

In Our Prayers...

**Requester's name is in parentheses*

Bobby Arnett (*Debbie Sutherlin*) – Bobby fell from a roof, breaking his wrists and an arm. He may need surgery. He lives in Ruidoso.

Cailin Porter (*Larry McKesson*) – Mr. Porter was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. He is an electrician from Bayfield.

Miriam Nij (*Larry McKesson*) – The McKesson's neighbor continues to live with her daughter due to ongoing health troubles.

Jeff Hopkins (*Sandy Hopkins*) – Jeff is now recovering at home following last week's back surgery.

Dennis Dahlke (*Larry McKesson*) – Dennis has been having a struggle to get the right hearing aids, as well as a few other troubles.

Ongoing Health Concerns — *Jeanie Mooring; Judy at Needham Elementary; Bill Himes; David Frederick; Rick Hales; Scarlett Siner; Jan McKesson; Bill Harrell; Joe Shattuck; Josh Martin; Karen Crowson; Terry Wells.*

Announcements

New Sister in Jesus Christ Yolanda Woody was baptized last Sunday evening. Her daughter Nizhoni and her mother Judy were there also. They live in Durango. Include Yolanda and family in your prayers, and encourage her in her walk with Lord Jesus.

Thank You! Everyone really pulled together to host area congregations for the 5th Sunday singing gathering. Thank you for supporting this effort to facilitate greater fellowship among the family of Jesus in our area. Thanks, also, to those who helped with the workday yesterday to clean up clutter around our facilities.

Work Day We are having a work day Saturday, Saturday, May 9th we'll have breakfast at 8am and a brief business meeting. Then we will work on painting the exterior of the education building.

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Service Times

Bible Study
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7p.m.

Worship
Sunday 10:20 a.m.



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Sitting on Holy Auditorium Seats

By Nathan G. Wheeler

Jesus said, “Where two or three gather in my name, there am I among them,” (Matthew 18:19). I am sure that we think we believe those words. How would visitors to our gatherings know that we believe Jesus is personally among us?

Moses saw the bush on fire that does not burn up. It is a “great sight” that he was compelled to investigate (Ex 3:3). As he approached, Yahweh told him to come no further and to take off his sandals, “for the place on which you are standing is holy ground,” (v. 5). When God identified himself as “the God of your father, the God of Abraham... Isaac...and Jacob,” Moses was rightly terrified, and he hid his face (v. 6). This was on Mt. Sinai, where Moses will meet the fiery Yahweh again after leading Israel out of Egypt (v. 12).

When Moses returned to Sinai with Israel, they camped in the wilderness at the foot of the mountain. On the third

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day, Yahweh came down upon the mountain in a way that impressed his awesome holiness on Moses and all of the people. "Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly," (Ex 19:18). The people "trembled," as well, in fear (v. 16). Yahweh took extra precautions to make sure the people understood to keep their distance, because he is holy, and he did not want to have to destroy them (v. 22).

In Hebrews 12 the Holy Spirit says that we do not come to that terrifying Mt. Sinai (vv. 18-21). Rather, in and through Christ we have come to the supremely better mountain, "Mount Zion...the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem," (v. 22). As we are gathered to this mountain, it is a time of feasting and celebration for the perfection accomplished by the offering of Jesus' blood (vv. 22-24).

Even so, fear is warranted. If we approach the better mountain, it is only because we are covered by the better blood (10:14, 19-22). The wonderful reality of God's grace does not nullify the life-and-death respect owed to the holy, living God. We come before the same Yahweh who appeared at Sinai, and who judges sin no less lethally than the cross of Jesus.

How, then, are we to demonstrate proper respect for the holiness and glory of Yahweh in whose presence we dare to enter in Christ?

Let our conduct and our speech overflow with the spirit of *thanksgiving* for the great mercy of God to spare our lives. As the Holy Spirit says, "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire," (Heb 12:28-29).

Sermon Notes

The Captivating Kingdom
Luke 5:1-11

1. Teach God's Word
2. Let the Holy Spirit Lead
3. Behold the Glory of God

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

April 6	Mon	2 Samuel 2 – 5
April 7	Tue	2 Samuel 6 – 9
April 8	Wed	2 Samuel 10 – 13
April 9	Thur	2 Samuel 14 – 17
April 10	Fri	2 Samuel 18 – 21