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**WHEN HE HAD OFFERED UP PRAYERS &
SUPPLICATIONS, WITH STRONG
CRYING AND TEARS,
UNTO HIM WHO WAS ABLE TO SAVE
HIM FROM DEATH...**

HEBREWS 5:7

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Sticks and Stones

God's dealings with Old-Testament Israel are beneficial to us today by providing examples of God's faithfulness to His word (1 Corinthians 10:1-11; Romans 15:4). The book of Numbers contains a section of several rebellions against the Lord in chapters 11-16. Between the rebellion of the congregation—who listened to the evil report of the ten spies rather than the faithful report of Joshua and Caleb—in Numbers 14 and the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, Abiram and 250 princes of the congregation in Numbers 16, lies a crucial command about rebellion. “But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him” (Numbers 15:30-31). God made a difference between a sin committed through ignorance (Numbers 15:24-29), and high-handed sins. Parents understand this principle and discipline their child differently depending on whether the child was just not thinking or deliberately defied their parents' orders.

Presumptuous sin recognizes God's law and goes its own way anyway. It places self on the throne and arrogantly looks down on the law of God; it has no fear of the Lord or His judgments. Presumption says man, not God, has the best way to conduct his steps; this is false (Jeremiah 10:23).

Immediately after this commandment regarding presumptuous sin, Moses records an example of such in Numbers 15:32-36. A man was caught picking up sticks on the Sabbath (Numbers 15:32). Sticks were gathered in order to make fires for cooking (cf. 1 Kings 17:10-12). The Lord's daily provisions from heaven were doubled on the sixth day so that Israel would not have to gather manna on the seventh day; thus, they could keep the Sabbath (Exodus 16:22-30). But this man chose to go out and gather sticks in defiance of the Lord's command to keep the Sabbath holy (Exodus 20:8-11). When he was brought before Moses and Aaron, he was placed in ward to see what the Lord would have the congregation do with him (Numbers 15:33-34). The Lord gave His judgment to Moses, “The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp” (Numbers 15:35). Israel followed through with this command (Numbers 15:36).

This punishment may seem harsh, but it was not as if the man did not know what God had said. The Israelites were slaves in Egypt and were used to obeying or being punished strictly. For this man to blatantly disrespect the Lord and His plain command was to shake his fist at God. All of Israel learned a lesson. God then instructed them to remember to keep His commandments by makings fringes or tassels on their garments (Numbers 15:37-41). God's word should be respected. He has magnified His word above His name (Psalm 138:2). While we are no longer under the law of Moses with its Sabbath command (Colossians 2:14-16), we should not refuse the word of Christ (Hebrews 12:24-25). If today we see ourselves becoming apathetic toward God's commands let us remember to ask ourselves, “He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:28-29). —Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- Jerry Sturgill *"Where's the Music"*
 PM- Jerry Sturgill *"But God..."*

2018 Dates to Remember

- Jan 28-31**– Grant County church of Christ gospel meeting- Dry Ridge, KY
Jan 30- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Feb 5-9– Freed Hardeman lectureship
Feb 6- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Feb 10– Couples' Banquet– 6p– annex
Feb 13- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Feb 18– elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p– annex large classroom
Feb 20- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Feb 23– Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– location to be determined
Feb 27- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Mar 3– Ladies Day- Sheila Butt- Fishingier & Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH 8:30a-1p– "Memories in the Making"
Mar 10– Ladies Day– Judy Roberts- Main St. church of Christ, Hurricane, WV– 9:30a– "Finding the Peace That Passes All Understanding" -on-line registration at www.MainStChurchofChristOnline.com
Apr 8-12– Main St. church of Christ Gospel Meeting w/ Mark Day– Mon-Thu– 7p
Apr 14– Ft. Hill Youth Camp All Staff Workshop– reservations required
Apr 28– Ft. Hill Camp Teen Spring Retreat

Gauging Our Faith

	01/21/18	Goal	01/22/17
Bible Study	105	110	122
AM Worship	149	160	160
PM Worship	93	110	78
Mid Week	83	110	89
Contribution:	\$ 6291.31	\$5600.00	\$5100.90

Couples' Banquet

On Saturday, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m., there will be a couples' potluck-style banquet in the annex. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board that you should sign and indicate the dish you will bring, if you will attend this year's potluck event. Help is needed to plan games, decorate, childcare with planned activities for the children, serve food and clean-up afterwards. If you can help with this event, please, speak with Mark Day.

Prime-timers

This open discussion Bible study group meets Tuesdays at 10am in the annex classroom. A new study has just started called "The Attributes of God." Everyone is encouraged to attend.

2018 Book Reading Challenge

Jerry Sturgill is coordinating another book reading challenge into the new year. The book list, with the basic rules, is available on the round table. See Jerry Sturgill with any questions or for approved book changes or additions to your list.

Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?
 Why not today?



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Steve Wallace

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: J.C. Hughes

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Ben Poling, Lowell Parsley,
Michael Perry, Dan Maynard,
Auston Clarkson, Daniel Goshorn

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Greg Conley

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Greg Hall

PM: Denny Deskins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: Nathan Parks

DEVOTIONAL: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Day

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: J.C. Hughes

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers

**at 5:45pm in front
of the auditorium**

**-geared to age 12 & under-
Boys: have a song ready to lead**

★★★ Sat., Feb 10 ★★★

**All teens: please, help at the
Couples' Banquet- childcare,
serve, decorate, plan 'couple-type'
games, etc.- see Mark Day**



Welcome, Visitor!

**We are so pleased to have you as
our guest today.**

If you are a **first-time visitor** with us, **please, fill out a 'visitor card'** that you find on the back of the pew. Please, put it in the collection plate or hand it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We offer **free Bible correspondence courses** you can receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending. Come back anytime!