

## HELLO AND WELCOME

Welcome to our assembly! If you are a visitor, we encourage you to fill out a visitors card located on the back of the pew in front of you, and place it in the collection plate when it is passed.

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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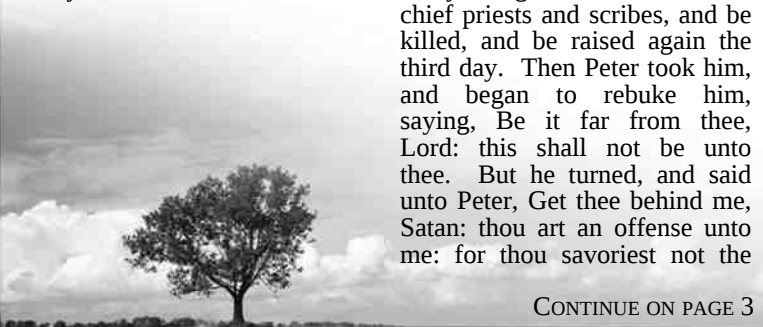
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# Successfully Putting Satan Behind Us

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Recently I took a trip back east. In this travel I set for my family and myself a definite goal, a destination. And just like any goal, I had to create a plan to reach that goal. Even though I hit a few snags along the way and took some wrong turns, we finally arrived at our destination.

A plan is only as good as the ability to accomplish it. We have an example of this fact from Christ. The gospel record tells us, "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the



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# TODAY'S WORSHIP

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## PRAYER LIST

### HEALTH

Sarah Adams  
Dawn Copes  
Don Craig  
Bill Cyrus  
Dottie Daniels  
Ann Egan  
Tom Haines  
Keith Hodges  
Beulah Keppler  
Bob Meiers  
Gaylin Miller  
Liz Miller  
Mike Miller  
Janice Ortman  
Hallie & Don Phillips  
Mark Young  
Shirley Young  
Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

### ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRAVELING

Bill Copes  
Don Craig  
Rudie Miller  
Bob Whitaker  
Matt Wood

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### MORNING

Song Leader	Bob Calvert
Opening Prayer	Don Phillips
Lord's Table	Bob Whitaker
Assist	Charlie Bryson
Assist	Eric Whitaker
Assist	Jerry Witt
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Doug Cyrus

### EVENING

Song Leader	Doug Cyrus
Opening Prayer	David Craig
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Eric Whitaker

## TODAY'S SERMON

### Characteristics of Tent Dwellers

(Psalms 15:1) "LORD, who  
shall abide in thy tabernacle?  
who shall dwell in thy holy hill?"

## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(PSALMS 2:6-7) "YET HAVE I SET MY KING UPON  
MY HOLY HILL OF ZION. I WILL DECLARE THE  
DECREE: THE LORD HATH SAID UNTO ME, THOU  
ART MY SON; THIS DAY HAVE I BEGOTTEN THEE. "

things that be of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:21-24)

Many people seem to be shocked at the words of Christ when Jesus called Peter “satan”. However, Jesus was not calling Peter the devil or prince of this world, but was in fact calling Peter “adversary”. The word “Satan” is really the word meaning “adversary”. When applied to the Devil, it means our supreme adversary, the adversary of all that is good, but when applied to Peter, the apostle of Christ, it was in regards to the adversarial role he was plotting in the work of Christ.

Notice, for a moment, the prediction that Christ made. He said that he would go back to Jerusalem, be put to death, and then rise the third day. This was the goal of Christ. He came to seek and save the lost, and he accomplished that with his death. Yet, Peter, being the outspoken man that he was, rebuke his Lord and said, “Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.” Peter, you see, was standing in the way of Christ reaching the goal. That’s why that Christ said, “Get thee behind me satan.” Or in other words, “Get out of my way, adversary!”

Our goal as Christians is the ultimate home in heaven, that home with our God.

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Paul says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. ” (Hebrews 12:1-2) Satan, our adversary, also tries to stand in our way in an effort to hinder our walk. What can we do to get Satan behind us?

One way is to do what Christ says in this example. We need to savor or desire the things of God rather than the things of men. We need to deny our own will for God's will. Jesus says, “ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ” (Matthew 7:21)

## WE NEED TO SAVOR OR DESIRE THE THINGS OF GOD RATHER THAN THE THINGS OF MEN.

In the next few weeks, we will be looking at the ways that we can keep Satan behind us. Let us continue to strive to finish our work and reach our goal of heaven. If you have not began this walk, I encourage you to do so by being obedient to God's gospel. It is only in this gospel that we can have the ability to become righteous in the site of God and to become His children. (Romans 1:16,17; John 1:12, 13)

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# Sermon Notes

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