

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!



An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is centered over the book.

Call to Worship
Psalm 147:7-12

Psalm 147:7-12 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Living for Jesus

Hymn 462



O, How I Love Jesus

Hymn 634





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Cor. 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“That is the reason we have so many ‘mushroom’ converts, because their stony ground is not plowed up; they have not got a conviction of the Law; they are stony-ground hearers.”

GEORGE WHITEFIELD



Today's Message

“Consider Well, Part 2”

Scripture text: Matthew 13:24-43

Matthew 13:27-30 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, '**Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?**' He said to them, '**An enemy has done this.**' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. **Let both grow together until the harvest,** and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, **Gather the weeds first** and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"'

Matthew 13:36-39 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "**Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.**" He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. **The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. **The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels.**

Matthew 13:40-43 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, **so will it be at the close of the age.** The Son of Man will send his angels, and **they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace.** In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.**

Satan cannot uproot the plants (true Christians), **so he plants counterfeit Christians in their midst.** In this parable, the good seed is not the Word of God. **It represents people converted through trusting the Word.** The field is not human hearts; the field is the world. Christ is sowing true believers in various places that they might bear fruit (John 12:23–26). **But, wherever Christ sows a true Christian, Satan comes and sows a counterfeit.**

John 12:23-26 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, **it bears much fruit.**

Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.**

We must beware of Satan's counterfeits.

He has counterfeit Christians (2 Cor. 11:26) who believe a counterfeit Gospel (Gal. 1:6–9).

He encourages a counterfeit righteousness (Rom. 10:1–3), and even has a counterfeit church (Rev. 2:9).

At the end of the age, he will produce a counterfeit Christ (2 Thes. 2:1–12).

2 Corinthians 11:25-27 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, **danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles,** danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, **danger from false brothers;** in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

Galatians 1:6-9 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are **turning to a different gospel**--not that there is another one, but there are **some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ**. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: **If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed**. For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? **If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ**.

Rom 10:1-3 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them **is that they may be saved.** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, **but not according to knowledge.** For, **being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Revelation 2:8-11 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. "'**I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.** Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, **that you may be tested,** and for ten days you will have tribulation. **Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.** He who has an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.** **The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'**

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and **the man of lawlessness is revealed**, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, **proclaiming himself to be God.**

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan** with all power and false signs and wonders, and **with all wicked deception for those who are perishing**, because **they refused to love the truth and so be saved**. Therefore **God sends them a strong delusion**, so that they may believe what is false, in order that **all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness**.

ROBOT RUNS FOR MAYOR OF CITY IN JAPAN ANOTHER LOOK AT AMERICA'S FUTURE?



In this [recent story over at the Express they report](#) that a robot has just been nominated to run for mayor in a city near Tokyo, Japan, a world's first with the machine running on a platform of promising to be '*fair and balanced*' to all of its constituents in what is being called the latest major breakthrough into modern, every day life for AI.

We must also stay awake to make sure that Satan's ministers do not get into the true fellowship and do damage.

It is when God's people go to sleep that Satan works. Our task is not to pull up the false, but to plant the true. (This does not refer to discipline within the local church.) **We are not detectives but evangelists!** We must oppose Satan and expose his lies. But we must also sow the Word of God and bear fruit in the place where He has planted us.

2 Peter 2:1-3 But **false prophets** also arose among the people, just as there will be **false teachers** among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even **denying the Master** who bought them, **bringing upon themselves swift destruction**. And **many will follow their sensuality**, and because of them **the way of truth will be blasphemed**. And **in their greed** they will exploit you with **false words**. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

1 John 4:1-4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits to see whether they are from God**, for many **false prophets** have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: **every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God**, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is **the spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, **you are from God and have overcome them**, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

California Bill Could Ban Sale Of Some Christian Books, Including The Bible

Assembly Bill 2943 would make it an “unlawful business practice” to engage in “a transaction intended to result or that results in the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer” that advertise, offer to engage in, or do engage in “sexual orientation change efforts with an individual.”

<http://worldeventsandthebible.com/2018/04/california-bill-could-ban-sale-of-some-christian-books-including-the-bible.html>

“How long will I be allowed to remain a Christian?”

That was the deeply dismaying question posed to me by a friend with four young children as we discussed the plight of the Christian faith in America and around the world.

With each passing month, that shocking question becomes more relevant and even more disturbing.

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2018/04/21/how-long-will-be-allowed-to-remain-christian.html>

CALL FOR LGBTQ AND ATHEISTS TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST CHRISTIANS

In her new book titled *Queer disbelief: Why LGBTQ Is an Atheist Issue*, author Camille Beredjick calls for atheists to unite with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community to fight their war together against Christians.

A professed atheist and LGBTQ activist, Beredjick says that the two sides have much in common and are fighting a common enemy, reported PJMedia.com.

<https://bibleprophecy.wordpress.com/2018/04/19/call-for-lgbtq-and-atheists-to-join-forces-against-christians/>

Extremely biased high school history textbook casts Christians and Trump supporters as RACISTS and BIGOTS

([National Sentinel](#)) **Indoctrination:** A new version of the AP U.S. History textbook for primary school students reportedly contains bias against President Donald J. Trump and suggests that white Christians are racists and xenophobes.

The book also features sections on the Black Lives Matter movement and the 2016 presidential election. Author James Fraser, of New York University, portrays Christians, conservatives, and Trump supporters as bigots who fear non-whites. <https://thenationalsentinel.com/2018/04/18/extremely-biased-high-school-history-textbook-casts-christians-trump-supporters-as-racists-bigots/>

What will happen to the tares? God will gather them together and burn them. It is interesting to see that some of this “bundling” is already going on as various religious groups merge and strive for union. Spiritual unity among true Christians is one thing, but religious uniformity among mere professing Christians is quite another. It is difficult to tell the false from the true today; but at the end of the age, the angels will separate them.

2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. **But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."**

Mark 8:34-38 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. **For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**"

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“The safest road to hell,” wrote C.S. Lewis, “is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”

We are not to be “Fair Weather Christians, we are to be ALL WEATHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST!”

*Against wind and tide we must go,
For anything that is dead can go with the flow.
Against this we must fight and strive,
For in serving Christ we are truly alive!*

Take the Name of Jesus with You

Hymn 231

