

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
April 19, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Piano Joanne Lorenzo
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 15:18-22 (on opposite page) The Ministry of Paul

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 26
Hymn 338 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 431 "Shine, Jesus Shine"
Message Partiality is Contrary to the Purpose of God
James 2:5-13 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 779 "I'll Fly Away"
Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Question 56: What is the reason for the third commandment?

Answer: The reason for the third commandment is that the Lord our God will not allow those who break this commandment to escape His righteous judgment, although they may escape punishment from men.

Scripture: I Samuel 2:12-29 Deuteronomy 28:58-59

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck
Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin
Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Men's breakfast Saturday at 10am

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

REFLECTIONS ON THE CATECHISM

The seriousness of this commandment is underscored by the warning attached to it. In fact, it is the only commandment with a warning showing that it is a heinous sin in the sight of God. Taking the Lord's Name in vain is much like blasphemy, and it is thus a warning that should be taken seriously. The loss of fellowship with the Lord is a serious consequence of this commandment. Proverbs talks about the fear of the Lord as the beginning of wisdom. Lack of reverence for God and His Holy name is the foundation of all foolishness. If we do not hold His Name in reverence, we will not honor those made in His image.

Verses 18-19 indicate that Paul would take no credit for what others did. In verse 20 he states the reason "lest I should build on another man's foundation." Paul did not want to take over the ministry of another. Paul had a great ambition in that he wanted to go where no one else had gone. In verse 22 Paul tells the Roman Church his plans. His ministry had a plan and a purpose.

It is interesting to note here that Paul had been hindered in coming to visit the church at Rome. His plan is to go to Jerusalem, but that visit will lead to his arrest and that arrest will cause him to appeal to Caesar, which means that he will indeed get to Rome—at government expense. The Lord's plan is always better than our plans. Paul saw an excursion by boat to Rome and then Spain. God brought him to Rome in chains, and instead of building up the church at Rome, Paul ministers to those in Caesar's household, many of whom come to Christ. Every guard chained to Paul gets to hear the gospel presented. Truly, God's amazing grace!