

Do You Really Seek God's Will?

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." **Luke 11:1-4.**

In the model prayer we see that Jesus talked about the Father's will. He showed that the believer is to seek God's will and for it to be done on earth. Now, if it, God's will, is to be done on earth then it stands to reason that it is to be done in our lives. The question then is this, do we really want the Lord's will to be done in our lives? I know that we say it, but I think we say it without thinking it through.

There are many situations in the bible where God's will was done, but I don't know that it was what the people involved would have wanted. Consider the three in the fire, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (**Daniel 3:14**), or Daniel

in the lion's den. They faced these dangers in faith, knowing that they could die but trusting God. Did they look forward to these trials of faith?

When we ask for the Lord's will to be done I suppose that we think of good things for him to give us. In our minds we hope that his will for us included health, love, and the things that we need and want in life. Could anybody want trials and hard times to come in their life and to believe that these would be the will of God? The bible is filled with bad things that happened to good people. Some went through trials that they endured while others were put to death.

Consider **Acts 12** and what it tells of James, the apostle, and Peter. King Herod imprisoned and killed James. When it says that he was killed with the sword it usually means that he was beheaded. Because it pleased the Jews he also arrested Peter, intending to do the same to him. For some reason the Lord allowed James to die, while Peter was delivered. Both were in the will of God. These and many other things that happened we may not understand, but that is where faith comes in. We trust God, knowing that he knows what he is doing. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose," **Romans 8:28.**

Remember that God allowed his son to go to the cross

and give his life for the sins of the world. Jesus knew about crucifixion and the suffering that took place. "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done," **Matt 26:42.** He surrendered his will to the Will of God, even though he dreaded the pain and suffering that would come. That is what it means to really say, and to mean it, "Thy will be done."

At times something will happen in a persons' life that brings great hurt and sorrow. Some people become angry at God because he didn't prevent it from happening. Because it wasn't what they wanted to take place they are upset, hurt, and disappointed with the Lord. Many of us have lost loved ones and their passing hurt us deeply. The greatest shock and hurt came when my grandson was taken in a car accident. We don't understand God's plan and wonder why such things happen, but we never doubt that the Lord loves us.

One thing that life teaches us is that things don't always go the way that we would like just because we believe in God and live for him. