

From the Pastor:

There is a great deal to think about—meditate on—in the next passage (James 4:7-10). We will take time to examine closely what these verses record.

Verse 7 records two vital points to being a Christian. The first is “Therefore submit to God.” “Submitting to God” expresses the first very important point we should be doing. The spirit of “submitting to God” is an essential attribute of our character if we are going to become a son or daughter of God. However, “submitting to God” is contrary to the motivation of our human nature. Our human nature wants to do what is right in its own eyes. We seek to do those things that we want to do—that please the self, first. We all too often don’t even think about whether what we are doing is pleasing to God. This is especially true when what we want to do is in conflict with what God’s word records what we should be doing. As a result we submit to doing what is pleasing to us rather than submitting to doing what is pleasing to God.

Submitting to God requires that we truly want to live lives pleasing to God. To live pleasing to God requires that we learn what pleases Him. Paul addressed this in Colossians 1:9-10, “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it. Do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...” To walk pleasing to God requires that we are filled with the knowledge of His will. Learning how God wants us to live must be truly important to us, and not just something we go through the motions on or play at.

Why do we go to Sabbath services? Do we go hungering and thirsting to learn how God wants us to live? Please understand we know that all messages do not contain information that reveal how we should be living. Some are geared to teaching points of truth that we need to understand (For example, Does the Bible teach the immortality of the soul?) However, many messages do give instruction on how God wants us to live. Do we study these in God’s word? Do we meditate on them so we can learn how to apply them in our daily lives? Do we then work to incorporate these principles into our daily living?

The King James Version (KJV) also called the Authorized Version (AV) records Paul’s words in 1 Thessalonians 4:1, “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.”

This process of seeking to learn how God wants us to live and then doing what we need to do to actually begin living that way is what it means to submit to God.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	6:28pm	6:30pm	6:32pm
Sunset Friday 3-8	6:31pm	6:33pm	6:35pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



March 2, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: In Accord
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Split Sermon: Michael Watts
Split Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”
Proverbs 9:10

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 3/2	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 3/9	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Gatley and Mr. Hoyer will have split sermons in both Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Watts will deliver the sermon in Harlingen.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

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

Corpus Christi Chili Night: Friday March 22. Chili at 6:30 Movie at 8 p.m. at the home of Arnold and Janie Mendez.

Corpus Christi Bible Study: Sabbath of March 16, with brown bag social to follow.

Passover Service: Thursday evening, April 18.

Victoria: Sunset 7:55 p.m.

Corpus Christi: Sunset 7:55 p.m.

Harlingen: Sunset 7:56 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: 3 p.m.

Harlingen: 10 a.m.

Last Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread: Friday, April 26.

Victoria: One service at 10:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi: Time 1 p.m.

Harlingen: combined service with Corpus Christi with covered dish social to follow.