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Not Many Mighty and Noble ***Dan Jenkins***

The words of Paul to the Corinthians reveal so much about the response to the gospel when the lost hear it. “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called” (1 Cor. 2:26). Why is this true? All of mankind is invited to come to Jesus, but so many of the mighty and noble do not answer the invitation. Much can be learned by looking at those who were mighty or noble who did respond.

There were those whom the Bible describes as noble who did respond. John chapter four describes a nobleman who lived in Capernaum and traveled more than twenty miles to see Jesus in Cana. His child was dying, and he begged Jesus to come and heal his son. Jesus told him to return home for his son would be healed. “So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went on his way” (John 4:50). Read it carefully. Unlike most who are noble and do not respond, this man responded because he believed the word of Jesus. Every noble man who believes and obeys the teaching of Jesus will be saved. Those who do not will be lost—not because they are noble but because they fail to listen to Jesus.

What about the mighty? The mighty are those whose position in life has placed them above others. An example of this would be centurions, the Roman officers who

commanded a hundred soldiers. Why is it that some centurions responded and realized who Jesus was?

Matthew chapter eight and Luke chapter seven describe a centurion who lived in Capernaum. He had used his own money to build a synagogue for the Jews. He sent the elders among the Jews to ask Jesus to heal his sick servant. As Jesus approached his house, the centurion gave this message to Jesus. "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof." He was a mighty man but realized the Mighty One. He said, "I did not think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed."

How did Jesus describe this mighty man? The Lord turned to that crowd who was following Him and said, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel" (Luke 7:9). Why did this man, this powerful soldier, find such favor from the Lord? His great faith was verbalized when he said that all that was needed was for Jesus to simply say the word. Mighty men whose hearts respond to the words of Jesus will be among those who are called and become the chosen (Matt. 22:14).

The gospel is for all mankind, but only those who are humble enough to listen to the words of Jesus will become the chosen people of God.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Linda Morris
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Danny Darnaby

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Ruby Malone,
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington

Today's Sermons

AM - Jesus, the Humble Servant
John 13:1-20

PM - Josiah Fuller
FHU Student

Happenings

South Jackson

April 11

Ladies Day
Speaker: Debbie Kea

April 24

Areawide Singing at
South Jackson

Cards to Send

Lisa Dukes
36 Brookfield Drive
Oakfield, TN 38362

Troyce and Leslie Taylor
80 Fawn Ridge Road
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

Bible Class	36/9
AM Worship	71/12
PM Worship	31/8
Wed Bible Study	41/5
Contribution	3195
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

Apr 5 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Costel Ghimpu
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Josiah Fuller
Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse
Communion: Mike Wages

Apr 8 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Devo - Ronald Clouse

Apr 12 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Ronald Clouse
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Van McConnell
Contribution:
Louie Leroux

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Ray Pack
Sermon: Stryder Lynch
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Greg Long

Apr 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomax
Devo - Jerry Butcher

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Service Tim

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 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