



WHEN THE LORD IS ON OUR SIDE

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What a wonderful condition it is to be in when you know the Lord is on your side! David confidently proclaims, “The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” (Ps 118:6) Paul likewise proclaims to fellow children of God, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom 8:31) Such a knowledge of our condition will make all fears, both spiritual and physical, fly away from our very presence! However, it is one thing for us to make this claim, but how can we make this claim with such confidence? How can we truly know when the Lord is on our side?

Jesus tells us, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” (Rev 3:20) Two conditions are set before us in this passage. One is for us to hear his voice and the other is for us to open the door. The promise to the achievement of these conditions is that Jesus will eat or commune with us! He will be on our side!

Hearing is not just the mere act of listening to what He says. Do you remember the parable of the sower? (Matt 13:18-23) In this parable, Jesus

gives us a situation in which there were for types of soils. These soils represented different types of hearers. Each physically listened to the words of Christ, but only one really heard it. That hearer heard the word and allowed the words to plant themselves in his heart. Prosperous fruits are the obvious result. These are the types of hearers that Jesus looks for. This is why James tells us, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

The next condition is closely tied to the last. To ‘open the door’ means to let the words of God work within ourselves. This is one way we can know that the Lord is on our side!

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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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH

Julia Adams Sharron Presley
Ed Brown Mason Sewell
Charlie Bryson Cora Shrake
Ann Egan Raymond Warfel
Colin Gardner
Loren Heuter
Linda Hill
Keith Hodges
Skylar Huffstutler
Erin Jones
Beula Keppler
Kenny Keppler
Ed Klimas
Bob Meiers
Eddie Miller
Mike Miller
Don Philips
Hallie Philips

ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRAVELING

The Daniels
Scott and Rachel Peck
Greg Miller
The Whitakers
Blake Woolard

ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

Song Leader	Bob Calvert
Opening Prayer	Don Phillips
Lord's Table	Don Craig
Assist	David Craig
Assist	Jerry Witt
Assist	Arnold Miller
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Eric Whitaker

EVENING

Song Leader	Bob Whitaker
Opening Prayer	David Craig
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Jerry Witt

TODAY'S SERMON:

WHAT DO WE DO WITH "OUR" TIME?

"We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work."

- JN. 9:4

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"He who had injured thee was either stronger or weaker than thee. If weaker, spare him; if stronger, spare thyself."

- Seneca

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Opening the door to Christ allows Christ to come in and dwell with us. However, it is possible for us to evict Him by turning away from His voice. If we evict Him from out of our hearts, He will no longer be on our side. John tells us, "Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son." (2 John 9) It would be foolish to think otherwise. Amos asked, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3) We can not be at odds with God in doctrinal issues and think that we have God on our side. His word is truth. (John 17:17) Therefore, everything else would logically be false, and we, if we are at odds with God, are false, too!

We can know that the Lord is on our side if we teach his doctrine. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt 28:18-20) We can have confidence to know that the Lord is on our side by teaching others the gospel and to observe all things that He has commanded us. He promises such people that He will be with them always, even unto the end of the world.

We can know that the Lord is on our side when we love Him. Many profess to love Him, but Jesus shows us the type of person who truly loves Him. He says, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my

Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me." (John 14:23-24)

The confidence in knowing that the Lord is on your side is not a matter of feelings or emotions. I can not just say, "I believe that God approves of my actions and life because I can feel it in my heart!" No, It is a matter of intellectual faith. I know the Lord is on my side because He told me He would be in His word. And if I follow the stipulations of His word, then I can have confidence that He indeed is on my side! Show your love to the Lord today. Be obedient to His commands and you can have confidence that He is on your side!

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(See Proverbs 13:24)

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MY KID IS SPOILED LIKE CRAZY, BUT MY ROD
IS IN MINT CONDITION IN ITS ORIGINAL
PACKAGING

Sermon Notes

