

From The Minister's Pen



Have You Grown Weary of God?

Micah 6:2-3 reads:

Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

In these verses, the faithful prophet of God delivers a message to the children of Israel. God, through the prophet, reminds them of all that He had done for them. God tells them that it was He who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, and that He had fed, protected, guided, and loved them all of those years. He told them that He had shown them what is good, and all that He had required of them was that they "do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (6:8).

Regardless of all that God had done for the people, they stopped following Him and chose instead to follow the gods of the heathens around them. They had taken on the name of Baal and Balaam and were not willing to do as the one true God required of them. They had become like their forefathers before them: "What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?" (Jer. 2:5).

Because the people were no longer following Him, God asks through the prophet: "What have I done? What has caused you to get tired of me? Tell me what have I done? What is the reason that you no longer follow me?" Because they had grown weary of God and were no longer following Him, they were going to face some serious consequences (Mic. 6:13-16).

As Christians, it is of great value to take a personal and introspective look at ourselves. Have we become like the children of Israel and grown weary, of God? If we truthfully examine ourselves, we may see, in general a people who act as if indeed we have grown weary of God. Examine some areas in our lives that may indicate our weariness of God the Father.

Have You Grown Weary of His Word?

The Word of God was given to man by the inspiration of God. We are to use it for doctrine, for reproof, correction, and instruction, so we might be a complete man of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Word is to bring us to knowledge of the Lord. It will help us grow, and it will produce a saving faith (Rom. 10:17). It will also be by this Word that we will be judged in the last day. However, so many have grown weary of God's Word. They no longer study the Word

(2 Tim. 2:15); they no longer search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11). In fact, they have grown so weary of the Word that they no longer teach it to their children (Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4).

Why have so many grown weary of God's Word? Is it because you no longer believe that it is the inspired Word of God? Do you believe that it is no longer applicable to us today? Do you think it is incomplete and needs something added to it? Just why have you grown weary of the Word? Those who have grown weary must return to feeling about God's Word as the people did in Nehemiah 8:1-12. They desired the prophet to read the Word, they were attentive to the reading, they respected the reading of the Word, they understood the Word as read, they wept at the reading of the Word, and they went and did according to the Word.

Have You Grown Weary of His Worship?

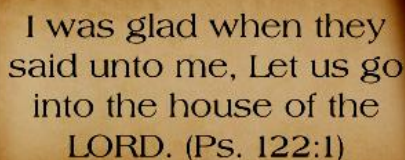
When David penned the words: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1), it is obvious that he was glad to be able to assemble to worship the God that he loved and served. He did not hesitate to pay homage to Him. However, today many members of the Lord's body have grown weary of worship. Paul recognized and addressed this problem even starting in the first century: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25). God expects those that claim to be His to worship Him. That worship must be in a specific way (John 4:24), at a specific time (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1), and it must contain all of the specified elements (**singing**—Eph. 5:19, **preaching/teaching**—Acts 20:7, **Lord's Supper**—1 Cor. 11:23-29, **giving**—1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7, and **praying**—Acts 2:42). There are times when some members of the body of Christ will make excuses to stay home, or, if they attend, they will not take an active part in the

worship. There even are some who even try to change the elements of the worship. All of these factors are indications that many have grown tired of God's worship. Man must treat worship to God as important as life and death—because it is. If we persist in being weary of God's worship, we will die a spiritual death in this life and face the second death in the life to come.

Have You Grown Weary of His Works?

James has given the results of faith without works? He let us all know that it is a dead faith, "being alone." Christ instructed us to let our light "so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). We must work the works of the Father to be pleasing to Him. The work that we must be busy doing in service to God is **teaching the lost** (28:19-20), **edifying the brethren** (1 Thess. 5:11), and **helping the needy** (Gal. 6:10). These—especially saving the lost—are what God expects of us, yet some in the church today have gotten away from the works and yearn entertainment. Is it because we have grown weary of working for the Master?

Friends and brethren, has God done any-thing to make you weary of Him? Every honest man and woman should be able to see the blessings given us by God, and He requires so little from us in return except: "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Mic. 6:8). Brethren, "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).



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Church News and Views

WELCOME VISITORS We Encourage You To...

- Study the Bible by enrolling in our free Bible Correspondence Course. Study in the privacy of your home and at your own speed; ask any Bible question at any time. Check the appropriate box on your visitor's card.
- Allow us to come to your home and study God's Word with you. This service is also free of any charge or obligation.
- Visit our website for information about the church of Christ and to hear gospel sermons.
- Worship with us again **soon**—and **often**.

Visitors who are not members of the Church of Christ may obtain a free CD of today's sermon.
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Passing The Love Test



And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (Deut. 6:5)

This Wednesday
7:30PM

sermon videos

View many of Dr. Washington's sermons on our church's website. Identify sermon titles that may be of interest to your family and friends and let them know that they can see and hear these sermons online. This is one more way that you can share the gospel of Christ with people you know.

