

Schedule of Events

The men's meeting will begin immediately following morning worship today. All the men are encouraged to attend.

Daylight savings time begins March 13, 2022.

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

Are You Lax Towards God?

AM Sermon: Joe Murdock

Pray for / Alice Stone, Terry Campbell, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill, and Peggy

Traveling/Working / Tom and Deb, Reesa Campbell, Tina Crawford, Wyatt Couch, Steve, and Abby

Radio Programs / Listen to "Searching the scriptures," our weekly radioprogram on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV 1900)

Wisdom for Today "And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work." Ecclesiastes 3:16-17 (KJV 1900)

PM Sermon: Michael Couch

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Contact Information

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1



A Careless Christian?

By Bill Beebe

Have you ever met a person who had a careless attitude? Or what may be more of an issue, have you ever had to work with a person that demonstrated a carelessness toward their work and their relations with their coworkers? And worse yet, as a supervisor have you had a subordinate with a careless attitude? If you have had to deal with any of these situations, you will know that a careless person can cause a multitude of problems in the workplace and even in their personal relationships.

A person with a careless attitude will put the absolute minimum effort into their work project, and then will not check it for errors. Because of this, they usually leave the bulk of the work to their more careful coworkers who will work extra hours to make sure that the project is complete and accurate. A careless employee will not check to make sure that they have the material or tools necessary to complete the job at hand. When I was a young wildland firefighter, I noticed the difference between a careless employee and one who actually cared about their job. One was there only for the paycheck or insurance, the other actually cared about the environment and the security of others property. The careless employee, more often than not, would not have enough torch fuel to complete a burnout, or they would have dull tools, or they would take too much time getting to the fire. All of which made those of us who actually cared about our jobs have to work extra hard or longer hours than we would have had the careless employee actually paid more attention to their duties. In the worst case, it could even result in serious injuries or death.

While carelessness in the workplace can have major consequences, carelessness toward God and His word will have eternal consequences. A careless Christian is one who is likely to be lax in their study, lax in attendance, or even lax toward God Himself. Carelessness in study will be demonstrated in a person who is lax toward the truths taught so clearly in God's word. A person who only opens their bible on Sunday morning, if even that often, will not understand the value that the scriptures have in our daily living. They will not take time to dive into the wisdom books of the Old Testament, and even if they happen to do so they are not likely to really study to understand what the writer meant when he wrote; “Go to the ant, thou sluggard: Consider her ways, and be wise:” Proverbs 6:6 (KJV 1900) simply because the careless reader will often fail to even read the following verses that are critical to understanding verse 6. These verses teach us why we should look at the ant to be wise. Proverbs 6:7-11 (KJV 1900) “Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, And gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, And thy want as an armed man.” Nor will they recognize the beauty nor the meaning of great passages such as: Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (KJV 1900) “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them: ² While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: ³ In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, ⁴ And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; ⁵ Also when they shall be afraid of that which is

high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: ⁶ Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. ⁷ Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it”.

A careless person will also not understand the simple truths of salvation. They will not recognize the value of their own souls and therefore can not see the value of others souls. They will never study enough to understand that Jesus loved them enough to sacrifice Himself for them. Nor will they understand what true brotherly love means. James tells us in James 2:8-9 (KJV 1900) “If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.” Neither will the careless person be able to truly feel the peace that Paul taught in Philippians 4:7 (KJV 1900) where he wrote: “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”. Because their lax attitude toward God's word will likely cause them to stop there and not continue to read and understand how we can have that peace. Paul continues and tells us this; “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” Philippians 4:8-9 (KJV 1900)

And finally, a careless person will not study enough to understand what is acceptable worship. Because of this, they will search out groups who entertain themselves rather than worship in the pure and simple ways that God wants. Instead of following the instructions in Colossians 3:16 by singing with grace in our hearts, they will add instruments because that makes them feel better or enjoy the worship more. But a careful student of God's word, and one that is not lax concerning it, will understand that worship is not about us pleasing ourselves, but about us pleasing God by worshiping in the way that he wants us to. The person who is lax in worship will regard the admonition that the Hebrew writer gives when he writes “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Hebrews 10:25 (KJV 1900) as a suggestion and not as something we all should be serious about.

So considering these things, are you careless about God, His word, and the worship we give to him? If so, I urge you to consider one more thing written by the “Preacher” “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (KJV 1900)

How will you meet God on that day when He shall judge the world? As a careless Christian who put God in second place or worse in your life. Or as a true student of His word? The choice is entirely up to you.

