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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

“Blessed Are Those Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness,”
by Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church

“The Sermon on the Mount” explains the true intent of the law which cancels the natural responses of man and calls for supernatural behavior. Righteousness is an attribute of God.

Jesus gives Christians a glorious hope and reward that they can expect now as well as in eternity. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5: 6) This goes well beyond the conventional and traditional teachings of the Scribes, Pharisees and many churches today. This righteousness only comes by the su-

pernatural power of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God. Jesus is speaking of a righteousness that is genuine to the core. This righteousness is not to be paraded before the eyes of others, but before God’s eyes and seeks only praise from Him. Our Lord is wanting people to examine the trust of their lives. What are your treasures? Who is your master? For whom do you spend your life and energy? Is it for the world and the things in it? Is it for the flesh or the devil? Or do you spend your efforts and strength on the cause of Christ?

Christians who hunger and thirst for God’s integrity, virtue, purity of life, and righteousness will be given it if they truly desire His correction in thinking, feeling and acting. He will give them a filling with the Holy Spirit so they can enjoy the righteousness of God. The Scripture says this is so. Righteousness is everything God desires man to acknowledge and obey. Note, it is what God says, not what man thinks. When you have a genuine hunger and thirst for God’s righteousness you will hate

sin, your own most of all. Righteousness and sin are incompatible and Christians cannot love both. Being filled with God’s righteousness begins with an inner longing to have sin cleansed from the heart and the righteousness of God residing down deep within. To hunger and thirst for righteousness is to desire with our entire being to live and walk the way God says to live and walk.

Jesus chose the words “hunger” and “thirst.” Those are cravings common to all mankind. A man cannot satisfy his hunger for food for his entire life by eating just one meal. Neither can the human soul be satisfied by feeding on God’s righteousness just one time. To be totally satisfied physically and spiritually man must feed himself daily; food and water for the flesh, the Word of God for the soul.

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...British expositor Martyn Lloyd-Jones said this of hungering and thirsting after righteousness: “...I do not know of a better test that anyone can apply to himself or herself in this whole matter of the Christian profession than a verse like this. If this verse is to you one of the most blessed statements of the whole of Scripture you can be quite sure you are a Christian; if it is not, then you had better examine the foundations again.”

True satisfaction for the soul comes following hungering and thirsting after God’s righteousness. Seek Christ with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and you will be filled with the righteousness of God and enjoy the benefits of it.

Young Innocence



Sunday
1 Kings
17:8-24

Monday
Isaiah
40:1-17

Tuesday
Isaiah
40:18-31

Wednesday
Isaiah
41:1-20

Thursday
Isaiah
63:7-19

Friday
Jeremiah
46:13-28

Saturday
Lamentation
3:1-33

Is there anything more innocent than a baby’s smile? An infant knows nothing of evil or sadness...only trust in the love of those who care. At this age his primary needs are hunger and thirst; with someone to provide sustenance his tiny body will grow strong.

As we grow physically, we must nourish our spirit so that it, too, might grow. We need the warmth and protection provided by trust in God’s love. We need the spiritual nourishment of God’s Word. We read in 1 Peter 2:2, “Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up.”

Is your spirit hungry for God? Feast upon your Father’s Word as you visit your local church each week. Our Lord promises us in Matthew 5:06... “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

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WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE
Memorial Day Services

Dick McLaughlin was the spokesman for the service with Dwight Parish delivering the main address and also reading the names of over 100 veterans who are buried in the Wilsonville cemetery with 51 of those having flags flying in the “Avenue” plus 17 more flags in memory of men buried elsewhere. It is gratifying to note that veterans McLaughlin, Parrish, George Thompson and Ron Anderson are men who have chosen to make the Wilsonville area their retirement home. It is just as rewarding to see Manuel Ruf, who is over 80, who has made his home here all his life.

Rodeo Weekend

The influx of visiting people for rodeo weekend always begins a day or so before the official opening day on Saturday.

Leading the morning parade of approximately 25 entries down the Main Street were the Wilsonville ambulance and fire truck plus the Wilsonville Saddle Club, the flag carriers the Rodeo Queen candidates and Miss Nebraska Rodeo, Wilsonville’s own Ashley Rice. Entries came from a number of communities including, Cambridge, Holbrook, Arapahoe, Beaver City, Danbury, Lebanon and Oberlin.

Parade winners included: Organizations — First, Wilsonville Library; second, Wilsonville Women’s Club; Religious — United Baptist-Christian Church, which was the large sign enforcing the message that Jesus Paid the

Freight for one’s burdens mounted on Lewis Farm’s miniature semi-truck; Business — first, Ron’s Applying Service, Danbury; second, Arapahoe Chamber of Commerce; Individual — first, the Ballou Family bringing back Wilsonville school mementoes with their treasured Wildcat memories of cheerleaders and ball players dressed in their respective outfits, complete with the megaphone and even the homecoming king’s crown; second, Postmaster Suzie Foster portraying a pirate; Antique Cars — first, Blake Macy’s, of Lebanon, 1966 Ford Mustang; second, Bobbie Kasson’s 1989 Corvette; Antique Machinery — first, Jim Crosley’s 1951 Minneapolis Moline; second, Richard Macy’s 1941 John Deere (these tractors were only a few of at least four other models in the 40s era).

