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“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

**GOD’S HOLY DAYS
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April 8th
Lord’s Supper
(observed evening before at
Sundown)

April 9th-15th
Feast of Unleavened Bread*

May 31st
Pentecost*

September 19th
Feast of Trumpets*

September 28th
Day of Atonement*

October 3rd-9th
Feast of Tabernacles*

October 10th
Last Great Day*
*begins evening before

“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”

“And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**”

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.

Exodus 20:3-17

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Kansas City Church of God Ministries

Speakers Schedule JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2009

JAN 2nd - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

Optimist Building

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JAN 9th - Sabbath Service, 1:30 P.M.

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JAN 16th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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JAN 23rd - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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JAN. 30th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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FEB 7th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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FEB 28th - Sabbath Service, 11 A.M.

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"OUR COMMISSION"- "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28: 19,20

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Commentary by Tom Shadoin

The Economy

Just about anywhere we go nowadays the talk is about our economic meltdown. Almost everyone is either affected by, or knows someone who is affected by the nation's current economic woes. For decades the church of God has preached that because of our national sins this difficult time would come. We as the descendants of ancient Israel have received enormous blessings from God. But, because of our national sins, we are now beginning to lose those blessings.

As we probably all know, we in this country and Great Britain and a few other countries are indeed as I said, the descendants of ancient Israel. And ancient Israel went through the same disappointing pattern that we are now going through, and had to be corrected by God too. We in the U.S. have been called a "shining light on a hill," but that is quickly changing. For example, as I write this article, the state of Iowa is now considering whether it will allow same sex marriage. Three other states have already approved of it, although the status in California is now in limbo. In Genesis 18 and 19 we find that God destroyed the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for the sin of homosexuality. And now this country (and others by the way too) seem bent on enshrining same sex marriage- perversion- in its laws and institutions.

And this sin is only ONE of those that is now bringing this nation down. Almighty God pleads with us to REASON with Him. God says in Isaiah 1:18-20.

(18) Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall be as wool.

(19) If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

(20) But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

But reason is sadly lacking in our society today where it is not "politically correct" to even mention the name of God in many public arenas. What an affront to our Great God who has given us such blessings that no nation in history has had! In Haggai 1 God tells ancient Judah (and this has modern day application too) that the curses Judah was then experiencing were by His hand.

Haggai 1:6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, and have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe ye, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

And in verses 10 and 11:

(10) Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.

(11) And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon the labor of the hands.

These ancient Israelites had neglected the building of God's temple and so we see God BROUGHT curses on them just as we see curses coming upon us as MODERN day Israel for what we are failing to do. These things are occurring because of the abominable practices we not only ALLOW but APPROVE of and encourage. We have been warned that this time of national punishment would come, and the consequences for those who call bad good and good bad. (Continued on Page 9)



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*As for
me
and
my
house,
we will
serve
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Lord.*

Let's Keep Praising God!

The bible speaks often of people praising God and encourages us to continually praise Him. What does it mean to praise God?

When we praise God it is our way of showing our love for Him, and it's how we let Him know that we are thankful for every aspect of His divine nature and for all of His wonderful and marvelous works that He has done.

In praising Him, we are allowing the love that we have inside of us to become an outward expression of that love and as we praise Him it makes us more aware of who He is.

Psalm 9:1-2 is a good example of this kind of praise. "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will show forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High."

Praising God focuses our heart on Him. It also helps to take our minds off of our problems and shortcomings and focuses them on God. By praising Him it causes us to consider and appreciate God's character and lifts our perspective from the earthly to the heavenly.

It's very easy for us to complain about life and only focus on the problems that we face and have to deal with almost daily, but when we praise God from our hearts, it allows us to realize all the good that He does for us. He forgives sins, heals diseases, redeems from death, crowns with love and compassion, satisfies desires, and gives righteousness and justice.

As believers we receive all of these even though we don't deserve any of them. No matter how bad things get, we should always count the many blessings that

He bestows upon us.

Praise Him and thank Him for not only what He has done for you in the past, but praise Him for what He is doing in the present, and also for what He has in store for us in the future. Some more wonderful references to praise are found in the Psalms.

Psalm 146:1-2: "Praise ye the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being."

Psalm 103:2-4: "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies."

How often should we praise God?

Many times we feel that we give Him enough praise just by recognizing Him through our prayers. Many times our prayers are used more for asking for things rather than praise. We pray for others and their needs. We pray for our needs and though we try to put in an occasional thanks, most prayers usually revolve more around asking for things. This is not a bad thing because we are supposed to lay our needs and the needs of others before God. Keeping that in mind, shouldn't we also try to give as much as we can back to God? Doesn't He deserve to receive good things from us? But, He has given us so much. How could we ever repay Him for what He has given us?

One thing we can do is keep His commandments. Another is to love Him with all of our heart, soul & mind as it says in Matthew 22:37.

