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How to Respond to the plans of God-Part 2

Last week we started to look at what the proper response is for a Christian to the fact that God has plans for this world. We mentioned many questions God's control and power over this world can bring to mind. My first encouragement to you last week was to do your best to try to understand just how God operates as He is in control of this world. This week, my second encouragement is to let what you know about God determine your mindset.

In so many instances in scripture we find people in situations that they don't understand, are not in control of, and many times they are seemingly between a rock and a hard place. The difference between the faithful and the unfaithful is their mindset toward the situation. The Israelites see the Red Sea in front of them, but Moses says "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord (Exodus 14:13. He saw what a powerful God would do for them.

Paul was also in a tough spot as he was awaiting a trial before the Roman Emperor. He was unsure of the outcome, but he was absolutely certain what God had in store for Him. He gave a clear picture of his mindset when he said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain". He was not exactly sure what he was supposed to do as he went to trial. He was not even sure which outcome he wanted to choose. What he was sure of, was the fact that God was in control, and that his mindset toward his situation would show a heart that was fully trusting in his Lord and his God. How about you?

John

Loving God's Word

Psalm 119:20 My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times.

On a daily basis, do we long to know what God wants us to do? Do we draw ever closer to him by reading his word? More than likely this Psalm was written by a man who had come back from exile. In exile, he probably did not have much opportunity to learn God's word. He was overwhelmed with the possibility of learning what God expected of his people. Much was forgotten and had to be learned after the return to the land of Israel. The old potato chip commercial used to say, "I bet you can't eat just one." The truth is most people once they have eaten the first one cannot stop. Sometimes they keep eating until the whole bag is consumed. This is the desire that this man is talking about. He can't stop. He has to have more and more of God's word. Are you consumed with God's word.

The second statement from the writer is that he is consumed with God's laws at all times. Do we go to God's word for ways to deal with our neighbors? Do we go to God's word for ways to deal with our enemies? Are we seeking God's will in family matters? Scriptures discuss all types of relationships. Scriptures tell us about proper worship. Instructions are shown for becoming a Christian. Passages discuss proper and improper attitudes for people to have. By studying God's word we learn about his love for mankind. May our Bibles always be open and our eyes upon its word. This same writer proclaims later in this chapter, "Oh, how I love your law! I meditate it on it all day long." Let's let this be our theme as well.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - chemo
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 240
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Teri Hill - surgery Nov. 28
- Myrna Jett
- Ed Johnson - recovering from back surgery at home
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Barney Roland
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White - home
- Elaine Whitehead

Bridal Tea - Sunday, November 27, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
for
Jessica and Bailey Jones
Registered at Wal-Mart and Target

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Marie Skelton - sister of Roberta Bolton, Eunice Oliver - Life Care, Rm. 210, Jeff Porter, Jeanne Nicholson, JoAnn Posey, Alene Cox, Ronald Mayberry - brother of Eldridge & John Mayberry, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long and Joyce Runions - relatives of Phillis Churchwell, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - NHC Columbia Rm. 106, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Kendall Westmoreland, Virginia Clay, Willard Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS NOVEMBER 27, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Greg Lusk
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Boyd Wood
 Bill Fuller David White
 Ed Hargrove Max Ballard
 Mike Kinzer Rhett Heflin
 Chase Thomason Jerry Thornton
 Read: John 1:1-4, 9-14.....Danny Lasater
 Sermon: WJD.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Ryan Grice
 Prayer.....Blake Daniels
 Read: John 17:1-5.....Jerry Barber
 Sermon: The Prayer of the Lord.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jason Kelley
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Joe Macer

Ushers: Tommy Skelley, Terry Burgess, John Massey
 Greeters: Kevin & Kathleen Mick, Jacob Pollard, Juaneese Perdue
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jacob Pollard
 Security Team: A.M. & P.M
 David Thomas, Larry Nicholson

If you are unable to keep your appointment to serve, please call Ray Rummage (446-0668) or Joe Williams (388-9183)

NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Teri Hill, Melissa Stutts
 P.M.....Juaneese Perdue

Song LeaderSam Quirk
 Prayer.....Tommy Hight
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard