



# ***SOUTH JACKSON BEACON***

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## ***Study to Understand Therefore and Wherefore***

Sometimes we struggle to find the greatest benefit from reading the Bible and understanding what is being said. It may be because we are reading it too fast and not noticing the impact of individual words being used. An illustration can be found in slowing down and asking why the words “wherefore” and “therefore” are found and why they are there.

The word “therefore” is found 1,355 times in the NKJV of the Bible. The older King James Version often uses the word “wherefore” instead of the word “therefore.” Slow down as you read and after you read the word ask, “What is the word there-fore ‘there-for’?” What is its meaning? God has made a statement and then has drawn a conclusion based on what He just said or is about to say. The same is true of the translation of the word “wherefore.” When you see it, ask yourself, “‘What-for’ is this word here? Why is God using this word, and what is He trying to say?”

This way of clearly studying the Bible can be seen in the way Jesus uses the word when discussing the great care God gives to the birds. He then adds, “Therefore do not fear, for you are of more value than sparrows” (Luke 12:7). Jesus used the word “therefore” 92 times in His teachings, and Paul uses the word nearly 150 times in his writings.

As you read the Bible and come across these words, take time to look at the context where they are found. Read the verses before these words and the words after them and focus on why God chose to use them. This simple way of reading the Bible will deeply enhance your appreciation for truth.

The fact that these words are used emphasizes the truth that our relationship to God is not based on emotions. There is a Divine reason God chose to use them. For example, God did not just arbitrarily give the Sabbath command as some ritual action for the Jews to do. He told them, "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt...therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day" (Deut. 5:15).

Paul used the word five times in reference to the use of tongues in 1 Corinthians 11. Slow down as you read and ask each time, "Why is this word 'there-for'?" God gives commands for us to obey, but often shows why He wants us to keep them by using the word "therefore." Paul's writings show this again and again.

Finally, remember that Christianity, properly understood, is so logical. I understand we walk by faith and sometimes do not fully comprehend why God says what He does, but notice the use of these words. Slow down as you read and appreciate His truths and the basis on which it is given. Remember "there-for" and "what-for."

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# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,  
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,  
Harrial Davis, Jerry Butcher

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris  
Beverly Martindale,  
Allen Thompson  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,  
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett  
Ramona Thurston, April Richey  
David Briley

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Is the Lord Near?  
Psalm 145:18-19

PM - HOTF - Praise Him,  
Praise Him  
Psalm 146:2

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

**June 24**

Congregational Breakfast

**June 25**

Men's Business Meeting

### **Cards to Send**

Jerry Crabb  
530 North Church Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

Ken & Paula Wadley  
400 Harts Bridge Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| 6 AM            | 10    |
| Bible Class     | 36/13 |
| AM Worship      | 55/31 |
| PM Worship      | 46/19 |
| Wed Bible Study | 43/6  |
| Contribution    | 5940  |

### **Pantry Item**

Jello

# Those Privileged to Serve

## June 18 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

## June 25 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Marion Thomas

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer: Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

## June 21 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Marion Thomas

## June 28 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

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## Service Times

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Early Worship             | 6:00 AM  |
| Gospel of Christ - Fox 16 | 9:30 AM  |
| Sunday Bible Class        | 9:30 AM  |
| Sunday AM Worship         | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship         | 5:00 PM  |
| Midweek Bible Study       | 6:30 PM  |