

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

April 17, 2016

**"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"**

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

## Exalt The Lord

Kids say the funniest things. Especially when they misunderstand something in Bible class or a church service and repeat it incorrectly. A little girl was once asked "What is your favorite hymn?" She quickly brighten up and proudly said, "Gladly, the cross-eyed bear." Of course, the lyrics are "gladly the cross I bear. This reminds me of a Sunday worship service when the congregation was singing the chorus of song that goes: "I exalt thee, oh Lord..." A mother of a 5-year-old girl glanced down and realized that her daughter was fervently singing, "I'm exhausted, oh Lord..." Unknowingly that little girl might have been singing the truth about the religion of some Christians. Instead of exalting the Lord. They've allowed themselves to become spiritually exhausted.

Michael West, an Indiana preacher, writes a pretty stinging rebuke regarding the religious state of some professed Christians. "Our religion has become ineffective in the world. We are being rejected more each day. The world wants us to take our little god and go somewhere else. Our religion has become powerless." writes West, "because we believe in a powerless god. Our religion is weak because our god is weak. Our faith is weak because we have believed in the words of men, rather than the Word of God. We have stopped seeing God for Who He really is." West then issues this challenge, "It's time for us as Christians to wake up, to rise up, to speak up to believe up, to brush off the world and raise the standard of Jesus Christ above the rest. We need to repent and walk in faith again before it gets any later than it is already."

In the past several posts we have been presenting a Biblical picture of who our God really is. And how we should honor God. In **Psalm 34:1-3**, David uses five words that glorify God. "I will *ble*ss the Lord at all times; His *pr*aise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its *bo*ast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, *ma*gnify the Lord with me, And let us *ex*alt His name together."

Today, let's consider the final word of our text, exalt. It means "to raise up, to go up, to elevate, to be high" either literally or figuratively. It is "the state of being on a higher plane; to lift up." The word can actually can be used positively or negatively. In the positive sense it means to raise up to a position of honor. Negatively it means to be haughty or proud. We exalt the Lord because he is worthy to be exalted. The Psalms are filled with expressions of praise for God that impress us with His right to be honored.

Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool — He is holy. (**Ps. 99:5**)

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power. (**Ps 21:13**)

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, And praise Him in the company of the elders. (**Ps 107:31-32**)

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth; (**Ps 108:5**)

If we learn anything from these passages, we are impressed that worship is not about us. It's not a time to exalt a preacher, song leader, or a church. Worship is all about God. His glory. His strength. His power. His goodness. His greatness. Maybe some of our worries in this wicked and wayward world would be eased, if we raised up our Lord to the place of exaltation He deserves. Listen. The Lord is on the throne. He rules. He reigns. He will prevail. He scoffs at the pompous and proud politicians who think they have all the answers (**Ps 2:1-4**)

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"* (**Ps 46:10**)

**-Ken Weliever, [thepreachersword.com](http://thepreachersword.com)**

**We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.**



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 4-17-2016

# The Social Christian

## Proverbs 10:19

**The Social Christian must be \_\_\_\_\_.**

✓ Be \_\_\_\_\_ of what you post.

✓ Recognize if SM has \_\_\_\_\_ you.

✓ Recognize if SM is causing you to \_\_\_\_\_ away your \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ Recognize if SM is causing you to be \_\_\_\_\_ to this \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Social Christian must \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Social Christian must seek to be a**

\_\_\_\_\_ and not a \_\_\_\_\_ .



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Sunday PM Notes 4-17-2016

**LESSONS  
FROM  
THE  
ROCK**

**Exodus 17:1-7 &  
Numbers 20:1-13**

**Be thankful for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Strive to be \_\_\_\_\_ with those who are**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Don't take \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

Daily Bible  
**2016**  
READING

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### Times of Worship & Bible Study

#### Sunday:

**9:30 AM Bible Study**

**10:30 AM Worship Service:** You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

**5:00 PM Worship Service**

#### Wednesday:

**7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship**

### Weekly Attendance

**Last Sunday AM Worship.....118**  
**Last Sunday PM Worship.....83**  
**Last Wednesday Bible Study.....94**

## In Our Prayers

### RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

**-Faye Spence...** hospitalized last week with pneumonia. Please remember her and Thomas in your prayers, and let's see what we can do to help her out once she is released.

**-Jonathan Gateley...**having some medical tests run at the end of the month. He would greatly appreciate your prayers.

**-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)...**beginning cancer treatments this week for cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

**-Helen Lovell's brother...**the doctors have told Helen's family that her only brother has only a short time to live. Please be praying for the comfort of the family and their safe travels.

**-Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)...**Has been diagnosed with cancer and has been undergoing treatments. Please prayer for his recovery and for Jim and his family.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

\*\*\*Our expecting mothers: Spring McDonald & Katie Angel.\*\*\*

**-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)...**still struggling with his health.

**-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...**young man struggling with his health.

**-Barbara Leonard...**shut in and struggling with her health.

**-Christian Shadburn...**20 yr. old Christian in Bowling Green battling cancer.

**-Robin Hill....** battling cancer.

**-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)...**Battling Melanoma.

**-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)...**Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

**-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.**

**-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.**

\*\*\*If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.\*\*\*

## Pleasant Plains News

### Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Song Practice - TBD** at the Angel's home after evening service. **First few minutes will focus on learning new songs, and then we will spend the rest of our time singing some of our favorite songs. Everyone is welcome!**

✓**Men's Bible Class - May 7th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 5 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - May 3rd** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 7 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - April 24th** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lesson 4 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

### Area Gospel Meetings & Events

◎**Gospel Meeting with Harold Carswell, Jr** at the Northside Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR...April 17-22. Weeknights at 7pm.

◎**Gospel Meeting with Gordon Grammar** at the West Fayette Church of Christ in Eads, TN... May 8-13. M-W at 7pm.

## Daily Bible Reading For This Week: **Leviticus 27-33**

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**