Stephanie Rogers of Stapleton became the 2006 Rodeo Queen, winning over contestants from Arapahoe, Maxwell and Sutherland. The rodeo barbeque that evening drew over 200.

Deaths

Word was received of the death of 95-year-old the Rev. Howard Holverson. The Rev. Holverson was born southwest of Wilsonville. His parents were charter members of the Wilsonville Christian church where he received his first Sunday School religious training and later returned to serve as their minister for a short time before he returned to further his education at seminary. He and his wife, Mary, served as ministers to several Christian Church congregations including Bethany Christian Church in Lincoln where his memorial service was held May 31. The Holversons returned for several anniversaries of the Wilsonville Church and were present a few years ago for the official uniting of the Baptist and Christian Church. The Rev. Holverson had continued to make his home at a retirement home in Lincoln after the death of his wife two years ago. Since Christmas, his only living son had moved him to California to be near him. In the past 12 months, death had claimed his other son, the son’s wife and a granddaughter. His only daughter had died several years ago.

Franklin Nicholson of Lebanon died at the Kearney Hospital June 1 after several weeks of illness. Mr. Nicholson was a long-time farmer who was born south of Wilsonville, the second son of Albert and Henrietta (Weber) Nicholson. He moved with his parents to a farm near Lebanon. There he continued to make his home with his wife, Frankie Lou, and raise their family, a son and a daughter. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, James, Johnny, Dwayne and Jerry and daughter, Rhonda. He is survived by his wife, son, Rowland and Debra Nicholson, Peoria, Ill.;

three grandchildren; and a brother, Melvin and Joyce Nicholson, Lebanon.

Carla Holtze received word of the death of her aunt, Audrey Adams, of Amarillo, Texas on May 25. Audrey moved to Wilsonville in the late 1920s with her parents, Doss and Minnie Adkins and siblings when they moved here to run the Wilsonville Cafe. Audrey graduated from Wilsonville High School with the class of 1939. After graduation, she married Ed Query. Their two children, Carolyn and Larry were born at Wilsonville. Later she married Joe Adams, a military man who adopted her children. They made their home in many different places, including a time in Germany. He retired while serving at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. Even after Joe’s death in 1990, Audrey continued to make her home at Crocker, Mo. until 2004, when she moved to Amarillo to be near her son.

Audrey is the last of the hard-working Adkins family who learned the meaning of hard work in the cafe and rooming house which they operated for years. This included her sisters, Madge Lemaster, Mildred Anderson, Beryl Oliver, Rex Adkins, Bob Adkins and Dewey Adkins.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn and her husband; her son, the Rev. Larry Adams and wife; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Audrey was able to attend her 65th class reunion in Wilsonville two years ago with six of her classmates. Funeral services were held in Crocker.

Attend Graduation

Tony Rice took his parents, Warren and Arlene Rice to Evergreen, Colo., for the high school graduation of their grandson, Stephen Milligan. Stephen is the son of Cynthia and Mark Milligan. The graduation took place at the Red Rocks Amphitheater. The highlight for the Rices was hearing Stephen and a classmate sing a song for which Stephen had written the words and music for.

Memorial Weekend Guests

Visiting at various times during the weekend in the Merlin Wilmot home were Paul and Lola Wilmot, Kearney; Rex Wilmot, Lebanon; Lee Wilmot, Beaver City; Luke Bethel, Colorado; and Craig Chambers and Rick Bethel, Omaha.

Guests in the Clarence Courtright home at Beaver City were Tom Ballou, his wife and four daughters; Rex Ballou and two nephews and Patty (Ballou) Houston, descendants of the late John Ballou, Jr., all of Salt Lake City, Utah; Brad and Jo Schwartz, Kearney; Mary Lynn Courtright, Los Alamos, N.M.; Cliff and Ruth Pratt, Papillion, Neb.; Barry Ballou, Hastings; and Michael Martin, Lawrence. They and several other friends were ice cream and cake guests in the Brent Ballou home after the alumni meeting Sunday evening.

Memorial Day weekend company began arriving at the Velma Holtze home on Friday evening. Grandson, Russell and Michelle Simmons and daughters arrived in time for supper. Grandson, Richard and Heather Simmons and family of North Platte came in at bed time. Stopping in to visit at Velma’s home Saturday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Applegate, Columbus, enroute to spend the weekend with his cousin, Beth Sebaugh in Oberlin and friends in Norcat. Saturday afternoon, grandson, James Simmons of Chadron and friend, Grace Kraay of Houston, Texas, and daughter, Ivalene Simmons, Oshkosh, joined the group.

Coming in on Sunday were cousin, Jean Bucholz, of Silver Spring, Md., and daughter, Margene Holtze, Cambridge, who joined them all for dinner. Granddaughter, Caroline Erickson and Caden of Holdrege arrived that afternoon.

Following the services at the cemetery on Monday, all were joined for dinner at the Jim and Becky Holtze home.

This included Velma’s grandchildren Chris Erickson, Holdrege, Russ and Kendra Hoagland and sons, Hastings, Rhonda Banzhaf and family, Justin and Jolene Miller and family, Cambridge, Janene Holtze, Kearney and Brian and Lyndzie Holtze, Wilsonville, son, Kenneth and Carla Holtze and friends, Dick and Joan McCaughlin.