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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM
SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

A Brilliance Too Bright for Human Eyes

By Phil McIntosh



The collective eyes of the Lord's church gathered at W.S. Young have seen a variety of worldly sights. Our eyes have likely seen some horrific sights of human suffering, along with some breathtaking scenery and landscapes. Let us focus on the *good* things we've absorbed through our eyes. We have seen magnificent sunsets, breathtaking mountains, majestic blue waters, and marvelous beauty in the face of a child. Surely, we have seen many more sights, some of which cannot be accurately represented in painting (sometimes there are things God has made in this world that can only be experienced in person). I would love to see the fascinating Aurora Borealis dance across the night sky and some picturesque countryside in the UK. I would love to lay my eyes on many of the antiquities and exhibits housed in the British Museum or the Louvre. Perhaps you have a list of things in this world you would like to view with your own eyes- things you've only to date heard about or seen on television. Let us never take for granted the ability God has granted us to use the wonder of vision to enhance our experience of the world He made (*Jer. 10:12; Psa.19:1*).

There are some sights which are simply unattainable in life. They are impossible because of either time, happenstance, or by reason of God's decisions to limit them. For instance, how many of us would love to go back and see what Jesus actually looked like in the flesh? We are surrounded by many paintings and drawing of Him, but nobody today can accurately depict our Lord's physical appearance. My family and I were recently in a religiously based hospital in North Texas and there were a variety of paintings of people's idea of Jesus situated in a variety of situations and among different Bible characters. Jesus seemingly is frequently depicted in similar ways- with perfectly maintained and conditioned long hair, a carefully manicured beard, white (or very light) skin, and often a more physically attractive than those surrounding Him. The likely reality is that is simply how someone *assumed* Jesus looked or were victims of painting Him in their likeness; but there is nothing guaranteeing that is an accurate representation. In fact, if one reads the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, it is highly possible to come away with the impression Jesus would have not looked anywhere near the GQ model so many attempt to make Him appear as compared to the workaday, common Jews surrounding Him (*Is. 53:1-2*). Regardless of His physical appearance, we would be overwhelmed with intimidation and awe if our human eyes drank in Jesus in our world. Jesus told some who were with Him that they were blessed because of what their eyes saw, which was not afforded to most of civilization (*Matt. 13:16-17*).

It would seem the Bible indicates that the only way mankind can see God is through some sort of filter, vessel, representation, or product. Perhaps it is that the brilliance of God's glory is simply too majestic, too powerful, too overwhelming to view or even process by human faculties. John wrote that nobody had ever seen God (*Jn. 1:8*), rather, only the Son who was a part of Him (*Jn. 1:1*). Jesus agreed with this statement when He said that nobody had seen God, save the Son (*Jn. 6:46*). Maybe you remember that Moses, one of the meekest men in the world, who served God as a powerful and effective leader, requested once to see God (*Ex. 33:18*). God's response was as follows:

"Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." ²⁰But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." ²¹And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²²So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." -**Exodus 33:19-23**

God's response to Moses was, for whatever theological, philosophical, doctrinal, natural, or Divine reason, simply, "No."

Why might God have disallowed Moses' request? Why did Jesus say that nobody had seen God? I wonder if, perhaps, it was partially because mankind cannot physically or psychologically handle the brilliance of seeing the actual presence of God with human eyes. Let me give you two examples:

The face of Moses glowed after he had been in the presence of God's form on Mount Sinai (*Ex. 34:29-35*).

Paul recounted to King Agrippa what it was like when Jesus spoke to him on the road to Damascus and he said the light was "brighter than the sun" (*Acts 26:13*).

It would seem that, for whatever reason, there is a brightness or brilliance associated with the presence of God that our human eyes simply are not capable of seeing or experiencing. While this is impossible in this world, don't despair; instead, remember that nothing is impossible with God (*Lk. 18:27*). God will bring even this to a reality in our presence when, in the beginning of man's eternal days in Heaven, we are allowed to actually *see* God.

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. ²In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. "They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. ⁴There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever." -**Revelation 22:1-5**

One day, those of us who have obeyed the gospel and remained faithful in life, will be afforded a blessing nobody in this world ever has had, or will have, the opportunity to experience: to see the glory of the Almighty God as He is without any filter. Let us be faithful unto death and await that time when we will see the best thing we've ever seen or could even dream to see (*Rev. 2:10*). We've seen some wonderful sights in this world, but nothing will compare with the brilliance of the witnessing the full presentation of God and the Lamb (*Rev. 22:4*).

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us March 12th following the evening worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods.

Church Bowling Fellowship



There will be a Church Bowling on Saturday, March 18th, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley. The cost is \$6. Please try to give the money to Gary Foster prior.

