September 8, 2019

Sundays 9:00 am                                                                     WKYT     Channel 27-2

***It is requested that all children under the age of five stay in our nursery***

***so there will be no distractions during the preaching of the Gospel.***

HYMN

Though troubles assail, and dangers affright

Though friends should all fail, and foes all unite

‘Tis one thing secures us whatever betide

His promise assures us, THE LORD WILL PROVIDE!

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed

From them let us learn to trust for our bread

His saints what is needed shall ne’er be denied

So long as ‘tis written, THE LORD WILL PROVIDE!

His call we obey like Abram of old

We know not the way, but faith makes us bold

For though we are strangers, we have a sure guide

And know in all dangers, THE LORD WILL PROVIDE!

No strength of our own, nor goodness we claim

Our trust is all cast on His precious Name

In this our strong refuge for safety we hide

The Lord is our refuge, THE LORD WILL PROVIDE!

When life is most o’er and death is in view

The Word of His grace will see us safe through

Not fearing nor doubting, with Christ on our side

We hope to die shouting, THE LORD WILL PROVIDE!

(Tune: “O Worship the King” p.1)

We extend our sympathy to Dwayne Imes and his family on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to Don and Maggie Martin on the birth of their son, Boone.

Birthdays

8th- Jimmie Ray Bailey                    9th– Todd Nibert                    14th– Don Stephens

*“The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom: and before honour is humility.”*                  *- Proverbs 15:33*

The Scriptures speak much of things that take place before the foundation of the world.  All there was was the Triune God in His is-ness. *Hebrews 4:3*says, *“The works were finished from the foundation of the world.”*That includes all the works of creation, providence, and salvation. In eternity there was no chronological sequence of events.  They are all in the present in the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.  But logically, one event preceded them all.  *“The lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*Election and everything else was for this.  Jesus Christ and Him crucified is the whole counsel of God!

*“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not once be named among you, as becometh  saints.”*

Salvation is altogether by grace. The believer is complete in Christ.  The believer still has the evil Adamic nature he was born with. And sin is never to be accepted. *“Let it not once be named among you.” “These things write I unto you that you sin not.”*But thank God for the rest of the verse… *“And if any man sin*(and we will)*, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*He is no crooked lawyer. His is the Righteous One who has made the way for God to be just and actually justify the ungodly.

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WEAKNESS AND ACCOUNTIBILITY

Aaron is called in *Psalm 106:16, “The saint of the Lord.”*Without question he was a believer.  But he was a weak man.  When the children of Israel told him to make them gods which would go before them, Aaron complied and became the chief participant in this great sin *(Ex. 32:1-5)*.  Moses said to Aaron, *“What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them” (Ex. 32:22).*Aaron refused to take responsibility…he said that the people were set on mischief, so they gave me gold, *“And there came out this calf” (Ex. 32:24).*He was the one who fashioned the golden calf with a graving tool *(Ex. 32:2-4)*.  Yet he would not admit responsibility!

If I blame someone or something else for my wrong behavior, my weakness in not the problem. It is someone or something else’s fault. But when I see it is my fault, because of my sinful weakness, I will cry to the Lord for strength, and He will help me. That is what Paul meant when he said, *“When I am weak, then am I strong” (II Cor. 12:10).*Wherever you find a person who refuses accountability and personal responsibility, you will find a person who remains a weakling.  When somebody sees their sinful weakness is the problem, they will cry to the Lord for strength.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

How blessed it would be for us, and for all who cross our paths, if we could put our theology into deeds and not mere words.  We profess to believe in God’s immutable sovereignty and then constantly mourn over our lot in life.  We claim to believe in God’s purpose and providence, but fill every ear that will listen with our discontent and our sad state of affairs. Usually those who do the most complaining have, in reality, the least to complain about; while those who have serious handicaps, heavy burdens, and deep sorrows find a reason to praise the Lord and rejoice in His blessings.  I need not remind you of God’s anger with Israel because of their murmuring, or to remind you of the words of our Lord, *“Take no anxious thought for what you shall eat, drink, or wear”*or to remind you of the words of Paul, *“Let your conversation be without covetousness, and be content with such things as ye have.”* No! I need not remind you of these words; for you have read them, taught them, and perhaps preached them.  Then our problem is not ignorance of the Word and will of God (perhaps it would be better if this were our problem); our problem is identified in *Hebrews 4:2, “The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”*It is a heart problem, for out of the heart the mouth speaks. And truthfully, our complaints are not with men, who are but second causes, but with God WHOM WE SAY is the first Cause and Lord of our lives.  I can understand the free-willer (whose God is but a puppet of man’s permission) complaining, murmuring, and finding fault with all about Him.  But the most inconsistent person living is the professed Christian who says he believes, “*The Most High rules in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever He will*” or “*In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you*”, and then fills the air about with a constant stream of complaints and reasons why he should be somewhere else or doing something else, or blessed in a more abundant measure.  A certain cure for anxious care is TRUST. *“Thou He slay me, yet will I trust Him!”*

*- Pastor Henry Mahan*

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Many times over the years I have heard of preachers and churches which seek to make the Bible relevant for today. The Bible is the Word of God!  When men attempt to make the Bible relevant for today, it is neither more nor less than not really believing it is the Word of God.  It is a watering down of the message of the Bible. When a man attempts to make the Holy Scriptures relevant, that man becomes irrelevant.  God will not use that man’s attempt to make the Gospel more palatable to the flesh. That man manifests himself to be very ignorant and very arrogant.  The job of the preacher is to preach the Word!  Not attempt to make it relevant.