

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"A Lesson From Daniel"



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles Barry will lead our Bible Class and Kerry Johnson will lead us in Song, Paul is with us to present the Lesson. may God bless their efforts!

Our Lord's Day Plan...

~ Happy Lord's Day ~

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:12

We are praying for you!

Gollapalli Sunil Raju - for the work he is doing to spread God's Word and help the poor.

Rosemarie Johnson - for healing of her back and nerve pain

George and Cindy Brown- for a positive outcome for George's Colon Cancer.

The Alisal Congregation - for all of us living more faithfully.

Welcome home to Annete and Charin Barry and Judy McCollum.

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

Wisdom is Obeying God

Doug Wells

Jonah heard the call of the Lord. "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me" (Jonah 1:2). Jonah, however, made an executive decision to ignore those clear instructions. By doing so he became one of the premier Biblical examples of what not to do. One storm and one large fish later we see how unwise it is to ignore the command of God, thinking we can outrun or outsmart Him. We can't. It's foolish to try.

Wisdom comes to a different conclusion regarding following the Word of the Lord. "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). We all have some decisions to make when we hear from God, which we do every time we open up His Word. Are God's commands meant to be a burden, or are they given out of love? I think God's character answers that one. Also, are we wiser than God, thinking that we can come up with a better way to go? That one is also not difficult if we just take a moment to think about it. And do we believe, by faith, that there is reward for those servants who obey the Lord's call? The Bible clearly says "yes." Do you believe it?

I encourage you to be wise. Have the vision to see where the road you're on leads. If the destination is a smelly fish stomach you are certainly on the wrong road. Wisdom knows better. Wisdom knows "his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world" (1 John 5:3-4). Can't you see that obeying God now is better than obeying Him later (or not at all)? Can't you see that setting aside your objections and your own agendas is the best thing for you? Trust and obey friends. There is no other wise way.

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If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

(James 1:5)

Responding When You Are Blessed

Doug Wells

How do you respond when you're blessed? Did you respond gratefully when someone said something nice to you, or did something for you? I hope so.

Picture a wife who spends two hours making a delicious meal for her husband because she wants to give him something special. The husband eats it without comment and then heads straight to the TV. Or picture God answering a prayer, as he did in the Bible when someone asked him for a longer life. But then 2 Chronicles 32:25 says that after this man's answered prayer his "heart was proud and he did not respond to the kindness shown him."

Why do we do that? Why do we ignore blessings? Maybe because we think we are owed these blessings. My wife should make me a two-hour dinner every night, my parents should give me expensive gifts for my birthday. God should keep me healthy and safe. I deserve it and that's their job.

Well, aren't you fun? No one is going to enjoy giving you anything if that's your attitude. I suggest a different approach when you're blessed: appreciate it. Be truly thankful. Otherwise your blessing can become a curse.

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How Often Do I Really Have to Go?

Bart Warren

In this unusual time of a pandemic due to the COVID virus, of course we seek to be compassionate, flexible, and understanding. We must do our best to take care of each other (Matt. 7:12; Phil. 2:4).

That being said, how much is "enough" when it comes to assembling with the saints? At a minimum, we come together on the Lord's Day and remember the body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 11:20, 33; 14:26). But is that enough?

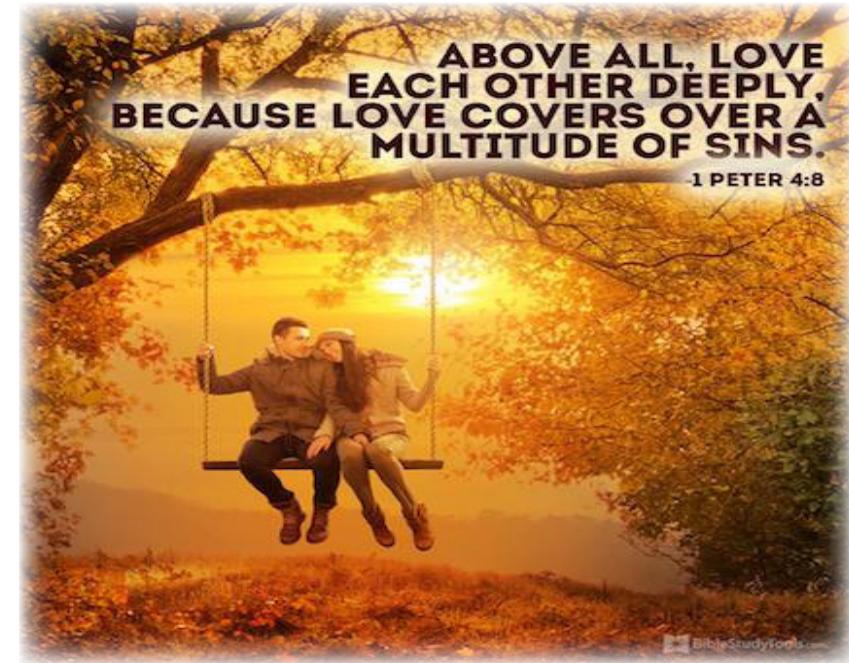
It will be "enough" when I love Jesus to the point that I put Him before all other people and things:

When I want to learn of Him more than I want to learn of other subjects.

When I want to praise the Lord more than I want to be entertained by TV shows.

When I want to be with the church more than I want to be with strangers on a field or in a gym.

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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