EGG HUNT!



The Egg Hunt announcement last Sunday was a mis-announcement. There will NOT be an Egg Hunt this year (**as there was not one last year**). We apologize for the mis-announcement. Please stay tuned for all up-coming activities for our young people. We continue to encourage all our young people to attend **CYU** on each Wednesday night and **CYU** on each first and third Saturday.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kristin Dicks
Phillip Everett
Jonathan Malone
Raymond Sands
(Baptized: March 13, 2016)

THIS WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Bible Study (5:00PM)..... TODAY
Sick Ministry (7:00PM)..... Mar.21
Midweek Bible Class (7:30PM) Mar.23

Sundays @ 9:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What Will Sunday School Do For You and Your Child?

Sunday School offers you and your child an education founded on biblical truth so that you can grow into the image of Christ, understand and articulate a Christ-centered worldview and develop a passion to serve the Lord's church for the sake of the world.

Why miss such a great opportunity?

How To Be A Happier Person

Believe and Obey God's Word,
Trust in God's timing,
Rely on God's promises,
Wait for God's answers,
Rejoice in God's goodness,
Relax in Gods presence.



Pray One For Another

- James 5:16 -

"Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick"
(John 11:3)

Shut-In:

Charles Davis, Camille Ewers, Paul Frances, Martha Moore, Ermine Mullins, Joyce Parrish, Marion Williams, Lillie Jackson

Prayer Requests:

Bobby Ace, Ethel Bess, Laura Blidge, Louise Bowman, Richard Brazil, Raf Campbell, Charlie Crawford, Arnetta Cross, Ron Cullingford, Sydnee Crow, Brooklyn Delancy, Aletha Denmark, Felisha Downer, Donna Eacho, Sharon Eason, Nelzene Edwards, Loerine Ellis, Bessie Everitt, Hanley Freeman, Dudley Hill, Arbie Humphrey, Lois Hutchison, Jacquelyn Irvin, Veanna Irvin, Willie Jewel Jacobs, Becky Johnson, Gloria Johnson, Annie Lee, Kevin Larkins, Nancy Logan, Suzanna Middleton, George & Sharon Monroe, Willie Mae Morris, Jennifer Neita, Jimmy Newson, Rosie Newson, Dianjalo Parrish, Johnny Richardson, Shay Roache, Akiko Robinson, Shirley Seays, Richard & Jean Sherman, Maxine Smith, Frances Smoot, Yvonne Stokes, Linda Stokes, Brandi Stroman, Alexander (Joe) Sutton, Ernest & Mae Thomas, Samantha Tobias, Rolinne Trompe, Roosevelt Tukes, Lewis & Jean Truttling, Johnnie P. Walker, Johnny Walker, Lillie Walker, Lucille Walker, Michael Ward, Ray Watson, Joshua Webb, Marie Webb, Annie Williams, Betty Williams, Charles Williams, Jackie Williams

“We Come Into This House To Worship Him”

(John 4:24)

MONTH OF MARCH

MORNING

EVENING

Announcements

Reginald Johnson

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Song Leaders

Xavier Snell

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Prayer

Willie Hamilton

Henry Brown, Sr.

Scripture (Reading)

Raymond Thompson

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Song

Sermons

Dr. W. F. Washington

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Call To Obedience

Counselors: K. Hutchison / J. West
C. Jean / W. Hamilton

Confessions /Prayer Petitions

Keith Hutchison (Officiating)

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Offering (1 Cor. 16:1,2)

AM —Officiating: Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson

Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7)

(1) Left, J. Franklin

(2) Left, J. Thomas

(3) Left, T. Harris

(4) Left, E. Holcombe

(1) Right, B. Byrd

(2) Right, L. Frazier

(3) Right, C. Jean

(4) Right, D. Edwards

Alternate: G. Barbee

PM —Officiating: Keith Hutchison / Raymond Thompson

E. Thompson M. Hughes J. Franklin

E. Holcombe C. Jean T. Harris

Alternates: D. Stokes; J. Thomas

Ministerial Announcements

Doxology

Dr. W. F. Washington

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Dismissal

Reginald Johnson

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Worship and Praise Leaders

Keith Hutchison, Reginald Johnson

Ushers

Head Ushers: Tony Hugley, Booker Bess

Auditorium: Bros. T. Hugley, B. Bess, F. Williams, D. Adams,

E. Thompson, R. Johnson, J. Outler, M. Jeanty,

D. Gray, S. Wilson, D. Freeman, R. Rouse, C. Rouse

Lobby: I. Johnson, H. Penn

Back Hall: D. Brooks, J. West

Hospitality Desk / Concierge

Alice George, Sharon Evans

