

Foothills Church of Christ

"We treat you like family."



September 3, 2023

Psalms 119:49-56 ZAIN † ***How to Be a Pilgrim***

The "this" is in reference to verse 49: "*Remember **the word** unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.*" The word of God is said to do three different things in these two verses. The word of God gives the psalmist hope, comfort, and quickens him, or gives him life. Hope is the combination of desire plus expectation. We may think about the promises we are given by God through His word. We desire what we read to be so, but also we can have a kind of expectation. Not in an arrogant or self-righteous way, of course, but understanding the nature of God in that He is going to do what He says He will do. We may think of what the Apostle Paul told his son in the faith Titus concerning hope of eternal life: "*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began*" (Titus 1:2). If God promises it, it has to be so! That is His nature. During our affliction, we can find comfort in the fact that God is going to do what He said He is going to do through His word.

"THE PROUD HAVE HAD ME GREATLY IN DERISION"

"In derision" has to do with a "mocking." The proud or the arrogant mock the child of God. They see a difference between themselves and righteousness, and it puts them to shame, so they go on the attack.

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One may think of the example of Noah, how his righteousness “**Condemned the World**” (Heb. 11:7). Noah condemned the world? How can that be? Well Noah did not cause the flood, but the world indeed was condemned by his faithfulness. The contrast that was evident between Noah and the rest of the world is what condemned the world. The same is true for the psalmist, and the child of God in the 21st century. When the world sees your good works, they will feel condemned by it. Do not let that discourage you from living the Christian life! Notice what the psalmist said right after this statement: “*Yet have I not declined from thy law.*” Even in the face of social persecution, he has kept his morals and has not declined the law of God. Oh how we wish that could always be said about us!

**“HORROR HATH TAKEN HOLD UPON ME
BECAUSE OF THE WICKED THAT FORSAKE THY LAW”**

What is this horror? The ASV gives us a better understanding of what is being described here: “Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me.” The sinfulness of the world has caused anger to come into the heart of the psalmist. It hurts him to see what is going on in the world. How we could easily echo his words. The sinfulness of the world and the immorality on display can be quite disturbing to the child of God, as it should be! However, we cannot allow that to keep us from following His word to the best of our ability.

The world in which we live is sin sick. Unfortunately, it always has been and always will be. Oh how we long for the land of peace and rest, away from the stain of sin (Rev. 21:8, 27). Thankfully, the great physician has the cure, being the gospel of Jesus Christ. He also has servants called to deliver that cure to the world. Will we answer the call? While we are here on earth, we should strive to remember and live by the words of the long-cherished hymn:

“This world is not my home, I’m just a-passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from heaven’s open door, and I can’t feel at home in this world anymore.”

- Joshua Alexander

Announcements

Birthdays This Week

Ann Holland (September 4)
Juanita Dickson (September 5)
Carolyn Eubanks (September 8)
Linda Jones (September 9)

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The monthly men's prayer breakfast will be this Saturday at 8:00 at the building.

Ladies' Day - "In His Time"

The College congregation is hosting a ladies' day this Saturday, Sept. 9, from 12:00 to 4:00 in their Family Room.

Lads to Leaders Kickoff Lunch

There will be a lunch next Sunday after services for families with children 18 and under.

Upcoming Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting with B.J. Clark will be October 1-4. There will be a potluck on Oct. 1 with evening lesson to follow.

Note From Lula Biegaj

My family and I would like to thank you for all the visits, prayers, texts, and phone calls, during my stay in the hospital. I have been in the hospital on two different occasions in the past two months. Baptist North took good care of me. God bless you all. The flowers were beautiful and the cards were heart felt.

For the Record

Attendance Last Sunday: 200
Contribution Last Sunday: \$5,120

Prayer Concerns

Current:

Kelly Alexander
Lula Biegaj
John Browning
Suzanne Buffington
Juanita Dickson
Greg Fowler
Bristol Garner
Randell Holden
Family of Cloe Jordan
Acacia May
Gwen Napier
Verna Payne
Glenda Warren
Emogene White

Ongoing:

G. David (India)
Jimmy & Billie Gibbins
Nellie Hardin
Etta Holden
Evelyn Lemieux
Doris Pruitt
Mary Roach

Assisted Living:

Donna Brewer
Doris McCoy
Dorothy Pensoneau



"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."
(Colossians 4:2; NKJV)

Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

	September 3	September 10
<i>Announcements</i>	Jason White	Jason White
<i>Song Leader</i>	Jeremy Sciba	Paul Anderson
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Roger Bruce	Dennis Widner
<i>Presiding at Table</i>	Jason White	Marshall Halliburton
<i>Serving at Table</i>	Jaden Zerby Micah Heavin Reese Cartwright Andrew Ross	Jaden Zerby Micah Heavin Reese Cartwright Andrew Ross
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Paxton Davis	Jonathan Townsley
<i>Sermon</i>	Joshua Alexander	Joshua Alexander
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Alex Howard	Caleb Young

Sunday Evening

<i>Song Leader</i>	Chip Braswell	Garrett McGilvray
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Marshall Halliburton	Steve Carrell
<i>Scripture Reading</i>	Paxton Davis	Jonathan Townsley
<i>Sermon</i>	Paul Anderson	Steve Carrell
<i>Lord's Table</i>	Jaden Zerby	Micah Heavin
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Bob Lyons	Ron Talbert

Wednesday

	September 6	September 13
<i>Auditorium Class</i>	Joshua Alexander	Joshua Alexander
<i>Devotional</i>	Alex Howard	Evan Schwartz
<i>Song Leader</i>	Micah Heavin	Micah Heavin
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Andrew Ross	Ethan Falconer

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Study..... 9:30 am
 Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 7:00 pm