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# Truth & Right

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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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*We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.*

## TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM  
AM Worship 10:45 AM  
PM Worship 6:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM  
(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

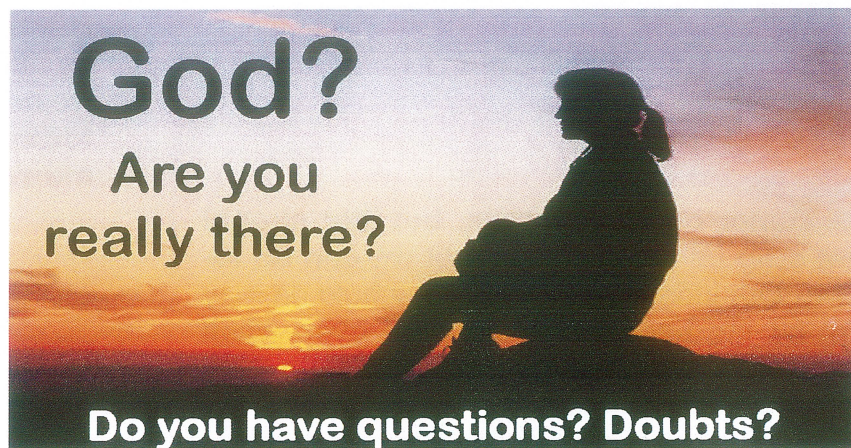
## Today's Sermons:

*BS: What Can I Do?  
AM: Why This Series?  
PM: Levite, Priest,  
Samaritan?*

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feel free to ask*

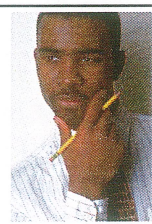


**Do you have questions? Doubts?**

**You are not alone!**

**Do you find yourself asking:**

- .Is there a God?**
- .What does He want from me?**
- .Is there a way for me to know?**



**Join us, September 20-25 as we search for answers to these important questions.**

**Sunday—10:00 AM & 6:30 PM**

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## *Cast Your Bread Upon the Waters*

Gary Henry

*“Cast your bread upon  
the waters, For you will  
find it after many days.”*  
Ecclesiastes 11:1

Tomorrow is uncertain, but that should not stop us from doing what we can do today. Our judgment of what we should do may not be the best sometimes, and even when our plans are well laid, unforeseen events may alter their outcome. Nevertheless, we must do the best that we know to do today.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 is one of those verses whose main point is fairly obvious in context, but interpreters differ as to the specific illustration or metaphor the writer had in mind. I personally think the image is that of a merchant sending his goods out on a ship, which in ancient times was a very risky thing to do. Risky or not, however, the merchant wouldn't make any money if he simply did nothing and kept his goods at home. The NEB translates it: "Send your grain across the seas; and in time you will get a return."

When we are contemplating what is the best course of action to follow, we should certainly exercise PRUDENCE. We should be careful and use the very best judgment of which we are capable.

But having been careful in our planning, we then need to exercise ENERGY and INDUSTRY in carrying out our plan. However hesitant we may have been in making our

plan, once the plan is made we need to put our whole heart into its implementation. I well remember my youngest son's golf coach advising him on a very difficult hole where it was going to be hard to select the right club. Having helped him weigh the pros and cons, he then said, "It's your decision, Grant. But whichever club you choose, COMMIT to it." In life, as in golf, we often "swing" hesitantly, as if we're not sure we selected the right "club." And when we swing hesitantly, not even the right club is going to help us do very much.

In the end, our confidence must be in GOD, and not our own wisdom or ability. Having been as prudent as we know how to be and then acting as energetically as we can, we must trust that **God will take our actions today and bring about a good return tomorrow.**

*“Build a little fence of trust  
Around today;  
Fill the space with loving deeds,  
And therein stay.”*  
Mary Frances Butts

## *First Love*

Gary Henry

*“Nevertheless I have this  
against you, that you have  
left your first love”*  
Revelation 2:4

**It is good for us to recall the ardent love that we had when our great desire for God**



was newly discovered. As time goes by, the demands and difficulties of earthly existence keep us busy and wear us out. If we don't frequently tend the fire of our love for God, it will die down. It is not impossible for the flame to flicker and go out altogether. Our "first love" for God is a fire that must be kept burning and if necessary be rekindled.

Jesus Christ sent this message to the church in Ephesus: *"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love."* These were hardworking Christians who had made considerable sacrifices to maintain the integrity of the gospel. Yet so much time had passed since their conversion, they seemed not to remember the way they had loved the Lord at first. But the Lord remembered. And His words of warning to them recall the words that God spoke through Jeremiah to the people of Jerusalem: *"I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothal, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land not sown"* (Jeremiah 2:2). It is not a good thing to let slip from our memory something that God still remembers about us!

To those in Ephesus who had left their first love, Christ said, *"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent"* (Revelation 2:5). The words "remember" and "repent" should tell us that the love which the Lord desires from us is more than an illusive emotion. Ultimately, it is a love that springs from the will. And if we don't love Him as we used to, there are specific things we can do to rectify that problem. One of these would be to take some time off, go to a restful place, and remember — really REMEMBER — how we used to love God. This memory will be a refreshing, nourishing, energizing reflection on what once was and on what can still be.

*"O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand: Fill our hearts, we be-*

*seech you, with such love toward you that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or to suffer in obedience to your will; and grant that thus loving you, we may become daily more like you, and finally obtain the crown of life which thou hast promised to those that love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord"* —Brooke Foss Westcott

***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."* — Romans 1:16**

The gospel is not "a" power (as though it is one among many), but is "the" power (the one and only power) by which God moves men to salvation. The word "power" in Romans 1:16 is from the Greek word "dunamis" from which we get our words "dynamo," "dynamic," and "dynamite." Like dynamite, the gospel is God's power to blast men out of their complacency and indifference, and move them toward eternal salvation. The Hebrew writer said:

***"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* —Hebrews 4:12**

—David Riggs

## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Amos 3
Reader	Terry Smith
Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Ed Roberts
Fruit of the Vine	Ken Prager
Serve	Dan Marton
Serve	Blake Headen
Closing Prayer	Dave Harless

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Amos 4
Reader	Earl Miller
1st Prayer	Matt Ferrell
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Don Coen, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Chuck Isinghood

### Wednesday

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Class Prayer	Gospel Meeting
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Invitation	Gospel Meeting
Closing Prayer	Gospel Meeting

## *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

#### **Recovering:**

- Cary Lancaster
- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Larry & Melissa Ping, Melissa suffered a miscarriage last week.
- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- George Hutto, preacher from Alabama diagnosed with cancer
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Belinda Porter's mother, Melissa Alley
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Chris Shane
- Monty Wallace, Charissa Wallace's father
- Corey Williams, a friend of Tim & Anna Henderson is recovering from cancer treatments.

#### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

##### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call:  
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