



# SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER



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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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## Though He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust In Him

(Job 23:10) Pt. 2

Joshua Cantrell

### Job Believed God Would Help Him (Job. 23:5-7).

Unlike Job's friends, who are constant in their cries of how uncompassionate God is, Job sees God differently. Job knows what God would answer him; he is sure God would understand him. This great statement speaks volumes about God. Will he plead against me with His great power? To Job, God is merciful, kind, and gracious. He would not talk down to Job. He would not use his excellent power to shut Job up. Instead, God would not plead against him. God would put strength in him. Not how the English Standard Version translates the verse, "Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; he would pay attention to me" (Job. 23:6).

There is a monumental difference in how Job views God and how everyone else in the book does. What a wonderful view he has of God! The righteous might dispute with Him and be delivered.

The Bible is full of examples of the righteous ordering their cases before God. Abraham questioned God and found that God does right (Gen. 18:25). Moses constantly pled for Israel and was heard (Num. 14:11-20). David cried before God (Psa. 22:1-24). Jeremiah ordered his cause before God (Jer. 12:1-3). Habakkuk applied to God and ordered his cause about God's decisions (Hab. 1:13). Jonah expressed anger at God (Jon. 4:1-5). When the righteous order their cause, they are heard, and God helps; He pays attention and strengthens them (1 Pet. 3:12).

### Job Believed God Knew Him

"Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. (Job. 23:8-11)."

Job admitted his lack of knowledge of God. He was searching for God, yet he had no success in finding Him. Neither did he have any knowledge of God's actions. Job laments that "I got forward, but he is not here; backward but I cannot perceive him. I move left and right, but I do not know where he is working or what he is doing. I cannot see him."

All of this speaks to a fundamental truth. Our knowledge of God is limited by God's revelation of Himself. We cannot know what God has or has not chosen to tell us (Deu. 29:29). This should give us great pause before we declare our knowledge of God's activities. It is amazing to hear people speak with such certainty about the events of their life and attribute them to God's actions. Scripture is clear that we cannot know the mind of God unless He reveals it to us (1 Cor. 2:8-13); still, many make false claims about God.

These invalid claims include everything from having a child to losing a child, getting married or even divorced, finding a new job or house, buying a car, or losing one's health. Some even blame the destruction of natural calamities on God. Folks talk with great accuracy that God did these things to them or for them. This is exactly how Job's friends talked. Like many today, Job's friends were even willing to make up stories to bolster their claims (Job. 4:10-17).

Eliphaz made up this story; one would do well to read the entire chapter. We will notice some of the high, rather low, lights. He said a thing was secretly brought to him. His ear received a little of it. It was in thoughts from a vision of the night; he was in a deep sleep. He was afraid, and he trembled; all of his bones shook. A spirit passed before his face.

Amazingly, that corresponds exactly with Eliphaz and his friend's position about Job. They have been and will continue to tell Job that they are right and he is wrong. He is unrighteous and a sinner, which according to them, is why God is punishing him. Humanity would do well not to emulate Eliphaz in making up stories to bolster their position about God. Remember, near the end of the book, God spoke and named Eliphaz specifically when He said, "My wrath is kindled against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right" (Job. 42:7).

Instead of making up stories about his knowledge of God, Job freely admitted his lack of knowledge of God's actions. He could not find Him or perceive Him. Job did not know where God was working or what He was doing. However, Job reverses this, and the point he makes is much more important.

Job trusted God's knowledge of his faithfulness. Job's friends had made some broad, sweeping accusations about God and Job, namely that Job was a sinner. They accused Job of everything. They even accused his children of sinning, and for that, God had them killed. To add insult to injury, they assured Job he had not gotten what he actually deserved. No wonder Job called them miserable comforters. It is to this that Job is speaking when he says, "He knows the way that I take," and he was right.

