

The Golden Rule

Some things are too profound for me, but I cannot seem to resist trying to make sense of the world. Job and his friends were the same way. David, too, found that the problem was his soul, which was like a child; David found he must wean his soul and train it to rest calm within him.

When Job at last confesses he has been in over his head, and repents of his ignorance and conceit, I can hear David, echoing Job, in Psalm 131. God, revealing His majesty in contrast to human wisdom, inspires Job to calm his soul, and Job confesses: "Surely I spoke about things I did not understand, things too wondrous for me to know" (Job 42:3). Make note, when Job accepted this correction and applied it, his sufferings weren't yet over.

In a similar way, David reveals his process in Psalm 131. David needed to comfort his soul, to train it as a mother trains her child when the child is weaning. The soul is like a child. It is learning how to live. As it was for Job and David so it is for you and me. What does it take to live a life "calmed and quieted," despite tribulation? This: not lifting my eyes too high — not thinking myself a worthy analyst of "things too great or too wondrous for me"; hoping not in my own understanding, but putting my "hope in the LORD both now and forever" (Psalm 131:3).

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So we do not focus
on what is seen....
but what is unseen is
ETERNAL.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 (CSB)



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Invocation and Welcome

Hymn No. 64 "God Will Take Care of You"

Hymn No. 134 "Jesus Paid It All"

Missionary Prayer Calendar Ann Lewis

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 448 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Scripture Mark 12:35-44

Sermon Rev. Mike Dickey

"Teaching in the Temple"

Hymn No. 290 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Benediction

Pre-read for next week: Genesis 1:26-27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are collecting T-shirts and socks for the Shoe Box Ministry.

To subscribe to our text alerts text "JOIN" to 804-430-6282
We send out prayer requests and reminders.

BIBLE STUDY: There is no Bible Study this week. We will resume next week.

The PBA Executive Council Meeting is October 16th at 7:00pm at Immanuel Baptist church in Colonial Heights.

Sappony is hosting the annual session of the PBA at 3:00pm on October 22.

Guest preacher next Sunday morning will be COL Thomas Allen, Command Chaplain at Fort Gregg-Adams.

On Oct. 28th from 12:30 to 4:30 there will be a HarvestFest at Camp Kehukee. There are hayrides, trunk-or-treat, bouncy houses, and much more. These activities are free. There will be vendors onsite and food available for purchase, so bring some cash. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Camp Kehukee.

The Chicken Dinner fundraiser for Camp Kehukee is on Oct. 28th from 5:00-6:30. Suggested donation is \$12.00 per meal. Please see Bob Streetz for tickets.

The Back Door Ministry needs the following items: individual cans with pull back tops: Vienna Sausages, Beanie Weenies, Pork & Beans, Sardines, Potted Meat, Chicken or Tuna Snack Boxes, crackers: nabs, boxed saltine crackers, apple sauce, fruit cups, pudding cups, bottled water, hot chocolate, Gatorade, Ground coffee, creamer jars, and sugar. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please have at church by October 29th.