

NEWS

Relda Marshall along with Pat went to Houston Wednesday to get a problem with her bile duct taken care of. They came home Thursday evening—**Bob Arnold** had a procedure done Thursday to see what could be done about a swallowing problem he has developed—**Mike Lovell's mother** was still having problems at last word—**Randy Blackmon** was not feeling up to being with us Wednesday night—**Billy Williams**, Joyce Williams' brother in law, passed away recently in Pennsylvania. We express our sincere sympathy to Joyce and the entire Williams family—**Melita Rivers** was sick (continued on page 3)

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SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Ladies Class 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

PREACHER:

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR:

February 2, 2014

Serving The Lord's Supper

Sunday Morning

Scripture: Ron Traugher

Thomas Hockaday **Ron Burns**
Kevin Kanaley **Randy Blackmon**

Sunday Evening

Thomas Hockaday **Randy Blackmon**

PRAYERS

Sun. AM—**Luke Arnold** (Opening)

—**Alec Capel** (Closing)

PM—**Leon Goff** (Opening)

—**Charles Davis** (Closing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M.—**Bob Arnold**

P.M.—**Kendall Johnson**

(call Pat Marshall if unable to serve)

Think It Over—If you were to die today...Where would you spend eternity? To all who love God, and to those who do not, but should, to all who are weary and heavy laden; to all who are lonely and sad; to all who sin and need a Savior, and to whosoever will come a hearty welcome is extended.

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Jesus' and the Apostles' use of Scripture

By Leon Goff

How do we know what God wants us to do? How can we know what pleases God? We know by the same principles that we know what we are to do on our job. To please anyone in authority over us we (1) do what they command (order) us, (2) do what they demonstrate (show us an example of) what they want done, and (3) what is necessary to accomplish what has been commanded and demonstrated. We don't know what we are to do by what is not said by the authority. The same is true concerning what God has authorized us to believe and do.

Jesus and His apostles confirm these rules and principles by the way they used Old Testament scriptures.

God Authorizes by Command

In **Matthew 4:1-11** Jesus uses God's commands to show what God wanted him to do. When the Devil tempted Jesus to make bread from stones, Jesus replied, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*" He quoted this from **Deuteronomy 8:3**. When the Devil tempted him to jump from the pinnacle of the temple, Jesus answered, "*It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'*" Jesus quoted from **Deuteronomy 6:16**. And when the Devil approached Jesus with the offer that he would give him all the kingdoms and glory of his world if Jesus would fall down and worship him, Jesus quoted **Deuteronomy 6:13**, "*You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.*"

Jesus showed the authority of the commands of scripture when he was asked which was the greatest command of the law. He quoted **Deuteronomy 6:5**: “*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart...*” Then Jesus added a quote from **Leviticus 19:18**, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself,*” calling it the second greatest command (**Matthew 22:37-40**).

Jesus uses the commands of scripture to show what God approves and what pleases Him and what he does not approve and what displeases Him.

God Authorizes by Examples

In **Matthew 12:1-13**, Jesus used the examples of David eating the showbread, the priests working on the Sabbath to carry out their sacrificial duties, and the practice of pulling the sheep out of the pit on the Sabbath to demonstrate to the Pharisees that they were inconsistent in condemning Him for speaking the words “*stretch out your hand*” and healing the man with the withered hand. Jesus healed the man by just speaking words on the Sabbath. In effect He was asking the Pharisees if they were taking the position that it was wrong to talk on the Sabbath. The examples Jesus used on this occasion the Pharisees agreed with. Jesus used examples from Old Testament scriptures to show what God authorized.

In **1 Corinthians 10:1-12**, the

apostle Paul uses the example of the Israelites who were delivered from Egyptian bondage. Many of them God was displeased with through the centuries afterward because of their lusting, idolatry, sexual immorality, tempting God, and murmuring against God. Paul showed what God is displeased with by giving these examples of what the people of Israel did. He wrote, “*Now these things became our examples....Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.*” (**vs. 6,11**).

In **1 Corinthians 9:6-15**, the apostle Paul uses examples of soldiers, farmers, shepherds, priests of the temple earning their living by their work to prove that on the same principle the “*the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel*” (**v. 14**). Paul makes this argument even though he did not use this right with the Corinthian church (**v. 15**). I have heard the argument that preachers of the gospel did not have the right of support from the church because Paul did not use his right with the Corinthians. They ignore the fact that he was supported by other churches (**Phil. 4:15,16; 2 Cor. 11:8**).

God Authorizes by Necessary Inference

What God authorizes by command, direct statement and approved example also may necessarily infer (imply)

things that are not specifically stated. And note that this is not something that I or someone else may want to infer. But it is that which is an inescapable conclusion from what God’s word does say.

In **Matthew 22:41-46**, Jesus ask the Pharisees, “*What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He.*” They answered, “*The Son of David.*” Then Jesus quoted **Psalms 110:1**: “*The Lord said to my Lord...*” Jesus makes the point that David called Christ his Lord and asks the Pharisees, “*If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?*” Jesus is drawing a necessary conclusion (inference) from the scripture. The scripture does not specifically say that Christ is God and greater than David, but it necessarily implies it.

In **Hebrews 7:14** the writer says, “*For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.*” What is his point here and in the context? He makes the necessary conclusion that since Moses was silent about men from the tribe of Judah being priests they could not be priest under the Law of Moses. There is no place for the question, “Where did Moses say Judah could not be priests?”

In light of how Jesus and His apostles and inspired men used scripture in establishing authority from God by **command, approved example and necessary implication** how can anyone say they are human rules on interpretation?

One places Membership

Collette Shumate has expressed her desire to be a member of our spiritual family here at Southside. She was a member here for many years, then moved away for years and now she has moved back here. Her address is 821 CR 1770, Mt. Pleasant, TX 75455 and her telephone number is 903-563-1167. We welcome you home, Collette!

Gospel Meeting!

Chris Eppler and **Jeff McCorkle** are the speakers in a meeting at the Southside church in **Greenville, TX**, Sunday through Thursday, **January 26—30, 7:30 weeknights**.

Weekend Meeting!

Is scheduled for **March 7-9**. **Todd Banning** and **Marshall Reid** will be the speakers. It is not too early to make our plans to attend and to pray for this event. This meeting is scheduled later than usual to avoid conflicts with other events and because of the speakers schedules.

NEWS (continued from back page)
Wednesday night—Remember **Relda Marshall, Michele Williams, Maurine Lee, Pat Brown, Dorothy Kyle, Charles Kyle, Deborah Brown, Tammy Willeford, Shirley Ferguson, and Ronald Stringer**—Remember our **Shut-ins: Clayton Bellamy, Loyd Clark, Maurine Lee, Irma May, Lelda Thompson**.