THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Steve and Abby are in Juneau.

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: "Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." **2 Kings 7:9 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "I will speak, that I may be refreshed: I will open my lips and answer." Job 32:20 (KJV)

Evening Sermon: "Almost Persuaded" Daniel Schramm

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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 Ne	wness of LifeRomans 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..."

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When We Do Not Do Well

After the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Apostles met him on a mountaintop and watched Him ascend into heaven. His last command to them was to go into all the world and teach people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. They were then to continue to teach the people they had baptized. The Apostles took this job with a vengeance, they began speaking preaching in the streets in Jerusalem. It didn't take long for the ruling class to decide that this was a threat to their positions. In Acts chapter 5 we are told that the Apostles are arrested put into prison. But God didn't leave them in prison long, that night an Angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison and allowed the Apostles to escape. The next morning the high priest called the Senate of Israel together and sent to the prison to have the Apostles brought before them. But the soldiers found a prison locked with the guards in place but the prisoner's gone. A while later the Chief Priest was told it's the prisoners were in the streets preaching the name of Jesus again. When the Apostles were brought before the Chief Priest and the Senate of Israel, they were asked why they were preaching in the name of Jesus Christ again and reminded that they were instructed not to preach in his name. Luke records this for us in Acts 5:28-30 (KJV) "Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree." This is an interesting statement since just a few weeks earlier at the trial of Jesus the Jews had told Pilate to let his blood be on them and their children.

The primary point in this part of Acts is that the Apostles did well. They did what Jesus told him to do. They were in the streets of Jerusalem teaching and preaching Salvation in his name. The question that we have to look at today Is are we doing well. Are we willing to speak up when presented with questions about our faith and believe in Jesus Christ as our only savior. Or, are we more willing to remain quiet and not say anything. In second Kings chapter 7, we are told the story of how the Syrians had attacked Israel. The people in Jerusalem became so poor that they were eating their horses, their donkeys, and even their own children in order stay alive. The King of Israel blamed Elisha for this famine. But this famine was to break soon. For leprous men went to the camp of the Syrians and they found it empty. They debated whether or not to tell the King and finally decided that they were not doing well for not allowing this news to be known to Israel. So, the question that we need to ask ourselves today is are we doing well or not when we keep the gospel Jesus Christ ourselves

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and don't spread it? When we know that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and through him is the only way for Salvation of mankind, and we see people that are lost and don't tell them about Jesus Christ are we doing well or not doing well? By not spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ io those who are lost we would be doing the same thing those leprous men would have done had they kept the news of the empty Syrian camp to themselves. Their relatives were back in Jerusalem starving the point of cannibalism and they had the news that could relieve their suffering. Today we have the same opportunity. We have the news about a savior that came from heaven, died on a Roman cross, was resurrected, ascended back to heaven to bring us Salvation. Today we have opportunity to prevent people from going to hell and suffering for eternity by simply preaching to them Jesus His death on the cross and His resurrection.

But too often we say this is someone else's job, someone else can do this better than I can, and we use a whole list of other excuses for not preaching Jesus to a lost world. It's when we do this that we do not well. Jesus told his disciples that the fields were white for harvest but the workers were few.

We have two choices today, one is to do well and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, the other is not to do well and keep it to ourselves. The problem that we face is that by keeping it to ourselves we're not obeying Jesus Christ and because of this we put ourselves at risk of being lost as well. We're like those four leprous men that stumbled onto a camp that was

James 2:8 (KJV) If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

empty and held all the things that they longed for. There was gold and silver and more food than they could imagine ever eating in their lives and they had a choice. Would tell the King and share it with Israel and allow others to live or would they keep it to themselves letting those they knew and loved die a horrible death.

The gospel message of Jesus Christ is like that Syrian camp it contains all that we could ever imagine they will make us happy in our lives. And we can choose to share it are not, if we do share it our friends and relatives may believe and live eternally, if we don't share it they'll go to Hell and suffer eternally and we would be disobeying Jesus Christ. So, what is your choice today are you going to do well and share the message or are you not going to do well and keep it to yourselves?