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W - BEN WRIGHT - "GOD'S BELOVED MAN"

W SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

OUR SINGING SCHOOL WILL BE SEPTEMBER 18-21

WOSPEL MEETING AT SIXTH AVENUE, SEP 25-28

WOSPEL MEETING AT EAST WALKER, OCT 2-5

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- DANIEL 6-7; MON- 8-10; TUES- 11-12; WED- IOSEA 1-5; THUR- 6-10; FRI- DANIEL 11-14; SAT-JOEL 1-3; SUN- AMOS 1-3

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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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GOD'S BELOVED MAN

Daniel _____ to follow God (1:8).

- A. Daniel was one of a group of young men taken from Jerusalem who were made eunuchs and then taught by the best teachers _____ had to offer.
- B. This group of young men were placed on a diet that included food that was _____ according to the Mosaic Law.
 - 1. As it appears, most of the Jewish men did not have a _____ with the diet.
 - 2. However, we read that Daniel _____ in his heart to not be defiled by the unclean food.
- C. This could not have been something Daniel decided to do on the _____ of the moment.

I. Daniel _____ for God's guidance (2:14-18).

- A. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream one night and wanted to know what it meant because it _____ him greatly.
- B. Daniel went and asked for _____ to learn the dream.
- C. The very first thing Daniel did was get together his friends and ask them to _____ with and for him so their lives would be spared.
- D. In a dangerous circumstance, Daniel _____ to God in prayer.
- E. Christians need to learn to _____ on God in prayer.

II. Daniel _____ God for His power (2:26-28).

- A. Nebuchadnezzar asked Daniel if he was able to tell him the dream and the _____.
- B. _____ God, Daniel could not have done it.
- C. Daniel gave God all the praise and glory for having the power to _____ the information to Daniel.

V. Daniel _____ God's message (ch. 4-5).

- A. Daniel never shunned from telling the king's he _____ what God's message to them was.
- B. No matter the _____, Daniel just preached God's message.

7. Daniel _____ God with his life (6:22).

- A. Daniel was an older man, probably close to 70 years old if not older when the _____ of chapter 6 took place.
 - 1. There were those _____ of his power and position.
 - 2. They got the king, now King Darius the Mede, to pass a law that no prayers were to be offered _____ to him.
- B. We know God saved Daniel but notice _____.
 - 1. Verse 22 - Daniel was _____ of any wrongdoing.
- C. Daniel lived in such a way that God saw him as _____.

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS THIS?

Johnny Ramsey

When we survey various churches in the first century we find challenges and disappointments among the brethren. Perhaps, these matters can help us to improve, correct and serve better in the kingdom of God's dear Son!

The church in JERUSALEM was genuinely benevolent as depicted in Acts 6. Daily they provided care for the widows in their midst. Christians had to help one another, because the Roman Empire would not assist those who refused to worship the emperor. The Jewish nation rejected the Messiah whom children of God honored. The church at Jerusalem set a high standard by caring for their own needy saints. Are we gracious in this area today? It is amazing how unconcerned and non-gracious some members of the church are today. They remind me of the old prayer which one man offered: Bless me and my wife, Joe and his wife, Just us four, no more. Amen!

The church in ANTIOCH was exceptional in evangelism (Acts 13). The tours of evangelistic endeavor which proceeded from that landmark congregation set a high standard. With compassion for the lost, they had a vision for redeeming sinful men. Across the ancient world, they emblazoned the message of salvation. Few churches have gotten close to their quality of zeal and passion. They believed that the door to happiness swings outward so they "went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:4) to a dying world. Sadly, so many of us are God's silent partners who forsake the challenge of the great commission. Don't forget: "Some people are like blisters: they never show up until the work is done."

The church at LAODICEA made the Lord sick (Rev. 3). They were self-reliant and ego-centered. They thought they had need of nothing. Pompous and proud were they, but essentially they were poor, blind, miserable and wretched, so Jesus rebuked them. Much like some today in a fancy cathedral - where souls are never saved - they just bask in the social acceptance of the community while they break the heart of God! We ought to consider seriously this question: "How much would we be worth if we lost our money?"

The COLOSSIAN church was dedicated and Christ centered. The Lord was in them completely (Col. 1:27; 2:10). The epistle addressed to these brethren overflows with spiritual depth and growth. Their hearts were knit together in love, faith and devotion (Col. 2:2-7). This is the kind of church that we need to emulate.

The church in PHILADELPHIA was small in size, but powerful in pursuit of truth. As a result, the Lord opened doors for them to do even more. We are never asked to do more than we are capable of doing, but God commands that we never sit idle and complain over the problems around us. When we do the best we can with what we have, then heaven is pleased.

The church in THYATIRA tolerated sin and would not purge evil out of its midst (Rev. 2:18-24). Sounds like a lot of brethren I know today, who absolutely refuse to practice church discipline. Elders need to genuinely shepherd the flock of God (Acts 20:28-32) and not allow diseased and stubborn sheep to endanger the whole herd. SMYRNA was faithful while persecution hovered over the church (Rev. 2:10), but SARDIS was dead and indifferent due to their worldliness which would cause their names to be removed from the Lamb's book of life.

The crowning joy of Paul's evangelism centered in PHILIPPI and THESSALONICA. Those two churches spread the gospel, loved one another and gave generously to the cause of Christ. What a combination! When we reflect upon New Testament churches, we think of the BEREANS who "examined the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11) due to their ardent zeal for divine mandates. The brethren in EPHESUS exposed error and were praised by the Lord Jesus Christ for such alert action (Rev. 2:2).

"What kind of church is this?" should be asked by every member, in view of eternity.