

Do We Seek the Lord?

We live in a world where Satan is constantly teasing us with the pleasures of the world, yes, also the pleasures of sin. He distorts our perception of what is reality as defined by God's truth. From so many directions, we are presented with images Satan constantly tries to convince us to become "like this." He has glamorized sin in this present world. The visions we see on television, even the "heroes" presented by those who pursue worldly things, are what we confront every day. We're taught that we should strive to be like this in our lives; that is what we are supposed to do. But we must always remember that Satan has a single desire, to destroy us. **1 Peter 5:8**, *"Be sober, be watchful; your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* We cannot, must not, allow ourselves to be entrapped by the devil. We should not be envying those who pursue, and even personify sinfulness.

The Holy Spirit has given us clear directions concerning whom we should seek and where our hearts should be. **Proverbs 23:17**, *"Let not thy heart envy sinners, but be thou in the fear of Jehovah all the day long;"* and also in **Proverbs 1:7**, *"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge, but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction."*

Satan's desire is to separate us from God. He is so cunning and deceptive that we often are led away from God without realizing the danger we have entered. God pleads with us to seek His knowledge to protect us from sin. If we fail to be faithfully obedient our eternal destiny will be completely without God.

Hear this warning from **Proverbs 1:27-32**, *"When your fear cometh as a storm, And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. Then will they call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of Jehovah, They would none of my counsel; they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, and the careless ease of fools shall destroy them."*

Now read the other side of the situation, **Proverbs 1:33**, *"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely, and shall be quiet without fear of evil."* Oh how diligently we must seek our God and His truths to give us peace, knowledge of our eternal assurance with our Father.

Your Elders

To Our Guests

We are so pleased and honored that you have chosen to visit with us today! Chase Park is a wonderful Christian family, devoted to serving God through our lives and work. We are excited to share our love for Christ with others and we are thankful to have the opportunity to meet you and to have you join us for worship.

As we worship together today, our desire is to worship God according to the New Testament pattern and in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to Him. It is also our prayer that our time together is uplifting to those who are here including you, our guest. If you have any questions about anything that you see or hear today, please ask us. We would love to speak with you about those things and help you in any way that we can.



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Lamifications—*Andrew Lamica*

Honesty. In the society we live in, honesty sometimes seems like a lost way of doing things. The world around us lives by the rule of “whatever it takes to get the job done.” Should honesty be a mere suggestion? Does it matter whether or not we follow through with the things we say we will? Does it matter if what we tell others is truthful? What about the “little white lies” in order to portray ourselves in a more positive light or to not hurt someone’s feelings?

As a rule, if Christians are unsure of how we should act in certain life situations, our go to should be the word of God. What does the Bible say about honesty? Is a little bit of dishonesty for the “right reasons” okay?

If we are to have a heart which is seeking after God, we should consider what the heart of God is like. Has God

ever given us a pattern where He approved of a lie or has He Himself lied?

Hebrews 6:18 tells us that God is unable to lie. The reason God is unable to lie is, it is against His very nature. Not only is God not willing to lie, He is unable to lie because it would go against the very nature of His being.

So, what about us? We know that we cannot be perfect and be exactly like God. But what is our benchmark? Has God provided any sort of standard for us when it comes to honesty? Yes!

Lying was against the Levitical law, according to Leviticus 19:11, “*You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.*” We can see the hatred God has for lying even earlier than this in the Garden of Eden which He created for the pinnacle of His creation,

mankind. The serpent deceived Adam and Eve, and God handed down a severe punishment.

Consider what is said in Proverbs, 12:22 about lying “*Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD, but those who act faithfully are His delight.*” This verse pulls no punches when it comes to describing how God feels about lying, He hates it!

In the New Testament Paul says that we should not lie to one another since that was the type of activity the “old man” would be a part of. Consider Colossians 3:9, “*Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices*”

Christians are to be a people of honesty. The Lord delights in honesty and detests dishonesty. Let each of us resist the temptation to be dishonest, regardless of what consequence may come of it.

