

I CHOOSE TO LIVE BY

A. SERVANTHOOD 1:1

B. PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL 4:3-7

C. Ministry of Prayer 1:8-11

D. Faithful in soul winning 1:12-14

C. Have the right attitude
regardless of what happens. 3:1,
4:11-13

D. PEACE MAKER 4:1-

CHRIST TO LIVE FOR

A. Glorify Christ In Body 1:20

B. to live is Christ 1:21
die - gain (-1:22-26)

C. Ministry of Suffering 1:27-

25 percent of the population
11-13 1000
14-15 500

15-17 1000

III Commitment To Line up to

A - 3:7 - 11

B. 3:13 - 14

B. 3:20 - 21

temptation

~~1. The temptation of the world is the desire for material things, which is a natural inclination of the human mind. It is a temptation because it leads to sin and death.~~

temptation

TEMPTATION

II Peter 2: 1-9

I. MAN WILL FACE TEMPTATIONS.

- A. It is a part of our free moral agency.
- B. It is a part of probation.
- C. To what we are tempted.
 1. To yield to heresies, vv 1-3.
 - a. To turn from the simplicity of the pure teachings of the Word of God
 - b. Man denying the Lord.
 2. Pernicious, poisonous, ruinous, immoral, v. 2g.
 3. Covetousness, grasping, greedy, v. 3.
 4. Hypocrisy, feigned words, v. 3.
 5. Temptation of the angels, v. 4.
 6. a. Satan became proud and wanted to be equal with Christ.
 - b. He influenced 1/3 of the angels.
 6. Temptation of Noah and the people of his day.
 - a. Noah--to discouragement--doubt. *unfaithfulness*
 - b. People became absorbed in daily pursuits that they failed to enter the ark.
 7. Temptation of Lot and the people of his day.
 - a. To permit the material things of life to have a greater place in determining his choice than the spiritual.
 - b. Lot--to allow the evils about him to destroy his sensitivity to sin; vexed.

II. GOD KNOWS HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATION.

- A. The omniscience of God assures us that God knows how to deliver.

- 2 Tim. 3:13; 12:19; 1 Cor. 10:12-13
- B. Observe this is out of and not from temptation.
 - 1. God could have kept Daniel out of the lions den--but there was more glory in the den
 - 2. Hebrew boys--the greatest miracle was within.
 - q 7. ~~Sinning~~
 - a. Shining face.
 - b. Forgiving spirit.
 - c. Vision of Christ--don't have the vision of Christ with unforgiveness in the heart.
 - 2. Hebrew boys--the greatest miracle was within.
 - C. God will deliver the godly out of temptation.
 - 1. Not all yielded to heresy.
 - 2. Two-thirds of the angels.
 - 3. Noah and his family.
 - 4. Lot and his two daughters.

III. GOD KNOWS HOW TO RESERVE THE UNJUST UNTO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TO BE PUNISHED.

- A. The angels.
- B. The antediluvian.
- C. People of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- D. Presumption and self-willed, v. 10.
- E. Constantly sinning, v. 14.
- F. Those who have gone into the way of Balaam, v. 15.
- G. The backsliders, v. 20.

152, "I Must Tell Jesus."

337 "Yield Not To Temptation."

Have people stand and plead the blood over the battle they are facing.

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| 1. World Headquarters | April 27, 1961 |
| 2. South Carolina Conference | October 15, 1963 |
| 3. Salem, Oregon | October 20, 1963 |
| 4. Aumsville, Oregon | October 20, 1963 |
| 5. Greenville, Sans Souci, S. C. | February 2, 1964 |
| 6. Hickory Chapel, N. C. | March 15, 1964 |
| 7. Wesley Grove Camp, N. Y. | July 22, 1964 |
| 8. Kentucky Camp | August 12, 1964 |
| 9. Falcon r, n. Y. (Levant) | October 14, 1964 |
| 10. VA. Camp | July 24, 1965 |
| 11. Lafayette | Feb. 6, 1966 |
| 12. Dayton, Ohio - Northridge | March 6, 1966 |
| 13. Union Point Camp | July 14, 1966 |
| 14. Epworth Camp | July 17, 1967 |
| 15. Thomasville Central | Oct 23, 1970 |
| 16. Manchester, England | May 19, 1972 |

ACHIEVING PRAYER AND EVANGELISM

Book of Acts

INTRODUCTION: The Book of Acts is a picture gallery in which we are shown the church on its knees. Across these pages and through church history we can trace the prayer record of these saints who moved God with their prayers.

