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Rejecting the Counsel of God

The first psalm describes the character of those who are blessed by God. "He does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly." The implication of these words is that if one does walk in the counsel of the ungodly, he is cursed. The psalmist has in mind walking in the counsel of ungodly men and the blessedness of those who walk in the counsel of the godly men. Think of how this is magnified when we think of the importance of walking in the counsel of the godly One. The New Testament speaks often about this.

The counsel of God is revealed in the Bible. Paul described the breath of this counsel when he said, "I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). Messengers of God must speak the truth (1 Pet. 4:11); they must speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15); and they must speak the entirety of God's will. Even if men reject what is taught, the messenger is still innocent. Paul said, "I am innocent from the blood of all men, for I have not shunned. . ." (Acts 20:26).counsel of God

The counsel of God cannot be changed by any person on earth. David said, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89). The English Standard Version emphasizes the word settled. "Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens." God has revealed His counsel in His words and decrees the blessing of those who follow it. It is remarkable that men so often choose to reject His counsel.

The New Testament affirms this truth even more emphatically. It speaks of the unchangeable character, the immutability, of His counsel (Heb. 6:17). Those who seek to change His counsel are condemned by God. Paul reveals how the curse of God awaits every man, every angel and even Paul himself if they perverted the gospel he had preached (Gal. 1:8-9).

This counsel of God is spoken of by the Holy Spirit in His discussion of the greatness of John the Baptist and the message he brought. He said that all the people who heard John, even the tax collectors, . . . justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John.” What about those who were not baptized by John? “But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will (the Greek word is counsel) of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him” (Luke 7:29-30).

Let me urge you to devote time in your life to read about His will, His counsel in your life. When every Bible is burned up with the fires of heaven consuming the earth, there will be one copy that remains to be used by the Judge of all mankind to measure our lives (Rev. 20:12). That counsel is firmly fixed in heaven, it is immutable. To reject its teaching on any topic, even the baptism revealed by Jesus, is to reject the counsel of God. Think about this!

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Today's Sermon's

AM - Joe Venable Speaking

PM - Mike Wages Speaking

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,
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Jeffrey Smith, Betty Turner,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley,
Jamie Rushing
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey

Weekly Record

6 AM	4
Bible Class	44/15
AM Worship	93/25
PM Worship	48/12
Wed Bible Study	45/7
Contribution	5998

Happenings

South Jackson

November 13-16

Ray in a meeting at the
Hardin County Church of Christ

November 19

Ladies Holiday Party
See Bulletin Board for
more information.

December 3

Gather to assemble
Fruit Baskets

December 10

Men's Business & Budget
Meeting

Cards to Send

Betty Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Phillip & Gordon Love
3324 Riverside Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Pantry Item

Canned Corn

Those Privileged to Serve

Nov 13 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Gimphu

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Sermon: Joe Venable

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

Nov 20 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, M. Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Carleton Kidder

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Van McConnell

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Mike Wages

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Ray Pack

Nov 16 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Devo - Marion Thomas

Nov 23 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 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