The Shepherd—*Nathan Adams*

David tells us in the beloved Psalm 23 that “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” David found great strength and comfort in his shepherd because that shepherd provided everything that David needed to live healthy. I have seen modern day Masai shepherds in Tanzania and they knew every one of their goats. Three shepherds could be at the same watering hole with 200 goats each and they would leave with every one of them. A shepherd knows his sheep because of the time that he spends getting to know them. That time spent not only allows the shepherd to know his sheep, but also for his sheep to know him. It is this knowledge that enables a shepherd to take care of his sheep’s needs. David describes this by saying, “I shall not want.”

The psalm continues with David speaking of the shepherd’s provision for his sheep’s needs. They receive all the food they need and water that they can drink. This provision restores their strength and vitality.

The shepherd also guides the sheep in the best paths that lead to those green pastures and still waters. He does not lead them down paths that end in barren and dry land.

There are even times when a shepherd must take his sheep through those places that are dark, difficult, and scary. The sheep will follow him because their relationship with him has taught them to trust his protection found in his rod and staff. The efforts of the shepherd allow the sheep to know goodness and lovingkindness all their days as they dwell in his flock.

David understood what it meant to be a shepherd and made this comparison to the Lord in his life. He was nourished, led, loved, comforted, and protected by the Lord. It was his faith in his shepherd that led him onto the battlefield with Goliath and through the deep dark valley of Absalom’s rebellion. David strayed many times, yet the Shepherd left the 100 to find him and bring him back to the flock (Luke 15:1-7).

In John 10, Jesus said that He is the good shepherd. He also speaks of the trust that His sheep have in Him because they know Him. His sheep want to and will only follow Him because of who He is. They are not forced to follow, they want to follow because He loves, comforts, nourishes, and protects them. He cares so much for His sheep that He is willing to die for them.

The imagery of the shepherd is found throughout the Bible. It is an image of relationship, guidance, and care. God chose this same metaphor for those that would be elders in the church to emulate. The good shepherd Jesus showed us these attributes in His life and is now the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). May we follow Him saying as David that the Lord is my shepherd. I will trust in His care and protection all the days of my life. If we do, we will know His loving care, abundant nourishment, and unending protection in our lives.

News Of Interest

Sick

Regency Rehab

Jim Dalton

Don Cox

Home: Glenn and Billie Carmack.

Balance Class

Tues., Feb 28; Thur., Mar 2; 1:30 p.m.

Pantry Item

Canned Fruit.

Golden Age Banquet

Friday, March 3, 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Hosted by

The Youth Group

Theme

“The Golden Age Of...”

You are asked to dress in Sunday best.

It is going to be a “glitzy” affair.

Sign-up sheet at Hospitality Desk.

Star your name if you need a ride.

Today and Upcoming at Chase Park

Regency Retirement Service

Today: 1:30 p.m.

Speaker: **Michael Sims**

Song Leader: **Ray Brown**

Hospital Visitation

Team #4 (McCall), please pick up your assignments following evening worship.

Financial Peace Class

Class begins tomorrow, February 27, 6:00 p.m., small auditorium. Nursery provided if necessary.

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.

Super Seniors

Wednesday, March 1. No lunch.

Quarterly Meal

Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 p.m. Menu: enchiladas, sides, desserts. \$4.00 per adult; \$1.00 per child. Sign up in the foyer.

TV Programs

Three Great TV Programs

- **In Search of the Lord's Way**
WZDX TV Fox 54
Huntsville

- **Good News Today**
Hosted by Jim Dearman
WAMY TV 54.2
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.



- **Getting To Know Your Bible**
www.gettingtoknowyourbible.com

Direct TV

Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. CST
Channel 377

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 p.m. CST
Channel 376

Gospel Broadcasting Network

Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Comcast (Huntsville)

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., Channel 3



Come & See

Chase Park
CHURCH of CHRIST
2017

Statistics

Sunday, February 19, 2017

AM Worship	344
Month Average	371
Bible Class	280
PM Worship	233
Wed., Feb. 22, Bible Classes.....	256
Regency Ret. Worship	38
Offering.....	\$15,288.89
Budget.....	\$18,000
Average '17	\$17,584
Under Budget for year.....	-\$3,330
Building Fund	\$0

Services

Sunday

Worship.....	9:00 a.m.
Bible Class	10:15 a.m.
Worship.....	5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Super Seniors	10:00 a.m.
Bible Class	6:30 p.m.

Web Site Home Bible Studies

<http://bible.us/e/Hdj>
(Lesson 1 Link)
The Bible—God's Holy Word

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