

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Do you despise the Word?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Hans and Danesa, they have had a rough week. Wayne and Cathy, Arnold, Abby, Terri Douthitt, Peggy Beebe needs our prayers. Pray for Herb and Jean Watson.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Cathy will be traveling for a month. Paul will be going to MO for a few days. The Kelly's will be traveling beginning November 21.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Family Events: There will be a breakfast and young men's training on November 23rd. The breakfast will be at the Mat-Su Family Restaurant and will begin at 8:00 AM. The training will be at the building following the breakfast. The breakfast is open to everyone. There will be a pot luck at the Murdock' on November 24th immediately following the morning service.

Women's Study: The next women's study will be Saturday November 30th at 1:00 PM at the Building

Evangelism: There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

Today's Scripture: "then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones," **2 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Behold, blessed is the one whom God reproves; therefore despise not the discipline of the Almighty." **Job 5:17 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 78/67: Our Record: 107
For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized.....	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Do You Despise The Word?

Do you despise the Word of God? Most of us will have a similar reaction, "What do you mean, of course I don't despise God's Word!" But let's consider things for a few minutes this morning. Jeremiah tells us "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" **Jeremiah 23:16-17 (ESV).**

In essence, Jeremiah is saying that those who stubbornly follow their own heart despise the Word of God.

The question is do you follow your own heart rather than subjugating it to the Word of God? If you do, you are despising the Word of God. When you are taught, or understand from your own study, that the Bible does not teach anywhere that a person is saved by a sinner's prayer, or by faith alone, yet you stubbornly hold to those erroneous doctrines, you are despising the Word of God. If you understand that a person must be baptized in order to have their sins removed (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16) and that the Bible clearly and without room for doubt or argument teaches that baptism saves a person (1 Peter 3:21), yet you continue to follow those teachers that deny this, you are despising God's Word. Those teachers who tell us everything is OK as long as we follow our heart, also despise the Word of God. If we have a teacher that constantly tells us what we want to hear, regardless of how well it matches the true Word of God, we are despising the Word of God. We were warned about this by Paul; "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;" **2 Timothy 4:3 (KJV).** We despise the word of God in this way because we refuse to believe the truth being presented, even though it was confirmed by wonders and signs. In **Numbers 14:11 (ESV)** Moses writes "And the LORD said to Moses, 'How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them?'" The apostles used signs and wonders to confirm that they were speaking for God as they taught. Paul writing in **2 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)** told us this "The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works." When we reject the teachings of Paul and the other Apostles as recorded in the New Testament, we despise the Word of God.

But there are other ways that we despise the Word of God. We not only despise God's Word by blindly holding on to false teachings when we learn the truth or when we ignore the signs and wonders done by the Apostles and a few others. We also despise the word when we try to ride the fence and not make a full and complete commitment to God. Jesus tells us this in **Luke 16:13 (ESV)** where He says "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the

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one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." If we are not fully committed to God, we will find ourselves eventually despising both Him and His Word as Satan continues to throw temptations into our lives.

We can also despise God and His word when we despise the messenger. Paul wrote about this to the Corinthians in **1 Corinthians 16:10-11 (KJV)** "Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do. Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren." Paul wanted the Corinthians to treat Timothy well so that he would not be afraid and therefore not be as effective as he should be when preaching the gospel. We can do this today, and sometimes we need to read Paul's admonition to the Corinthians. While we may not often make a preacher afraid, we can despise them by our actions. When we fail to pay attention during their lesson we demonstrate that we lack respect for both them and their message. Therefore we find ourselves despising the Word of God and its messenger. When we tell others that the preacher is not a good speaker, or that his sermons are not well written or that he speaks too loud or too soft without first telling the preacher we find ourselves gossiping and disrespecting both him and his messages. In doing this we show that we despise the Word of God.

Paul also tells us that we can despise the church. In **1 Corinthians 11:17-22 (NASB)** "But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it. For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you. Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you." We despise the church when we allow differences to divide us, or when we take the Lord's Supper in a manner that reduces or removes its meaning.

In thinking about the question, "Do you despise the Word of God?" each of us must consider the possibilities to insure that we do not find ourselves in that position. If we follow false teachers, if we ignore the signs and wonders that of the apostles and count their inspired writings as fables or myths, if we try to live a double life one for God and the other in the world, if we demonstrate disrespect for the ministers of the word, we are despising God and His word.