We can lift Him up in praise continually, each and every day, at all times. You don't have to be on your knees to praise God. You can praise Him while your working, walking, running, whatever. It doesn't matter what you're doing, just speak words of praise, or if you can't speak them, think of them.

David in Psalm 34:1 said, "I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

God desires our worship and praise.

In closing, I would like to say that we can also praise God by are actions. Everything that we do as Christians reflects upon God. The example that we set in our everyday lives can be a thing of praise to God also. The way we act towards others and how we handle situations that arise can either be praise towards God, or a disappointment to Him, so we need to focus on those things that please and honor Him and let our lives be an example of praise to Him in everything that we do. END

God's Creation All Around Us

by Stephen Hicks



Every winter after I load the bird feeders full of black sunflower seed we begin to see the birds almost immediately. It usually begins with the chickadees and a tufted titmouse or two, then the gathering just grows from there.

We have seen many other varieties of birds at our feeder which include orioles, grosbeaks, cardinals, flickers, purple finches and downy woodpeckers. This doesn't include the ground feeders like the junco's, the Blue Jays & turtle doves among others.

But, the one's that seem to show up in the largest numbers are the goldfinches. Quite often I have counted 10 to 15 birds on each feeder at one time. The picture that you

see above shows two female finches. In the Winter time it is harder to tell the males from the females because they are both dull in color, but when spring begins to roll around, you will start seeing a transformation in the males.

As the temperatures begin to warm up, the males begin to lose the dull feathers, which are replaced by bright yellow feathers. The reason for this is not so you and I can identify the sexes, but instead it is the way God had made them to be identified by the female.

Sorry ladies, but in the bird world, most males (seen below) are much brighter and more colorful than the females and this is for mating purposes. The females can recognize the male during the courtship by his bright coloring along with some courtship rituals. Now



you may ask, "Why don't the females get pretty feathers too?"

Well, the answer is that if they had bright colors, they would be easy pickings for predators while sitting on their nests. The females remain more camouflaged for their surroundings in order to help protect them from being seen while they are sitting on the nests.

The finches will feed on many different types of seed bearing plants and love the seed out of the thistle plant. Many bird watchers recommend putting out feeders with Niger seed in them. I have tried both and they seem to prefer the sunflower seed.

The finches also like to nest in pine trees and I've seen them in cedars. If you have feeders don't be surprised to see a finch or two.





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*“But go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.
And as ye go, preach, saying,
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the
dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received,
freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver,
nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your
journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,
nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of
his meat.” Matthew 10:6-10 KJV*

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SOME FISHY FACTS

1. Did you know that during the Depression of the 1930s, clamshells were used as legal tender in Pismo Beach, California?
2. Did you know that on some early coins of the infant United States, between 1776 & 1778, that codfish were depicted on them?
3. Did you know that in 1670, the Massachusetts Bay Colony made a ruling that the profits from “basse” fishing (bass fishing) was to be used to build a school that was free for all to attend? Thus, stripe bass fishing built the first public school in the New World.
4. Because the mackerel is a fish that spoils quickly, merchants were allowed to sell it on Sundays, despite the Blue laws in 17th century England. This is where we got the phrase “Holy Mackerel!”
5. In the early 1900s, Clarence Birdseye was fishing in a frigid region of Canada. He discovered that the fish he caught froze quickly and when cooked tasted just as fresh as when he had caught them. This led to the first practical method of quick-freezing foods for freshness.
6. Did you know that the word “Chowder” is derived from the French “chaudiere”, which referred to a cauldron aboard ships in which the catch of the fishermen was mixed together for stew?

**ANSWERS TO LAST
MONTHS PUZZLE**

1. "B" or my feet
(John 13:8)
2. King Solomon
(1Kings 3-11)
3. The Prodigal
Son (Luke
15:11-16)
4. Angels
(Hebrews 13:2)
5. Richly in all
wisdom
(Colossians
3:16)
6. False (1Samuel
17:50,51)
7. John the Baptist
(Luke 7:28)
8. Jesus (Luke
6:1,2)
9. "C" or red
(Genesis 25:25)
10. Matthew
(Matthew 5:5)
11. Two, James and
Jude (Matthew
13:55)
12. 700 wives
(1Kings 11:1,3)
13. 120 years old
(Deuteronomy
34:3)
14. Jeremiah
(Jeremiah
31:15)
15. Moses (Exodus
2:21)
16. Proverbs
(Proverbs 6:25)
17. "D" or sons of
Benjamin
(Genesis 46:21)
18. Almonds
(Numbers 17:8)
19. Solomon
(1Kings
4:30,32)

JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next month's newsletter.

