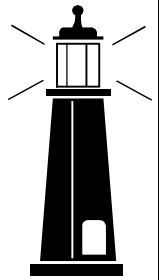


The Berryville Church of Christ

# Bible Beacon

"Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)



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## Honoring God

*Kevin Cauley*

**T**he Bible speaks of giving God honor on several occasions. It is up to us as His creation to freely choose to honor Him. God will never force us to honor Him, but if we love God, we will honor Him. When we honor God, great things happen in our life. Let's look at a few passages in the Bible that speak about honoring God.

In 1 Samuel 2:30 the Lord is speaking to Eli, the judge, through a prophet regarding Eli's failure to honor God. The Lord says to Eli, "for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." One of the things that we learn from this passage is that God honors those that honor Him. Our God is not a selfish God who never bestows blessings upon His creation. When we show the appropriate honor toward Him, then He honors us not out of our own personal greatness or worth, but because He loves His creation and seeks to instruct us in personal relationships.

In Proverbs 3:9, 10 we read, "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." In this passage, honoring God means giving of the things that we possess to Him. Again, we see that the Lord reciprocates that Honor, that is, when we honor the Lord with our substance—our wealth—then He will give back to us. Honoring God in this way means that we do what God wants us to do with the wealth that we have. God doesn't care how much money we have, but He does care how we use what we have and He expects us to honor Him with it.

There is, however, one way that God does not want us to honor Him. We read in Isaiah 29:13, "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their  
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## Kevin's Korner



**E**very week is a great week to be alive, but this past week was really great for me and I hope it was great for you as well. This past Sunday we had a wonderful time at Loretta Williams' house hunting Easter eggs. The kids really did enjoy themselves and the Easter bunny made a surprise appearance. I think the kids enjoyed playing with the Easter bunny more than they enjoyed hunting the eggs. Charlie and Hannah were giving their eggs that they found to the Easter bunny! The cookies were wonderful; the lemonade was wonderful; the weather was beautiful. We all had a great day. Much thanks to Loretta Williams and the Williams family for hosting this event!

Monday was a good day. John Gass and I got out the ol' canoe and went floating down King's River. We started at Trigger Gap and went all the way down to the 62 bridge. We floated twelve miles and it took us about five and a half hours to finish the float. We saw a few Bald Eagles, several squirrels, and lots of different plants that John likes to eat. Perhaps the most impressive thing, however, was the number of fish that were in the water. We must have seen at least 2000 fish swimming up stream to spawn. It was unreal. And neither John nor I brought our fishing poles. Before I left for the float, I looked at my fishing pole and told myself that if I bring it, I won't see anything. Well, I didn't bring it and just the opposite happened. Well, we didn't catch any fish, but we caught a lot of fun and we had a good day.

Monday night Austin had baseball practice with his team "the Mets." You may have noticed a lump on Austin's head Wednesday night. He got that during practice from his getting to close

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to a swinging bat. I guess we will try to avoid doing that in the future. Like Brent said, "It only took one kid getting hit in the head for us to learn not to let them get that close." Life experience is indeed a great teacher. "The Mets" had their first game Tuesday night. They all played very well for their first game of the year. It was exciting to watch. I really got into the game a lot more than I thought that I would. If you want to know the score, you might ask Brent as I can't remember it. "The Mets" lost, but the fact that the team had fun, did their best, and that they are playing by the rules is the important thing. Friday night we had our second game and won. It was an exciting finish!

As many of you know, Mary Lynn, the boys, my parents, and I are planning on going to the Grand Canyon the fourth week in June. We will be gone from the 20<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> and be back on the 28<sup>th</sup>. We are really looking forward to the trip. We have been making our plans as it is only about two months away. I have never been to the Grand Canyon and neither has any of my family, so it will be a first. I mentioned to several that we are looking for a pop-up camper at a reasonable price. If anyone hears of a good deal, let me know, please.

