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“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.” Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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We appreciate so much your presence here with us today. We would like to extend an invitation to join us at any of our other times of worship.

TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes*

10:00 AM

AM Worship

10:45 AM

PM Worship

6:30 PM

Today's Sermon:

*The Christian
Woman*

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what we teach and practice, please
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God Will Get You Through

Matthew Allen

*New Living—V. 11/Is. 13,
Brownsburg church of Christ*

As our children grow older, a phrase we hear from time to time is, “That’s not fair.” And, our response usually goes something like this, “Sometimes, life is not fair.” As our children prepare to enter adult living, they become more and more aware of the injustices of life. Sometimes bad things happen to good people, and on the surface evil appears to triumph. Such occurrences can try our faith. We must not allow the injustices of life to keep us from being what God expects of us. Habakkuk 3 contains writing that demonstrates the wonder and power of God. There are three things in this chapter that should help us as we cope with injustice and inequities in life.

We must exercise complete confidence in God. Habakkuk three begins a highly emotional section of writing that reveals two elements that should be found inside our prayer life: humility and adoration for God’s purposes. No matter what happens to us, we should work to move the focus off of us and on to God. We must trust and completely surrender to God. We must also remember that God’s purposes are supreme and that His

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work will ultimately strengthen us and be done for our good.

As we experience injustices and the effects of the sin of others, we should reach out to God in prayer. Does our prayer life testify to our belief that God will help during times of trouble? Paul wrote, *“be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,”* Philippians 4:6-7. We must trust in God’s plan, and await the fulfillment of His purpose. In all of this is an attitude of submission. This does not mean we should give up, but it does involve our belief and trust in God to balance the inequities of life.

We must remember that God is in complete command. He is in control. No matter how bad a situation might be, He is always in control. As we struggle with life, we must always remember that God fulfills His promises of deliverance. Go back through the pages of the Old and New Testament and observe various circumstances experienced by men and women who faithfully waited on God—in desperate circumstances. God, in His own time, successfully delivered His people from Egypt. Paul and Silas were delivered from prison, Acts 16:25. Think of the entire theme of Revelation—it is one of ultimate triumph—even if a person is killed for the cause of Christ, they will ultimately be delivered to eternal life! Isn’t that what it is all about? While we are thinking on spiritual things, remember the lengths God has gone to in order to save mankind from sin. We have been delivered through Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 1:18-19. Remember, God’s purposes cannot be hindered. Eventually, in God’s own time, Christians will be triumphant. Do we have the faith to wait on God? God’s purposes have never failed. Think of His success in the exodus, the Red Sea deliverance, giving of the Promised Land, and the work of Jesus on the cross. One day, God will vindicate the saved and render misery to all who reject justice.

One day, sinners will pay. Throughout Habakkuk 3, the prophet describes the reac-

tion of those who work to hinder the purposes of God. They are startled (3:6); will collapse (3:6); experience stress (3:7); and be brought into abysmal ruin (3:12-15). Those who oppose God would do well to allow fear to strike their heart and turn to God before it is too late. God sent Jesus to die for all men. God desires to see everyone in heaven, not hell.

Don’t give up on God. He is at work and you fit somewhere in His plans. Begin today to look for how and where you belong in His work. Are you a Christian? Are you faithfully serving Him?

Humble Enough to Worship

Gary Henry

“The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’”
Luke 18:11,12

Just as agitation gets in the way of carefulness, pride gets in the way of worship. Nothing in the spiritual life is more important than awe and utter respect before God, and so if pride hinders us from being reverent, it’s a deadly danger to our souls.

What is pride, really? It can be thought of in two directions: toward God and toward other people. Toward God, pride is a sense of *independence*, and toward other people, it’s a sense of *superiority*. In both cases, pride is a *sinful sense of self-satisfaction*. Pride sees itself as doing a pretty good job of standing on

its own two feet before God; it believes it has the inside track as far as God is concerned, so that God will make special allowance for any mistakes that might be made. And in regard to other people, pride pats itself on the back (secretly, of course, and always with admirable "humility") that it sees things from a more mature vantage point than some others, especially its rivals and its enemies.

If this is what pride is, then, it should be obvious that it's a great hindrance to worship. Indeed, one way of looking at pride is to see it as the *opposite* of worship. The spirit of worship is the spirit of selfless wonder at the majesty of God -- the *smallness* of self in God's presence. And for sinful beings like us, it's also the spirit of brokenness and repentance. Our hearts may be proud, or they may be worshipful, but they can't be both. And if they're not worshipful, then we're lost. It doesn't matter how many hardships we think we've overcome. Without real reverence, we're lost.

There is no living person who does not need to be constantly vigilant concerning

pride. It's the source of all other sin, and it can creep into our hearts in so many disguises that, too often, it gets in the door and seizes the throne room of our hearts before we know what's happened. More often than not, it gets past our defenses wearing a cloak of humility. "And the devil did grin, for his darling sin / Is pride that apes humility" (Samuel Taylor Coleridge).

"Beware of a proud and haughty spirit. This sin puts a great barrier between an individual and God. You will have a hard time being aware of God as long as you are filled with pride. If it gets angels cast out of heaven, it will certainly keep your heart out of heaven."

Richard Baxter

*We would like you to join us as we
spread the Good News during our ...*

Gospel Meeting

May 3-8

with speaker:

Bill Feist

of Altamonte Springs, FL



Sunday

10:00 AM

10:45 AM

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Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ken Prager
Scripture	Daniel 1:1-11
Reader	Blake Headen
Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Matt Ferrell
Fruit of the Vine	Don Coen, Sr.
Serve	Ed Roberts
Serve	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Song Leader	Ed Roberts
Scripture	Daniel 1:12-21
Reader	Chuck Isinghood
1st Prayer	Ken Prager
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

Wednesday

Announcements	Harold Marshall
Class Prayer	Ken Prager
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Dan Marton

News N Notes

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

John Henthorn passed away Friday evening. Please keep the Henthorn family in your prayers during this difficult time

Recovering:

- Ann Rudolph
- Marie Roberts
- Joyce Coen

Prayer Requests:

- Zeda Goddard
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Cary and Grace Lancaster
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Albert Miller, Earl Miller and Marie Robert's brother.
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Rick Miller, Dorothy Lancaster's nephew
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Bud and Merl Frey

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Nursing Home:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

At Home:

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please call 304-914-2262