

# University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

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## Not By Bread Alone

When he was tempted by the devil, Jesus defended himself by quoting from **Deuteronomy 8:3**.

**Matthew 4:3** "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If you be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.**"

**Deuteronomy 8:3** "And he humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you knew not, neither did your fathers know; **that he might make you know that man does not live by bread only, but by every [word] that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD does man live.**"

In the passage what people **do not live by** is far less important than what people **do live by**. **What people do live by is every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.** Our entire access to those life giving and life sustaining words is through the **Holy Bible**.

So, how does that work? The behavior of Jesus when he was under temptation should be a clue. While on earth **what did Jesus do** in order to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God?

The first thing is that **Jesus was clearly familiar with every recorded word of God.** That is proven in every word that Jesus spoke and in everything that Jesus did.

The second is that **Jesus understood the word of God** and was determined to obey the word of God as written. There was no point at which Jesus did not obey the spoken words of God.

When somebody introduces a doctrine or a practice that is not what the New Testament teaches it is not just from **that person** that the temptation to digress is coming, **it is from the devil.** The person that introduces the digression may not have an evil motive. The person may just be ignorant of God's word and because of that ignorance of God's word be overcome of Satan without ever realizing what has happened to them. The person who introduces digression may be pious and well intentioned, not malicious. Their spiritual flaw is that they are ignorant of the word of God and because of their ignorance the devil can not only easily defeat them but also use them as a tool to help him overcome others. Suppose that when the devil came calling Jesus had not known **Deuteronomy 8:3**, and because of his ignorance of the word of God thought that gratifying his extreme hunger was the most important thing on earth at that moment and that he had a right to gratify his hunger by whatever means was available to him, including turning stones into food. The devil would have won, right there on that spot.

One thing that kept the devil from winning was **the knowledge and understanding that Jesus had** of **Deuteronomy 8:3**. **If Jesus was determined to do God's will but was ignorant of God's word the devil would have won** just as the devil has always won against those that are determined to do God's will but are ignorant of God's word. It is not an accident that every time Jesus defended himself against the temptations of the devil Jesus defended himself by **quoting the word of God.** Jesus did that because **there is no other way to stand against the temptations of the devil.**

Another thing that kept the devil from winning was **the willingness of Jesus to use his knowledge and understanding of the word of God to resist the temptations of the devil.** Jesus was not a spiritual coward. Jesus was a person that was determined that the word of God was going to be followed and the will of God done even if it killed Jesus. In all of that Jesus was being an example to his disciples. **Each of us must do likewise. We must live as Jesus did, by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**

In the life of Jesus we are able by his behavior to see how digression is prevented from happening, but we all know that digression happens. How does digression happen? How do people drift away from the word of God and start doing and believing things that are not what the Bible teaches? Among religious people pious ignorance of God's word resulting from not studying God's word ranks very high as a reason for the devil's success in getting religious people to do and to believe things that are not taught in the New Testament. Either those people do not know what the Bible says or if they know what the Bible says they do not understand what it means. When the devil comes calling, they cannot with the word of God defend themselves against temptation, as Jesus defended himself.

In past ages in central Kentucky the word of God grew and prospered greatly. People understood their need to conduct themselves as Jesus did. They understood their responsibility to speak where and as the Bible speaks and to remain silent where the Bible is silent. They were excited about the power of God's word to allow us to walk with God and to stand against the temptations of the devil. They understood and accepted that what God's word says is the most important thing on earth. There was a big protracted meeting in the woods at Cane Ridge dedicated to making the word of God known. There was a big formal religious debate at a church building on Main Street in Lexington with the most prominent national political figure in town acting as moderator for the gospel preacher who was presenting the truth. A Bible College was opened on North Broadway with a notable local Bible scholar as its first president. The word of God grew and prospered with thousands of people attending scores of large and influential churches. A few years later there was not a single faithful church in Fayette County Kentucky. I mean not a single solitary one. Where did all of those people, those churches and that Bible College go? They did not really go anyplace. They stayed where they were and stopped following the Bible. The devil came calling and they did not follow the example of Jesus in living by the word of God. Many large old churches in this area are on locations where once the members spoke where and as the Bible spoke and were silent where the Bible is silent, but it has been many years since that kind of behavior would be tolerated in those places. It certainly would not be tolerated today. What is not only tolerated but insisted upon in those churches and in that Bible school today is **every possible digression from God's word that the devil can come up with.** How did it happen? **It happened one unopposed temptation at a time.**

