I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1

The Northside church of Christ

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

Bible Study .... **9:30 am**

Worship Service ………………………………….. **10:30 am & 5:00 pm**

Wednesday

Bible Study ………………………………………….…… **7:00 pm**

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is sick - James 5:15

Be Ye Doers And Not Hearers Only
Greg Litmer

I have a confession to make. There have been times when I have been sitting in a pew, listening to a gospel preacher deliver a sermon, and have thought, "I sure hope so and so is listening to this sermon. He or she really needs to hear this." Frankly, sometimes I wasn't even that specific in my thinking. Instead, I thought of the ubiquitous "they." "They" sure need to hear this! Have you ever done the same thing? God has warned us about the need to make application of His Word to ourselves.

Do you remember the account of the prophet Nathan coming to David after his adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah? In 2 Samuel 12 Nathan told David the story of a rich man with many flocks and herds, and a poor man who had nothing save one little ewe lamb. He loved that lamb and treated it as one of the family. He held it to his bosom and it was to him as a daughter. One day a traveler came to visit the rich man and he chose not to take of his own flocks, but he took the poor man's lamb and killed it to feed his guest. Hearing that story, David was filled with righteous indignation and said in vss. 5,6, "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan's response to David resonates across the ages, teaching the need to examine self first. Nathan said to David, "Thou art the man."

"What we have... heard we proclaim to you" 1 John 1:3

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said in Matthew 7:3-5, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye, and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of then own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of they brother's eye." The lesson is clearly that the first person I need to be concerned about when it comes to applying God's Word is myself. I need to make personal application of its principles before I look to anyone else.

In Jasames 1:22 we read, "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." If we look at the first phrase of this verse simply from a grammatical standpoint, it means, "keep on demonstrating yourselves to be doers of the Word." The import of that statement is that it is not enough to hear the Word and to receive it in that way, a person has to be obedient to it. Did you ever stop to consider that God never blessed anyone in any age or dispensation of time for simply hearing the Word and simply believing it? God's blessings came when the individual's faith was exhibited in obedience and not before. It has never been enough simply to "hear" the Word or for that matter, simply to "believe" it. It must be expressed in action in life, it must be personally applied in order to bless and save. Take care to notice of whom the action is required. It is required of me. I must do what the Word says personally. I must apply it to myself and so must you.

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Sentence Sermons

Minds as well as mouths often need washing out.

More kneeling will result in less lying.

A religion that is not worth practicing is not worth preaching.

Sunday Morning Lesson

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How can I apply this lesson to my life? _____
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