

# Gospel Power



*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)*

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## **Men Priviledged To Serve:**

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Bible Classes**

Song Leader

..... Daniel Clemmons

Bible Reading ..... (Jam. 4:1-17)

..... Phil Pressnell

Prayer

..... Brian Word

### **Morning Worship**

Song Leader

..... Daniel Clemmons

Prayer

..... Jerry Dickey

Lord's Supper/Collection

Presiding ..... Larry White

Serving ..... Jerry Dickey

..... Rodney McCrary

..... Jerry Best

Closing Prayer

..... Michael Clemmons

### **Evening Worship**

Song Leader

..... Mark McIntyre

Bible Reading ..... (Jam. 5:1-20)

..... Ronnie Phillips

Prayer

..... Ray Tucker

Lord's Supper

..... Larry White

Closing Prayer

..... Jerry Best

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## **Godliness**

**Jeff May**

Bible study is simply wonderful. Gems of truth and wisdom are uncovered with every study and sometimes long held ideas are challenged. That proved itself true to me recently. If someone had asked me to define "godliness" I would have said simply, "It means being like God." I've defined it that way for a long time and that is one of the fruits of godliness but the root of godliness is "reverence, respect, piety towards God" (Thayer).

This means that the way I see God and the attitude I have toward Him will effect all of life and my eternal destiny. Paul told Timothy, "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is and that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).

This would impact my worship. If I have come to see the greatness of God then reverence and respect for Him will come with me to every worship service. I will enter the assembly with an awareness that I am about to come before the Almighty and give Him the praise He is due. The godly man comes mentally prepared to offer worship that is sincere and devoted. It is ungodly to do otherwise.

Godliness will bring great contentment to my life. The man who focuses on things of this world never has ease of spirit. Paul said, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows" (1 Timothy 6:9-10). However, the godly man who is

focused on God never has a trial that is too large for God to handle. His trust is stayed on God. The ups and downs of his life are settled by his constant awareness of God's love and care for him. No wonder the Bible says, "Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8).

I notice also in 1st Timothy, that godliness will influence a woman's focus. She will not be overly concerned with physical adornments. At all times she wears that "which is proper for women professing godliness" (1 Timothy 2:9-10). She is centered on her relationship with God. She wants to put on spiritual ornaments that make her very attractive in the sight of God.

Our eternal destiny also depends on the mindset of godliness. Notice how many times the word "ungodly" is used in reference to the wrath of God in Jude 14,15. "...Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in a ungodly way, and all of the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." See what happens to people who are empty in their reverence toward God? Contrast this with how God views the man given to godliness. "But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself who is godly; the Lord will hear when I call to Him" (Psalm 4:3).

Godliness. What a word!

~via *The Noble Searcher*; Gardendale, Alabama



### Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

## What Defines Your Family?

Jim Jonas

Each family has its own fabric that is woven from a number of different threads. What influences mold and shape your family?

Often, young couples bring certain values and habits into their marriage from the home environment in which they were reared. Expecting one's mate to automatically adhere to them can create friction, for the other person may not be conditioned to such an outlook. What's worse, outright interference from the couple's parents and siblings can deeply affect a marriage. This should be resisted (Genesis 2:24).

A large factor in the overall complexion of a family involves the husband's employment. A man may not be able to provide the lifestyle that his wife had become accustomed to in her parents' home. He may work rotating shifts that constantly keep schedules in flux and nerve endings raw. His job may take her away from family and to an area she finds unpleasant. Work travel, being on call, job instability, and other factors have a large bearing upon the family atmosphere.

How we view our friends and associates will also set a tone in our own family. People tend to migrate toward others who share their outlook, thus reinforcing their value systems. Sometimes a subtle competitiveness develops, and we must "keep up with the Joneses" to feel satisfied. "They got a new SUV; why can't we?" "They upgraded their house; why can't we?" "They went skiing in the Rockies; why can't we?"

One of the most satisfying aspects of free moral agency is the ability to create and build. It is exciting to imagine, design, procure and construct, whether it be a building, a racecar or a career. But one of the greatest adventures in life is to build family, to create a group of loyal, loving, entertaining, serving, and bonded

people. And in many respects we are given architectural liberty in building that family. We can live where we wish, choose our lifestyle, establish our traditions and make memories that will comfort and console us as we age.

