

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



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Call to Worship

Psalms 1

Psalm 1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Nothing but the Blood

Hymn 266



I Surrender All

Hymn 408





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 Corinthians 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:

“The chief danger of the 20th century will be religion without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell.”

WILLIAM BOOTH

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Today's Message

“Sit-Rep”

(Situation Report)

Scripture text: **1 Timothy 4:1-5**

As we close out this Year if 2018, what is your “Sit-Rep”?

What is the “Sit-Rep” for us here at Promise Land Bible Church? As a whole and individually?

Are you closer to God today, then you were a Year ago?

Or have we fallen prey to the deception and ploys of the enemy, Satan and his agents?

At the end of every year, we should reflect on where we’ve been and where we’re going.

1 Timothy 4:1-5 Now the **Spirit expressly** says that in later times some will depart from the **faith** by devoting themselves to **deceitful spirits and teachings of demons**, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, **for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.**

In this section of his letter to Timothy, Paul emphasized the character and the work of the minister himself; and he listed three qualities that a minister must possess if he is to be successful in serving God.

A Good Minister, Preaching the Word: Paul had warned the Ephesian elders that false teachers would invade the church (Acts 20:28–31); and now they had arrived. The Holy Spirit had spoken in specific terms about these teachers, and the prophecy was starting to be fulfilled in Paul's time. Certainly it is fulfilled in our own time! We can recognize false teachers by the description Paul gave in this paragraph.

Act 20:26-31 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, **for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.** Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. **I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.** Therefore **be alert,** remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.

They are energized by Satan (v. 1a). This is the only place where demons are mentioned in the Pastoral Epistles. Just as there is a “**mystery of godliness**” concerning Christ (1 Tim. 3:16), so there is a “**mystery of iniquity**” that surrounds Satan and his work (2 Thes. 2:7). Satan is an imitator (2 Cor. 11:13–15); he has his own ministers and doctrines, and **seeks to deceive God’s people and lead them astray** (2 Cor. 11:3). **The first test of any religious doctrine is what it says about Jesus Christ** (1 John 4:1–6).

1 Timothy 3:16 Great indeed, **we confess, is the mystery of godliness:** He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the **mystery of lawlessness is already at work.** Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, **disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.** And no wonder, for **even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.** So it is no surprise if his servants, also, **disguise themselves** as servants of righteousness. **Their end will correspond to their deeds.**

Remember: Satan is the:

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will **the ruler of this world** be cast out.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In their case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 2:2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, **following the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience--

Remember: “the whole world lies under the sway [power] of the evil one”

1 John 5:18-21 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. **We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 John 4:1-6 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**. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. **We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us**. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

It comes as a shock to some people **that Satan uses professed Christians in the church to accomplish his work.**

But Satan once used Peter to try to lead Jesus on a wrong path (Matt. 16:21–23), and he used Ananias and Sapphira to try to deceive the church at Jerusalem (Acts 5).

Paul warned that false teachers would arise from within the church (Acts 20:30).

Matthew 16:22-26 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**" Then Jesus told his disciples, "**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 will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or **what shall a man give in return for his soul?**"

They lead people astray (v. 1b). Their goal is to seduce people and get them to depart from the faith. This is the word **apostasy**, and it is defined as **“a willful turning away from the truth of the Christian faith.”** These false teachers do not try to build up the church or relate people to the Lord Jesus Christ in a deeper way. **Instead they want to get disciples to follow them and join their groups and promote their programs.** This is one difference between a true church and a religious cult: **A true church seeks to win converts to Jesus Christ and to build them spiritually;** conversely, a cult proselytizes, steals converts from others, and makes them servants (even slaves!) of the leaders of the cult. However, not all apostates are in cults; some of them are in churches and pulpits, teaching false doctrine and leading people astray.



This is NOT OK!!! I am wondering, how much more of this LGBTQP+ NONSENSE we are going to tolerate?

<http://www.wisconsinchristiannews.com/view.php?sid=7270>



His name is Desmond, and he is 11 years old, and the media is hailing him as "drag superstar and an LGBTQ activist," while boldly proclaiming that another "drag queen," RuPaul, has called him the "future of America."

http://allnewspipeline.com/Drag_Kid_Called_Future_Of_America.php

Canada: Church takes cross off wall to avoid offending Muslims

How generous, broad-minded, and ecumenical. **Now: when will the local mosque put its Qur'ans away** (since they deny the crucifixion, divinity, and redemption of Christ) **in order to avoid offending Christians?**

They took the cross off the church wall.

That's the detail that caught my attention when I heard about the Millbourne Community Life Centre, a church that reinvented itself as a neighborhood meeting space, open to anyone, and a drop-in center for youth in what is sometimes a rough neighborhood.

<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2018/12/canada-church-takes-cross-off-wall-to-avoid-offending-muslims>

WATCH Imam in Canada: Wishing Christians Merry Xmas-Worse Than Murder

During a sermon delivered at the Muslim Youth of Victoria in British Columbia, Sheikh Younus Kathrada said that **Muslims must be offended when people worship Jesus**. He explained that congratulating non-Muslims on Christmas and other "false festivals" is tantamount to approving of them, and that it is a far greater sin than murder, adultery, and other major sins.