I. THE BOOK OF ACTS REVEALS THAT PRAYER WAS A DAILY PRACTICE OF THE CHURCH.

A. There are 23 recorded prayer meeting given us in the book of Acts. Eighteen of 28 chapters recorded these meetings.

1. 1:14;2:1 Praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit.
2. 1:24 Praying for the successor of Judas.
3. 3:1 Peter and John going to Temple for prayer
4. 4:31 Disciples praying for divine assistance.
5. 6:4-7 Praying over the selection of church officers.
6. 7:60 Stephen praying for his persecutors.
7. 8:15 Peter and John praying for Samaritan Christians.
8. 9:11 Saul, the new convert, praying.
9. 9:40 Peter praying for restoration of life of Dorcas.
10. 10:2,30 Cornelious a man of prayer.
11. 10:9 Peter praying on house top.
12. 11:5 Peter testifies about the prayer meeting.
13. 12:5 Prayer meeting at John Marks house for Apostle Peter.
14. 13:3 Praying and fasting of the church at Antioch.
15. 14:23 Paul and Barnabas praying in newly established churches.
16. 16:13 Prayer meeting at riverside at Phillippi.
17. 16:16 Paul and Silas praying - demon possessed girl.
18. 16:25 Paul and Silas praying in Phillippian jail.
19. 19:6 Paul praying for Ephesian ^{Christians} ~~elders~~.

*Prayer is not mentioned but laying on of hands
 And prayer went together -
 20 - 20:34 - Eph / Elders
 21 - 21:5 - Rome / Paul
 22 - 22:17 - Paul / People at Lyce
 23 - 28:8 - Paul / People in public*

2. We were not given the content of many of the prayers because, I feel, what we say to God in prayer is not nearly as important as what God says to us.
- B. It was not what the early Christians were trying to be while on their knees but what they were when they were not on their knees that gave power to this prayer.

III. THE BOOK OF ACTS REVEALS THAT PRAYER DETERMINED THE PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH.

- A. This is true in their spiritual progress.
1. One must be a man of God to engage in intercessory prayer. Administrator without grace but
 2. One may preach, sing, work or be a promoter and a good administrator without grace but never can one be an intercessor without grace. Sin will keep one from prayer and prayer will keep one from sin.
- B. This true of numerical growth.
1. 1:14; 2:1 Prayer for Pentecost (2:41)
 2. 3:1 Peter and John (3:41)
 3. 6:6 Praying for church officers (6:7)
 4. 7:60 Stephen praying for persecutors (8:1)
 5. 9:36 -41 Peter and Dorcas (9:42)
 6. 11: Church at antioch.
- C. Three principles of intercessory prayer.
1. A sincere desire for the highest interest of those for whom we pray.
 2. Utmost faith in God's promise and sufficiency to meet the need.
 3. A readiness to cooperate as an outcome of our prayers.
 - (a) young pastor (J. F.) and question: "Do we have a right to ask God to do what we will not do ourselves?"

- 20. 20:36 Paul praying for Ephesian elders.
- 21. 21:5 Paul praying for people at Tyre.
- 22. 22:17 Paul praying in temple in Jerusalem.
- 23. 28:8 Paul praying for Puelius.

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- B. There are passages that tell us that the early church had quality praying as well as quantity praying (2:42 6:4). (not how long but how well)
 - 1. George Mueller
 - 2. Can make prayer a sort of fetish
 - 3. Filling in the "niches" with prayer.
- C. All the Apostolic writers write about prayer.
- D. Tradition tells us James, the president of the church had calloused knees from his much prayer.
- E. Let us learn from this:
 - 1. The difference between the prayer practice of the first century church and the 20th century church should be a concern to all of us.
 - 2. Prayer doesn't need proof - it needs practice
 - 3. To the first century church prayer was a necessity.
 - 4. The holiest and most useful soul winners are those who make much of prayer.
 - 5. They prayed not be outward form but inward compulsion.
 - 6. "The daily fidelity to the life of prayer is the acid test of devotion." Chadwick.

