

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM
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 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“...by what a man
 is overcome, by
 this he is
 enslaved.”



— 2 Peter 2:19b

Servants during February/March:

Songleader: Stanley (27); Larry (3/6),
 David (3/13), Peter (3/20), Stanley
 (3/27)

Reading: Mike M; Stanley (Mar)

Announcements: Larry; Robert (Mar)

Table: Mike B, Peter, Marty, Stanley;
 Mike M, Larry, Mike B, David (Mar)

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (3/2), Stanley
 (3/9), Kris (3/16), Larry (3/23), Stanley
 (3/30)

Area Meetings:

Hwy 157 Cullman, Jonathan Caldwell,
 3/6-9

Singing River, Tommy Peeler, 3/6-11
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“Examine everything carefully...” —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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Seeing Him Who Is Invisible

By Tanner Campbell

Consider the man Moses for a moment. Only a man with great courage could have brought God’s people out of the land of Egypt. But where did his courage come from? Was he a skilled military leader? How about a trained expert in communications and gifted in motivational speaking? Certainly that was not the case for Moses. So then, what was it that fueled such an amazing display of courage? The Hebrew writer answers this question in only a few words, Moses “endured as seeing Him who is invisible,” Heb 11:27. The reason for Moses’ perseverance is because he knew that God’s hand was there to save him. He was convicted that the power of Pharaoh was nothing to the power of God. The hand of God was so evidence to the sight of Moses. God was so clearly present that Moses could see Him there, even though He remained invisible to the human eye. This is why Moses was able to endure. This is where his courage came from. He knew he was not alone.

This article is designed to celebrate the hand of God in the lives of those who live for Him. Many have questioned whether God still has a hand in the life of a Christian, and on the other side, many have heartily accepted the hand of God in today’s world without a single argument based on scripture. This article will utilize scripture to the aim that both sides will have a better understanding of the providence of God.

By the term “providence” I mean God’s divine care, management, and direction. Those who no longer believe that God provides for, cares for, guides, and directs us, may not realize the implications of such a belief: (1) It cannot be founded on scripture, and (2) one must also reject prayer. Indeed, prayer and the providence of God are so fused together that without providence, prayer is pointless. Maybe that’s why many Christians rarely pray anymore. Maybe they can no longer see “Him who is invisible” in their lives. It seems that Satan has published the

idea that we are not to rely on God for any kind of help, but we must trust in ourselves, our family members, and our careers to pull us through life. How foolish it is to trust in these things. Look around and consider how many, by not trusting in God alone, have “fallen on the sword” of their family, or job, and more commonly fall on their own sword, just as king Saul did not put his trust in God, and his life was ended by falling on his own sword, 1 Sam 31:4. Christians, we need to place all trust in the hand of God. In doing so, we will begin to see more clearly the hand of “Him who is Invisible.”

It shouldn't be a hard task for a Christian to “pray without ceasing,” 1 Thess 5:17, unless the Christian is lacking in knowledge of God's power and providence. The scriptures are filled with examples of the unseen hand of God. Consider Acts 14:17, “Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” How can we not see “Him who is invisible” every time the rain falls, or the sun comes up, Mt 5:45, or when the crops produce good things? Have we been so influenced by a world that cares not to acknowledge God that we no longer do either?

Jesus made a number of valuable points that are essential for our study. Beginning in Matthew 10:29, Jesus asked, “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? and not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.” Friends, why does Jesus speak of the sparrow? Why is the sparrow the example He uses? Because they are

insignificant and almost worthless (worth only a copper coin). Here He teaches us that even the things we count as insignificant are ruled by the unseen hand of God: “not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.” This example Jesus gave sets the stage for a more personal example to us: “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.” Even the smallest details about us or our lives are well known to God. So then, how much more do we stand or fall at His will? The text is clear, it exemplifies what so many have forgotten: the LORD is invested in our lives, He loves His children and seeks to do good for them, Mt 7:11; Jas 1:17.


May we never fail to see that the LORD is in control. I know a lot of Christians say that, but do they really see it? The Bible does not leave us with an excuse not to see it: Psa 66:7, “He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; do not let the rebellious exalt themselves.” Dan 4:35, “All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’” Dan 2:21, “And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.” Prov 21:1, “The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.” Rom 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from

God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”

In application of these things, we all need to “pray without ceasing” as Paul told the Thessalonians. Why would Paul command so much time in prayer? If we asked that question, we need to reread this article. God's hand is in this life, and in a more special way, His unseen hand is with His true followers, in that, they are the only ones who can ask Him for help, guidance, and sustenance, and know that He will help them, guide them, and sustain them, according to His will. Only to them, has God given authority for prayer, 1 Pet 3:12.

How much will we be able to see “Him who is invisible” in our lives if our relationship with Him is strong and we pray continually? James provides a good answer to this question in Jas 5:16-18, “Confess your trespasses to

one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.” James' answer is that prayer “avails much.” You may not see a needle in a haystack, but a needle in your toe “avails much” attention. Thus, if fervent prayer “avails much,” then it will be easy to see “Him who is invisible.” Look at Elijah, how easy could he see the work of God? And remember, “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,” i.e., we can do it too! We have the same faculties at our disposal.

—via Meditate on These Things, Dec 2013 

Come hear the gospel of Christ!

We will be having a meeting April 24 through 29

Sunday, Tim Sutton

Monday, Stephen Russell

Tuesday, Glenn Hamilton

Wednesday, Kevin Chancellor

Thursday, David Wheeler (unconfirmed)

Friday, Marshall McDaniel

Remember in Prayer

Robert had a skin cancer behind his ear that has been removed; **Betty** is still very unwell at times. Please continue to pray for **Madelene Britnell**, **Carolyn Dennis**, **Dot Hice**, and **Joyce Smith**.

Please pray for the people of Ukraine, and for our, and world leaders,

1 Tim 2:1,2. Pray for wickedness to be utterly defeated, and righteousness to be exalted, Psa 7:9; 10:17,18. Pray for the spread of the gospel, and for Christians the world over—particularly those undergoing persecution for the sake of Christ, 2 Thess 3:1,2. 