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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Sept. 23 To forgive, divine???
Sept. 30 Dylan Atkins to speak

SUNDAY PM

Sept. 23 Work out your own salvation (#384)
Sept. 30 Is one church as good as another? (#385)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.
Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

September 23, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Bill Richard's father, Charles' mother

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Lk. 17:1-4 **PM:** Phil. 2:9-12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sept. 24 – Singing 5 p.m.
Sept. 30 – Dylan Atkins to speak Sunday morning

WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN

Charles Coats

The words in the title of this article are the concluding words of Jer. 6:16. The prophet Jeremiah had been sent by God to speak to the children of Judah to call them to change their ways. In the last years of Judah, they had chosen to go away from the word of God and follow their own thoughts. Their priests, princes, and other prophets had convinced them that they had a better way, a way that did not include God.

Thus, the plea of Jeremiah was for Judah to “*Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths*”. They needed to consider the path they had chosen and understand that their way was not the right way. Jeremiah wanted them to come back to the good way.

It would be so simple for Judah to do the will of God, but everything got in the way. They had come to the point of where they were not ashamed of their sin (Jer. 6:15) and where they refused to walk in the way of God. In fact, they adamantly stated they would not walk therein.

So many today are just like Judah of old. The application is not to those in the world, but to the church today. While many have started out well in their Christianity, often they end up walking away from God, and when challenged, refuse to walk therein. As with Judah, it may be that they are led astray by others or they allow their pride to get in the way. Sometimes, it's just that it is easier for them to live in sin than it is to live faithfully for God. Walking with God requires self-denial the giving of self; walking in sin requires none of this. Pleasure is what guides those who walk in sin, not serving God.

It may be that we need a wake-up call today. Actually, we do need a wake-up call. So many have become comfortable in what they call Christianity that God no longer directs their lives. Things that once were done without question in serving God now are not as important, or completely ignored. What they used to not hesitate in doing, they now find ways to justify their not obeying God.

The sad condition of Judah is a lesson for all of us. When they continued to walk the path they had chosen, God punished them greatly. They were so evil that God told Jeremiah not to pray for them (Jer. 7:16). What a terrible condition to be in!

Yet, how many Christians today are in the same situation because they have allowed their own thinking to guide them and refuse to follow what God has taught us in his word? Have we come to the same condition as Judah, and God will not hear our prayers and refuse to listen to us? If so, we should stop and think seriously where we will dwell eternally! If God has rejected us, we have no hope in eternity.