

# THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Hiram Church of Christ

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LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE YOU AND SMALL ENOUGH TO KNOW YOU

**“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16**

FIRST CENTURY CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

**MINISTER: MELVIN J. BRYANT II**

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“If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

1 Peter 4:11

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements:** Matt Johnson

**Opening Prayer:** Matt Johnson

**Song Leader:** Kwame Abdul

**Second Prayer:** Devin Bryant

**Lord’s Table:** Clarence Proctor  
Melvin Bryant III

**Message:** Melvin J. Bryant II

**Closing Prayer:** Alex Johnson

## Attendance

**Morning Hour:** 14

**Bible Class:** 17

**Worship:** 24

**Wednesday:** TBA

**Contribution:** \$1043.00

## Weekly Service Times

	The Morning Hour	9:00am
	Bible Class	10:00am
	Morning Worship	11:00am
	Wed. Evening Bible Classes	7:30pm

## The Morning Hour

- Announcements
- Prayer
- Song
- 25 Minute Study - Rightly Dividing
- Card Writing/Mail Outs
- Prepare for 10:00am Bible Class

**Missions:** India & Childhaven

## PLAN OF SALVATION

- ★ Taught by God - John 6:45
- ★ Believe - John 8:24
- ★ Repent - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30  
(Repentance entails counting the cost)
- ★ Confess - Matthew 10:32-33
- ★ Be Baptized - Matthew 28:18-20
- ★ Live a FAITHFUL life until death - Revelation 2:10



# BIBLICAL WARNING

SUGAR-COATED PREACHING IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR SOUL.  
2 Timothy 4:3-4

**WHAT IF WE BEGAN TO TREAT OUR BIBLES THE WAY WE TREATED OUR CELL PHONES?**

**WHAT IF WE...**

...carried it with us everywhere?

...turn back to get it if we forgot it?

...checked it for messages throughout the day?

...used it in case of emergencies?

...spend an hour or more each day using it?



*What would our lives look like?*

## ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES

Lea Overton (Jeff's mother), Sebastian and Erica Suarez, Ron McCurry (shut in-visits requested), Amy Brown, Polly Tunstall (Amy's mother), Ann Phillips, Harold and Dean Reeves, Mary Brock's daughter Potts/Williams family, Kilwonia Chandler, Barbara Helton, Vera Patrick, Mary Troup, Joanie Saporito, Charlie Griffin, Patty Dale, Daniel Welker (kidney transplant), Al Gattis (COPD), Shirley Glosson (radiation), Ben Westbrooks (leukemia), Anita Berger husband Rich. Sis. Carolyn. Ashley (Sis. Erica's sister).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

(JAMES 5:16)

- ▶ **Kwame** is requesting for prayers for his citizenship. Let us pray that all goes well with it.
- ▶ **Becky's** mom's boyfriend, Randy had his surgery and is in need of our prayer for a healthy recovery.
- ▶ **The Webb's** daughter is in continual prayers for improved health results.
- ▶ **Carolyn** had hip replacement surgery and is experiencing some difficulties, let us keep her in prayer.
- ▶ **Ann Phillips** is still in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Ron McCurry** has requested continued prayers for his son in law.
- ▶ **Sis. Arnold** has requested prayers for her niece who has aggressive stage 3 cancer.
- ▶ **Sis. Cruise** has some serious health issues and is in need of prayer.
- ▶ **Don Blackwell** executive director of GBN and minister/elder for the Southaven church of Christ is in continual prayers.

## BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & NEWS

### ☑ June Birthdays

Traci Bryant - July 1st  
 Ron Mc Curry - 6th  
 Alex Johnson - 20th

Fellowship dinner is the last Sunday of each month.

### ☑ Anniversaries

### ☑ Local Church News

### ☑ World Church News

### ☑ Traveling.

Patty is in Oklahoma for a while.

### ☑ Hiram Church of Christ News

# **“When Obedience to the Will of God will have you to Prosper”**

## **2 Kings 18:1-7**

**By**

**Melvin J. Bryant II**

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God has NEVER sugarcoated His will to His people NOR to mankind! And, He has ALWAYS been transparent about what He WILL do “IF” you keep His commandments AND what He will NOT do if one were to depart from those commandments! But....

### **I. WHAT IS TRUST?**

- A. Trust is assured reliance on the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something!
- It is one which confidence is placed!
  - It's dependence on something future or contingent!
  - It is a charge or duty imposed in faith or confidence as a condition of some relationship!
- B. Obedience involves TRUST
- When we “trust” someone, we are putting our confidence, our assurance, our reliance on that person that we “trust”!

