

Prayer List



as those facing persecution in Pakistan and certain parts of India.

- ◆ Pray for peace, pray for the bereaved, the persecuted, sick/suffering, civil leaders, military, 1st responders, sound Bible schools, the lost, enemies.

Of Our Number

- ◆ Janice Carnley—Shoal Creek
- ◆ Jennifer Derrick—improving
- ◆ Wilfred Derrick—health problems
- ◆ Jeff Mashburn—surgery recovery

Others in Need

- ◆ Shannon Burn—surgery recovery
- ◆ Danny Davis—back pain
- ◆ Louise Douglas—health problems
- ◆ Joyce Faulk—health problems
- ◆ Dawn Holloway—at home, IV meds
- ◆ Tony Jones—recent stroke and fall
- ◆ Mary Milsted—lung cancer
- ◆ Thomas Patterson—health issues
- ◆ Shane Price—cancer
- ◆ Shahid and others in Pakistan have been very sick, one sister in Christ passed away
- ◆ Larry Shappley—hospice care
- ◆ Melanie Skinner—cancer
- ◆ Storm victims in eastern USA, India, and Pakistan
- ◆ Pray for Christians overseas, such

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To Our Visitors



We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Events



November 3

Meal after AM Worship

November 10

Men's Meeting

November 27

4th Wednesday Singing

December 6

Faith and Fellowship

Privileged to Serve



Announcements: Glenn Howze
Song Leading: Sunday—Caleb Howze; Wednesday—David Howze
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Johnny Moss; Helpers: David Howze, Ethan Howze, Mark Howze
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Mark Howze
 Helper: Ezra Howze
Bible Reading: Braden Hilburn

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** weekly as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

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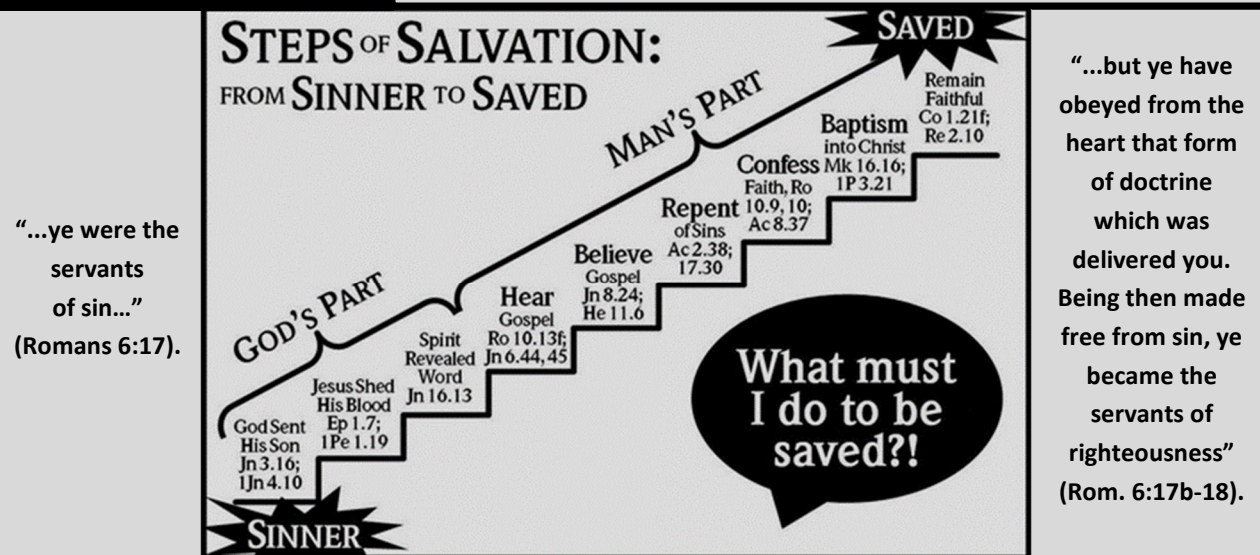
A Study of the Prophets

Tom Wacaster

It is unfortunate that many members of the Lord's church have missed the value of a good study of the prophets. I have observed in my own personal studies that even some of the pioneer preachers of the restoration era either neglected, or deemphasized the value of a study of the books of prophecy. Thankfully, the last thirty years or so there has been a resurgence of interest in a study of the prophets, and entire lecture series have been devoted to the subject. I have in my library at least six lecturership books that focus on a study of the prophets. So when it was decided by the elders that we would spend this summer studying the prophets I was excited about the prospect of such a study. As far back as I can remember, my mentors in the work of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ have challenged me to "preach like the prophets!" I made it a point in the early years of my preaching to concentrate on the style and substance of those prophets of old. My own preaching has been influenced by their fidelity to God's word, and their undaunted courage in addressing the sins of the nation of Israel while doing so with great patience and compassion for the people. The preaching of the prophets was balanced preaching. We need more of that today.

