

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day
"HAS GOD EVER GIVEN YOU A GUARANTEE?"



Our Lord's Day Plan...

Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

Write and let us know if you would like an invitation.

Bible Class - Nito

Hymn- Kerry

Opening Prayer - Paul

Hymn- Kerry

Lord's Supper - Jordan

Morning Lesson - Paul

Hymn - Kerry

Closing Prayer -Nito

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He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:5

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We are praying for you!

Bobby Glover, Rosemarie Johnson, Raymond Elliott, Sweeti Parichha, Path Star. and all our elderly members, Norma, Beverly, Judy, and Paul, Charles, and our friends and neighbors. Please Father in Heaven, some relief from these fires and the COVID-19, In Jesus name, Amen.

The wisdom of Solomon...

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? ...

Ecclesiastes 1(KJV)

Proverbs 22:8

*He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,
And the rod of his anger will fail.*

Hostility seems to be a hallmark of this church age in a similar way that road-rage is to the world. It is alright for us to be righteously indignant as long as we do not sin. There is a place for righteous indignation, but God does not permit much anger because it is difficult not to sin when angry. That kind of anger is a "mark of the beast."

Frequently, hostility is simply a denial of reality. People do not have tempers born in them; angry tempers begin to be created in childhood. Parents allow tempers to burst forth, and each time it happens, it becomes easier—and the next time and the next and on and on until it is ingrained in the personality.

Anger is nothing more than a passionate response to some sort of stimuli, and it is almost always a self-centered response. It usually begins when we believe that what should or should not have happened either did or did not, and conflict arises. We can believe, either strongly or weakly, it should or should not have happened. Therefore, anger can be either strong or weak or anywhere in between.

The reality is this: What happened happened. How will anger help the problem? Satan believes that it does because he wants to control, to win, to compete, to devour, to get the upper hand, to triumph. Do we really need the anger to drive us to manipulate or to punish? Why not just start working on a solution without the anger, knowing full well that the anger will likely create sin and cause additional damage to the relationship? In a way, it is all very logical, but our feelings get in the way.

Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." The first clause can be paraphrased, "There is a way that man thinks things should be." This is where conflict arises: Two people see things differently. The question is, then, who is to say that it should be the way we see it?

Things happen because laws are broken, and whatever we sow we reap. Sometimes we get caught in other peoples' ignorance and stupidity. This is a fact of everybody's life, even to God in the flesh. He got caught in the ignorance and stupidity of His fellow Israelites in Judea, and it cost Him His life—yet He did not get angry. What an example! What an example of control. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

How far did He go to make peace? To the death. Even when the other person was totally, absolutely, completely wrong, He did not go to war against him.

The problem with anger arises when we turn our feelings and drives to set things right, as we see them, into absolute necessities. We feel it must be our way, but the reality is that others have the same rights from God that we have. Everyone has free moral agency. Anger arises because of the way we judge things: We apply the standard that we hold as being the right one.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

September 13, 2020

[Jesus continued,] *"The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."* — Mark 12:31

Key Thought:

In the previous verses (Mark 12:29-30), Jesus says that the greatest commandment is for us to love God. Now he says that the second great commandment also deals with love. This time, however, Jesus focuses our attention on our love for other people. In giving these two commandments — love God and love our neighbor — Jesus has summed up the heart of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20), God's blueprint for morality. The first four commandments focus on honoring God. The remaining six focus on treating our neighbors fairly. However, Jesus takes these six a step farther and makes them simpler to remember. In addition to honoring God and treating others honorably, we are called to love them. Our motivation and passion, not just our behavior, are suddenly at issue. John even says that we don't really love God if we don't love others (1 John 4:20). God made us for relationship with him and with others. Our relationships are to all be marked by our love.

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Jesus replied, *"The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'"*
— Mark 12:29-30



'Madame Alfred Carriere'

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

Zoom Times...

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