the faith” has been completed. By the time Paul wrote the letter to the Colossian church, it had been “proclaimed in all creation under heaven” (Co. 1:23). When Timothy was preaching in Ephesus, some had “wandered away from the faith” (1 Tim. 6:10) and others had “swerved from the faith” (1 Tim. 6:21). The “five-fold ministry” is based, in part, on an assumption that “the unity of the faith” has not yet come.” Since that is a false assumption, the doctrine is false. Indeed, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). Since then, nothing more is needed for “the unity of the faith.” Paul asked the Thessalonians to pray for him “that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored” as it had been among the Thessalonians (2 Thes. 3:1). He also asked to be delivered from wicked and evil men because “not all have the faith” (2 Thes. 3:2; the article is in the original Greek). Not all know and/or accept the faith today, 2,000 years later, nor will they ever. Jesus said that most will enter the gate that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13).

For further consideration, the Holy Spirit said to the members of the church of Christ in Ephesus, “(You are) members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone” (Eph. 2:19, 20). We are not still building that foundation of apostles and prophets. It has already been built. Instead of building the foundation, we are building *on* the foundation.

Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers (Eph. 4:11) were some of the “gifted” people of the first century church (cf. Eph. 4:7, 8). They served to “build up” the body before the word of God was in a written form that could be sent around the globe. Those offices endowed with spiritual gifts were manifested by the miraculous deeds the men performed. For example, when Paul was defending his apostleship to the Corinthians who had been swayed by the errors of the “super-postles,” he said, “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works” (2 Cor. 12:12). Do today’s so-called, “apostles” of the “five-fold ministry” have some new revelation that is not found in the sixty-six books of The Holy Bible? Then let them proclaim it and confirm it by signs, wonders, and mighty works.

Because I believe God’s written word, I will be skeptical.