

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermons for the Lord's Day

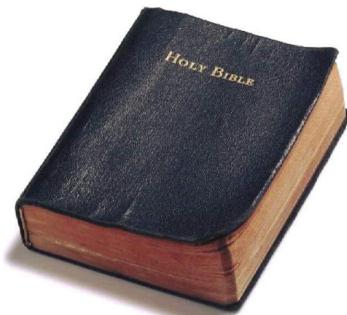
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Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. Wednesday Bible Class - Singing and Prayer
2. Wednesday Invitation - David



Prayer List

1. **The Lord's church** - for stronger dedication from the members.
2. **Charles Barry** - for his physical therapy going well.
3. **Beverly Pereira** - for continued dedication to the Lord.
4. **Norma Decker** - for stronger faith in Jesus and better health.
5. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for relief from her health problems
6. **Bobby Glover** - for living faith and teaching the lost.
7. **David Smith** - for better attendance.
8. **Michael White** - for success at truck driving school and service to the Lord.
9. **David & Vicki Ryal** - for good health and David's return to the pulpit.
10. **Raymond and Virginia Elliott** - for good health and strength to continue teaching those in and outside the body of Christ.
11. **Don Walker** - Brother Walker passed from this life at 3:30 p.m. on January 24.

Joseph in Potiphar's House

Stephen R. Bradd

“Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there. The LORD was with Joseph, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority” (Gen. 39:1-4).

Here we are introduced to Potiphar. He was “captain of the guard” in Egypt (i.e., head of the executioners). He bought Joseph as a slave and treated him very well, especially after seeing that the LORD blessed everything Joseph worked on. We might wonder how Potiphar (in a polytheistic culture) came to the correct conclusion that the LORD was the source of Joseph's success. The text indicates that Potiphar “saw” that the LORD was with Joseph. In other words, it was observable! Such is still the case today, friends. Can the world “see” that God is with you? If not, why not? If such could be seen in the life of a young man who had been enslaved far from home, our lives--no matter what our circumstances--should also be able to manifest such.

“So it was, from the time that he had made him an overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's hand, and he did not know what he had except for the bread which he ate” (Gen. 39:5,6). We know that Joseph spent 13 years of his life initially as a slave and later as a prisoner, though we are not certain how long he specifically served in Potiphar's house (cf. 37:2; 41:46). It may have taken several years for Joseph to earn Potiphar's absolute trust. But, once he was promoted, Potiphar did not even check up on Joseph. Potiphar's servant was so reliable and successful that Potiphar only concerned himself at home with what he desired to eat! Joseph was put in charge of everything in Potiphar's house. Such was a significant responsibility, and he was up to the task. Joseph would learn invaluable training during these years, particularly the Egyptian language, their way of life, and business administration. He would also learn humility and perseverance (he may have lacked the former to some degree when he lived with his family). These traits will be very helpful to him when he is later promoted by Pharaoh himself. Once Joseph's character is perfected, then and only then would he be ready to help perfect the character of his brothers. It is of interest to observe that when Judah separated himself from his brothers (cf. Gen. 38), he became further contaminated by his surroundings. But, Joseph was just the opposite! It would have been easy in a foreign land for him to forsake his faith in the true and living God and simply assimilate into Egyptian culture in every way. It would have been easy for him to become depressed and give up, but he chose not to travel that path. Joseph had a difficult 13 years in some ways, but he was true to the LORD. His faith was tested by fire and it did not fail (cf. I Pet. 1:7)!

Where does it say this in the Bible?

Answer to last weeks question... Romans 15:11

Compassion

And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Refreshing the Hearts of the Saints

Maxie B. Boren

One of my all-time favorite passages of scripture is found in Philemon 7. There, the apostle Paul commended Philemon "because the hearts of the Saints have been refreshed through thee, brother." Wouldn't it be wonderful if that could honestly be said of every member of the church? Every Christian could be like that with a little work on the matter of "attitude." Unfortunately, some who profess to be Christians just never seem to "get it" concerning the importance of having a Christ-like spirit and spend most of their lives "out of sorts," disgruntled and unhappy. Isn't there enough "doom and gloom" in the world already without Christians adding to it? Let us resolve to be like Philemon in this regard and spread a lot of cheer and sunshine in the lives of those with whom we come in contact. One question: are others refreshed when they see you coming?

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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But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalm 86:15

"The intimacy that arises in listening and speaking truth is only possible if we can open to the vulnerability of our own hearts. Breathing in, contacting the life that is right here, is our first step. Once we have held ourselves with kindness, we can touch others in a vital and healing way."

*Shared by our yoga instructor
Path Star*

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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