

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"The Church at Laodicea" (4)



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

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

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2 Peter 3:10

We are praying for you!

Charles Barry - for his physical therapy helping rid him of pain.

Norma Decker - for good health and joy in the Lord.

Rose marie Johnson - for improved health and good sleep.

George Brown - for a successful cure for his Colon Cancer.

Patty Kirby - for comfort and God's grace for the family. Patty died from COVID-19 this past Tuesday.

Wiggins - - for healing for a broken clavicle after suffering a bicycle accident.

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

Happy Is The Man...

By Ron Thomas

I have always been partial to the way the KJV (King James Version) reads. I understand that is a number of places, it reads not clearly to people today. Nevertheless, as in Psalm 1, it reads, I think, better than all the other versions.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful (1:1). A frame of mind that is abundantly pleased and happy is a way of thinking that does not find its way in the ways of this world. This verse gives attention to the realm of thinking, behaving, and belonging (Kinder); the "blessed man" refuses to go the way of those who scoff, those have a confirmed opposition to the righteous ways of the Lord.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night (1:2). Instead, the "blessed man" is one who delights in obeying the Lord's commands (NET), because he (she) understands that whatever shapes a person's thinking shapes that person's life (Kidner). You will notice that the "happy man" is one who daily drinks from the Lord's will, His Law of Liberty (James 1:25).

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (1:3). In our front yard is a tree that is now in its 3rd summer, somewhere between 18-20 feet in height. In southern Ohio, rain comes frequently, growth results. On the other hand, when I lived in New Mexico, traveled to El Paso, I marveled at the only tree standing in the vastness of a desert terrain. Not much rain there, but the roots must have run deep. Joshua was told by the Father of Glory, the Book of the Law is not to depart from his lips (1:8). As the leader of the nation, following the great man Moses, the only way he would prosper was by holding firm onto the Lord. It's no different for us. When leaders depart from the Lord, followers are soon to follow.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away (1:4). Have you ever seen or lived through a range fire? When we lived in Idaho, having come from the tropical Guam, a range fire was a new experience for us. On one occasion, living on the Air force Base (Mountain Home, ID), the range fire came within a few miles. Preparation was made for evacuation. The fuel of the range fire

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was sagebrush. Perhaps “sagebrush” can be understood as those who are ungodly, those who are scoffers, those soon consumed by the Lord’s fire. They are certainly understood to be as chaff, empty of spiritual substance (willingly), and weightless regarding any might they think they have.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous (1:5). Empty of spiritual substance, weightless with regard to moral strength, when judgment comes, their exposure will be made clear. Those who love the Lord are, consequently, to be separated from them. What does light have to do with darkness? As soon as light presents itself, darkness flees; the fleeing of darkness is for the singular purpose of not being detected. The Lord sees through the darkness, precisely knowing all that there is to know about a person who loves it.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish (1:6). Just as the Lord knows those who desire darkness, He knows those who love and obey Him (cf. 2 Tim. 2:19). Those who love the Lord are protected and prepared for the great judgment day. The wicked, on the other hand, dread that day of which they are ignorant, but will soon come to know.

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Amish and an Elevator

By Larry Paisley

An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and back together again. The boy asked his father, “What is this father?”

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, “Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don’t know what it is.”

While the boy and his father were watching wide-eyed, an old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them and into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched small circles of light with numbers above the wall light up. They continued to watch the circles light up in the reverse direction. The walls opened up again and a beautiful 24 year old woman stepped out.

The father said to his son, “Quick, go get your Mother.”

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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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