II. THE BOOK OF ACTS REVEALS THAT PRAYER WAS THE SECRET OF THE DYNAMIC POWER THAT CHARACTERIZED THE EARLY CHURCH.

- A. The book of Acts is a demonstration of the supernatural power of God.
 - 1. Through prayer the church was able to preach Christ and establish and extend the church. Through prayer salvation was obtained by many, bodies were healed, prisons were unlocked, the dead raised to life, and the omnipotent power of God was manifested.

CONTENDING ~~RECLAIMING FOR~~ ~~POSSESSOR~~ OUR ~~INHERITANCE~~

- 1 -

GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN
(See also NUMBERS 14:17-15)



CLAIMING OUR MOUNTAIN - JOSHUA 14:12

A. DESTRUCTIVE DENIALS - ~~NUM 15:31-37~~

1. MAJORITY = 100% ~~10/12~~
2. ~~Breakdown Complex~~

A. Caleb Personalized God's Promise

Whole Land

Joshua 14:9 Abraham -

God had made a covenant with ~~Isaac~~
 Confirmed it to Jacob - Established
 it with Moses and the children
 of Israel - Extended it to Joshua

NOW CALEB CLAIMED His ~~share~~ part of
 the inheritance -

POWER TO KEEP ON GOING
TEXT 14:12

JOSHUA ~~14~~ 14:615

Background - (NUMBERS ~~14:13-20, 14:24~~)
NUMBERS 13 & 14

INTRODUCTION -

LOOM SPREADERS - SUEGAMIE
& THOMPSON

II. CLIMBING OUR MOUNTAIN - JOSHUA 14:9

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A. ~~God made such a Caleb~~ Had Personalized
God's Promise Jos 14:9 - ^{ISRAELITES} See Joshua 1:3

~~He~~ ~~Caleb wanted to see time on the~~
~~highly - this was a challenge to him~~

A. Caleb was a mountain climber
^{Been there before}

2. July 23, 1987 a 91 year old woman
climbed Mt. FUJIE IN JAPAN.

1. Hebron - 3,000'; 25 Springs, 10 large wells
19 miles South west of Jerusalem

B

He was ready TO CLIMB IT AGAIN

POWER TO KEEP GOING ON!

-3-

JOSHUA 14: 13-19
Numbers 13 & 14

CONQUERING OUR MOUNTAIN - ~~Numbers 13 & 14~~

III →
A

- 1- Report of majority
mat. 21: 18-22
 2. Grasshopper complex - ~~made~~ ^{made} ~~us~~ ^{us} we are here able
14: 22 let us go up at once!
14: 22 His mt. into it
14: 22 make his ~~mountain~~ ^{mountain} of ~~mountain~~ ^{mountain}
 3. Food never ran out; ^{Joseph said that} clothing never wore out; ^{Joseph said that} water never went out

B - DESTRUCTIVE DISAGREEMENTS - Constructive

1. The people would have stoned them
 to death had God not intervened
 2. Caleb took the right attitude - He
 did not become bitter or unforgiving -
 He called them "my brethren" - ~~45 years later~~
 Joshua 14: 8

C - DISCOURAGING DELAYS -

1. Caleb had to wait 45 years -
 2. It was the fault of others -
 3. DELAY IS NOT DENIAL
 4.

D - DANGEROUS DETOURS

1. Wander in wilderness for 38 years
Numbers 14: 28-30
 2. at this stage in my life I can't afford
 to be side-tracked by lesser causes - ~~participation~~
 3. So you didn't believe the sign either"

E. DREADED DIFFICULTIES -

- 1 - Conquering mountains ~~is~~ NEVER EASY
 2. wilderness experiences
 (a) serpents - (b) defeat at Ai
 (c) Crossing Jordan at flood stage
 (d) Caleb had slipped from hero in the
 limelight to the background -

APPLICATION:

1. Caleb - ^{peaking strength - diseases, etc} never gone in = up - out
 2. Denomination

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THE DRAMATIC STRUGGLE OF A YOUNG MAN WITH THE DESTINY OF HIS SOUL

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Mark 10:17-22; Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:16-30

