

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of God Big Sandy

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May 28, 2022 • 1:00 p.m. • Sunset 8:18

Seminar and Bible study

Seminar—1:00-1:55 p.m. David Eishen

Presentation study—2:00 Dave Havar
(Also transmitted live)

Order of service—3:00 p.m.

Song leader Reg Killingley

Pianist Dixon Cartwright

Scripture reading John 21:1–25

Sermon Dave Havar

Quick takes

1. Seminar from 1:00 to 1:55 today—Instead of our regular interactive Bible study at 1:00, David Eishen will be presenting a seminar titled “Monkeypox: Will Lockdowns Be Here Next?” The seminar will not be transmitted live on the Internet, but everyone is welcome to attend in person.
2. Follow-up discussion about the seminar from 2:00 to 2:40—Dave Havar said: “I am scheduled to give the 2:00 Bible study in the main hall, and I don’t mind if people in the building want to stay in the classroom to discuss the seminar material with Mr. Eishen and the other attendees. I am accustomed to speaking with our friends online every Wednesday night.”
3. Thank you for food every Saturday—The congregation thanks the individuals for organizing the weekly Sabbath treats.
4. Opportunity to serve—If you are available to help with the weekly Sabbath treats, please see Joyce Coleman.
5. Board nominations conclude today—The process for board nominations concludes today at 5:00 p.m. (This is a reminder that the yearly nominations occur in May and the election occurs in June.)
6. Wednesday-night Bible study on June 1—Dave Havar is scheduled to continue his series about “Evil and Wickedness.”

7. Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 5—The congregation will be observing the Day of Pentecost on Sunday, June 5. Here is the schedule for the day.
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| ■ 1:00 p.m. | Interactive Bible study |
| ■ 2:00 | Bible-study presentation |
| ■ 3:00 | Church service |
| ■ 4:00 | Enhanced finger foods |
8. Edifying the Body—This week’s article is “Are Leftists About to Kill Millions of People?” by Kurt Schlichter.
9. Among Friends—This week’s article is “Evil and Wickedness in Ecclesiastes” by Dave Havir.
10. Eye on the World—This week’s “Eye on the World” is 30 pages. This edition has four articles (with the article about monkeypox being 2,737 words) and 198 headlines.

Prayer updates

Timberly Dunnam reports that she is still dealing with pain from the “vein stone” that we mentioned in last week’s bulletin.

On Tuesday (May 17), **Karl Wilson** was diagnosed with a blocked bile duct and had a procedure at a hospital. On Wednesday, a doctor removed his gallbladder. His wife, **Sharon**, was able to take him home yesterday.

New prayer requests

Antoine Smiley of Austin had abdominal pain for several weeks and finally went to a hospital on Monday. It was at that point that Mr. Smiley learned that his appendix had burst. After the surgery, he had difficulty fighting off the infection. The doctor further discovered a partially collapsed lung due to shallow breathing. Since his white-blood-cell count was elevated and his heart rate was rapid, the doctor was concerned about the continued infection and sepsis.

Susan Kile of Amarillo went to the hospital due to an intestinal blockage.

Ron Crank of Kansas City, Mo., has been diagnosed with a collapsed esophagus.

Walt Deptula of Nacogdoches is recovering after having angiopathic surgery.

Sandy Ashcraft of Big Sandy learned of a mass discovered in her left breast.

Carol Key of the Big Sandy area (who had hip surgery in November) has continued to have treatment for the repaired hip.

Thought for the week

“Remember, there are two ways to enslave individuals—work them for no pay or pay them for no work.—*Allen West*”

Scriptures to consider

Genesis 41:29-30—“Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land.”

Genesis 41:34-36—“Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”

Genesis 41:47-49—“Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable.”

Genesis 41:56-57—“The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became severe in the land of Egypt. So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands.”

Matthew 25:8-9—“And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’”

Luke 12:21—“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:22—“Then He said to His disciples, ‘Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on.’”

Luke 12:29-31—“And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Acts 4:32, 34-35—“Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common . . . Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.”

Acts 11:29-30—“Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.”

Romans 15:25-26—“But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.”

Evil and Wickedness in Ecclesiastes

This article is from the “Among Friends” section of the Church of God Big Sandy’s website, churchofgodbigandy.com. It was posted for the weekend of May 28, 2022.

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I gave a presentation titled “Evil and Wickedness—Part 3.” The focus of this study was about evil and wickedness in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Author of Ecclesiastes

I believe that the author of the book of Ecclesiastes was Solomon—but in his later years as king.

- Ecclesiastes 1:1—The words of the preacher, the son of David.

- 1 Kings 3:3-10—These verses show Solomon’s good behavior in his early days.

- 1 Kings 11:3-4—These verses show Solomon’s bad behavior in his later days.

Two Hebrew words

There are two major Hebrew words in the book of Ecclesiastes that define evil and wickedness.

The first word is *ra* (*Strong’s* No. 7451)—which means “bad, disagreeable, inferior in quality; by extension evil.”

The second word is *rasa* (*Strong’s* No. 7563)—which means wicked or evil.

The first word has a wider range of definition—sometimes being a strong form of behavior and sometimes being a lesser form of behavior.

The second word generally refers to a strong form of behavior.

Lesser forms of behavior

Let me give you three statements of how the first word can mean lesser forms of behavior than wickedness.

- Someone may be mean without being wicked or evil.

- Someone may be thoughtless without being wicked or evil.

- Someone may be rude without being wicked or evil.

A few scriptures

Let’s notice some scriptures that use *ra*-*sa* as wicked and *ra* as evil.

Ecclesiastes 3:16—“Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment, wickedness [No. 7562, a variation of No. 7563] was there; and in the place of righteousness, iniquity was there.”

Ecclesiastes 3:17—“I said in my heart, ‘God shall judge the righteous and the wicked [No. 7563], for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.’”

Ecclesiastes 7:15—“I have seen everything in my days of vanity: There is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked [No. 7563] man who prolongs life in his wickedness [No. 7451].”

Ecclesiastes 8:11—“Because the sentence against an evil [No. 7451] is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil [No. 7451].”

Ecclesiastes 8:12—“Though a sinner does evil [No. 7451] a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.”

Ecclesiastes 8:13—“But it will not be well with the wicked [No. 7563]; nor will he prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he does not fear before God.”

Ecclesiastes 8:14—“There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just men to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked [No. 7563]; again, there are wicked [No. 7563] men to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous.”

Ecclesiastes 9:2—“All things come alike to all: One event happens to the righteous and the wicked [No. 7563] . . .”

Ecclesiastes 9:3—“This is an evil [No. 7451] in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil [No. 7451] . . .”