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The Prayer of an “Old Preacher” ***Dan Jenkins***

We may not think of that shepherd boy as a preacher, but perhaps we should. When David arrived at the battlefield, almost every word he spoke proclaimed the power and majesty of God. His words give great insight into the heart that God described as being like His own heart. David’s older brother saw him as a youth who had abandoned the sheep and said David was filled with pride and was insolent in his heart (1 Sam. 7:28). But he was wrong.

That young man had seen the providence of God when he killed a bear and a lion who were ready to kill a helpless lamb. David knew God’s nature and the challenge of Goliath had to be answered. He was not concerned about how big that giant was, for he knew how big God was!

As a youth he had also faced sin’s temptation and dealt with it. He showed how a young man could cleanse his heart “by taking heed according to Your word” (Psa. 119:9). It was in the sheepfold that he learned of God’s green pastures, still waters, the rod, the staff and the cup overflowing with oil.

Yet he was not always a young man. His words in Psalm 71:17-18 give us great insight into the devotion he had first as a youth and the devotion he had in his old age. Look at the words of that psalm.

“O God, You have taught me from my youth;

And to this day I declare Your wondrous works.”

David knew God from his youth and he had declared God's glory to others. He knew God and he unashamedly taught others about Him. What was he like as he grew old?

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded,

O God, do not forsake me,

Until I declare Your strength to this generation,

Your power to everyone who is to come."

David understood that the truths which he had used to cleanse his young heart were the same truths that following generations needed to cleanse their hearts. They needed them because God's words are eternal and truth does not change. David said, "The entirety of Your word is truth and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever" (Psa. 119:160). He had taught those truths as a young man and now as he grew old he asked God to continue using him.

Read his words again. Every generation needed God's words, and David emphasized that that needed the entirety of His words—every single one of His righteous judgments. Mankind does not change. The needs of every generation are the same. God's remedy for sin does not change.

It was an older generation who taught young David. He owed them a great debt. The same is true of you!

Today's Sermons

AM - In Debt to the Church
2 Corinthians 11:28

PM Peter Walks on the Water
Matthew 14:22-33

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Helen Morris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
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Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
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Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
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Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Luther Merritt, David Briley,
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
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Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Margaret Davis

Pantry Item

Dry Pinto Beans

Happenings

South Jackson

Novemebr 19

Men's Business Meeting

November 20

Ladies Holiday Party
6:00 PM - Details on the
Bulletin Board

December 31

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
Follows AM Service
PM Worship is at 1:30 PM

Cards to Send

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Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	44/19
AM Worship	67/31
PM Worship	46/0
Wed Bible Study	48/6
Contribution	4353

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 12 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

Nov 19 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Jerome Turner

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Mike Wages

Nov 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Marion Thomas

Nov 22 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Marion Thomas

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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