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The Lord is Testing You ***Dan Jenkins***

So many know the first and greatest commandment—to love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. A vital question to be answered, “Is there any way I can know that I really do love Him like He wants me to love Him? Has God given me any guidelines to measure my love?”

We are so blessed that He has told us. Before Moses repeated the Ten Commandments the second time in Deuteronomy, he told the Jews they should seek the Lord with all their heart and soul (Deut. 4:29). The commandments are found in chapter five and then in chapter six he gives God’s greatest commandment about loving Him above all else (Deut. 6:5). In chapter 13, Moses gives God’s test so the Jews could know if they truly loved God.

He told Israel that the time would come when false prophets and dreamers would arise and seek to lead them away from the will of God. He even described the signs and wonders that might accompany their message. Read his words carefully. “You shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deut. 13:3). Here is the test! God allows the presence of teachers with amazing abilities to come to His people to test them! Our response to keeping His commandments is the visible manifestation of the kind of love we

have in our hearts. While we may think we love the Lord and we may feel deeply that we love Him, God gives us this visible test so that we can know!

How serious is God about this? The Jews were instructed to put that teacher to death. His suaveness is described as the way he was enticing them to ignore what God said (Deut. 13:5). How serious was it? Even if the teacher was your brother, your child or your best friend, he was to die! He had secretly brought his ideas to entice you to ignore God. He was to show no pity, nor should provisions be made to spare him or conceal him or his actions (Deut. 13:6-8).

In fact, you were told to cast the first stone to bring about the death of this loved relative or friend and then the nation should do as you had done. You were to continue throwing stones until the one you loved so much was dead (Deut. 13:9-10). Your love for this person must never be greater than your love for God.

In your life you will face this test. Your decision to become a Christian demands you love God more than family or friends. You likely will be confronted by teachers you respect and love. Remember that how you respond in this situation is God's visible way to measure your love. Do not fail this test!

Congregational News & Notes

Happenings

Prayer Requested Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,
Marilyn Ferrell, Corey Allen,
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster

Today's Sermons

AM - A Fire Tested Faith
Daniel 3:1-30

PM - Singing Night

Today

Men's Mionthly business
meeting following AM services

September 29

Samrit Kammanee will be giving
the Southeast Aisa mission
report and preaching.

September 29

Fith Sunday Fellowship Meal
Following AM services.
Evening service will start at
1:00 PM

Cards to Send

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Weekly Record

6 AM	3
Bible Class	49/9
AM Worship	93/14
PM Worship	48/18
Wed Bible Study	49/5
Contribtion	3140
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Sept 22- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ian Shoemate

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Jeff Bliss

Sept 29- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Sam Kammannee

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Mike Wages

Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Clayton

Opening Prayer:

Deacon Hazel

Sermon: Ian Shoemate

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Mike Wages

Sept 25- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

Oct 2- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

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