<https://gellerreport.com/2018/12/imam-christmas-murder.html/>

As the country struggles to come to grip with the unscreened immigrant invasion, which includes the importation of an unknown amount of Muslim terrorists, MS-13, and ISIS, our economy is threatened like never before, despite Trump's economic policies, but our collective health and our national security is at extreme risk. And yet, we are unable to look to our churches to provide the leadership needed in this time of crisis. Most concerning is the fact that our country is being overrun by unscreened Muslims from areas of the world that hate Americans.

<https://www.thecommonsenseshow.com/if-your-church-and-the-deep-state-are-best-friends-then-celebrate-christmas-at-home-with-your-family/>

*Signs love
and the
hope in
Heaven
are
gone!*

IS YOUR CHURCH A PART OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER?

BY CLAYTON R. DOUGLAS



They are hypocrites (v. 2). “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:15–20).

These false teachers preach one thing but practice another. They tell their disciples what to do, but they do not do it themselves. Satan works “**by means of the hypocrisy of liars**” (1 Tim. 4:2, literal translation). One of the marks of a true servant of God is his honesty and integrity: He practices what he preaches. **This does not mean he is sinlessly perfect**, but that he **sincerely seeks to obey the Word of God**. He tries to maintain a good conscience (see 1 Tim. 1:5, 19; 3:9).

Pope Likens Migrants To Jesus – Vatican Top Dog: Hunted Christian Asia Bibi Is “Internal Matter” Of Pakistan.

Does this pious hypocrite not consider the possibility that Asia Bibi, the Christian woman who spent eight years on death row for “blasphemy” in Pakistan and is now in hiding there as Muslims who want to murder her, and hunt for her from house to house, feels the pain of not being welcomed into the Vatican?

<https://thewashingtonstandard.com/pope-likens-migrants-to-jesus-vatican-top-dog-hunted-christian-asia-bibi-is-internal-matter-of-pakistan/>

Matthew 7:15-20 "Beware of **false prophets**, who come to you **in sheep's clothing** but inwardly are **ravenous wolves**. **You will recognize them by their fruits**. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. **Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.**

1 Timothy 4:2 through the **insincerity of liars** whose **consciences are seared**,

The word seared means “cauterized.” Just as a person’s flesh can be “branded” **so that it becomes hard and without feeling**, so a person’s conscience **can be deadened**. Whenever we affirm with our lips something that we deny with our lives (whether people know it or not), **we deaden our consciences just a little more**. Jesus made it clear that it is not religious talk or even performing miracles that qualifies a person for heaven, **but doing God’s will in everyday life** (Matt. 7:21–29).

An apostate is **not just wrong doctrinally; he is wrong morally**. His personal life became wrong before his doctrines were changed. In fact, **it is likely that he changed his teachings so that he could continue his sinful living and pacify his conscience**. **Believing and behaving always go together!**

They deny God's Word (vv. 3–5). The false teachers in Ephesus combined Jewish legalism with Eastern asceticism. You find Paul dealing with this same false doctrine in his Letter to the Colossians (Col. 2:8–23 especially). For one thing, the false teachers taught that an unmarried life was more spiritual than a married life, which is contrary to Scripture. **“It is not good that the man should be alone”** are God's own words (Gen. 2:18). Jesus put His seal of approval on marriage (Matt. 19:1–9), though He pointed out that not everybody is supposed to marry (Matt. 19:10–12). Paul also affirmed the biblical basis for marriage (1 Cor. 7:1–24), **teaching that each person should follow the will of God in the matter.**

Beware of any religious teaching that tampers with God's institution of marriage.

And beware of any teaching **that tampers with God's creation**. The false teachers who were infecting the Ephesian church taught that certain foods were taboo; if you ate them, you were not spiritual.

The fact that God called His own Creation "good" (Gen. 1:10, 12, 18, 21, 25) did not interest these teachers. **Their authority to dictate diets gave them power over their converts.**

Those who “believe and know the truth” are not impressed with the do’s and don’ts of the legalists. Jesus stated that all foods are clean (Mark 7:14–23). He taught this lesson again to Peter (Acts 10), and reaffirmed it through Paul (1 Cor. 10:23–33). A person may not be able to eat certain foods for physical reasons (an allergy, for example); but **no food is to be rejected for spiritual reasons.** We should not, however, use our freedom to eat and drink to destroy weaker Christians (Rom. 14:13–23). The food we eat is sanctified (set apart, devoted to God) when we pray and give thanks; **so the Word of God and prayer turn even an ordinary meal into a spiritual service for God’s glory (1 Cor. 10:31).**

The emphasis in a minister's life should be on "the Word of God and prayer" (1 Tim. 4:5). It is tragic when a church keeps its pastors so busy with menial tasks that they have hardly any time for God's Word and prayer (Acts 6:1–7).

Paul reminded young Timothy of his great responsibility **to study, teach, and preach the Scriptures**, and to spend time in prayer. As a "good minister" he must be "nourished up in the words of faith" (1 Tim. 4:6). Timothy had certain responsibilities in the light of this growing apostasy:

John 17:14-18 I have **given them your word**, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that **you keep them from the evil one**. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth**. As you sent me into the world, so I **have sent them into the world**.

Matthew 9:37-38 Then he said to his disciples, "**The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.**"

So, what is your “sit-rep”? Where are you today?

Do you know the Lord?

John 17:3 And **this is eternal life**, that they **know** you the only true God, and **Jesus Christ whom you have sent**.

If you have surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, then trust and obey!

John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; **whoever does not obey** the Son shall not see life, but the **wrath of God remains on him**.

Trust and Obey

Hymn 454

