

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

## *Sermon for the Lord's Day*

### **“Fighting the Natural Order “**



**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** ~

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

*Genesis 1:27*

***We are praying for you!***

**George and Cindy Brown**- for George- Cancer operation went well. More news later. The tumor was removed and hopefully no chemo will be necessary.

**Rosemarie Johnson**- for increased doctors care for pain management.

**Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.**- for financial donations to help their work.

**All people outside the Body of Christ** - for them to hear of the saving power of Christ.

**The church worldwide** - for all of us adding to our faith, virtue.

***Mark your Calendar - Second Saturday Breakfast at Santa Cruz February 12***

### **A Blessing**

One day I paused to see the need  
Of a poor man beside the way  
And thought to divest myself of greed  
And help him just today.  
My mind kept saying, "He's no good,  
He brought it on himself."  
But my heart kept saying, "I really should  
Just do it for myself."  
I gave my hand to lift him up  
And brought him to his feet.  
What harm if we together sup,  
Then part upon the street?  
This was to be my day of days,  
And joy would fill my soul  
For when I met his level gaze,  
I saw our Lord's dear goal.  
I fed him well and clothed him, too.  
We talked 'til break of day.  
I knew not how much good 'twould do  
As we parted upon the way.  
But, oh, the joy that fills my heart,  
That sets my soul aflame;  
And gives my spirit a fresh, new start  
To extol His holy name.

James W. Watkins  
1926-2022

*Rest in Peace brother Watkins*

## Lessons Learned from Joshua

Bart Warren

The book of Joshua is so great. Not only is it “for our instruction...and...encouragement” (Romans 15:4), it is captivating!

Joshua tells us of war and intrigue, victories and losses, warnings and challenges, miraculous signs and wonders (huge fortified walls crashing down, a river drying up for people to cross, the sun standing still, etc.)—it has it all! The historical account alone is breathtaking and awe-inspiring. But the spiritual lessons are even greater!

*In Joshua we learn about how God...*

**Rescues Sinners.** Rahab would have been easy to overlook and leave behind. However, Joshua kept his promise and that sinner was saved (Josh. 6:22-23). The people of Gibeon deceived Israel, then begged for protection. Again, Joshua kept his promise and delivered the people from harm (Josh. 9:18-21; 10:6-7). These events remind us that Jesus brings salvation to those who have neither earned nor deserve deliverance (Romans 5:6-8).

**Conquers His Enemies.** Take your pick here, there are many options. The Lord was the military strength leading Joshua and Israel to victory in war (Josh. 1:15; 10:30; 11:8; et. al.). These events remind us that Jesus the Lamb of God conquers all who oppose Him (Rev. 17:14).

**Shares the Inheritance with His People.** A significant portion of Joshua records the division of the land of Canaan to the tribes of Israel (chapters 14-21). Israel’s promised inheritance was realized (Josh. 21:43-45). These events remind us that not only does God keep His promises, but He is also generous and kind! (cf. Gal. 3:29; Heb. 4:8-11).

*May we continue to learn and love the lessons taught by the book of Joshua!*

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### **The World is Hard to Please**

Once while traveling, movie star Charlie Chaplin came across a Chaplin look-a-like competition. On a whim he decided to enter, and came in third. Just goes to show you that even when you are doing everything right, the world is hard to please!

*Matt Clifton*

*January 23, 2022*



*Looking west from Fremont Peak*

### **Meeting Days and Times**

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

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

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