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KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



The Law and the Prophets

Do you ever take a moment to appreciate the name that Jesus has given you? If you have been Bible readers will come across the expression, “the law and the prophets,” several times in the New Testament. It is important to know how the Bible uses that expression and what it means to us today.

The Hebrew Bible was not arranged in the exact order that our Old Testament is today. It was divided into three main sections: (1) The Law, (2) The Prophets and (3) The Writings. “The Law” consisted of the first five books of the Bible. “The Prophets” was subdivided into the “Former Prophets” (containing many of the historical books) and the “Latter Prophets” (containing most of the prophetic books). “The Writings” consisted of the poetic books and the remaining historical and prophetic books. Sometimes “The Writings” was referred to as “The Psalms,” after the largest book of that division.

In New Testament times, they did not immediately begin referring to the Old Testament as “The Old Testament,” for until “The NEW Testament” was revealed, it was not (to them) “The OLD Testament.” It was first in the book of Second Corinthians and the book of Hebrews (both in contexts of contrasting the old and the new covenants) that the writers referred to “the Old Testament” (2 Cor. 3:14) and “the first covenant” (Heb. 9:15). Until that differentiation was made between “The New” and “The Old,” the Hebrew Bible (the only Bible from God until the New Testament) was simply referred to (in short) as “the law and the prophets.” That was their way of identifying the collection of inspired books that we now call “The Old Testament” (see that clearly in Acts 13:15).

Now, look at what the New Testament tells us about the Old Testament (identified as “the law and the prophets”). “The law and the prophets were until John” (Luke 16:16). Note that marker of time, when a transition was being made to “the kingdom of God” or “the Way,” which was foretold “in the Law and the Prophets” (Acts 24:14) and becoming a reality in that day. Jesus said that He came to “fulfill” the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17), and then before His ascension, He affirmed “all things” had been “fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me” (Luke 24:44).

What’s the point for us today? Jesus “abolished in His flesh...the law of commandments” (Eph. 2:15), for when He “fulfilled” all that was written in the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 5:17; Luke 24:44), He took that which was “obsolete” (Heb. 8:13) “out of the way” (Col. 2:14), and He brought His “new covenant” into “force” (Heb. 9:15-17). He took away the entirety of “the first that He may establish the second” (Heb. 10:9), under which we live today. ~David Sproule

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,
who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
(Romans 7:1)

Keep these Dates in Mind	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
09/06 Monthly Potluck 09/08 Hand & Foot Get Together 09/12 Men's Business Mtg. 9:00a	Craig & Debra Bolt 9/1 Janette Petty 9/13 Darrell & Shirley McLaughlin 9/16 Virgil & Jonni Marcotte 9/17 Jack Danley 9/18	Rick & Delina Woodward 9/26 Lonna Rau 9/29
5th Sunday Singings	Bible Studies	
Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	Adult Bible Classes (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – Acts Wed pm (7:00p) - Amos	Ladies Class Ladies class - Thursdays (11:00-12:30) Classes begin Sept 10 – Study in James

For us to remember:

- **Tami Pennington, Sandi Gray, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Paul Mays, Joe Marcotte, Lupe Mendoza, Jim Preston, Doreen Martinez, Pat Lindsay, George Bills, Seth Haas, Doris Pennington, Richard and Laurie Sutton's daughter, Jer Henshaw, Justin Henshaw, Rod Gillespie,**
- **Salvador** (father of Karen's caregiver) as he recovers from surgery
- **LaRita Savage** as she recovers from a broken Collarbone
- **Jonni Marcotte** is home now
- **Randy** – (Children's home manager) Cancer
- **Doreen Martinez** – Pet Scan on the 19th
- **Engelke's** – health Issues
- Upcoming Lectureship in Linder Road Oct 18-21 Grace Factor
- Gospel Meeting with Mike Criswell Sept 16-20 Wed-Fri at 7pm, Sat 6pm, Sun 10:30 and 6:00pm - at East 4th Ave. Church of Christ, 215 East 4th street Ave., Kennewick

Congregational Meetings Sep 13 Dec 13 Mar 14 Jun 13			Prayer Meetings Nov 04 Feb 03 May 05 Aug 04		
Date	Opening Prayer	Song Leader	Communion Thought (Devotional)	Lord's Supper	Closing Prayer
This week	H. Jones	D. Mendoza	J. Danley	L. Moore J. Wilson	D. McLaughlin
Next Week	J. Danley	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	J. Wilson G. Keever	B. Lafferty

Leaders Saying More Than God Says

One of the studies that will open so many new doors of truth is to consider how much the Jewish leaders knew before the beginning of the New Testament. They obviously had studied the Old Testament and found many truths. The problem was that these leaders taught the people these truths, but they taught them more than the truth. Consider the following and then make application about how we view highly respected religious leaders today.

It is obvious that the scribes and Pharisees knew many truths. In their day, and also in ours, they tried to determine what the future held. Throughout the Old Testament, there were hundreds of prophecies about how God would continue His impact on His chosen nation.

Peter said this about those Old Testament prophets and their message as it applied to the first century. "All the prophets from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days" (Acts 3:24). This does not mean that those who read the prophecies fully understood them (see 1 Cor. 2:8-10), but it is also true that the Jews of the first century had developed their own religious theology.

What did these Jews understand? They knew that someday a great king would come. Even Herod was aware of this truth. When the wise men spoke of the recent birth of the King of the Jews, Herod the Great asked the scribes as to where that King was to be born. The scribes knew the answer and said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this it is written by the prophet..." (Matt. 2:5). The message of the wise men was known, not just by Herod, but by "all of Jerusalem" (Matt. 2:3).

The leaders also knew that there would be a forerunner to come before that King. The very last of the Old Testament prophecies said, "I will send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me... Behold, I will send Elijah before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord..." (Mal. 3:1; 4:5). Even the apostles knew that the scribes were teaching this truth. They asked Jesus, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" (Mark 9:11).

These leaders clearly knew the Bible, but they did not understand what it meant. The King was to be born in Bethlehem, and He would have Elijah come as His forerunner. The leaders were teaching the truth, but they were teaching more than the truth. They taught their opinions about the meaning of the words and felt their opinions were equal in authority with what God said. The people followed these leaders and were like blind men following a blind man (Matt. 15:14). There is so much more to be said. We will continue with these thoughts in next week's bulletin. ~Dan Jenkins

Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
09/02	C. Sullins	J. Wilson	09/30	C. Sullins	J. Wilson
09/09	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	10/07	D. Mendoza	H. Jones
09/16	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	10/14	L. Moore	D. Mendoza
09/23	H. Jones	L. Moore	10/21	H. Jones	D. McLaughlin

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Be silent, Bible, Blessing,
 Colossians, Conqueror, Declare,
 Favor, Glory, Gods will, Grateful,
 Happiness, Holy Spirit, Honor,
 Hope, Humility, Inspiring, Jesus,
 Joy, Love, Matthew, Mercy,
 Mouth, Nurturing, Promises,
 Proverbs, Respectful, Romans,
 Speak life, Strength, Success,
 Testimony, Thankful, Truth,
 Uplifting, Yes and amen

Door Access			
Sep	Darrell Mc Laughlin	Jan	Joe Wilson
Oct	Danny Mendoza	Feb	Gary Keever
Nov	Harvey Jones	Mar	Chase Sullins
Dec	Vern Engelke	Apr	Larry Moore

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Meeting Times:	
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am	Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am	Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm
Minister: Chase Sullins	

Attendance 09/06 55 Contribution 09/06 \$3105.00