

# The Weatherly Weekly

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## The Unseen Hand

James W. Adams

Many times the charismatic personality and oratorical and rhetorical abilities of a speaker conceal the pernicious error implicit in that which he says, and multitudes are deceived. Conversely speaking, these same qualities often lessen the transforming influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ as it is taught and preached. Under such preaching, multitudes may "join the church," but few are converted to Christ.

It is said that a person heard a world-famous evangelist and came away saying, "What a marvelous speaker!" Sometime thereafter, he heard a consecrated preacher of little fame preach in simple idiom, but with great conviction and sincerity, the story of the cross and came away saying, "What a wonderful Christ!"

This calls to mind a verse of a poem written by W.G. Elmslie which addresses the point of this article.

He held the lamp of truth that day  
So low that none could miss the way;  
And yet so high to bring in sight  
That picture fair the World's Great Light  
That gazing up the lamp between  
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

We should so teach the Word of God as to emphasize the message which it conveys and Him who is its author that the hearts of the hearers may embrace "the World's Great Light." The less they see of "the hand that holds it up," the more impressive it will be.

However, let us not use these facts as an excuse for poorly prepared and slovenly delivered lessons or sermons. The lamp stand and the hand that holds it should be of such character as to display the Light, whether held "low" or "high," to the best advantage so that its rays of redeeming light may shine clearly and powerfully to all who need it. □

### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

	THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 25	NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 2
<b>Sunday AM</b>		
Announcements	Forest Summers	Tommy Hill
Song Leader	Jared Jimison	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Ed Dill	David Jacks
Scripture Reading	Ken Cavender	Searcy Hall
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Leshko	Marty Hunt
<b>Sunday PM</b>		
Song Leader	SINGING	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer	Ron Harmon	Hill Roberts
Closing Prayer	Terry Childress	Kirk Hatcher
<b>Wednesday PM</b>	NOVEMBER 28	DECEMBER 5
Song Leader	Terry Childress	Mike Coward
Invitation	Mike McLemore	Louis Garrett
Closing Prayer	Riley Monroe	Bobby Wright
<b>Group Meeting</b>		Group 1

### QUARTERLY BIBLE CLASSES OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2018

#### AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Fulfilled Prophecy  
Steve Hagewood

#### ADULT CLASSROOM

Co-Parenting with God  
Mike McLemore

#### AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hebrews: Don't Go Back!  
Mike McLemore



### 2019 WEATHERLY LECTURES

Speakers to Be Announced  
May 2-5, 2019

#### Weatherly's Shepherds

Louis Garrett	(256) 883-7785
Tommy Hill	(256) 883-0010
Will Starks	(256) 883-5273
Forest Summers	(256) 348-2251

#### Evangelist

Michael W. McLemore (256) 698-5941  
Email: mmclemore@weatherlychurch.com

#### Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood	Ron Harmon
Kirk Hatcher	David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright	

### TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Assembly	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.

### MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

<b>December</b>	
Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Adam Hagewood Jim Risner Nick Holland Will Starks ** Steve Hagewood W.D. Patrick Kirk Hatcher John Patrick
** Overseer	
<b>Lord's Supper PM</b>	Phil Furlough ** Terry Childress
<b>Visitor Greeting</b>	
Sunday AM	
Rear Door	Susan Hand
Side Door	Mike & McLemore
<b>Sunday PM</b>	
Rear Door/ Side Door	Jimison & Ehl
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Kim Barnett & Dot Summers
<b>Building Lockup</b>	David Jacks

