

From the Pastor

As Jesus magnified the law (giving the spiritual intent) He addressed the letter of several commands and instructions which had been commanded before. These statements begin with some version of “You have heard that it was said to those of old...” Then the letter of what was commanded before is given. Following this statement of the letter Jesus gives the spiritual aspect of the command or instruction. The spiritual aspect reveals the right thoughts and the motives that should issue forth from our hearts.

These spiritual aspects reveal some quality of God’s own mind of love—the way God is. If we are to become like Jesus Christ then these motivations of the heart must be what we are striving to have—the way we are striving to become ourselves. Therefore, not only should the outside look good; but, the inward man—what issues from our hearts—must also be righteous. Our motivations must also be pleasing to God. This bears repeating. We must ask ourselves, “Are our thoughts as righteous as the appearance we are striving to present?”

The next statement of Jesus is directed to men, but, it applies to women as well. “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5:27-28)

This is another clear example showing that the spirit of the law deals with what is happening in the mind and heart whether there is a wrong act or not. Christ’s words speak to the absolute fidelity (faithfulness) that a husband (or wife) should have to their mate—not just in body, but also, in spirit—in mind and heart.

However, this also applies to those who are not married. What is occupying the thoughts of those who are single? This society with its TV shows, movies, advertising, literature, and even its news emphasizes attitudes, approaches, and lifestyles that are contrary to Godly principles.

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



December 30, 2017

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD

Sermon: Mark Monsivais

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts

Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:3-4

Victoria

Sunset Today in:

5:40pm

Corpus Christi

5:44pm

Harlingen

5:49pm

Sunset Friday 1-5

5:44pm

5:48pm

5:53pm

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 12/30	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 1/6	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi, San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Mendez will speak in Corpus Christi and Harlingen. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio and Victoria.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: The next regularly scheduled will be January 6, 2018.

Victoria Pot Luck and Bible Study: We have scheduled a potluck and Bible Study for December 30. Please give any Bible questions you may have to Mr. Moody before the Bible Study.

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, is pleased to announce two week-long Continuing Education seminars, to be held in the headquarters office in Allen, Texas, during the weeks of June 18-22, 2018, and July 9-13, 2018. Instructors will include David Johnson and Ralph Levy, as well as other headquarters ministers. Details concerning class offerings will be forthcoming.

The cost will be \$75 for an individual student, or \$125 per couple. Registration opens on Sunday, Jan. 14, and we expect the seminars to fill.

If you wish to reserve a place for these exciting seminars, please send an e-mail to registrar David Johnson at david.johnson@cogwa.org.