

From the Pastor:

The rest of James 4:8 through verse 10 reads, “Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

The first part of James 4:8 dealt with drawing near to God with the promise that if we do, God will draw near to us. The rest of the passage deals with an important aspect of how we should draw near to God. What is covered is also an important meaning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures what we are to be doing for the rest of our lives after we have had the blood of the perfect Passover Lamb applied to us at our baptism. Paul expressed this commitment in Ephesians 4:24, “and that you put on the new man [after baptism we are to walk in “newness of life” – Romans 6:4] which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.”

We put on the new man as we seek to understand what godly righteousness is and then seek to live that way. We cannot do this without first seeing the cause of sin in ourselves. Therefore, we need to be praying regularly (if not daily) what we read in Jeremiah 10:23-24 “O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in them who walks to direct his own steps. O Lord, correct me, but with justice; not in Your anger, lest You bring me to nothing.”

We must be asking God in prayer to help us see where we need to change. We can't change unless we see clearly where we need to change. We will not see clearly where we need to change unless we really want to change.

Clearly seeing where we are wrong is never pleasant. The writer of Hebrews clearly expressed this in Hebrews 12:11 “Now no chastening [correction] seems to be joyful for the present, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.”

Therefore, before we can cleanse our hands, purify our hearts and be less doubtful of mind [double-minded], we must truly be committed to loving God—committed to obeying—being submissive to God.

Truly loving God requires that we acknowledge that He has the right to tell us how we should be living. He is our master and we are His slaves. Our lives were bought and paid for by the blood of His firstborn Son. “For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” (1 Corinthians 6:20 KJV) Acknowledging God's absolute right to tell us how to live is one way we “humble” ourselves “in the sight of the Lord.” If we do He has promised to lift us up.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:40pm	7:41pm	7:43pm
Sunset Friday 3-29	7:44pm	7:45pm	7:46pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



March 9, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: Jim Chapman

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mendez
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts
Sermon: Orlando Mascorro

“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.”

Proverbs 10:19

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 3/23	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 3/30	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria for potluck and Bible Study. Mr. Treybig will be in San Antonio. Mr. Chapman will be in San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and in Harlingen for a Bible study.

Camp Lone Star:

Howdy Parents and Preteen Campers! Camp Lone Star application deadline is quickly approaching. Camp runs from June 16-19, 2019 (Staff arrives June 16). Please send in your application by April 1st. All post-application paperwork is due May 31, 2019. Deduct \$15 if payment is received by May 31st. Your application can be submitted online by navigating to Camp Lone Star - Camps - COGWA Youth Camps We are looking forward to seeing ya'll soon!

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Corpus Christi Chili Night: Friday evening March 22nd, Chili at 6:30 p.m. and movie at 8 p.m. at the Mendez home.

Harlingen Bible Study: Sabbath March 30th 10 a.m. with a potluck after the study.

Passover Service: Thursday evening, April 18.

Victoria: Sunset 7:55 p.m.

Corpus Christi: Sunset 7:55 p.m.

Harlingen: 8:00 p.m.

Night To Be Much Observed: Friday evening April 19 near sunset. Please be making individual plans if you wish. The Corpus Christi congregation will eat together at a Restaurant (TBA), then we will have dessert at the Mendez home.

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 at 3:00 p.m.

Harlingen: 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Corpus Christi: Combined with Harlingen at 1:00 p.m. Potluck after services.