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AM - ASHLEY KIZER

PM - ASHLEY KIZER

**WE WILL BE HAVING A MEAL AFTER SERVICES SO PLEASE PLAN TO STAY AND EAT WITH US.**

**WE WILL MEET EACH NIGHT AT 7 PM AND HAVE A MEAL MON-WED NIGHTS AT 5:30**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT BLACKWATER THIS WEEK WILL HAVE A SERVICE TODAY AT 1:30 AND SERVICES MON-THUR AT 10:30 AM**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Aug 7: Eli Phillips & Shanna Robbins

8: Paige Hall & Chuck Windham

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Aug 10: Rick & Cindy Pope

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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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**APPLYING THE GREATEST COMMAND**

## **Dan Jenkins**

What words would you use to sum up the law of Moses? If your answer dealt with sacrifices and commandments, your understanding has been influenced more by the Jewish leaders of the first century than by how God intended for it to be. Jesus showed the true nature of the law when He said, “On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (Matt. 22:40). We know these two greatest commandments but sometimes fail to see their application to the nature of the Old Testament.

Take time to look at the opening words of the greatest commandment, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart . . .” (Matt. 22:37). The greatest commandment begins with having the Lord first, not just in our minds, but in our hearts! God wants our devotion to Him to begin with total devotion originating in giving our whole heart to Him.

We should pray with our whole heart. David said, “I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to your word” (Psa. 119:58). He looked back at the past and his prayer life involved his entire heart when he prayed. In this same psalm, he looked at the present. “I cry out with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord! I will keep your statutes” (Psa. 119:145). There is a great difference between saying a prayer and praying with our whole heart. The next time someone says, “Let’s bow our heads as we pray,” make sure that your whole heart is involved in this prayer. This is part of the greatest commandment!

We should sing with our whole heart. The heart of David involved his whole heart when he sang God’s praises. “I will praise You with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to You” (Psa. 138:1). It involved his whole heart when he assembled to worship with others. “Praise the Lord! I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation” (Psa. 111:1). There is a marked difference between singing and singing with all our heart. The next time someone says, “Let’s sing,” make sure that your response involves your whole heart in the song. This is part of the greatest commandment!

We should teach others with our whole heart. Look again at the words of David. “I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works” (Psa. 9:1). Jesus’ words, “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks,” show why David’s heart had to teach others. There is nothing more detrimental to the faith of those being taught than a teacher whose whole heart is not involved in his teaching. This is part of the greatest commandment!

**Can the Saved be Lost?**  
**Robert Notgrass**

Many believe and teach that once an individual is saved he cannot be lost. However, the Scriptures clearly teach that a child of God can forfeit his salvation and be eternally lost. Many passages speak of the conditional nature of our future salvation. The apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Corinth of the gospel by which they were saved “if ” they held fast to the word which was preached to them (1Cor. 15:2). The word “if” places a condition on salvation for the child of God. To the children of God in Galatia Paul wrote, “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Gal. 6:9). The word “if” here implies if we as children of God do lose heart we will not reap the reward. The writer of Hebrews declared we are of Christ’s household “if we hold fast our confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end” (Heb. 3:6). Why do the Scriptures make these conditional statements about salvation if once we are saved we cannot be lost?

The Scriptures point out the conditional nature of our future salvation by giving solemn warnings against apostasy (falling away as to be lost). The apostle Paul in warning the Corinthians against apostasy realized he too could fall away and be lost. He said “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.” (1Cor. 9:27). Certainly, if there was a possibility for the apostle Paul to be rejected, then we too could be. Right after that statement he used the example of the Israelites who fell from God’s favor by their disobedience and were not permitted to enter the promised land. Paul’s conclusion was, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (1Cor. 10:12). The Hebrew writer declared, “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being let us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it” (Heb. 4:1). These are solemn warnings against falling away and being lost. Therefore, why give the warnings if once one is saved he is always saved?

The Scriptures also speak of examples of those who did fall away. Among some who became Christians at the preaching of Philip was a man by the name of Simon. When he later became covetous of the apostles’ power, Peter told him, “Thy money perish with thee...for thy heart is not right in the sight of God...I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity” (Acts 8:12-24). Paul wrote to some who had at one time been faithful, but now had turned back to Judaism. He said “Christ is become of no effect unto you . . . ye are fallen from grace.” (Gal. 5:4)

These are but a few of the many passages where the Scriptures plainly teach that salvation is conditional based upon our faithful obedience. Only if we are faithful unto death will we receive a crown of life (Rev. 2:10).