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UPCOMING SERMONS SUNDAY AM

Feb. 16 Why do we give?
Feb. 23 Words Christians must never use
Mar. 2 Who is this Jesus?
Mar. 9 Do you care enough about your family?
Mar. 16 What if true Christians ruled the world?

SUNDAY PM

Feb. 16 What is a denomination? (457)
Feb. 23 How do we get our money? (458)
Mar. 2 What is worship all about? (459)
Mar. 9 Lessons from Noah's ark (460)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon; Pete Darling; Rusty Darling; Phyllis Darling; Raymond Heinz; Teresa Heinz; Carolyn Jensen; Doug McArthur; Cheryl Akers; Kathy Briggs; Robert Van Alstine; Jewel Warfield; Ed Warfield; Marilyn Smith; Carol Wilson; Lillian’s brother; Tom’s mother; Clayton Peck

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: 2 Cor. 9:1-5 PM: 1 Tim. 4:1-3

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Feb. 16 – Potluck, Packages, Business meeting
- Feb. 23 – Singing at 5 p.m.
- Mar. 28 – Seminar with Scott Kluft
- April 20 – Chuck Northrop to speak
- June 27 – Seminar with Mike Golwitzer
- July 28 – Aug. 2 – Ingham County Fair booth
- Sept. 26 – Seminar at Webberville
- Dec. 26 – Seminar with Harrison Morgan



A HOUSE DIVIDED

Charles Coats

It was difficult for the Pharisees to accept that Jesus was the son of God. By the mighty works that Jesus did, they were forced to have to explain how it was possible for him to do these things. Unlike Nicodemus in Jn. 3, the Pharisees were not willing to admit that Jesus did these mighty works because he was sent by God.

Not being able to deny that a mighty work had been done, the Pharisees offered other explanations for these works. In Matt. 12:22ff, they say that Jesus cast out devils by the prince of the devils. Their explanation had the Devil working against

himself. Jesus correctly pointed out to them that a house divided against itself cannot stand (Matt. 22:25).

The principle that Jesus sets forth in verse 25 is one that we well know, “Divide and conquer!” It helps us to understand the need for unity. A nation that is divided against itself will fall. A home that fights with one another is doomed. The church, without a united front, will be ineffective in its work and soon will fall into the snare of the Devil.

When we examine all the problems we see in the church today, we see “A house divided”. Brethren fight with one another due to personality differences and because of selfishness. Probably though, the greatest cause of division in the church are doctrinal issues. Far too many Christians have ignored God’s teachings and have put in their own ideas and are teaching error.

The unity God desires is based on God’s word (Jn. 17:17). We must all be of one mind to follow God and to stay away from the doctrines of men. We are taught to be of one mind (2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 2:2; 1 Pet. 3:8). Also, we are to be likeminded (Rom. 15:5; Phil. 2:2). Jesus prayed that his followers would all be one as he and God are one (Jn. 17:21).

The end result of unity in God’s word is the world will believe that God sent Jesus (Jn. 17:21). The salvation of the world depends on the unity of the church. Why should the world follow Jesus when his followers are fighting one another and teaching different doctrines?

When we read the New Testament, we find several congregations of God’s people who were either falling away from God or had fallen away. We find individual Christians in the same condition. The church at Corinth was divided (1 Cor. 1:10) and the church at Ephesus had left its first love and fallen from Christ (Rev. 2:4,5). Hymaenus and Alexander made shipwreck of the faith (1 Tim. 1:19,20). All of these were an influence for evil.

As you and I examine our own lives, are we those who are promoting unity or he cause of “a house divided”?!