In 1993 the Brown Trail congregation conducted a lecture series titled, *The Spirit of the Prophets*. They produced a book which I have read multiple times, and from which I have drawn some rich material for writing and preaching. I want to draw on three points that brother Avon Malone made in his lesson, "The

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



"...ye were the servants of sin..." (Romans 6:17).

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

Spirit of Prophetic Preaching," and make some brief remarks relative to those points.

First, the prophets preached with **AUDACITY**. The Encarta Dictionary defines 'audacity' as "daring or willingness to challenge assumptions or conventions or tackle something difficult or dangerous." Does that not describe the preaching of the prophets? The prophets were not men pleasers. The Old Testament prophets disturbed their audiences with bold preaching so uncommon to the preaching of our day and age. It was not an audacity of self serving arrogance, but one that grew out of a complete abandonment of self and a full surrender to God.

Second, the prophets preached with **AWARENESS**. They were aware of the world around them, aware of the mission assigned them, and aware of the God Who commissioned them. They were aware of the sins of the people, the holiness of God, and message needed by the masses to turn them from sin back to the Father. They did not live in palaces, but neither did they hide themselves in monasteries. They loved the souls of men, though oft times that love was not apparent to those who heard their preaching. Like the prophets of old, we must preach the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). I like the way brother Malone put it: "We, like the prophets, need awareness of God, His greatness and glory, His holiness and His hatred of evil, His authority and the consequent authority of His word. In addition, we need the prophet's sensitivity to human need and nature. It may be that the hurting prophet is the one who can most help."

Finally, the prophets preached with **ACCURACY**. They may not have been successful by human standards, but there is no doubt that they fulfilled their commission to speak the word of God faithfully (Jer. 23:28). Jeremiah is just one example of the prophet who, even in the face of physical persecution, preached only, and all, of what God commissioned him to preach. When preachers preach as did the prophets, they will get results as did the prophets; either in the form of persecution, or repentance. My heart aches when I see once faithful preachers who have compromised the truth for personal gain. Carl Sandburg tells of the chameleon who got along very well adjusting to his environment until one day he had to cross a scotch plaid - and he died at the crossroads heroically trying to relate to everything at once! Brethren, our nations stands at a crossroads, and it is not the time for cowardly compromise in our preaching.

I'll close with the precise words brother Malone used to close his lecture: "May the spirit of prophetic preaching become our spirit; and may Paul's passion become our pattern; and may we be done with professional time-serving and superficial speech making. May our consciences cry out against the trivia and, worse still, the error and diluted half-truths which sometimes plague the pulpit.

***May we 'preach the word' - 'the word of the cross' to dying men
who have no other hope."***

10 Questions for Those Who Doubt God's Providence

By Jason Patrick Hilburn

Although we do not understand everything about God's providence (Esther 4:14; Rom. 11:33), faithful Christians should firmly believe in the non-miraculous providence of God today. We can ask our loving Heavenly Father for anything according to His will, and He hears and grants our requests (1 Pet. 3:12; 1 Jn. 5:14-15). Sometimes we do not know what God's will is (such as when we are deciding where to live or what job offer to accept), and we simply pray for wisdom and for God's will to be done (Mt. 6:10; 26:39-42; Jam. 1:5).

For Christians who doubt that God hears or answers our prayers, here are some questions to consider:

1. If God neither hears nor answers our prayers, how can we get forgiveness for sins after baptism? (Acts 8:12-13, 22-24; 1 Jn. 1:7-9).
2. If God is not doing anything for us today, why would we constantly be giving Him thanks for all things? (Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:17-18; Jam. 1:17).
3. If God is not doing anything for us today, why make any requests in prayer at all? (Php. 4:6; 1 Tim. 2).
4. If God is not answering prayers today, where is the peace and care He promised? (Mt. 6, 7; Php. 4:6, 7; 1 Pet. 5:7).
5. If I want what is best for my children, does not my Father want the same for me? (Mt. 7:11).
6. If God can create and uphold the universe, can He not take care of me? (Neh. 9:6; Heb. 1:3; Acts 17:28).
7. If God did not spare His own Son because of His love for me, will He not take care of me? (Rom. 8:32).
8. Where does the Bible say that prayers would become ineffective after the miraculous age?
9. If we believe in the God of the Bible because of all the evidences (prophecies, scientific foreknowledge, total accuracy, etc.), will we not believe what God says regarding prayer, such as what He said in James 5:16 or First John 5:14-15?
10. *"If God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"* (Mt. 6:30; cf. Psa. 104:21; 147:8-9). Are we like those with "little faith" in Matthew 6:30, and can we please God while lacking faith? (Heb. 11:6; Jam. 1:6-8).