

***From the Pastor:***

James 5:9 continues with the thought of being patient in the trials that we face. In verses 7 and 8 James exhorted the people to be patient because “the coming of the Lord is at hand.” The point was that the people needed to see the big picture of life. Keep the events of life in perspective with why they had been given this life. As Paul said in Romans 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

To keep such a big picture in mind requires that we are very much in tune with the purpose for which God has created us. Staying in tune with that big picture requires that we must be studying about and thinking about (meditating on) that purpose for which we were created. God’s purpose and plan must be much more than just something we hear about one day a week. God’s purpose for us must become the motivating factor behind all that we do. If that is the case, then the trials of life can be kept more easily in perspective.

If we are keeping the purpose of our lives clearly in the picture, then we will more easily avoid doing what James warns God’s people against in the next verse in James. “Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold the Judge is standing at the door!” (James 5:9)

The Greek for “grumble” is “stenazo.” Danker’s Lexicon give the meaning as “to express oneself involuntarily in the face of an undesirable circumstance, sigh, groan,” or “to express discontent, complain.” In other words, the discontent may not be expressed in words but in an involuntary sigh or groan. We may or may not complain about what is done in words, but, our discontent still exists in the heart though it may not be manifested outwardly (except in a sigh or groan).

How do we handle “undesirable situations?” James expresses the attitude in which we should be growing in the next two verses (James 5:10-11). “My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”

We are exhorted more than once to suffer trials patiently (1 Peter 2:19-25; 4:12-17). Both of these passages in Peter’s first letter (which is persevered in Scripture and which we will cover when we finish James) speak of being judged (1 Peter 2:23; 4:17). James in verse 9 wrote, “the Judge is standing at the door.”

One of the important revelators of what is in our hearts is the response we have to trials. Do we handle trials with patience and faith in God or not. God judges.

	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Harlingen</b>
Sunset Today in:	8:21pm	8:20pm	8:18pm
Sunset Friday 6-7	8:24pm	8:23pm	8:21pm

# Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



June 1, 2019

## Victoria

Sermonette: Steve Ruiz  
Sermon: Steve Moody

## Corpus Christi

Bible Study: Arnold Mendez

## Harlingen

Sermonette: Michael Watts  
Sermon: Arnold Mendez

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.”

Proverbs 12:15

## Announcements and Schedule

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<b>Sabbath 6/1</b>	Regular times and locations for Corpus Christ, Victoria, and Harlingen. San Antonio will be in its new location: The Autism Treatment Center, 15911 Nacogdoches, San Antonio, TX
<b>Sabbath 6/8</b>	Regular times and locations for all congregations. San Antonio's new location is the Autism Treatment Center. Mr. Moody will be in Corpus Christi. There will be a DVD in Victoria. Mr. Mendez will be in Harlingen.

### **Baptism:**

We are pleased to announce that Mr. & Mrs. Jerod Brunick were baptized this past Monday (5/27). We welcome them to God's family. On another note: Jerod has completed his work for his degree in mechanical engineering. He is happy to be out of the stress of going to school.

### **Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember**

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

**Corpus Christi Bible Study:** Bible Study on the Sabbath of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Harlingen Congregational Meal:** The Harlingen congregation will have a congregation meal after Sabbath services on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Address of the new hall in San Antonio (June 1):  
Autism Treatment Center  
15911 Nacogdoches  
San Antonio, TX