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The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.

May 3, 2020

The Service of Holy Communion

"WAYMAKER" -Exodus 12: 13

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the house where ye are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

My Christian brothers and sisters!

The story is told about this little boy who went to school every day, and this school bully would beat him up all day and every day in school and out of school. Some of his friends were telling him what to do. They gave him a lot of different advice. They told him to try another route home, but the bully found out about that route and still beat him up. Another person suggested that the little boy carry a stick. He carried the stick. The bully caught up with him, took the stick away, and then beat him with it. Everything the boy tried to get rid of the bully did not work.

One day he was walking to school terrified, out jumped the bully with his fists clenched and getting ready to pounce on the boy. The youngster beckoned to the bully and said "Come on. I'm ready." The bully couldn't believe this young man all of a sudden got some guts. "Come on. Come on. Come on you bully. I will take you right now." Aggravated the bully started toward the boy intending to punch him. All of a sudden out stepped the boy's father from behind the Bush. He was 6'10 and 275lbs. **WAYMAKER!** The bully looked up in shock and said, "oh no."

See, the closer you are to the father, the closer you are to your daddy, the more the bully called the devil will have to leave you alone.

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Here in our text this morning we have a bully whose name is Pharaoh. Pharaoh was a mean, nasty king. Pharaoh didn't know the true and living God. He thought he was God and because of Pharaoh's crazy thoughts he brought problems upon the children of Israel, which gives us point number one. Verses 1-6

POINT # 1: PROBLEMS (ADVERSITY, DIFFICULTIES, OBSTACLES). We must realize that problems are inevitable. They must come, they have to come. Believing in God will not protect you from problems, and because God knows your name you are still not exempt from problems. (Look at the life of Job). The text says that God spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt. God didn't take them out of Egypt ASAP; God allowed them to stay, so that they could grow under pressure. We can't really know the depth of our character until we see how we react under pressure. Moses and Aaron knew God was with them because God was still speaking to them in Egypt. Thank God for promising to be with us in tough times. God will help you overcome your problems. God will give you the strength to endure the pain. **God is your WAYMAKER!**

In verses 7-12 we will discover

POINT #2. PREPARATION (ANTICIPATION, DESIGN, PLANNING). Eating the Passover Feast while dressed for travel was a sign of the Hebrews' faith. Although they were not yet free, they were to prepare themselves, for God had said he would lead them out of Egypt. Their preparation was an act of faith. Being prepared for the fulfillment of God's promises, however unlikely it may seem, demonstrates our faith. Spiritual preparation is an act of faith. God is teaching the children of Israel--Don't wait until you come out and show me your faithfulness, but show me your faithfulness while you are still in Egypt! When we see God as our **WAYMAKER**, we will shout before the battle is over; we will praise Him in Egypt. **WAYMAKER!**

As I close from the text, let's glean from verse 13

POINT # 3 - PRESENCE (AWARENESS, BEING, CLOSENESS). God's presence is often experienced in difficult times. The teachable moment in the text: The children of Israel moved closer to God. Like the little boy in the story--He got close to his daddy and his daddy showed up. **GOD SAID WHEN HE SEES THE BLOOD HE WILL PASS OVER YOU!! CAN GOD SEE THE BLOOD OVER YOUR LIFE? PRAISE HIM! I LIKE THAT!**
HOT DOG

“WAYMAKER!!”

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PASTOR WHITE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

**--Let us rejoice as we are TOGETHER for the Service of Holy Communion today!
Remember to remain in your vehicles throughout the worship service.**

--Special thanks to all who joined the **Church Conference** via conference call on yesterday. Great time of fellowship, encouragement and sharing of information about the church.

--Please continue to pray, stay home and heed all public directives regarding the **Coronavirus Pandemic**. **STAY SAFE – STAY HOME** as much as possible. Please be creative to find ways to communicate with others and to stay healthy and content. God is working it out for our good. Please call members, especially sick and shut-ins. www.cdc.gov <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov> www.aarp.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for more info.

--**TODAY** --Noon – **Holy Communion Drive-in Service**. Pastor White's message will be shown live on FaceBook. (Enjoy other messages and services at church website: johnschapelamec.org)

--**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY – Carry-out Meals for Children ages 1-18 here at JC. 11:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Weekly Feeding Program** Sponsored by Enterprise City Schools and Coffee County Family Service Center. **Starting tomorrow, May 4.** For more info, please contact LauReen McDaniel or Pastor White.

--**WEDNESDAY** – JC Bible Study via conference call - 7:00 p.m. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--**SUNDAY** – Church School Lesson Summary 9:45-10:10 via conference call. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- Pastor White is asking Class Leaders to please check on all class members to see how they are doing and also inquire if they have completed the Census. If not, please emphasize the importance, and let them know help is available. **Volunteers:** LauReen McDaniel 334-470-1816; Franklin Simmons 334-494-2377; & Marge Simmons 334-477-1962.

The following households have reported that they are ACCOUNTED FOR in the 2020 Census, as required by law and because they are good citizens:

Pastor and Mrs. White & Family
Carlos & Lynette Robinson
Mack & LaToya Chambers & Family
Ricky Britt & Family
Bobby & Evadna Moment
Marion Griffin
Geraldine Booth
Dr. Russell & Mrs. Helen Nichols
Ira "Pat" Brown
Johnnie Sanders & Family

Vernetta DeRamus
Dr. Stafford & Mrs. Bessie Thompson
Ann & Nikki Mills Family
Richard & Shelia Robinson & Family
Betty Simmons & Vivian Johnson & Family
Ruthie Warren & Joe Warren Jr. Family
Franklin & Marge Simmons
Sam & Hilda Blake
Jimmy & Lois Boykins
Gay Nell Miley

20 Households reporting! OUTSTANDING!

If you have completed the Census and your name is not listed above, please let Sister Marge know. If you haven't completed the census, please do so today. Check out the website at www.census2020.gov and encourage others to respond. .



**Prayer Concerns
Week of May 3-9, 2020**

PRAYER LIST

--Sister Eleanor Bailey
**-- Jennifer Bigham – Brain surgery on May 11.
Traveling to Mobile on Friday, May 8**
-- Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street,
Charles Town, WV 25414-
--Sister Geraldine Booth
--Sister Brenda Crawford
--Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones
--Sister Annie Pearl Frazier
--Sister Ruby Grayer
**--Sister Dorothy Holmes – In rehab. Doing well.
Asks about the church often!**
--Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden
--Sister Mable Mays
--Sister Ann McGaughey

--Bereavement – Family of Sister Mattie Mayes –
McGaughey & Mayes Families
**--Dr. Russell Nichols—Doing well. "Attended"
Church Conference. Thanking God for Nurse
Helen!**
--Sister Minnie Powell, Mother of Sis. White
--Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr.
— Parents of Pastor White
--Sister Johnnie Sanders
--Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun
Wilson
--Sister Eloise Williams
***New entries in bold print
Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in
members.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 3 Mary E. "Libo" Jackson
May 4 Dr. Russell Nichols
May 7 Jacquelyn Scott
May 7 Edward Engram
May 8 Joseph Allen Baker
May 9 Jeremiah Bradley



No Anniversaries on Record this week.