Clips from Psalms

Psalms 108:1-4
God praised and supplicated to give victory

‘My heart is fixed O God; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises even with my glory. Awake psaltery and harp: I myself will awake right early. I will give thanks unto you, O God, among the peoples; and I will sing praises unto you among the nations. For your love and kindness is great above the heavens; and your truth reaches unto the skies.”

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Schedule of Services
Sunday Worship:
9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:
7:30 PM Bible Study

The darkness that Jewish Christians needed to overcome was primarily in the area of hypocritical prejudices against Gentiles (Romans 2:17-24 and 3:1-18), establishing their own righteousness (Romans 10:3), and a superiority complex that caused a separation where no separation was authorized (Romans 3:9ff). Both Jew and Gentile Christians needed to learn to fulfill the laws of God while having tender affectionate feelings for each other (Romans 12:10). Self control would help them overcome lust of the flesh while respect and honor would put them in the right frame of mind toward civil governing authorities (Romans 13). The book of Romans deals with relationships that exist between Christian brothers and sisters as well as their relationships with those of the world. When we conduct ourselves right in each of these relationships we will live a Godly and peaceful life.

Paul now considers another relationship that demands identification of terms. Paul speaks of those who are "weak in faith" (Romans 14:1) and those who are "strong" in faith (Romans 15:1). One's weakness or strength was in the area of a personal approach to Christian liberties. There are commandments of God where the Lord does not give man a choice as to whether he will practice it or not. There are also liberties, such as eating meat and circumcision, that will not get one closer to God if one...
practices or does not practice (see 1 Corinthians 7:19 and 8:8-9). The strong understand that all liberties are clean and they are confident in their practices (see Romans 14:14). The weak understand liberties; however, they do not feel confident or comfortable doing certain things so they refrain. The object of this chapter is to keep peace in areas of liberties even though brothers in Christ have differing judgments and opinions over these matters.

Many Christians in recent years have misunderstood this chapter to be a treatise on handling doctrinal differences among brethren. It has been said by foolish men who have not carefully studied the text or context of this chapter that Paul is giving an apologetic for unity in diversity that solves problems among brethren that have doctrinal differences. It is believed by the erring that Romans 14 teaches us to tolerate doctrinal differences of opinion and personal interpretation. The great problem with these erring men is that Paul is teaching the Romans not to elevate their opinions in the area liberties to the level of law or commandment. Paul is not talking about making judgments and having differences in areas of doctrinal rigid and exact laws of Righteousness. Paul explains that the matter under consideration is acceptable if done in confidence (Romans 14:5). Could we say that adultery is acceptable if you feel its "good" to do (see Romans 14:16)? Can we perform sinful acts of cursing and fornication if it’s done in service to Christ (Romans 14:18)? Is adultery acceptable to God and considered clean (Romans 14:18, 20)? The answers to these questions are obvious. The matter under consideration in this chapter is not how we handle doctrinal differences but rather how we handle liberties. Liberties will get us no closer to God if we do or do not do them (see 1 Corinthians 7:19). Paul had to write this section in Romans because there were extremely conscientious and prideful brethren that were to be warned not to judge each other in areas of liberties, personal choice, personal judgments, or matters of indifference (see Romans 14:13). One servant is not permitted to judge the actions of another servant as wrong when the master gives all servants liberty in a particular matter.

Welcome to all Our Visitors. It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

Rita York’s eye surgery went well this past Thursday. She will have to go back in two weeks to get the left eye done. Please keep Rita in your daily prayers.

Jordan Hall left for Tyler Texas to attend College. Please keep Jordan and the Hall family in your prayers. She will be coming home to visit from time to time.

Stella Davidson remains under home hospice care and continues to do well even though she is confined to a wheel chair. Stella is now living with her daughter.

Psalms 81

"1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! 2 Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. 3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day. 4 For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob. 5 He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known: 6 "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket. 7 In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah 8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! 9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god. 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it. 11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! 14 I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever. 16 But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."