When suffering, our confidence must be in the character of God. The Lord knows the way of the righteous. The Scripture is replete in its declaration of God's knowledge of His faithful children.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### Responsibilities of the Youth in the Church

- 1) Obey and Honor Parents (*Ephesians 6:1-3*).
- 2) Learn the Scripture (*II Timothy 3:15*)
- 3) Lend to the Lord (*John 6:9*)
- 4) Bring others (*John 1:40,41*)
- 5) Be about the Father's business (*Luke 2:49*)
- 6) Be an example to believers (*I Tim. 4:12*)
- 7) Increase (*Luke 2:52*)
- 8) Speak whatever the Lord commands (*Jer. 1:4-8*)
- 9) Rejoice in your youth (*Ecc. 11:9*)
- 10) Remember your Creator (*Ecc. 12:1*)
- 11) Cleanse yourself (*Psalms 119:9*)
- 12) Flee youthful lusts (*II Timothy 2:22*)

## Job Believed God Had His Good In Mind

The second part of verse 10 says, "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job believed God was the cause of his suffering. He spoke of being a target and that God was shooting arrows into him (Job. 6:1-4). This is important because of what Job says, not the verse. According to Job, He (God) knew the way Job was taking, and when He (God) had tried him, Job would come forth as gold.

Job could not explain to his friends why the things in his life were happening. However, he would not be moved from the fact that in his mind, since God was doing it, the things would be for his good. "To come forth as gold" is a phrase that describes success, wellness, or improvement.

What a wonderful way for Job to view God! God is loving, faithful, just, and good. If He acts, it will be good and for the good of man. Job knows this and says it. It is not randomness, this is not happenstance, and this is not time and chance. Here is a faithful child of God who believes God has chosen to move against him, declaring that if God did it, I will be better because of it. Moses told Israel that God gave the law for their good (Deu. 10:12-13).

Since Job had such a spiritual and positive view of God, he could respond to God faithfully.

## SENIOR SAINTS

by John McShane

Before getting into how each of the Ten Commandments is viewed in our world today, I want to get into a little bit of the history. We know that God gave Moses a set of ten laws that they should follow to please Him. God told Moses that if they did not follow these rules, He would punish those who disobeyed them. Why did God present Moses with the Ten Commandments? They were a rebellious nation who did not understand the righteousness of their God. Therefore, God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses to share with the Israelites as laws to live by as followers of their Holy God. God wanted them to be different from those who did not know their Lord. In return, God promised to continue to be with them and bless them as His people. We know that The Law of Moses, including the Ten Commandments, was "nailed to the cross" with Christ (Colossians 2:14). In times past, God spoke to Israel through the law of Moses, but now He speaks to all men through Christ (Hebrews 1:1,2). The fact that the law of Moses, including the Ten Commandments, has ended does not mean that one can worship idols, take God's name in vain, disobey parents, steal, kill, commit adultery, or do other sinful things that are condemned in the Ten Commandments. Nine of the laws found in the Ten Commandments are repeated as a part of the New Covenant and must be obeyed today. These laws are binding today, not because they were a part of the Old Covenant, but because they are a part of the New Testament. The table on page 4 shows where we find the Ten Commandments in the new covenant.

# SFA FAMILY MATTERS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

## Our Members:

Bob Pratt - health  
 Carol Edmonson - health  
 Bernetta Green - health  
 Brian Smith - heart  
 Bobby Simpson - health  
 Kathy Nester - eye surgery  
 Sharon M. Washington - health  
 Antoine & Marcella Swain - health  
 Flo Duffy - eye problems  
 Stacey Paulin - health  
 Janie Wise - health  
 Neil Entwistle - heart attack  
 Melody Baxter - rehab for leg  
 Katrina Greene - knee replacement  
 Stacey Wilson - knee replacement

### Recent requests:

Virginia Walker - sprained muscles

(Please update the office of any changes)

## PRAYER LIST

John & Linda McShane  
 Ron & Judy Ford - health  
 Jim Turner - health, tests  
 Fred & Kathy Strickland - health  
 Debbie Bush - health  
 Margaret Coone  
 Annette Phillip - health  
 Vanessa Palmer - health  
 Tanner Estridge - health  
 Dorothea Lauther - surgery recovery  
 Brenda Mask - health  
 Darlene Thompson - health  
 Sharon Egolf - health  
 Jeanelle Thrower - rehab after fall

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE

### November

Designated Elder - David Anderson

### Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Announcements ..... David Anderson  
 Song Leader/prayer ..... Matt Webb  
 Devo ..... Jonny Singh  
 Closing Prayer ..... Zach Jones