But the one thing that is absolutely essential in constructing our families is building upon a solid spiritual foundation. Our respect for God and our veneration of His word must be the loom upon which we weave our family fabric.

In spite of shift changes, consuming overtime and job uncertainty, are worship and Bible study the corner stones of your weekly schedule? Is there any time for or interest in spiritual activities beyond those of the local church? Is there any priority given to attending gospel meetings, vacation Bible schools or lectureships? (Girl/ boy hunting at other congregations doesn't count.)

Amid all the Disney videos, see-and-say books, toys, games, puzzles, sports and other amusements we provide for our children, where does doing their Bible lesson with them rank? An irritation? An inconvenience? A burden? Is it something to do on the way to church?

Would you consider taking a family vacation to Mexico to visit some of our Mexican preaching brethren and introduce your children to life in the third world? (I suggested this at the FC lectures last February, and a woman recently called me about it. She took my challenge seriously and was planning to take her teenage children.)

Just how much of the fabric of your family life is woven from spiritual threads? We may wake up one day to find that the frayed and worn fabric was merely decorative and not very durable.

~via *Hueytown Bulletin*, Hueytown, Alabama

*Come and Study God's Word With Us.*

## Vacation Bible School

July 8-12 – 10:00 a.m.

Anderson church of Christ

Highway 207 South

Anderson, Alabama

## News & Notes

**THE SICK:** *Millinea Word* has moved to NHC in Pulaski for rehabilitation, room 234 ...*Ashley Goode's father, Robert Barringer*, is in the CCU at ECM hospital in Florence ...*Tisha Thomas* is home now following her surgery this past Wednesday morning ...*Lou Ann Phillips* had a myelogram done this past Thursday and is to return to the doctor on Tuesday...*Emma Wallen* is to go to the doctor in Huntsville for a heart murmur..*Faye Hammond* was able to be at our service on Friday evening after suffering a dislocated shoulder from a fall last Saturday... Remember *James McConnell's father, Albert McConnell*, as he is finishing his treatments ...*Scottie Goode's father, Hubert Goode*, continues at home taking his medication...*Mattie Blanche Word* continues at home ...*Millinea Word's mother, Nola McCafferty, and brother, Paul McCafferty* and *Aldeen Noles* are in the SunBridge Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg ...*Mary Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, who is at home ... *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, who is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

**OUR MEETING:** We concluded our meeting with brother *Bill Hall* preaching this past Friday. It was an excellent meeting and brother Hall did his job well. The attendance and interest was good. We appreciate brother and

sister Hall very much and wish for them the very best in their continued work in the kingdom of the Lord.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS:** The **Midway church** in Greenhill is beginning today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *Leon Mauldin* will be the speaker in this meeting ....The **Brookhill church** in Killen is beginning a Vacation Bible School tomorrow and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. The speakers in the adult classes are: Monday – *David Cox*; Tuesday – *Jeff McCrary*; Wednesday – *Norm Webb, Sr.*; Thursday – *Steve Klein* Friday – *Matt Oglesby*...The **Hillsboro Heights church** in Moulton begins a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:30 p.m. *George Hutto* will be the speaker in this meeting... The **Hollings Gin church** near Ardmore is beginning at meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. The speakers in this meeting are Sunday – *Gary Holcomb*; Monday – *Norm Webb, Sr.*; Tuesday – *Rodney Britton*; Wednesday – *Mike Sobiech*; Thursday – *Allen Dvorak*; Friday – *Carl McMurray*.

**COMMUNICATION GROUPS:** This week is Communication Group four’s week to meet. If you are in group four, plan to participate with your group tonight.

**SONG SERVICE:** *Mark McIntyre* will be directing our monthly song service this evening. Make your plans to attend this service as we lift our voices together in praise to our God and read from His word and offer our prayers before Him.

**SONG PRACTICE :** This afternoon we will meet at 5:15 for our song practice. Our young boys will practice leading songs and we will sing some songs that we are not as familiar with. Plan to attend at 5:15 for this period of singing and encourage our young boys.

**JULY 7th :** Remember on Sunday, July 7th, **Harold Comer** of Florence will be preaching for us at our services at 9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. and at 4:00 p.m. Remember these services and tell others as you invite to our VBS.

### Schedule of Services

#### Sunday

Bible Classes ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes ..... 7:00 p.m.

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