I. CONVICTION, longing for eternal life but lost,
Mark 10:17-18

- A. Came running to Jesus
 - 1. Came to the only One who could satisfy the longing for eternal life
- B. He knelt down, humbled himself.
- C. Earnestness: inquired, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
- D. Came to right person

II. CONFRONTATION, fight with conscience
Living good but lost, vv 19-20.

- ~~A. No better question could have been asked.~~
- B. Not a more serious question could have been asked.

dramatic struggle of young man . . . page 2

III. CONCLUSION: LACKING only one thing but lost

A. Depending on his previous manner of living instead of faith in Christ

B. Distorted value of earthly possessions

1. An unwillingness to forsake everything for Christ

2. All he was asked to give up he would gain in heaven and more.

C. The disdain he had for taking the cross and following Jesus Christ.

D. He deliberately gambled on the destiny of his soul

Describe the scene! Perhaps he walked away
dejected. stopped went on
Perhaps the apostles ran after him

1. Levant, New York
2. Fairmount Camp
3. Central Second
4. Western Pa. Camp
5. Greenville First

Oct. 1964
Aug. 11, 1968
Oct. 25, 1968
July 17, 1969
April 25, 1971

6. Amherst Ind - Friends
7. Long Beach, N.C.

Nov. 23, 1975
March 19, 1977

HEARING WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO
THE CHURCHES

Rev. Chapters 2, 3.

Read 2:7, 11, 17, 29.

3:6, 13, 22

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Rev. Chs. 2 and 3

Read 2:7, 11, 17, 29,
3:6, 13, 22.

INTRODUCTION:

I. RULES FOR HEARING:WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS:

A. Cultivate the "hearing ear".

1. Mother listening for voice of child.
2. Concentrate on what is being said.
3. The man who turned off his hearing aid.

B. Cease talking.

C. Comply with what is said.

1. Repeat it.
2. Practice it.

II. REASONS CHRIST WANTED THEM TO HEAR.

A. Wanted to compliment them.

1. Christ's attitude is to commend or bless everything that he can.
2. The churches He complimented--
 - a. Had nothing but praise for two churches, Smyrna and Philadelphia.
 - b. Had mixed praise for four churches-- Ephesus, Pergamas, Thyatira, Sardis.
 - c. Had no praise for Laodicea.
3. The things for which Christ compliments the churches.
 - a. The church at Ephesus was complimented for their labour, patience, hatred of evil, and because for the sake of Jesus they had not fainted. (2:2-3).
 - b. The church at Smyrna was complimented because they endured tribulation and for their spiritual richness in the midst of financial poverty. (2:9)

- c. The church at Pergamus was complimented for holding fast the name of Jesus and for not denying the faith in the midst of martyrdom. (2:13)
 - d. The church at Thyatira was complimented for their charity (love), service, faith, patience, and works. (2:19).
 - e. The church at Sardis was complimented for few people who had not defiled their garments. (3:2,4).
 - f. The church at Philadelphia was complimented for their spiritual strength, for obeying the Word of God, for not denying the name of Christ, and for keeping the word of patience. (3:8,10).
 - g. There was no compliment for Laodicia.
4. What would Christ have to praise in this church?
- a. Would it be without mixture?
 - b. Would it be with mixture?
 - c. Would it be without praise at all?
5. To all seven churches He said, "I know thy works."

B. Christ wanted to correct them.

- 1. To five of the seven churches, He said "Repent".
- 2. Note the things for which He demanded repentance.
 - a. The church at Ephesus was asked to repent for its loss of love. (2:4-5).
 - (1) "You don't love me like you used to."
 - (2) They had zeal for orthodoxy shown by trying false prophets and by their hatred of the deeds of the Nicolaitans, but they were short on love.

(3) The Nicolaitans placed the freedom of the Christian above the moral law, thus giving license to the foulest sins. This was antiteonism in its worst form.

b. The church at Pergamus was asked to repent for holding to the doctrine of Balaam and for allowing the doctrine of the Nicolaitans among them. (2:14-16).

c. The church at Thyatira was asked to repent for allowing Jezebel to teach and to seduce the people to comit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols. (2:20-21)

- (1) Not necessary to understand Jesebel as a person; it was a false teaching personified.
- (2) They had much love but were careless in their standards.
- (3) Enduring tribulation commended; toleration of evil is condemned.

d. The church at Sardis was asked to repent for its hight profession accompanied by its low living. (3:1-3).

