

GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
- Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

List: New: Sarah Brundige (Richard’s mother) is receiving Hospice care.

Our members: Jeff Howerton, Paul Atkisson

Others: Mamie Dart, Casey Sparrow, Hope Vinogradov, Barabara Matheny, David Morrow, Debbie Parker, Vina Krassow, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Gail Stein, Sandy Childress, Susie Burton, Jacob Profit, Valarie and Barry Boyd, Leroy Weatherholt, Wilma Lawson, Janett Brundige’s mother and stepfather, Diane Whitehead, Tony Tyree, Sandy Driver, Autumn Fox, Beth Erickson Erlene Young

WEEKLY READING		LEADERSHIP		SERVICES
Mon	1 Kings 6, 2 Chronicles 9, 1 Timothy 6	ELDERS	DEACONS	Sunday
Tue	1 Kings 7, 2 Chronicles 4, 1 Timothy 2, Psalm 44	Garry Banks	Troy Antle	Bible Study: 9:45 AM
Wed	1 Kings 8, 1 Timothy 3, Psalm 30	David Collins	Richard Brundige	Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM
Thu	2 Chronicles 5-7, 1 Timothy 4, Psalm 121	John Thompson	Matt Thompson	Wednesday
Fri	1 Kings 9, 2 Chronicles 8, 1 Timothy 5	Adam Litmer	Adam Litmer	Bible Study: 7:30 PM
		EVANGELIST	Bill Morelan	1st Fri. of Month
			Jim Parsons	Singing: 7:30 PM
			Pat Seabolt	3rd Fri. of Month
			Adam Daniels	Bible Study: 7:00 PM
			Jamie Powell	(Finished for the time being)

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Jethro: A Man Who Knew How to Give Good Advice

Frequently we find ourselves faced with a dilemma and have difficulty choosing the best alternative; or we might be experiencing a predicament we don’t know how to get out of; or we might be on the verge of making some bad choices that will likely prove very costly. At such times, we will probably receive, unsolicited, more than ample advice from well-meaning family members and friends. What do we do with that advice?

It is foolish to just outright reject advice from people who care about us or who have certain expectations due to the relationship they have with us. A wise person will consider a number of factors regarding the advice he receives. Let’s look at the situation involving Jethro and Moses in Exodus 18.

Moses fled to the land of Midian after escaping Egypt following his slaying of the Egyptian. There he married Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, a Midianite priest. When he returned to Egypt to lead out the Israelites, Zipporah and their two sons remained in Midian with Jethro. Chapter 18 of Exodus finds the Children of Israel encamped following a battle with Amalek, king of the Amalekites. Chapter 18 opens with Jethro having brought Zipporah and the two sons to be with Moses. Moses told Jethro all that God had done in delivering the people from Pharaoh. Jethro rejoiced and offered sacrifices to God. The next day Moses began to judge the people, a slow and laborious process. Jethro approached Moses with some very good advice. Read Exodus 18:17-23. Verse 24 records that “Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.”

Reminder

- The meet and greet is this Saturday at 9:30.
- The college/young adult class begins next Sunday (24).

There are, no doubt, many reasons why this incident of advice-giving turned out so well. This article will examine the impact Moses’ and Jethro’s relationship had upon the situation. When Moses and Zipporah married, Jethro became Moses’ father-in-law, as he is repeatedly identified. Jethro became Moses’ father due to the marriage law. When a man and a woman are married according to civil law and by God’s authority, the family of each one becomes the family of the other, and they are identified from that point on as in-laws.

Moses recognized that the advice he was receiving came from his father-in-law. Moses respected this father/son relationship established by marriage. He even sought Jethro’s permission to return to Egypt after God spoke to him from the burning bush. (Exodus 4:18) In chapter 18, when Moses learned that Jethro was coming with Zipporah and the two sons, Moses “*went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him.*” (Verse 7) Jethro prefaced his advice with an appeal to his position as father-in-law. “*Moses’ father-in-law said to him, ‘What you are doing is not good. You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you!’*” (Verses 17-19)

In addition to honoring the father-in-law relationship, Moses also realized that the advice was good and would work. He took no offense when Jethro told him his method of judging was not good. Jethro had not challenged Moses’ authority; he had not indicated that Moses was a poor judge; he had not contributed to any distrust among the people Moses was judging. He had simply pointed out to Moses that he needed help and went on to set forth a workable means of obtaining that help. Whether we are the one giving advice or the one receiving advice, we can learn from the example of Jethro and Moses, father-in-law and son-in-law. John Thompson

**Playing Games With God**

Robert Turner

They knew the church should not “go into business,” but churches moving to new locations sold their old property. So, they bought a large tract of land they could never use as a location for church assembly and work; and subdivided into building lots, to be sold at great profit. Be careful lest you question their motives.

A church wishes to build a recreation hall for young people’s parties, potlucks, games, etc. They recognized there would be objections to such unauthorized expenditures, so they called the new hall “additional class-room space,” although they had unused class rooms in their old building. No one is fooled—least of all God—but it dealt with the Antis!

A man divorced without scriptural grounds, and a young lady, member of the church, wished to marry. The preacher, victim of a pernicious and unscriptural concept regarding “bonds of marriage,” says, “I wouldn’t want to encourage you in this, but if you *should* get married, and then repented of your sin, God would forgive you and you would be free to live together.” They got married, and then, on the cautious advice of another, the man was baptized—“just to be sure.” God must have had a hard time figuring that one out.

I was guest at a promotional meeting for national advertisement when various ways were studied to “make it right with the churches” and at the same time get their contributions.

What person of experience has not seen or heard of like examples? Our society seems devoid of principle. Brethren who wouldn’t “break the law” just find ways around it. The spirit or intent of law—genuine regard for the principles of right—is forsaken.

It is not a new situation. Paul warned the Galatians, “*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked*” (6:7). The aforementioned are examples of fooling self, not God. How utterly ridiculous to think man could ever cheat God or pull a “fast one” on Him. It is hypocrisy and spiritual suicide. “*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*” (Micah 6:8)

**Sermons:** (AM) “He who covers his sins”  
(PM) Frank Patton will be preaching

**Reading:** (AM) Psalm 51  
(PM) Psalm 52

**The Blog:** The blog is updated regularly.