# ATTITUDE toward the WORD of the Lord

JAMES W. ADAMS

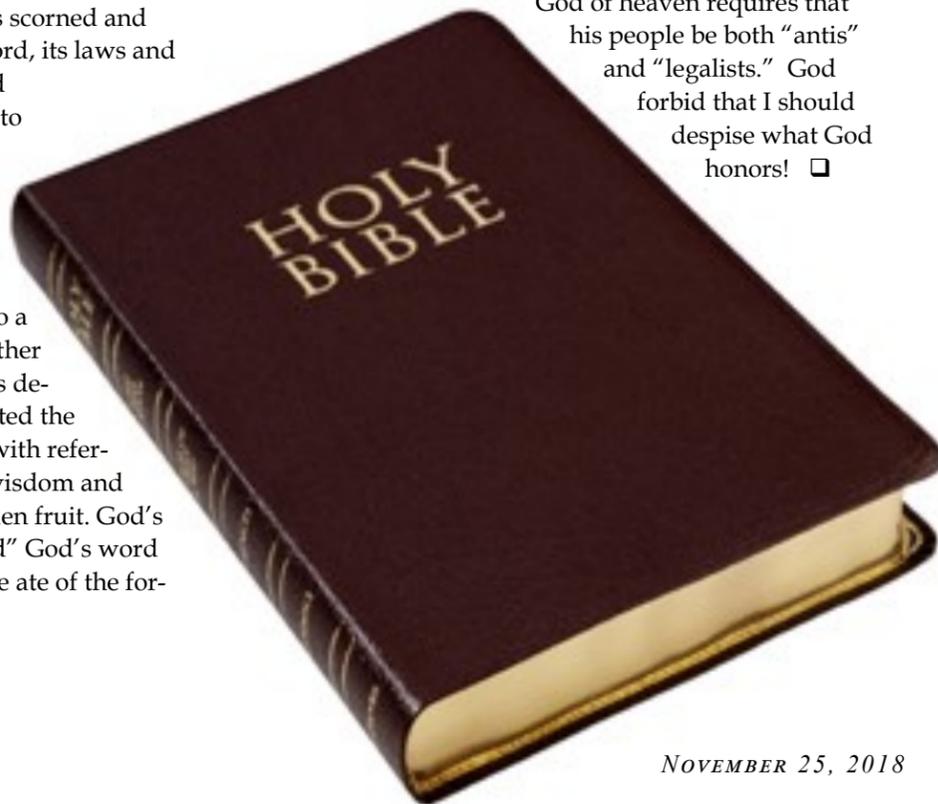
**P**RACTICALLY all the difficulties in religion in our day could be settled by a proper attitude toward the word of the Lord. The Wise Man said hundreds of years before Christ, "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded." (Proverbs 13:13.) More may have been intended by this statement than the word of the Lord, yet it certainly is inclusive of, and perhaps primarily applicable to the Lord's word.

"Despiseth the word" and "feareth the commandment" are antithetical qualities or attitudes. The word "fear" means to respect, to revere, to regard with awe. The word "despiseth" as used by the inspired writer would mean, therefore, the very opposite. To despise the word of God, then, is to be lacking in respect for its authority, to fail to revere its precepts and its institutions.

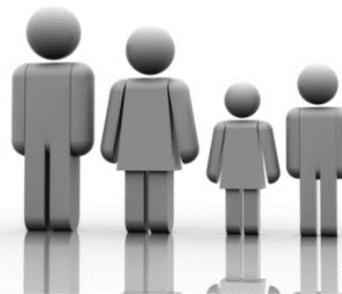
We live in a day when orthodoxy is scorned and meticulous fidelity to the word of the Lord, its laws and institutions is branded as "anti-ism" and "legalism". Yet, from the first of *Genesis* to the last of *Revelation* the attitude of absolute fidelity and unwavering devotion to Divine truth is that which is most frequently discussed. God's first commandment to man involved him in the responsibility of absolute devotion to a positive precept of the Lord's word. Mother Eve, and through her, Father Adam, was deceived and led into sin when she permitted the Devil's logic to cause her to rationalize with reference to God's commandment. Human wisdom and logic suggested the eating of the forbidden fruit. God's commandment forbade it. She "despised" God's word and "feared not the commandment." She ate of the for-

bidden fruit and gave to her husband and he did eat. Cain and Abel constitute a personification of these antithetical attitudes. Abel feared the commandment of Jehovah and offered of his flock. Cain despised God's word and offered of his field. Abel's offering was accepted of God. Cain's offering was rejected. Thus does the word of God begin. Then in the last book of Inspiration, Revelation, we are solemnly warned; "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any many shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of this 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." (Rev. 22:18,19).

