Fair Grove Church of Christ

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"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39 NKJV)

Our next Song Night will be Wednesday June 28, 2023.

Please join us for an evening of song and prayer

Article

Things that Draw Away Our Hearts - Isaac Helterbrand

King Solomon is one of the most famous people mentioned in the entirety of the Bible. Solomon was known for his wisdom. In his day, Solomon's wisdom reached to the farthest corners of the known world! Kings and queens from the surrounding nations would come to listen to his judgments and test his abilities. Not a single one of them left Solomon's court disappointed.

Solomon gained his God-given wisdom in 1Kings 3. God told Solomon He would grant him one wish. Instead of asking for riches, fame, good fortune, or a long life, Solomon asked for a discerning heart so he would be able to rule righteously and be a good king. Because Solomon asked for something righteous, the Lord granted great wisdom to him along with riches and fame! The other famous thing about King Solomon is that he had a great number of wives and concubines.

"But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David." (1Kings 11:1-4)

Solomon allowed his heart to be turned away from God by his wives. They served foreign gods, and eventually Solomon came to worship them as well, instead of paying tribute to the one true God.

Like King Solomon's wives, there will be things in our lives that try to turn our hearts away from God. The majority of the time, it will be something that we enjoy and do not want to give up. It might be alcohol, drugs, or sexual sins. It might be watching football on Sunday instead of going to church. It might be politics. There are many things that can become an idol, a foreign God, to us. We have to guard against them and put away the things in our lives that might draw our hearts away. We should remember the advice of the author of Hebrews,

"...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1)

If we want to go to heaven, we have to remove the sin that will keep us from getting there and guard against the desires that tug at our hearts, attempting to pull them away from God.

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." (James 1:14)

About Us

We are a church that seeks to honor and glorify God by obedience to His word. We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17) and only through following the Bible alone can we faithfully serve and worship Him. Please come visit to join us in learning about God's will and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

Invitation

The culture at Fair Grove Church of Christ is one of learning, growth, and love. Each of us wants to go to heaven and we are all willing to help each other out along the way. We study the Bible together to learn how to live and how to worship. We hold each other accountable in a kind and compassionate way. The most wonderful quality about this group of Christians is that they exemplify what it means to be God's family. We sincerely hope you will come and be our guest, and eventually join God's family here at Fair Church of Christ!

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Meeting Times

Sunday

- 10:00AM Bible Study
- 11:00AM Worship Service

Wednesday

- 7:00PM Bible Study

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