1. "But _____ found grace in the eyes of the Lord."
2. "Delilah said to _____, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth."
3. In what city did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus live?
4. John the Baptist had an interesting diet of what?
5. In what book of the Bible do you find these words? " I am the living bread which came from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall liver forever."
6. What nation of people got sick and tired of eating quail for dinner?
7. What was the name of the Bible prophet who was fed by birds?
8. Who said, " Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other?"
9. What was the name of the man who escaped from Damascus in a basket?
10. What was the name of the man who issued a decree that all the world should be taxed?
11. There was a very rich man who was a disciple of Jesus. What was his name?
12. How many times did Noah send the dove from the Ark?
13. What Bible prophet was called the "Gloomy Prophet"?
14. " And Cush begat _____. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord."
15. How was Naaman healed of his leprosy?
16. In the book of Proverbs, God says he hates how many things?
17. Who were Jannes and Jambres ? **A.** two of the spies to the promise land **B.** two priests in Israel **C.** two men who started a rebellion against Joshua **D.** Two of Pharaoh's magicians **E.** two of the children of Reuben
18. What was the name of the man who killed 800 men with a spear?
19. The ministering women gave up their brass mirrors to make a bathtub for men to wash in. Who were these men?

Buttermilk Pie

3 eggs, beaten
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1/4 pound butter, melted
1/2 Cup buttermilk
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2 tablespoons flour
One 9-inch, deep-dish unbaked pie crust

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, sugar and butter. Mix in the buttermilk, vanilla and flour. Pour filling into crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.



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THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

We will list all requests for one month unless we are notified to keep them on longer. Please write down the prayer requests each month, or cut this page out to use as a reference. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.

1. Pray that God will continue to bless His Churches.
2. Deanna White. Pray that whatever is causing her to loose sleep will cease.
3. Marlene Brown. Still having back problems.
4. Teresa Hicks. Job protection.
5. Jerome Ortvals. Continue to pray for his overall health.
6. Berlin Shropshire. (Jeana Booth's grandfather) His liver is failing and his thought processes are being affected.
7. Karen Montavy. Pray for healing
8. Norman Curran. He is having pain in his heel.
9. Roberta Vest. Lost job and is having difficulty finding another job.
10. Richard & Mary Jordan and extended family. Pray that two of their grandsons in foster care will find a good home. Pray for Mary's daughter Eileen and her son Matthew. Pray for Mary's grandson Curtis. Pray for Tiffany, her husband Jason and their baby daughter.
11. Jacquelyn Bryant. High blood pressure, Diabetes, Thyroid problems, bone degeneration.
12. Wanda Edmondson. Bladder problems.
13. Mary Wyche. Suffering from dementia.
14. Jeana Booth. Asthma attacks, pain in shoulder and back. Is having biopsy of growths found.
15. Stephanie (Hicks) Downard: She is pregnant with their first child and is due in May. Pray that everything will go well for her and the baby.
16. Melva Wallens. Polyps found after tests. Pray they won't be cancerous.
17. Betty Hicks. Suffering from Macular Degeneration of her eyes.
18. Wanda Myers. Hemorrhaging difficulties with her blood.
19. Lori Harvey. Pray that all will go well at her next doctor appointment.
20. Judy Tate. Diagnosed with multiple cancers.
21. Amanda & Andy Culley and family. Strength, guidance and that Andy will get more work.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16

"Thank You for Your Prayers!"

Praises to God.

If God has answered your prayers, let us know so we can give God praise.

(Commentary, The Economy, continued from Page 3) Isaiah 5:20-24: Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

(21) Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

(22) Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

(23) Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous for him!

(24) Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the God of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Brethren play time is over. Many in the churches of God have seen God's way as kind of a hobby. Too many on the Sabbath "go to church," and hurry off afterwards to do their own pleasures. The Sabbath begins and ends with a sunset and we are told not to seek our own pleasures on that day but to honor God and that means for the WHOLE day.

Isa. 58:13-14 If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

(14) Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

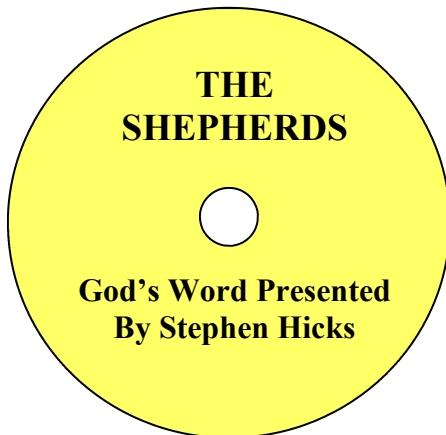
Almighty God also tells us to keep in close touch and meet together, with likeminded brethren on the Sabbath and Holy Days too. We need each other brethren.

Hebrews 10:25: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Continued on Page 10)

“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

1 JOHN 1:3

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(The Economy, Continued from Page 9) The Sabbath is a SIGN by which God may look down and see who are and who are not His people.

Ezekiel 20:12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.

There are of course nine other commandments we need to be concerned with as well as prayer and fasting. But the point is brethren that I believe the sands of time are finally running out of our hourglass as a nation. It is not too late for us as God's people to seek Him before it is too late.

Isaiah 55:6: Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon Him while he is near.

Our time as God's people is NOW. Later may be TOO late!

I Peter 4:17: For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? END

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