

From the Pastor:

In James 5:8 James repeats for emphasis what he said in verse 7. James 5:7-8 reads, “Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

The Greek for “patient” is “makrothumeo.” The Online Bible Greek Lexicon defines this word as “to be of a long spirit, not to lose heart.” Danker’s defines this word as “to remain tranquil while waiting.” Danker’s adds the need for patience by further stating “to bear up under provocation without complaint.”

We know the Adversary hates God’s people. He will do all he can to influence us to turn aside from the path of following God. His main tactic is to get us to become wrapped up in following our own ways—doing what is right in our own eyes as we have emphasized. This tendency of human nature (focusing on the self) becomes amplified when we face trials and difficulties. This we must see and learn to avoid.

James was seeking to have God’s people focus on the return of Jesus Christ—”for the coming of the Lord is at hand.” Our spirit and attitude must be (as we covered during the Feast of Unleavened Bread) one of being totally submissive to God from the heart. As we emphasized from 2 Corinthians 10:5, we must bring every thought captive to Christ-like obedience. As we explained Jesus never sought to alter what His Father told Him to say and do. That spirit is what we must grow to possess ourselves.

That concept is easy to say in words. However, it takes a real strength of character to rein in our own human desires so that they do not get in the way of our doing what God wants us to do. It is by doing this that we prepare for the “coming of the Lord” – that we prepare to become God’s own children.

On a personal note: Vivian and I will be taking a few days before and after the upcoming ministerial conference in McKinney (May 19-21). We will leave May 16 and not return to the area until May 23. As a result we will not be in Victoria and San Antonio on the 18th. We will be in Corpus Christi again on the 25th.

Please be praying for the success of the conference so we can continue to do our Father’s business.

	Victoria	Corpus Christi	Harlingen
Sunset Today in:	8:09pm	8:08pm	8:07pm
Sunset Friday 5-17	8:13pm	8:12pm	8:011pm

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



May 11, 2019

Victoria

Sermon: HQ-DVD

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais
Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: In Accord
Sermon: Michael Watts

“As righteousness leads to life; so he who pursues evil pursues it to his own death.”

Proverbs 11:19

Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 5/11	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christi and Victoria., and Harlingen. San Antonio will be in its new location: Super 8 Motel, 200 Palisades Drive, Universal City, TX
Sabbath 5/18	Regular times and locations for all congregations. San Antonio's new location is the Super 8. The HQDVD will be shown Corpus Christi. A DVD will be played in San Antonio and Victoria. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen.

Feast of Tabernacles:

Below are the Festival Advisers for Corpus Christi and Victoria. If you have questions about making housing arrangements, please ask your adviser.

Victoria: Mr. Larry Tucker
Corpus Christi and Harlingen: Mr. Arnold Mendez

Feast of Tabernacles – Regular Housing

Please remember regular housing arrangements can be made on Monday, May 13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the time zone of the feast site you plan to attend.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Pot Luck: There will be no more monthly potlucks in May or June. Potlucks will resume in July at our new hall.

Address of the new hall in San Antonio:

Autism Treatment Center
15911 Nacogdoches
San Antonio, TX