

A Call To the Broken?

Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery. Exodus 6:9

Isn't it ironic that the times when we need God the most, we listen to him least? It's hard to listen when you're in pain. You're so deeply consumed with suffering that it's hard to hear what others are saying. We turn inward. We shut down and shut out. We become physically weak and emotionally empty. The light in our eyes go dim. The spirit is gone. Hope seems lost.

This is when Jesus likes to step in. He is the champion of the downcast and discouraged. He came to proclaim good news to the poor, liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to the oppressed (Lk 4:18-19). While Jesus was on the earth he touched lepers, raised widows' sons, healed blind beggars, brought calm to the demon possessed, and taught lost sheep how to find the way back home.

Jesus cares about you! He's calling you! He loves you! He wants to help you find shelter under his wings. He wants to carry you in his mighty arms. He wants to pull you out of the pit and rescue you.

Don't let your broken spirit keep you from hearing his voice. He wants to save you from your bondage. Go to him! He will save you! ~David Maxson

"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15-16).

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Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

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Learn to Depend on God

In the first chapter of the Bible we read, *"in the beginning God Created the heavens and the earth...And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them"* (Gen. 1:1, 27). God is our maker, our Designer. *"Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands. Serve Jehovah with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. Know ye that Jehovah, he is God. It is he that hath made us, and we are his; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving. And into his courts with praise: Give thanks unto him, and bless his name. For Jehovah is good. His lovingkindness endureth for ever, And his faithfulness unto all generations"* (Psalm 100:1-5). When we focus on the truth that we are His people and the sheep of His pasture, we must acknowledge the truth written by the prophet. *"O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps"* (Jer. 10:23).

Because God created us, He cares for us. He is concerned about what we do, and what is done to us. David wrote, *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me"* (Psalm 23:4). The promise of the Lord should always abide in our hearts, *"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"* (Matt. 28:20).

One of the strongest proofs of God's concern for us is the death of His only begotten Son, Jesus, on the cross. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). When the Christian is beset by problems, his faith causes him to look to the cross. "And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose...What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? (Rom. 8:28, 31-32). This passage does not say that all things that happen to us are good, but that God can bring good for us out of it. Covid -19 is not a good thing, but it may expand medical science's understanding of viral diseases and how they spread, so that, the next new virus does not become a world-wide pandemic, claiming millions of lives. And, if God cares enough to give us His Son to die for us (and He did), then we must realize He will not forsake us now. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7). As Paul wrote those words, he found himself in Roman custody, facing an unknown outcome in his trial before Cesar, yet he found an inner peace based on the promises of God and the sacrifice of Jesus. ~Clem Thurman

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day

Keep These Dates in Mind	January Birthdays and Anniversaries		
<p>Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.</p> <p>Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please contact her and give her your email information.</p>	Linda Lafferty 1/8 Holden Minor 1/15 Norm Hubbard 1/17 Henry Walker 1/18 Larry Moore 1/19 Mary Beth Walker 1/22 Eddie & Eunice Petross 1/24 Shirley Childers 1/24		Loretta Slettene 1/26 Mary Lewis 1/27 Jasmine Lafferty 1/27 Hannah Mendoza 1/29
Bible Studies			
Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - James Wed p - John	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00 a	
Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce, Bill & Linda Lafferty's daughter-in-law, Michael Stimson			



In Our Prayers

Marilyn Davis fell and broke her hip this week and was in the hospital last we heard. Please keep them in your prayers. Keep those in your prayers as they get their vaccines that they won't have adverse reactions.

Lonnie Rau is going to Portland again on Tuesday, if you have blankets that she can take with her when she goes.

¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray; does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it; truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So, it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. (Matt. 18:12-14)

Our Ministries
Mountain States Children's Home
Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.
"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

The Mercy Seat

"You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel" (Exodus 25:21-22).

Do you struggle with studying God's Word and praying to Him each day? Many of us do. Why is this? Perhaps, it is because we fail to understand the blessing of having this level of access to Him.

After giving the children of Israel many of God's instructions to them, Moses headed back up to Mount Sinai for God to give him additional instruction to pass on to His people (Exodus 24:12-18). Many of these commandments focused on the Tabernacle where Israel would go to worship God. The Lord gives detailed instructions on how this was to be built and what was to be in it (Exodus 25:9-27:21). In one area of this Tabernacle, the Most Holy Place, God instructed Moses to build an ark above which was a mercy seat. God said, "And there I will meet with you..." (Exodus 25:21).

During this period, all the priests were allowed into the first section of the tabernacle called the Holy Place, but only the High Priest was allowed in this Most Holy Place to be able to "meet with God". The Hebrew writer states: "But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance; the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing" (Hebrews 9:7-8). There was no way for a common person of the children of Israel to gain access to the Most Holy Place and "meet with God" at the mercy seat.

However, as Christians we have Christ as our High Priest. He entered the Most Holy Place, not offering the blood of some animal, but coming to offer His own blood. By the sacrifice of Himself, He made it possible for all His followers to be redeemed from their sins: "But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:11-12).

Because of His sacrifice, as Christians, we no longer have to go through a separate high priest to "meet with God": "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:19-23).

As a Christian, I realize I am in continual need of God's grace and mercy as I journey through this life. Because of what Christ did for me in sacrificing Himself for my sins, unlike those who lived in the Old Testament period, I don't have to go through a separate high priest to "meet with God" for me. I have the privilege of meeting with God everyday by letting Him speak to me through His Word and for me to speak with Him through prayer. I rejoice that I have this blessing. ~Daily Devo, SV Church of Christ