### Sunday, November 7, 2021

#### 10:30 A.M.

Sermon ..... Josh Cantrell  
 "Authentic Christianity, pt. 2"  
 Acts 1:1-3

#### 6:00 P.M.

Sermon ..... Josh Cantrell  
 "The 9 Men Who Missed Thanksgiving"  
 Luke 19:11-17

#### 10:30 A.M.

Open/Close bldg (both) ..... David Anderson  
 Greeter ..... Shearer  
 Song/prayer before class ..... Tucker Sweeney  
 Announcements ..... David Anderson  
 A.M. Song Leader ..... Jason Hendrix  
 Scripture reading/Prayer ..... David Williams  
 Lord's Table ..... Terrance Dindy, Jr.  
 Closing Prayer ..... Nigel St. Bernard

#### 6:00 P.M.

Greeters ..... Sweeney  
 P.M. Song Leader ..... Jason Hendrix  
 Scripture reading/Prayer ..... Andre Medley  
 Lord's Table ..... Terrance Dindy, Jr.  
 Closing Prayer ..... Wayne Shearer

### Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Announcements ..... Bobby Sheumaker  
 Song Leader/Prayer ..... Jonny Singh  
 Devo ..... David Anderson  
 Closing Prayer ..... David Deal

### Upcoming Events

#### November

6 - SFA corn roast, 5pm  
 7 - L2L workday  
 - fellowship in-service  
 12 - Youth group bonfire  
 14 - Elders, deacons,  
 preachers mtg, 4pm  
 14-17 Fall gospel mtg  
 19 - Youth group  
 thankful meal

#### December

1 - Quarterly challenge  
 4 - Youth group  
 caroling & parties  
 5 - Service project  
 12 - L2L workday  
 18 - Wreaths Across  
 America



### ~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Oct 17 ..... \$6,352.00  
 Oct 24 ..... \$5,088.94  
 Oct 31 ..... \$8,024.00  
 Contribution Average ..... \$6,488.31

The **EXTENDED FAMILY** and **FRIENDS** prayer requests are emailed every week and posted on the bulletin board

## Pray for our Shut-ins

Joyce Burbage Carol Eason Ellen Shearer

Please call before visiting. Some locations are locked down.

## Updates & Prayer requests

Virginia Walker sprained hip muscles

Stacey Wilson is scheduled for knee replacements surgery this week

Welcome to the SFA Family  
**Marcia Island**

Marcia has met with the elders and has placed her membership with us. We are happy to have you here!

Daylight Savings  
 Time  
 Ends Sunday,  
 November 7 at  
 2:00 am



Youth Group  
**Bible Trivia**  
 on Kahoot!

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Eagle Lake church of Christ - Fall Men's Lectureship

### Great Bible Chapters

Saturday, November 13, 2021

9:00 - 2:45 pm

More details are posted on the bulletin board



This week's pantry item request:  
**BOTTLED WATER**

To be used for a service project:  
 handing out water to participants of

Walk Out of Darkness 5K - Suicide Prevention & Awareness

# Autumn's Blessings

When I see the autumn sky and smell the crisp fall air  
Watch the season's colors change and feel the breeze blow through my hair -  
I can't help but stop and wonder how do some NOT see God everywhere?

In each passing minute and hour, as the sun sinks behind the orange trees  
In every fading flower and every pile of vibrant leaves  
God's exquisite work is evident His blessings abundantly clear  
He provides for us this season year after year after year.

If you, like me, love the autumn and find it's beauty missing here -  
Just know Heaven's beauty is waiting with each day it draws ever near  
And the autumn is a small shadow of it - eternity's glory will eclipse autumn dear.

**Christ's Church and Salvation**

**South Florida Ave. church of Christ**

**invites you to our**

**Fall Gospel Meeting**

**November 14 - 17, 2021**

**Save the dates - more details to come**

**Robby Eversole**



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"EVERY WORD OF GOD  
PROVES TRUE; HE IS A  
SHIELD TO THOSE WHO  
TAKE REFUGE IN HIM."

*Proverbs 30:5*