Join us for a fun filled

Family Bunco Night



Friday 24th March

7pm - 9pm

Friends-Fun-Prizes

Everyone
Welcome

In fellowship hall
Of church building

Bring fav
Snack
to share

R.S.V.P. with Gaylen or Nichole by calling or texting 254-258-1571



SHEEP KEEPERS PROGRAM

Members, please sign up to be a sheep keeper on the information board. The Sheep Keepers program will be a visiting program to encourage visitors, delinquent members, widows & widowers, and new converts.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2-MARY MCANALLY
- 10-MARTHA CHAFIN
- 11-GARY FOSTER
- 13-COREY CULVER
- 13-GIANNI GRIFFITH
- 17-ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 27-SHARON MARTIN
- 28-DIANE LINGLE
- 30-DONNA MCCLENAN-WEAVER

March Nursery Schedule

- Feb. 26-Gayle Wilson & Victoria Polanco
- 5-Natalie & Brianna
- 12-Brenda & Josephine
- 19-Nichole & Victoria
- 26-Gayle & Amanda

*We are in need of more ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery list, please contact the office. Thank you!

March Cleaning Calendar

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

Feb. 26-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim	12-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby	26-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois
5-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	19-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	Marcella

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- COMMUNION:
KINGSFORD ASARE & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦OFFERING:
KINGSFORD ASARE & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY:
NATALIE FISHER & BRIANNA GRIFFITH

SCRIPTURE READING

“Hearing God’s Word”
2 Kings 22:8-11

“⁸ And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

⁹ And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord.

¹⁰ And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

¹¹ And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & D.O.D. CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the final phase of flight school and is training to be a pilot on a Blackhawk.

-Sara Rummel's son, Bryan Johns, is in Marine boot camp.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim Dukes is home recovering from a heart issue.

-Adam Zak is home recovering from surgery and received an update Wednesday from his doctor that he is cancer free.

-Delphine Hopkins had nerves frozen in her knee last Thursday.

-Ken Sellers will have gall bladder surgery Wednesday at Seton Hospital in Austin.

-Bill Rawlings is requesting prayers for health difficulties.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, is recovering from a back procedure.

-Visiting member, Opal Jones, is recovering from back surgery.

-Gladys Driver's daughter, Vicky, is waiting for biopsy results.

-Josephine Spear is battling migraines; her sister, Patricia, is recovering from heart surgery; and her sister, Rose, had a pacemaker placed. Her neighbor has cancer and her husband is having open heart surgery.

-Shirley Wooten's friend, Teresa Williams, has brain cancer. Shirley's daughter and granddaughter were in an accident last Monday night- no one was hurt, but they were shaken up.

-Zack Petties' co-worker's mother is recovering from open heart surgery.

-The McIntosh's family friend, and member of the church, Bryan Christmas, received recent news that his cancer has returned.

SYMPATHY: We wish to express our sympathy to Kim-Marie Seay and her family on the recent loss of her niece. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Shirley Wooten; Alexis Gaither's father & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Lesa Crockett; Sara Rummel's brother, and her friend's father (Jose Gonzalez), & best friend's father (Mike Romeo); Ivan McIntosh's friend (Brandon); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Brenda Sellers' mother; Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy); David Hamrick; Martha Bell's sister; James Garner & his mother; Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); Bill Rawlings' mother; Beverly Williams' sister-in-law (Cindy Fisher); Jim Dukes' family; former members (David Chapman), (Connie Cruz), and (Bobbie Knight); Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki); Gary & Shirl Foster; Jon-Jon Simmons, Willard Jack Dunn; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Tim Matter's wife (Elda) & brother (Michael); Josephine Spear's brother-in-law (Kent), & friend (Iris); Linda Deem's nephew; Tanja Arch & her family; Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), & nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), & sister-in-law; Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); Nada Miller; Billye Hughes; Gladys Driver; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh

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We want to especially welcome our visitors!

If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you, and drop it in offering box as you leave. Thank you for your visit and please join us again!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders

⇒ Free Bible Correspondence

⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thank you for being with us today, and please come again!

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☞ MARCH CALENDAR ☞

8,22,29-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. No Ladies Bible class on March 15th.

11-Ladies breakfast & workday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

12-Daylight Savings Time begins (one hour forward).

12-Youth Devotional following the evening worship in the fellowship hall.

18-Fellowship Bowling at 12:00 pm at Hallmark Lanes.

24-Bunco Night starting at 7:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

31-Ladies activity at the home of Creta Bales at 6:00 pm.

Please sign up on the ladies' board and pay by March 20th (the cost is \$5).