

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



Sermons for the Lord's Day

The Origin of the Bible

Announcements

Alisal Weekly

1. **Romans Class This Wednesday at 6:30 pm** - Chapter 11 #1
2. Wednesday Invitation - Paul
3. Please make it a point to invite a friend or neighbor to join you at worship or Bible class.

Prayer List

1. **All those outside the body of Christ** - for the desire to learn the truth.
2. **Teresita Sagun** - for remission of her cancer.
3. **Robert Sagun** - for successful recovery from his heart disease (hATTR amyloidosis). Robert continues chemotherapy and testing.
4. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for improved health.
5. **Bobby Glover** - for continuing to reach out to the lost.
6. **The Johnson family** - for the loss of a loved one and family member.
7. **David & Vicki Ryal** - for good health and David's return to the pulpit.
8. **Raymond and Virginia Elliott** - for good health and strength to continue teaching those in and outside the body of Christ.
9. **Those serving the Lord** - for physical and spiritual strength in their service.

The Sovereignty of God

Raymond Elliott

“God is the supreme authority and all things are under His control. God is claimed to be the “sovereign Lord of all by an incontestable right [as the] creator . . . owner and possessor of heaven and earth.” This is one concise definition of God's sovereignty. God is infinite in His power and wisdom. He has the authority to do what He chooses. The sovereignty of God is one of the primary themes of the great book of Daniel as found in the Old Testament. This truth is can be found in the first five chapters of the book of Daniel.

In chapter 1:1,2, it is written, “And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his (Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon) hand, with some of the articles of the house of God. . .” in verse 9, we read, “Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.” None of these events happened by mere chance, it was Almighty God working in the lives and affairs of men for a purpose, and this will occur throughout the book of Daniel.

In chapter 2:17, 18, we learn that Daniel and his three Jewish friends sought God to reveal to them the disturbing dream that Nebuchadnezzar and its interpretation. In verse 19, we read, “Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.” In verses 20-23, Daniel, in his praise to God, mentioned that God “changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings. . .”

In chapter 3:28, 29, Daniel, in speaking to the king, said, “But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days, Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed. . .” Daniel also informed the King that it was “the God of heaven” who had “given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory (v.38). Because of what God had planned according to His great power, “the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief administrator over all wise men of Babylon (v.49). And Daniel had the king to appoint Shadrack, Meshach, and Abed-Ned-Nego to positions of authority in Babylon.

In King Nebuchadnezzar's praise of God he said, “I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation” (Daniel 4:1-3). Because of the arrogance and pride of Nebuchadnezzar, God sentenced him to “graze with the beasts on the grass of the earth”, have a “heart of a beast, and let seven times pass over him” (vs.15,16) The reason for this action was that the king wanted him to learn, “In order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, and set over it the lowest of men” (v.17). This great truth is also emphasized in 4:32. In honoring and praising God, Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, “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?” (4:35).

In chapter five, verse 1, Belshazzar “made a great feast for thousand of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.” He also had the “gold and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple which had been in Jerusalem, that the and king and lords, his wives, and concubines might drink from them” (v.2). When they drank, they “praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone” (v.4). It was then that a hand appeared on the wall and wrote, “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN” which being interpreted that he had been weighed in the balances of God and was found

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The ABC's of Bible Class

Barry Haynes

Attendance: No one can learn anything from Bible class if they are not there. Constant attendance will help reinforce the lessons being repeated each week. Attendance not only means being there every time but also on time. Not a minute of instruction time should be missed if you want the child to receive the full effect of Bible class.

Bible: No student is complete in Bible class without a Bible. From the moment a child can read they should have their own Bible that they can study from. Select a translation that they can understand, but don't sacrifice readability for accuracy. A fancy cover may be pleasing to the eye, but a Bible they can find scripture in and read from themselves is far better for them. A Bible left in the car or a home is the same as having no Bible at all.

Concerned Parents: A Bible lesson is soon forgotten if not followed up on. Ask your child about what they learned in Bible class. Re-read the text from class to them during the week. When your child sees you interested in Bible class, it will help them become interested.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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wanting. Not only that, His kingdom was to be given to Medes and Persians (vs. 25-28). Belshazzar had not heeded the lesson that his father had to learn, and that was, "the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor" (v.18). Because Nebuchadnezzar's "heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him" (v.20). It was then he was "driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses" (v.21).

In the writings of the prophet Isaiah, we read these wonderful truths, "Remember the former things of old For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure" (ESV,46:9, 10). It was Jehoshaphat who said, "O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you" (2 Chronicles 20:6). As believers, we bow in worship, with reverence and awe, the great and Almighty God, creator of the heavens and the earth; and, the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

March 31, 2019

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Isaiah 33:2



Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am Class - 10:00 am & 5:00 pm Worship

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:30 pm

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