Where do the faithful go? Into digression if the devil has his way. **THE ONLY CHANCE TO LIVE IS BY EVERY WORD OF GOD.**

## Remember to Pray For

Ella Wells, Lisa Powell's niece  
Debra Craig  
John Michael Siddles  
Dallis and Alma Isaacs  
Lorene Pagan  
Freddie Ward  
David and Chessie Harwell  
Donna Caldwell  
Mabel Greene  
Tony Tyree  
Ruth Brundige  
Cindy Miller  
Marlene Wood  
Christie Ellis  
Shirley Lewis  
Brady Gibbons  
Gail Hunter  
Larry Flannery  
Donnie Joseph  
Cheryl Spear  
Lanny Hiller  
Charity and Abdiel Pallafox  
Helen Stephens  
Chris Handshoe  
Chris and Jen Dooley  
Jeffrey Howerton  
Addison Pervine  
Carl Stripplehoff  
Tom Kemp  
Freda Blakey

*We can sometimes hide  
From each other  
But never  
From God*

SOME SAY THAT SURVIVAL IS  
OF THE *FITTEST*  
BUT THE NUMBERS SAY THAT  
SURVIVAL IS OF THE *AVERAGE*  
LOOK HOW MANY MORE OF  
THOSE THERE ARE

*WHEN RIGHT COMPROMISES  
WITH WRONG  
ONLY RIGHT COMPROMISES*

2Corinthians 6:14 *"Be  
you not unequally yoked together  
with unbelievers: for what  
fellowship has righteousness with  
unrighteousness? And what  
communion has light with  
darkness? 15 And what concord  
has Christ with Belial? Or what  
part has he that believes with an  
infidel? 16 And what agreement  
has the temple of God with idols?  
For you are the temple of the  
living God; as God has said, I will  
dwell in them, and walk in [them];  
and I will be their God, and they  
shall be my people. 17 Wherefore  
come out from among them, and  
be you separate, says the Lord,  
and touch not the unclean  
[thing]; and I will receive you."*

THE GOSPEL IS NOT

## Thoughts

### Tools

When God confronts evil on this earth he uses human beings as tools. We are all thrilled by the shepherd boy with the sling, by young Daniel and his determination not to defile himself with the king's food and drink and by his associates who were willing to be killed rather than bow down to an idol.

We all know that in each case God won a great victory for truth through the courage and resolve of the faithful. In each case the enemies of God were brought low because somebody was willing to stand up, step out and do right.

God did not need David, Daniel or Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego in order to bring God's enemies low but God gave these faithful people an opportunity to be a tool in the hand of God to make truth known. God uses to their own great advantage those who are willing to be used by God for right.

Jesus did God's will and wound up getting killed for his trouble but that was not the end of the story. It never is with God.

**Philippians 2: 8** *"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9. Wherefore God also has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; 11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

God exalted Jesus to his present position because Jesus was willing to be used by God for right. The admonition of the apostle is that every person should do likewise.

**Philippians 2:12** *"Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life: that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain."*

The faithful must behave as they do because of their attitude toward God and toward God's will. There was a danger that the Philippian Christians would act in one way when Paul was among them and in another way when Paul was gone. If they did that it would mean that they acted as they did when Paul was there among them because they respected Paul not because they respected God. Paul wanted them to understand that it is God that they must respect and serve, not Paul. **Whether Paul was there or not they must use God's word to do God's will because that is the right thing to do and they intended to do the right thing**

## Notes

## Singing, 7:30 PM Friday

REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING  
**FRANK WALTON**  
*NOVEMBER 2-7*

ONCE WE ADD TO  
OR DELETE FROM  
THE WORD OF GOD  
WE ARE ALL ALIKE IN DISOBEYING GOD  
AT THAT POINT THERE IS ONLY ONE  
THING TO DO  
**REPENT!**

**Deuteronomy 12: 32** *"What  
thing soever I command you, observe to do it:  
you shall not add thereto, nor diminish from  
it."*

**Revelation 22: 18** *"For I testify  
to every man that hears the words of the  
prophecy of this book, If any man shall  
add to these things, God shall add to him  
the plagues that are written in this book:  
19 And if any man shall take away from  
the words of the book of this prophecy,  
God shall take away his part out of the  
book of life, and out of the holy city, and  
[from] the things which are written in this  
book."*

**IF IT WAS NOT TRUE  
GOD WOULD NOT SAY IT**

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship Service 10:45am

### Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

### Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages 7:30pm

### Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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