

Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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Father, Lead Me

by George Slover

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13) Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalms 139:23-24)

Psalm 139 is one of my favorites. This is a passage worth committing to memory, a reminder of God's constant presence. A young lady once requested this passage to be read at her wedding. How appropriate! Surely God was the most important guest of the day!

The Psalm is easily divided into four sections. The first section (vs.1-6) tells of the impossibility of concealing anything from God. The

second section (vs.7-12) declares the impossibility of escaping from God's presence. Section three (vs.13-18) speaks of God's great power. In section four (vs. 19-24) the psalmist enters into supplication to God. It is on the last two verses I wish to focus. Here the psalmist enters into reflective self-examination. Consider below three important lessons.

First, the poet implies his imperfect knowledge of his own character. Sin creates darkness and deception. "Who can understand his errors?" (Psalm 19:12) We are easily subject to a sense of self-importance. It is easy for us to excuse ourselves or to lessen the guilt of sins to which we are inclined. Thus, there is wisdom in asking the Searcher of our hearts to try us and cleanse us.

Second, the psalmist plainly states he is willing to know

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends. We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

Ladies' Class - January 14

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

the worst about himself. Men are generally afraid to be placed under such scrutiny. If we go to the doctor want to know everything even the worst, but not so with the soul. The true spirit is a willingness to be tried. Only when God reveals our true character can we make the needed changes.

The third lesson is the assurance that God is able to lead him in the right way. "Lead me in the way everlasting". "Show me the good way, the way of the righteous, the path that leads to light". Only God, through his word, can show us what we are and set us on the right path.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jay Parker's father has cancer. His mother has had some recent health problems as well.

Jimmy Stinnett is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment.

Dinah Williams is having some issues with her legs from diabetes.

Lisa Trammel has been put on hospice care and is in a great deal of pain.

Dryden Floyd has been struggling with illness for a while.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dinah Williams, Marcia Neuhaus

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints," (Ephesians 6:18)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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