If meticulous fidelity to the word of the Lord is "anti-ism" and "legalism," then the God of heaven requires that his people be both "antis" and "legalists." God forbid that I should despise what God honors! □



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## Family matters

News and Notes of Interest To Weatherly Members

### Pray for Those in Need

Your prayers for **Betty Reavis** are solicited as she struggles through chemotherapy. We were thrilled that she was able to be with us last Lord's Day morning for worship. Continue to say her name to the Lord.

**Peggy Childress'** second knee replacement surgery is scheduled for December 4th. Your prayers for her are appreciated.

**Melvin Godette** is always in our thoughts and in our daily petitions to the Lord. Also, remember **Donna** and the children.

**Ann Summers, Barbara Jean Woodard** and **Glenda Cavender** are always in our prayers. Each has their own personal health challenge. Ask for their comfort and strength as you approach the Father of all comfort.

**Mike Gore** was hospitalized Friday for a transfusion. His levels continue to fall rapidly between transfusions. We've been asked to please pray for him. Also pray for **Sandra & Aaron**.

**Mike McLemore's** mom, **Jimmie**, has been diagnosed with Mononucleosis. The good news is that she is not exhibiting any symptoms of the illness. Your prayers are appreciated.

### Special Prayer Request

**Jason & Rosita Henderson** have been working for over a year to get a hearing for consideration of **Rosita's** visa. Please ask for the Lord's help in this matter.



Most of us could scarcely imagine how difficult it would be to spend the first year of marriage a nation apart. Your prayers for **Jason & Rosita** appreciated.

### Benjamin Little Appointed Deacon

The Elders of the Weatherly Heights church are happy to announce the appointment of **Benjamin Little** to the office of Deacon. We are privileged to have this devoted family with us and are looking forward to a long relationship with them. **Ben** will be working alongside **Phil Furlough** with our guests, and will be taking the lead as Admin of our website.



### Study Series in the Books

We had 104 present last Sunday evening. This was by far our best attended series yet. Thank you one and all for your work and your participation in the effort. It was wonderful. □

### Weatherly Birthdays



12-2	Ryan Patrick	12-4	Steve Hagewood
12-4	Carley Hill	12-4	Tommy Hill
12-4	Ron Holland	12-4	Gwyneth McLemore
12-6	Kenneth Cavender	12-6	John Patrick
12-13	Joanne Abernathy	12-15	Carol Roberts

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## Defeating Prejudice

Michael W. McLemore

What is the attitude God expects us to have toward those of a different race, color, language, nation, or even social status? Jesus put the attitude perfectly when he said in Matthew 7: 12, "Whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, even so do you also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets." This rule was not given for the Jewish people alone, but for all people of all races and nations. It is the perfect end toward which all the law and the teaching of the Lord are directed. It requires that each one put himself in the place of the other. We do not want others to be prejudiced against us; we want them to understand us. Hence we are not to be prejudiced against others, but try to understand them.

No matter in what position we may find ourselves, we want to be treated with consideration, fairness, kindness, even sympathy, and sometimes with compassion and mercy. We are, therefore, to treat others in the same manner. This is a very simple principal and easy to understand. If we would follow it, no matter what others may do, it would go far in removing all prejudice and misunderstanding of others, and would also go far in removing the prejudice of others toward us.

May the Lord grant us the intelligence and faith to understand and accept His wisdom and to practice it in our attitude toward others. □

## Weekly Walk!