Speaking of plans for June, we have our Friends and Family day as well as our VBS coming up real soon! Friends and Family day has been moved to June 8<sup>th</sup>. I have had several positive responses from members of the community that say that are interested in coming. I also encourage each of you to invite as many as possible. Start telling them now so that they can get the event on their calendar in plenty of time. We want to spread the word and have as many visitors as possible that day. Our VBS as well we need to start talking to others about. This year's theme is "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Most of you are familiar with the song and now we have a great VBS planned around that theme. Make the most of the opportunities that you have each day to invite others to come and be with us June 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Thursday starting at 7:00 PM each evening. Let's make this the best VBS yet!

### Times of Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:..... 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship: ..... 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship:.....6:00 PM  
Ladies Bible Class:..... 10:30 AM  
Wed. Evening Bible Class:.....7:00 PM

# THE WORST CHILD ABUSE OF ALL

Wade Webster

As one reads the Bible it becomes clear how much Jesus loved children. On one occasion we hear Him saying, "*Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven*" (Matthew 19:14). Children were precious in the sight of Jesus then, and they are precious in His sight now.

In the Old Testament we find that children were just as precious to His Father. When God was about to destroy the great city of Nineveh, the children of that city were on His mind. We read, "*And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand: and also much cattle?*" (Jonah 4:11). God didn't want the children of Nineveh to suffer when Nineveh was destroyed.

Today, we can be certain that God is still very concerned about children. No doubt, he is seriously concerned about the condition of children in America. Children in America are being abused physically, mentally, and sexually every day. While these kinds of child abuse are terrible and need to be corrected, there is even a more serious type of child abuse occurring in our country. America's children are being neglected spiritually. Children in our country are growing up without a knowledge of God and His word. Spiritual abuse has to be the worst kind of child abuse of all because of three reasons.

**First, spiritual abuse is the worst kind of child abuse because it neglects the most important part of all.** Spiritual abuse neglects the soul. In physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, the child's physical and mental needs are neglected. These areas of neglect are terrible and need to be corrected. Yet, spiritual abuse is far worse than these abuses because it neglects the souls of children. Jesus said that the soul was the most valuable thing in the whole world. We read, "*For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*" (Matthew

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16:26). Later, in discussing the importance of the soul, He said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). Many parents care for their children physically and emotionally, but then leave off the spiritual care that their children need most of all.

**Second, spiritual abuse is the worst kind of child abuse because it leaves children open to the greatest enemy of all.** Physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse leave children open to many problems. We often read of the many problems that abused children suffer emotionally and physically. Yet, spiritual abuse leaves children open to the greatest enemy of all – the devil. Peter wrote, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

In the parable of the tares, Jesus said, "The enemy that sowed them is the devil: the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels" (Matthew 13:39). The devil would like nothing better than to enslave America's children as soon as they reach the age of accountability. Parents must make sure that they properly train their children spiritually to resist the devil. Parents are going to have to teach their children the word of God. It was with the word of God that Jesus overcame the devil (Matthew 4:1-11), and it is with the word of God that we will overcome the devil (Ephesians 6:10-17).

**Third, spiritual abuse is the worst kind of child abuse because it may affect a child for the longest time of all.** While physical and mental abuse can affect a child for a lifetime, spiritual abuse can affect a child for eternity. Failing to provide for a child physically and emotionally may lead to a premature death. Certainly, it is sad when children are not cared for physically here on this earth. Yet, how much more sad it is

when children's spiritual needs are not met. The spiritual neglect may not only cause the children to suffer now, but also may lead to eternal suffering. Children who are not taught God's word often do not obey the gospel when they reach the age of accountability. While not all of the blame can be placed at the feet of parents who fail to give their children spiritual training, it is certain that much of the blame must apply to them. God expects parents to give their children the spiritual training that they will need to stay faithful throughout life (Proverbs 22:16; Ephesians 6:4; Deuteronomy 6:7; 2 Timothy 3:15). As children reach the age of accountability, they will begin to make choices on their own. Parents must guide them in making the right decisions by giving them the training that they need from God's word.

