

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

!Sermon for the Lord's Day
"Peter Was Grieved"



Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

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



- Bible Class** -Kerry
- Hymn**- Kerry
- Opening Prayer** -Nito
- Hymn**- Kerry
- Lord's Supper** - Jordan
- Morning Lesson** - Paul
- Hymn** - Kerry
- Closing Prayer** -Paul

Our Lord's Day Plan...

For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 33:4-5

We are praying for you!

- The Barry Family** -for the loss this past week of a family member.
- Rosemarie Johnson** -for improvement in the treatment of her health issues.
- The Alisal Congregation** - for our being able to once again meet in our building as a group.

We pray for all people to seek God and obey his commandments.

THE HONEYBEE AND THE BUZZARD

Raymond Elliott

Surely we all have some knowledge regarding this insect and this fowl. Both have been placed here on this earth for different purposes as designed by the Creator, God Almighty. While their functions are vital, they are radical in contrast. The buzzard is rather despised by the human family. We esteem this bird as being unsightly in appearance and undesirable because of its work, the devouring of dead carcasses. Yet, in the balance of nature, this scavenger has a rightful place in our environment. The honeybee, on the other hand, is well thought of and respected. While we dislike the sting of such a small insect, we do appreciate the delicious honey that it makes for us. The bee can be seen visiting the beautiful flowers and various blooms in the vegetative kingdom. No wonder the honey that this bee makes is so sweet.

Strangely enough, the buzzard and the honeybee remind us of the various attitudes and dispositions found in different people. First of all, some folk enjoy dwelling on the ungodly, the gossip, the hearsay, the ugly, the bad, the filthy, the hurtful, and the immoral. They seem to get their kicks over telling or hearing a good piece of juicy slander. And, the worse it stinks, the better they like it. This old world is filled with individuals who love filthiness. The Bible refers to people who "speak foolishness" and whose "heart will work iniquity" (Isaiah 32:6). Paul writes of the unrighteous in this manner, "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness" (Romans 3:13, 14). Their ultimate end is eternal perdition, for Jesus said in Matthew 12:36, 37, "But I say to you that every idle word men shall speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

We are grateful however that there are many Christians who love the good and the beautiful things of life. They think upon that which is pure, honest, just, true, lovely, and of good report (Philippians 4:8). They feed upon the word of God that is "Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalms 19:10). They know that "Pleasant words are like honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24). They "love life" and endeavor to "see good days"; therefore, they "refrain his tongue from evil" (I Peter 3:10).

The question therefore is, "To be or not to be". That is, are you soaring over dead carcasses and seeking the corrupt; or, are you feasting upon the beautiful and the good? Let us all 'be' (live) like the honeybee and not the buzzard!

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

Thought

Showing love is about sharing life with someone else. No one quite epitomizes this principle like Jesus! His sacrifice, however, is what saved us and brought us to our new life in Christ. Now God wants us to show his love to others by sharing it in ways that they can understand and appreciate.

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A Worthy Woman

Ron Thomas

“A worthy woman who can find? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband trusteth in her, And he shall have no lack of gain.” (Pro 31:10-11).

A worthy woman, similar to a worthy man, is not one with an outward appearance that is so attractive a man says, “I just have to have her!” This empty expression reflects poorly on the one who says it. A worthy woman is more than appearance, though she may give attention to how she appears to others. One’s appearance is not worth the price of fine jewels, but is only surface deep.

A worthy woman is one who has the love of God, first, in her heart. Following that, in marriage, she has the love of her husband within and has no other desire that to reflect his best interest. It is a mistake to think and say that if she does this, somehow she is not doing that which is beneficial to herself, only serving the interest of another. Is that so? Hardly! To serve another is to serve herself. The Lord’s apostle said to the Ephesians, “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God” (5:21). A spirit of deference goes a long way to creating a strong relationship, a strong marriage. Because her interest is the Lord and her husband’s, “She doeth him good and not evil all the days of her life” (31:12).

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Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. ...

Proverbs 31:10-31

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Zoom Times...

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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