

From the Pastor:

James 4:11-12 reads, “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges [Greek – krino] his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges [Greek – krino] the law. But if you judge [Greek – krino] the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge [Greek – krino] another?”

In the Greek there are several words that are translated as “to judge” and “judgment.” Krino is one of the words that is translated as “to judge.” But, like many words, it has more than one meaning. Danker’s Lexicon gives the following meaning for krino in relation to its use in James 4:11-12: Krino means to “Pass an unfavorable judgment upon” in other words to “criticize, find fault with, condemn.” From the context of James 4:11 that definition appears to be accurate since James said, “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.”

Question: How does speaking evil of your brother and judging [criticizing] your brother, speak evil of the law and criticize the law? What does the law say? We read in Leviticus 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” So when we speak evil of our brother we are criticizing the law that says we should be loving our neighbor.

Speaking evil of [criticizing, finding fault with or condemning] a brother is not of God. The apostle John put this understanding this way in 1 John 4:20-21, “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.”

As we approach the Passover, we must be sure that we are not harboring ill feelings toward anyone who is a brother—any who are members of the body of Christ. It is the real bond of love that is to identify us as the disciples of Jesus Christ. John 13:35 records, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

James said to speak evil of a brother is judging his brother; and, thus is speaking evil of the law and judging the law. He then said to be doing this such a person has ceased being a doer of the law but has set himself up as a judge of the law. What is James saying?

We must understand that we can and do recognize when someone’s actions are contrary to what God says. Don’t we? But, all too often this simple act of right “judging” does not stop there. Too often we impute motives as to why this act was done. We too often conclude what must have been in their heart that led them to do what we saw. This is wrong for we cannot see what the actual motivation of their heart was—only God can do that. Therefore, if we feel what we saw must be dealt with, we must go to that person [alone] and express what we saw—explaining that we may have read the situation wrongly, but, that they may wish to understand how what was done appeared.

To impute motives is setting ourselves up as a judge of someone’s heart. James 4:12 is showing that only God can truly judge for only He can see what the true motivation of one’s heart is.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	7:44pm	7:45pm	7:46pm
Sunset Friday 4-5	7:48pm	7:48pm	7:49pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



March 30, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: Steve Moody

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: In Accord
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Harlingen

Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

“The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.”

Psalm 10:22

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 3/30	Regular times and locations for all congregations.
Sabbath 4/6	Regular times and locations for all congregations. Mr. Moody will be in San Antonio. Mr. Hendren will be in Victoria. Mr. Monsivais will be in Corpus Christi. Mr. Watts will present the sermon in Harlingen.

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!

Festival registration opens on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at 10 a.m. Eastern time:

We ask that ALL COGWA households please complete the online Festival registration—whether attending in the U.S. or internationally. If adult members in one household are attending different sites, they will need to register individually. We also ask that those NOT attending please register as well—this gives us more accurate figures for planning.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Eastern time on Sunday, April 14, members can begin accessing the <http://feast.cogwa.org> web page for Feast registration. The email address of the registrant will be used to identify that person's or family's registration account. After accessing the COGWA Feast web page, simply click on the "REGISTRATION" tab and begin the process. All registrants will receive an email verification immediately after completing the first step of registration. To complete the process, simply access that email, click on the link provided and finish your Festival registration.

<<Members without Internet access should be assisted by their local Festival adviser>>

Registration for satellite sites:

As we have already mentioned, COGWA will be sponsoring two satellite Festival sites in northern Wisconsin and southern Florida this year. These are restricted attendance sites designed for members in those areas who find it difficult to travel to their regular assigned Feast site (Branson, Missouri; Orange Beach, Alabama; and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina). The members in those areas will receive further information about attendance requirements for those two sites; however, we want the rest of the membership to be aware that these two Festival sites are for those affected in those areas, along with any family members who choose to join them.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

Victoria Pot Luck and Bible Study: Sabbath, March 30.
Harlingen: Sabbath of March 30th, Bible Study and Pot Luck.

San Antonio Pot Luck: The next potluck will be between services on the Last Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Passover Service: Thursday evening, April 18.
Victoria: Sunset 7:55 p.m.
Corpus Christi: Sunset 7:55 p.m.
Harlingen: 8 p.m.

Night To Be Much Observed: Friday evening April 19 near sunset. Please be making individual plans if you wish. However plans have been finalized for Luciano's Restaurant for the NTBMO for those in Corpus Christi that would like to attend. Afterwards desserts can be brought and eaten 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. Pot luck after services.