

From the Pastor:

Last time we saw that envy and self-seeking most likely originated with Lucifer who became Satan, the Adversary of God. From Isaiah 14:12-14 we saw Lucifer wanted what God had. He wanted the reverence and worship that is due to God only. When Satan confronted Jesus in the wilderness, he tried to influence Jesus to worship him. Luke 4:5-7 records this event: “Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.’”

Satan is motivated by envy and self-seeking. This is his approach. This is the approach and path that he seeks to influence us and all humanity to follow. Following this path does not produce anything good. James continued his thought in James 3:16, “For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing will be there.”

The tenth commandment, “You shall not covet,” is a commandment against following the path of envy and self-seeking. But, the path of envy and self-seeking is the path that the world follows. “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.” (1 John 2:15-16)

Envy and self-seeking are two of the greatest weapons in Satan’s arsenal for the destroying of humanity. The sins we commit flow from the attitudes and approach of selfishness that we have not yet overcome. All too often we do not see this attitude in ourselves. Just as Lucifer (Satan) did not see nor yet sees this approach in himself. However, that approach leads us away from the path of godly righteousness—doing what is right in God’s sight.

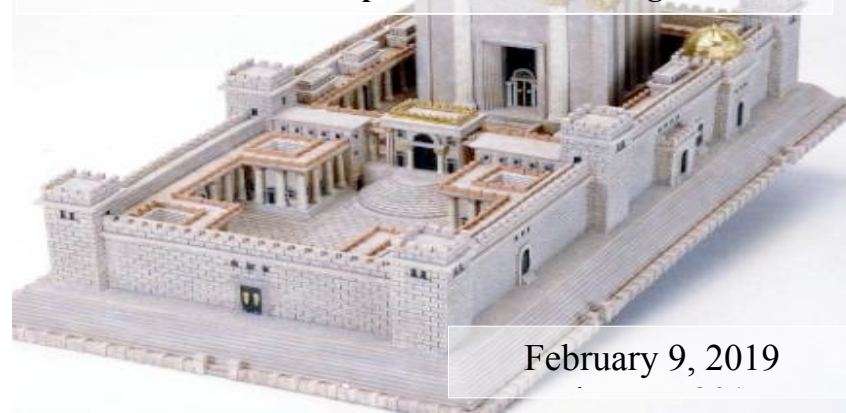
James describes the approach we are to have in the next two verses (James 3:17-18), “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield [AV “easy to be entreated” i.e. someone who is ready and willing to listen—to learn—instead of stubbornly holding to one’s own point of view], full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality [Greek—”adiakritos”—showing no distinction] and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

The opposite of envy and self-seeking is outgoing concern—real love—real interest and concern for the true wellbeing of others. This is the approach of God and His firstborn son. This is the approach that our Father wants us to grow in so we can inherit life in their family.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:13pm	6:15pm	6:19pm
Sunset Friday 2-15	6:17pm	6:20pm	6:23pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



February 9, 2019

Victoria

Sermonette: Steve Ruiz
Sermon: HQ- DVD

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: DVD
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermon: Michael Watts
Sermon: HQ- DVD

“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He ponders all his paths.”

Proverbs 5:21

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 2/9	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
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Regional Teen Formal: March 2, 2019 – Spring-time in Tokyo

There's a grand event in the making, and we hope you plan to come! Please register now; don't wait or you might be late! The Sabbath service will be held at 1 PM at our normal meeting location, Unity of Dallas, but the dinner and dance will take place at a new location this year: The Westin Stonebriar Hotel & Golf Club in Frisco. All teens: Go to <http://www.cogwadallas.org/teens> to register for the dinner and dance. Also, PARENTS, if you have a graduating senior in your family, please refer to the senior questionnaire link at the website for the senior acknowledgements that evening. REGISTER ASAP - Registration deadline is February 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Hansen at rachel.hansen@sbcglobal.net.

Summer FI Continuing Education Seminar:

The faculty and administration of Foundation Institute are excited to announce the dates of this summer's FI Continuing Education seminar. These weeklong seminars held each summer in the FI classroom have been very successful in providing an additional opportunity for biblical education for those who are able to attend. A number of people plan to return every year for the classes and fellowship.

This year we will be offering one seminar in the new building, which is in McKinney, Texas. The seminar will be five days long, beginning on Monday morning and ending on Friday afternoon. The dates are July 15-19, 2019. The seminar will offer 29 one-hour classes taught by a variety of instructors and administrators from the headquarters office. The cost for the classes is \$75 per person or \$125 per couple. As in the past, we plan to provide a light lunch each day at no additional charge.

Because of the move to the new building, we will not open registration until the month of February. This will allow us to ascertain the capacity of the classroom and know how many students we can accept, prior to

registration. We will make a follow-up announcement explaining the registration procedure shortly after the office move is complete.

Thank you for your interest and support for Foundation Institute.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be March 16.

4th Annual Corpus Christi COGWA Goose Island State Park: February 22 thru 24, 2019. Please see brochure on the information table for details.

Passover Service: Thursday evening, April 18.
Victoria: Sunset 7:55 p.m.
Corpus Christi: Sunset 7:55 p.m.

Night To Be Much Observed: Friday evening April 19 near sunset. Please be making individual plans if you wish. Details on any local church wide group observance will be announced.

First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread: Sabbath afternoon, April 20.
Victoria: There will be one service at 10:00 a.m.
Corpus Christi: There will be one service – time to be announced.

Last Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread: Friday, April 26.
Victoria: One service at 10:00 a.m.
Corpus Christi: Time TBA

Corpus Christi: Chili and Movie Night Friday Night in March TBA