It has not been my purpose in this article to downgrade the seriousness of physical, sexual, and emotional child abuse. These abuses are terrible and need to be corrected at once. Yet, we must not forget that children can also be neglected spiritually. It is spiritual abuse that may not only rob children of their happiness now, but may also contribute to robbing them of their happiness in eternity. [Via *The Chapman Challenger*, 04-04-01]

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lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men." God is not honored when we merely make a show of honoring Him. He expects us to honor Him not only with our words, but with our deeds. Our God is a God of faith and action, not hypocrisy and idleness and He expects such out of His people. God does not want us to honor Him merely with our lips, but with our whole life. Let us seek to honor God in our life. It is what God wants and it is the right thing to do.

## Sunday's Sermons

For April 27th

Morning.....Christian Godliness (1)

Scripture ..... Titus 2:11, 12

Evening..... Christian Growth

Scripture ..... 2 Peter 3:18

## Our Record

Week of April 20th

Sunday Class .....	55
Sunday A.M.....	79
Sunday P.M. ....	52
Wednesday .....	62
Contribution.....	\$1613.80
Budget .....	\$1760.00

## News, Notes and Prayer List



• We rejoice that we can gather here today to worship God in spirit and in truth and to reaffirm our fellowship one with another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

- If you are visiting with us, please let us know of your visit by filling out one of our visitor cards. We welcome you!
- Please remember the following in your prayers: Donna Brown, Maxine Campbell, Delma Johnson, Jerri Kesstner, Florene Neil.
- We extend our sympathy to the family of Pat Clausing. Pat was a cousin of Neva Welch.
- Lucille Wright is in room 104 of the Berryville nursing home.
- Edith Mischler is in the nursing home in Eureka Springs.
- Art Roberts and Mary Patterson are confined to their homes.
- This coming Saturday, May 3rd, there will be a youth rally held in Springfield at the Kansas Expressway church of Christ. All are invited to attend. Please meet at the building at 7:00 AM to depart. Bring your friends for this great event!
- Remember Friends and Family Day on June 8th 2003 and start inviting your friends today!
- Don't forget our upcoming Vacation Bible School, June 16th through 19th at 7:00 each evening. The theme: "What a Friend we Have in Jesus!"
- The monthly elders and deacons meeting will be held tonight after evening services.
- Our monthly potluck will be today! Please stay and enjoy food and fellowship with us.
- The Pantry Item for this week is Tomato Paste.



## Men to Serve

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Sunday Morning:</b>	<b>April 27th, 2003</b>	<b>May 4th, 2003</b>
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Brent Stevens	Brent Stevens
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Clyde Atchley	Glenn Williams
<b>Scripture:</b>	Matt Bassing	Ray Duncan
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Bill Fort	Ken Smith
	Rusty Windle	Rusty Windle
<b>(assist)</b>	Bob Moore	Bruce Foster
	Brent Moore	Hugh Atchley
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Glenn Quigley	Bill Fort
<b>Sunday Night:</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Clyde Atchley
<b>Preacher:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Glenn Williams	Dale Pinkley
<b>Scripture:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Brent Moore
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	Leon Duncan	Leon Duncan
	Clay Bozarth	Brandon Foster
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Glenn Quigley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Dale Pinkley	Bob Moore
<b>Invitation:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Larry Elliott
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Matt Bassing	Clay Bozarth
<b>Monthly Assignments</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	Brent Stevens	
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Ken Smith	
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Tiffany Windle	Megan Williams
<b>Communion Carry</b>	Bob Moore	Brent Moore

Next Month's Assignments: Rusty Windle will have announcements. John Gass and Glenn Williams will carry communion. Mary Lynn Cauley and Katie Williams will prep communion and Glenn Quigley will be the worship coordinator.

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