For instance:

- It's like a doctor who will prescribe for you medicine and order you to take that medicine for several days or weeks!
  - We “trust” in the doctor's orders because they have examined us and have given us (what they believe) is the proper prescription for our condition!
  - God has examined our condition...It doesn't matter what our problem is, He has already examined it church and has given us the “remedy” (the “cure”) to what will “heal” our condition! 2 Peter 1:2–3 tells us, “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.”
- C. Hezekiah TRUSTED in the Lord
- There were several kings that was before King Hezekiah and one of those kings was his own father Ahaz!
  - Hezekiah's father Ahaz did evil in the sight of God according to 2 Kings 16:2! He had one of his sons to pass through the fire (cf. 2 Kings 16:3).
  - Now what this proves to us is this, just because our parents are sinners (and doing things against the will of God) does not mean that we have to follow in their foot steps!
  - Hezekiah and his father (Ahaz) had the same Biblical instructions and Ahaz chose to NOT follow them BUT his son (Hezekiah) followed the Lord's commandments!
- D. What will one have to do when putting their “TRUST” in the Lord?
- The same thing Hezekiah did (2 Kings 18:4)! Following the commandments of God!
  - Hezekiah had no problem confronting the issues, trusting in God and doing exactly what the Lord commanded and believing that God was with him!
- E. When we put our TRUST in God, we WILL be met with “Opposition”! (see 2 Chronicles 30:1,6-10).
- All because Hezekiah was TRYING to get the people to turn back to the Lord and do what's right, and instead of heeding the voice of the runners, heeding the voice of the king, the men start to laugh and mock them!
  - What does this mean for us in our lives? How can we make this applicable in our lives?
  - We are to have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness but EXPOSE them! (see Ephesians 5:11)!
  - We are to have that SAME zeal that Hezekiah did!

- *Sometimes* we are nervous and afraid to “EXPOSE” sin aren't we!
- *Sometimes* it's hard for us to tell our brethren that what you are doing is WRONG and I cannot approve NOR support your sin!
- *Sometimes* it's hard for us to tell our children, our parents that in order for me to TRUST in the Lord, I must do ALL (not some) but ALL that He requires of me to do and “IF” it calls for me to EXPOSE my own Family, my own Sister or Brother, Parent, CHILD (even my wife) then Lord I give my allegiance to YOU!
- As a matter of fact, Asa REMOVED his grandmother from being Queen Mother because of her SIN (1 Kings 15:13).

## II. WE ARE TO REMOVE THE “HIGH PLACES” FROM OUR LIVES TODAY

- A. When we allow “high places” to distort our commitment to God, we are trusting more in them than in the Lord our God!
- As they (in Hezekiah's day) had “idol” worship in that day. There is a lot of “idolatry” or “idol” worship in our day! Today we can look at “idolatry” as ANYTHING that takes the place of God in a person's life - we can also view it as one being disobedient to the commandments of the Lord!

For instance: Social Drinking

- Social Drinking can be a “high place” in ones life! It is a priority in some peoples lives!
- The Bible tells one to “be sober” (1 Peter 5:8) to “live soberly” (Titus 2:12) but we STILL have brethren who consume alcohol like water!
- So, how can one be “sober” which means to “abstain from wine” when we are consuming it!
- We are to teach against drinking and we are NOT to consume alcohol beverages in any amount (or any moderation) regardless of how good it makes you feel! Remember, doing the will of God is NOT popular among the masses!

Distractions

- Distractions can be a “high life” in ones life! Now distractions is defined as a thing that prevents someone from giving full attention to something else!
- *Sometimes* we can lose focus and become “distracted” by all the cares of this life and when this happens, we find ourselves drifting away from Him who can bless us beyond measure “IF” we only put our “TRUST” in Him! Remember Martha (Luke 10:40).

## III. HEZEKIAH HELD FAST TO THE LORD BY NOT DEPARTING FROM HIM

- A. The law of Moses was set in that day (Deuteronomy 29:9).
- Do we see the requirement of what God told Israel they would need to do in order to prosper?
  - What were they to do? They were to (a) Keep the words of the covenant and; (b) Do them THEN they would prosper in ALL that they did! Now...
- B. Hezekiah did this (2 Kings 18:6)
- That word “prosper” is defined as: Causing one to succeed favorably! *It is*, “to succeed in an enterprise or activity especially to achieve economically!”
- C. Prospering is not always financial....God can add years to your life as He did with Hezekiah! (2 Kings 20:1-6).
- Why was Hezekiah granted 15 additional years to his life? Because, (a) He WALKED before the Lord our God in TRUTH and with a Loyal Heart! And; (b) He had done what was GOOD in the sight of the Lord!
- D. If we want the SUCCESS that God can provide, we CANNOT cover sins! (see Proverbs 28:13)
- E. TRUSTING in the Lord will have us to Prosper in ALL that we do (1 John 3:22).
- Let us commit our trust to God and He will bless us in the way. Until the last Amen....