- (1) "Thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead", Be watchful,
- (2) Christ detected shame and pretense.

C. Christ wanted to Challenge the Churches.

- 1. The church at Ephesus was challenged to repent lest its candlestick be removed. (2:5).
- 2. The church at Smyrna was challenged to fear not the tribulations they were facing. (2:10)
 - a. "Ye shall have tribulation - Christ sees it, knows it, and has made provisions for it.

- b. "Ten days" - a little time and it will be over.
 - c. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."
3. The church at Pergamus was challenged to stand true against a strong-hold of Satan, and to correct certain situations that would enable God to continue to fight their battles for them. (2:13, 16).
 4. The church at Thyatira was challenged to "Hold fast till the coming of Christ". (2:25)
 5. The church at Sardis was challenged to strengthen the things which remained. (3:2).
 6. The church at Philedelphia was challenged by the promise of an open door. (3:8)
 7. The church at Laodicia was challenged to open the door to let Christ come in. (3:20)

III. REWARDS FOR HEARING WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYS.

- A. Church at Ephesus - 2:7
- B.
- B. Church at Smyrna - 2:11
- C. Church at Pergames - 2:17
 1. "Hidden manna.
 2. White stone - a stone given to an athlete who won games which entitled him to free meals at the expense of the public.
- D. Church at Thyatira. - 2:26.

GOD'S PRESENCE

Exodus 33: 12-15

Settling for Second Month

I. THE CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING GOD'S PRESENCE

"I will give thee rest." Cloud & pillar of fire, Ex. 3.

A. Restful victory.

1. Personal, inward rest int the battle.

2. Ultimate, restful victory in conquering the enemy.

B. They became God's distinguished people, v. 16

C. They saw the glory of God, vv. 18-23.

II. THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

A. "Shall go." This assurance came to Moses after Israel's sin and defeat at Sinai.

B. God's statement to Moses was sufficient.

Song: "Jesus will Walk with Me # 158.

III. THE CONDITIONS OF HAVING GOD'S PRESENCE.

A. Obedience, following God's direction.

1. Progress --- not stay.

B. Getting into and keeping in right relation with God.

1. God was grieved in the worshiping of the golden calf.

2. They removed their ornaments.

C. Intercession.

D. Separation, v. 16

1. Theology

2. Worship

3. Clothes

4. Food

5. Marriage

E. Intimacy with God, vv 11, 17.

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| 1. World Headquarters | June 15, 1961 |
| 2. High Pine | July 4, 1962 |
| 3. Wesley Grove Camp | July 20, 1964 |
| 4. Kentucky Camp | Aug. 11, 1964 |
| 5. Falconer, N. Y. | Oct. 11, 1964 |
| 6. El Cajon, Calif. | Feb. 21, 1965 |
| 7. New Castle, Pa. | May 15, 1965 |
| 8. Cleveland, First, Ohio | May 16, 1965 |
| 9. Akron First, Ohio | May 16, 1965 |
| 10. South Ohio Conf. | June 20, 1965 |
| 11. N. . C. Conf. | July 29, 1965 |
| 12. Union Point Camp | July 12, 1966 |
| 13. Nebraska Camp | Aug. 16, 1966 |
| 14. Fairmount Camp | Aug. 10, 1968 |
| 15. Paulpietersbrug, S. A. | Jan. 5, 1969 |
| 16. Choma, Zambia Missionaries | Feb. 19, 1969 |
| 17. Penn-Jersey Conf. | July 9, 1969 |
| 18. Delmarva Conf. | July 10, 1969 |
| 19. Kansas Camp | Aug. 2, 1969 |
| 20. Cleveland Drive N. Y. | Oct. 5, 1969 |
| 21. Caribbean Field Board | April 11, 1974 |
| 22. Indiana Central | June 10, 1974 |
| 23. - Sakata | June 26, 1978 |