

### NEWS AND NOTES

- ◇ Please remember in prayer– Mike Sadler, Rachel Miller, Ned Hicks, Brian James, Kathy Gray, Nadine Fields (Moses' sister), Debbie Montgomery, Jimmy Johnson (member at the Trilacoochee church of Christ), Hal Lewis (Suzette's brother), Karen Stanley (Bonnie's daughter), Forrest Cunningham (Butch Morgan's nephew), and Jerry Jordan (Ken Jordan's brother who has stage 4 throat cancer)
- ◇ Out of town are Neil and Ahrea Miller, Paula Sullivan, and Jim Abram.
- ◇ **Group 3 meets tonight.**
- ◇ *Please remember our shut-ins and check up on those not accounted for.*

**\*UPCOMING EVENTS\***

- Last Friday of each month - Teen Bible Study (*Postponed*)
- 2nd Sunday each month - Afternoon Song Practice
- 2nd Monday night each month - Ladies' Bible Class.
- 4th Sunday of each month -Men's Bible Class (**Today @ 4:30**)

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### Assignments

Wednesday Night: 12/25/13

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson  
 Opening Prayer: David Williams  
 Invitation: Michael Sadler  
 Announcements: Bob Marschall  
 Closing Prayer: Rodger Robinson  
 Parking Lot: Paul Llyod

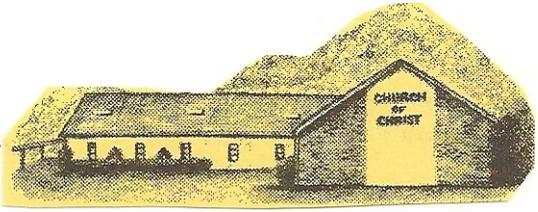
Sunday Morning: 12/29/13

Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon (B)  
 Ben Cunningham (C)  
 Serving: Ed Lawson  
 Eddie Lawson  
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom  
 Opening Prayer: Nick Groenhof  
 Announcements: Larry Hicks  
 Closing Prayer: James VanDoorn  
 Parking Lot: (9:00) Norm Blackburn  
 (9:50) Mike Sadler

Sunday Evening: 12/29/13

Song Leader: Nick Ross  
 Opening Prayer: Bucky Day  
 Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon  
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
 Closing Prayer: Daniel Stagers  
 Parking Lot: Colby Sadler

- ◇ ***Please make preparations to have pictures taken (updated) on January 5, 2014.***



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### *“The Temptation” (Part 1)*

After Jesus was baptized, He was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. The account of the temptation of Jesus offers some of the richest lessons in scripture. In studying the temptation, many have sought to explain why Jesus did not follow Satan's suggestions by various, sometimes ingenious, ideas. These ideas may be true, and are definitely worthy of thought. Jesus, however, knew best why He could not do the things Satan wished Him to do. We shall be guided in this study, therefore, solely by the replies Jesus Himself made.

Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days during which time ; He fasted. Both Matthew and Luke indicate that Jesus' felt no hunger until after the forty days. "And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He afterward hungered" (**Matt. 4:2**). "And He did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, He hungered" (**Luke 4:2**). Hunger fell upon Jesus more as a blow

than as something to which He had slowly grown accustomed. Mark indicates that Satan had been tempting Jesus already. "And He was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan" (**Mark 1:12**). Now Satan comes again.

"If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread" (**Matt. 4:3**). Now we know that Jesus had the power to change one substance into another (see **John 2** where Jesus changed water to wine). We also know that several times Jesus used His power to provide food (**Matt. 14; 15; John 21**). Why not this time? Satan seemed to be tempting Jesus to prove His Sonship, but Jesus' reply was not, "Satan, I do not have to prove my Sonship. Both you and I know who I am." The temptation was more subtle than that. Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God'" (**Matt. 4:4**). If we are to understand what Satan's temptation was, we will do so only by understanding Jesus' response.

When Israel was encamped in the plains of Moab, poised to invade Canaan, Moses preached to them. He

said, "All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah swore unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which Jehovah thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble thee, to prove thee, to know what was in thy heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by everything that proceedeth out of the mouth of Jehovah doth man live" (**Deut. 8:1-3**).

If the Israelites had been asked to list their necessities, they would have said food and water. We cannot be critical of them without some self-examination. If someone were chosen at random and asked to list the necessities of life he would list: (1) food, (2) water, (3) shelter. The Israelites had to learn that God was more important to their survival than bread. They had to learn that the first necessity is to obey the words that proceed out of the mouth of Jehovah. Oh, how we today need to learn to include that necessity at the top of our list.

How, though, does this point tie in with Jesus' refusal to turn stones into bread? Satan was telling Jesus to use the power He had for His sole benefit. It was not the Father's will that Jesus' power be used in that manner. Though Jesus knew He needed food He also knew one thing He needed more - to do the Father's will. God did not give Jesus His great power so that if He had a headache He could merely wish it away, or if He became thirsty He could cause a glass of water to pop into His hand. He always used His power for the sake of others to produce faith in them. Thus it would have been contrary to the "word that proceeded out of the mouth of God" for Jesus to use His power for His benefit. Therefore He would not and told Satan why. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

*-By Bob Waldron*

### WHAT MUST I DO TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

- ◇ Jesus taught obedience (Matt. 7:21-23; Luke 6:46; Matt. 28:20)
- ◇ Jesus taught that unless we believe in Him, we will die in our sins (John 10:31-39)
- ◇ He taught repentance (Luke 13:3; 24:46-47)
- ◇ He taught confessing Him before others (Matthew 10:32-33)
- ◇ He taught baptism as a necessity (Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:19-20; John 3:5)
- ◇ He teaches faithfulness unto death (Revelation 2:10)