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*Tomato -
"Chocolate"*

*Get ready for
that homegrown
flavor!*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:1-5)

MEETING UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

Listen on AM Radio 880 KKMC in Salinas, California
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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Singing, & Prayer..... 6:30 P.M.

BUSY Ed Smithson

There is a record of an incident in the book of 1st Kings. A prophet was charged with teaching the King of Israel, Ahab, a lesson. (1 Kings 20) The prophet was disguised as a wounded soldier in charge of an enemy. When Ahab appeared, he told how he was in charge of this fellow and as he was busy "here and there" the fellow escaped. Since losing an enemy that way meant the he gave his life for the enemy, Ahab said he had sealed his own fate. He would give his life. Then the prophet revealed himself to the king and told him he sealed his own fate. He had Ben-hadad, king of Samaria, whom God told him to destroy and he had not, so he would pay with his life.

All the time we hear how busy people are. This is a busy world and time. All the activities in which we engage can and do take up a lot of time. A father who is employed has extra meetings. A family with kids has all the extra activities to pursue. Baseball (Little League) basketball, soccer, dancing lessons, karate lessons, and the list goes on and on. And of course, the parents must attend the games and practices of each of the children.

Where does the time go? When several members of the family are involved, a lot of time can be used very fast.

The moral of the story is that Ahab, possibly the worst king Israel ever had, had been busy with his own agenda, and neglected what God had told him to do, destroy Ben-hadad and Samaria. And this caused him to lose his own life, and his kingdom.

Now we all know how important things in life are to each of us. Sometimes we get so busy, our obligations to the Lord are neglected. Church attendance, giving, helping one another, etc. are among neglected things. What do you think will happen when we meet at judgment and are found wanting? (2 Cor. 5:10)

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Welcome

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters!

This Week's Sermon's

A.M. - How God Answers Prayer

P.M. - Bathsheba



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Prayers

By Mike Benson



Every Christian husband wants to believe that his prayers are heard and accepted. "Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth" (Psm. 54:2). He wants to know that his petitions find their place in the ears and heart of Jehovah. "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15).

But Peter reminds us that that doesn't always happen. Sometimes a husband's prayers are hindered. "H i n d e r e d." Let that term sink into your cerebrum for a moment. The English word rendered "hindered" in the Greek is ekkopto and is pronounced ek-ko'p-to. It is a verb and is found sixteen times in eleven New Testament verses (cf. Mat. 3:10; 5:30; 7:19; 18:8; Luke 3:9; 13:7, 9; Rom. 11:22, 24; 2 Cor. 11:12). It means "to cut out, to cut off, or to hew down." Contextually, the apostle says it is possible for a husband's prayers to "get the axe." What exactly does that imply? Note the following:

1. A husband can AXE his own prayers. There are times when what the head of the household says to God doesn't make it beyond the plaster ceiling. Oh sure, The Father hears everything a man utters (Mat. 12:37), but He chooses not to heed or answer a husband's petitions in the affirmative due to sins and failures (Ezek. 14:3; Isa. 59:2; Psm. 66:18; Prov. 21:13; 28:9; Mal. 3:7-10; Mark 11:25; Jas. 1:5-7; 4:3).

2. By contrast, a husband can ADVANCE his own prayers. Watch those words—"Dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel..."

"Understanding" speaks of being sensitive to your wife's deepest physical and emotional needs. In other words, be thoughtful and respectful. Remember, you are to nourish and cherish her (Eph. 5:25-28)...

By God's design, a wife is to be the special object of her husband's love and care. As 'a weaker vessel' she is under his authority and protection. "Weaker" doesn't mean weaker spiritually or intellectually, but physically and perhaps emotionally... It's not a negative thing for a woman to be a weaker vessel. In making the man stronger, God designed



a wonderful partnership. One way a husband can protect and provide for his wife is to practice chivalry...

"Giving honor" is another way of saying, "Treat your wife with respect" while "grace of life" is a reference to marriage. "Grace" simply means a gift, and one of the best gifts life has to offer is marriage. Thus when Peter says to give her respect as a "fellow heir of the grace of life," he is commanding husbands to respect their wives as equal partners in the marriage...

These aren't mere casual suggestions. According to Peter, your applying them has a direct bearing on how your prayers are answered" (John MacArther)

Good brother, are you hacking down your prayers—or are you getting them up to God? "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry" (Psm. 34:15). What's your relationship with your wife? Think about it.

"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered"

(1 Pet. 3:7).



*Today - Fellowship Potluck and Men's business Meeting - Please join us!
And,
Evening sermon after the Potluck!*

Announcements

- 1. Brother Paul will be giving the invitation this Wednesday evening.
- 2. Life Line will be here all day on Thursday June 8 - 8:00am - 5:00pm

~ On the Prayer list

Our Congregation - for dedication and growth as well as good health
Bobby Glover - to successfully teach others about Jesus while in prison.
Michael White - for his education and helping others as he serves his time.
All those - who have given their lives for the freedoms we have. Rest in peace!
All the saints - and the knowledge and zeal to teach those who are outside the body of Christ.

Have a blessed week!