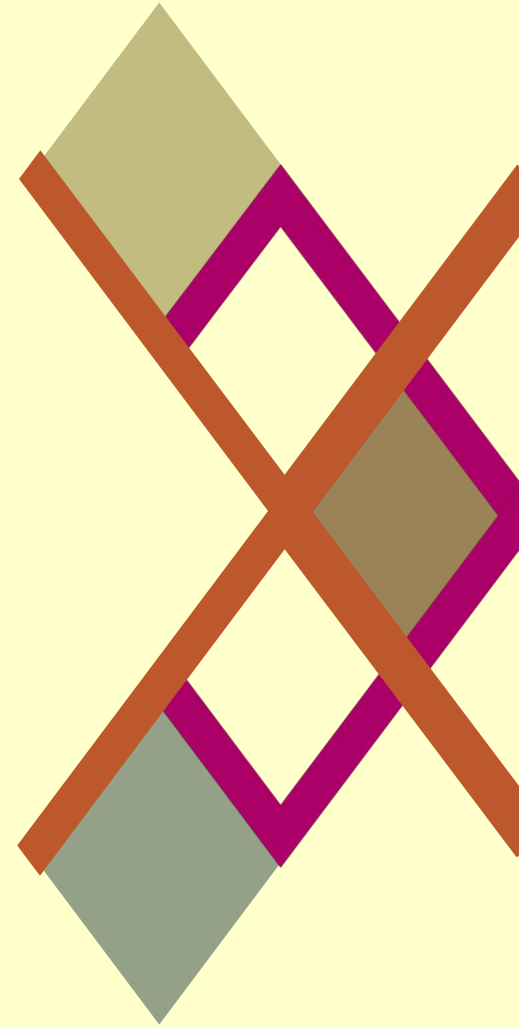


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ABOUT THIS CLASS

□ YOU WILL NEED:

Good Bible Translation
Workbook

□ HELPFUL ITEMS:

Concordance with lexicon
Bible Atlas
Bible Dictionary
Good Interlinear

□ Audio and powerpoints available after class:
meadow.org (go to media, then to class)
guardingthetruth.org (go to curriculum)

VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

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- Keeping ourselves moving within the will of God by its very nature requires sacrifice on the part of a disciple
- **Romans 12:1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship.*

GOD DOESN'T CHANGE

- When the New Covenant was initiated by the death of Jesus, things changed:
 1. God didn't change
 2. Our relationship with God changed when we receive Jesus as our savior
- 1 Samuel 15:29 The Glory of Israel will not lie or change His mind; for He is not a man that He should change His mind."
- Malachi 3:6 "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."
- Psalm 51:16-17 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

SACRIFICES GOD LOVES

□ Broken spirit: *nisbara ruach*

□ Contrite: *dakah*

□ People are triune beings:

Body Soul Spirit

□ OT *nephesh*

ruach

chai

□ NT *psuche* (soul – animal principle – living)

pneuma (spirit or soul) the part that relates to God

zoe- life in general (even plants)

GOD VALUES....

□ **The sacrifice of Jesus for us**

□ **Our forever love of Him (better than sacrifices)**

Mark 12:32-33 The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

□ **Walking with Him in obedience**

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

OBEDIENCE REQUIRED

□ Matthew 21:28-32 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.' "And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went. The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I *will*, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

□ God's will is revealed to obedient disciples

PICKING AND CHOOSING

- God doesn't give His commands so that we can pick and choose which ones we like
- Matthew 25:14-18 "For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. In the same manner the one who *had received* the two *talents* gained two more.
But he who received the one *talent* went away, and dug *a hole* in the ground and hid his master's money.

GOD CARES WHAT WE DO WITH WHAT WE
HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN

THE REST OF THE STORY

□ Matthew 25:19-25 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Also the one who *had received* the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no *seed*. 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'

GOD IS WORKING

□ John 5:8-17 Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day. The Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'" They asked, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up *your pallet* and walk'?" But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place. Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you." The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am

GOD ASKS US TO WORK WITH HIM

- We call his invitation our “call”
- Ephesians 4:1-6 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*
- Call: *kaleo*: to select out of a larger group; requires a factor for selection
- The factor is relationship with Jesus; it can regard salvation, but can also regard service

LEARNING BY EXPERIENCE

- As we see what God is doing, and answer the invitation to go with Him, we will be learning more and more about who He is and who He has made us to be
- Our response reveals:
 1. What we believe about God
 2. Whether you experience a working relationship with God
 3. Whether we will come to know Him more intimately
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