

Prayer and Personal Responsibility

A study of Nehemiah 4

Sunday PM – Why Nehemiah Succeeded

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Jim Waldron – India
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WELCOME TO MAMMOTH SPRING CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 19, 2020

Alleged Bible Contradictions – The Sabbath

The first result of a Google search for “Bible contradictions” is a link to the website for American Atheists. Following that link will take you to a list of what they consider to be Bible contradictions. The first is: The Sabbath Day. The website uses Exodus 20:8 (Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy) and Romans 14:5 (One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind). Is that really a contradiction?

In their weak effort to make the Bible contradict itself, the American Atheists, in reality, are showing their ignorance. By attempting to pit one verse against another as an alleged contradiction, there is a failure to understand the difference between the covenants. The Sabbath law was given by God to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai (Deut. 5:1-3; Neh. 9:13-14). That Old Covenant itself speaks of being replaced by a “new covenant” that is not like the one given at Sinai (Jer. 31:31-34). While there are many instances of Paul preaching in synagogues on the Sabbath as recorded in Acts, he was not “keeping” the Sabbath. There is no command in the New Testament to keep the Sabbath. Paul was taking advantage of situations where religious people were gathered together so that he could advance the gospel.

Another problem with trying to make Exodus 20:8 and Romans 14:5 contradict is a failure to understand what Paul was discussing in Romans 14. Throughout that chapter, he addressed matters of conscience in relation to eating certain food (14:2-3, 14-23) and dedicating certain days to God (14:5-6). There is no mention of any Jewish observance of the Sabbath law. He simply said, “One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind” (14:5). Paul's point was – if you have a particular conviction about something along these lines, do it and don't force your view on others (14:22-23). The one day that is commanded to be observed by the Christian is the Lord's day (Rev. 1:10), aka, the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Understanding the context of both Exodus 20 and Romans 14 reveals that there is no contradiction at all. What is revealed – by the American Atheist website – is that there are some who are so biased against the Bible that they are not honest enough to truly examine it. They make thoughtless arguments based on their ignorance of Scripture. God, the ultimate author of the Bible, does not contradict Himself.

Barry

OUR SICK

- Peggy Corbett had surgery on Friday. She is home recovering and will have to be off work for several weeks.
- J.C. Caldwell has the shingles. He and Freda have been unable to attend services the last few weeks.
- Brooke Tate is having back problems and has been unable to attend services recently.
- There are several with continuing health struggles that need our prayers: Dennis & Debbie Rose, Bill & Rita Burns, Tim Lawson, Jerry Hobbs, Claudia Willison, Bernice Zirnstein, Eric Stephens, Dale Welch, Terry Wayne Frizzell, Mary Grable, Margie Collins, and James Nicholson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The elders and deacons wives will meet tonight after services in the Fellowship Hall.
- We will work on the FCGN on Wednesday, January 29th. Please make plans to stay and help if possible.
- The Dexter Youth Rally is scheduled for March 13-14. Lonnie Jones will be the featured speaker. There is a flyer with information in the foyer.
- The Children’s Home truck will be here again on February 17th.

CHILDREN’S HOME ITEMS

Mac & Cheese, Dry Noodles, Dry Beans, Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Oatmeal

NURSING HOME

Dana Mills, Rosemary Washam, Lena Daily, Jean Slatton, Bill Shepherd, Betty Griffith

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Steve Simers
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Randy Ward
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Robert Cox
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(417) 372-1702
Monty Ragsdale
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Reggie Richardson
(417) 293-1524
Keith Rose
(870) 966-4399
Tim Tate
(870) 710-2553
Jay Towell
(417) 274-0180

Preacher

Barry O’Dell
(870) 710-1043

LEADING IN WORSHIP

This Week - Sunday AM

Opening Prayer – Marvin Hedden
Song Leader – Tim Tate
Worship Prayer – Monty Ragsdale
Scripture – Tyler Phillips

Nehemiah 4:7-9

North Side

Bill Pace
Doyle Richardson
Steve Simers

South Side

Keith Rose
Don Case
Remington Richardson

Closing Prayer – Garet O’Dell

Sunday PM

Worship Prayer – Doyle G. Richardson
Scripture – Dalton Nicholson
Closing Prayer – Stan Caldwell

Nehemiah 2:17-18

Wednesday Night

Opening Prayer – Robert Cox
Closing Prayer – Derek Hufstedler

Attendance Card

Wyatt Allen & Carter Nichlson

Greeters

Randy & Connie Ward

Next Week - Sunday AM

Opening Prayer – Wendell Ragsdale
Song Leader – Jay Towell
Worship Prayer – Kevin Hedden
Scripture – Charles French

North Side

Collin Powell
Danny Busch
Darren Richardson

South Side

Reggie Richardson
Jon Richardson
Jeremy Allen

Closing Prayer – Randy Ward

Sunday PM

Worship Prayer – Jacob Simers
Scripture – Steve Russell
Closing Prayer – Braden Hufstedler

Wednesday Night

Opening Prayer – Forrest Rose
Closing Prayer – Steve Atkins

Attendance Cards

Bryce Bennett & Xarian Richardson

Greeters

Jeremy & Leslie Allen

SERVING IN JANUARY

Announcements – Joe Henry
Counters – Derek Hufstedler & Braden Hufstedler
Food Committee – Sandy Russell & Rae Lynn Simers
Deacon – Jay Towell

Sunday AM Class – 10:00
Worship – 10:45 & 6:00
Wednesday Night – 7:00

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