

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





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.

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Call to Worship
Psalm 24:1-6

Psalm 24:1-6 A Psalm of David. The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation **of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Jesus is Lord of All

Hymn 235



Jesus is Coming Again

Hymn 305



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:

“When 100 years ago earnest scholars decreed that the Law had no relationship to the preaching of the gospel, they deprived the Holy Spirit in the area where their influence prevailed of the only instrument with which He had ever armed Himself to prepare sinners for grace.”

PARIS REIDHEAD

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Today's Message

“Wake Up Call”

Coming to our senses

Scripture text: Luke 15:11-32

Luke 15:15-19 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And **he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate**, and no one gave him anything. "But **when he came to himself**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "**Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you**. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" "

This text indicates a “**wake up call**”, and every person must come to before they can surrender their life to Christ Jesus!

Psalm 19:7-9 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Luke 15:11-14 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, '**Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.**' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and **there he squandered his property in reckless living.** And when he **had spent everything,** a severe famine arose in that country, and **he began to be in need.**

What lengths are you willing to go to, in order to get what you want?

“The Parable of the Prodigal Son” (the word *prodigal* means “wasteful”).

This young man wished his father dead, so he could get what was coming to him as an inheritance.

He did not want to wait for it, he wanted it now, for he believe he could do better then his father.

Luke 15:13-14 Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there **he squandered his property in reckless living.** And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.

Thomas Huxley said, **“A man’s worst difficulties begin when he is able to do just as he likes.”**
How true!

We are always heading for trouble whenever we value things more than people, pleasure more than duty, and distant scenes more than the blessings we have right at home. Jesus once warned two disputing brothers, “Take heed and beware of covetousness!” (Luke 12:15) Why? Because the covetous person can never be satisfied, no matter how much he acquires, and a dissatisfied heart leads to a disappointed life. The prodigal learned the hard way that you cannot enjoy the things money can buy if you ignore the things money cannot buy.

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He wanted to have his own way so he rebelled against his own father and broke his father's heart.

This young man **almost destroyed his family so he could have it his way.** The heartache, the shame, the guilt, and the remorse only comes into play once he reaches rock bottom!

Luke 15:14-16 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he **began to be in need**. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And **he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.**

Can you imagine **how desperate you have to be** to eat hog food? Animal food? Spoiled food?

Isaiah 55:1-3 "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?** Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. **Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,** my steadfast, sure love for David.

Romans 6:19-23 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and **to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness**, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.** But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 15:17-19 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "**Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.**"

Coming to our senses, waking up to our plight, and being willing to face to consequences, is a great step towards repentance!

Psalm 142:2-6 I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me. **Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.** I cry to you, O LORD; I say, **"You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."** Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

Jonah 2:1-4 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "**I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.** For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'

Jonah 2:7-10 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the **LORD**, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. **Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.** But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; **what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"** And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

What does it take, for us to truly serve and trust Almighty God? Or, will we try and do it our way?

Act 2:33-37 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit**, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.' **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.**" Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, **"Brothers, what shall we do?"**

Act 16:25-31 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. **When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.** But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them out and said, **"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"** And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Ephesians 5:6-14 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things **the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience**. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and **try to discern** what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but **instead expose them**. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.**"

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now therefore **fear the LORD and serve him** in sincerity and in faithfulness. **Put away the gods that your fathers served** beyond the River and in Egypt, and **serve the LORD**. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, **choose this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**"

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Hymn 400

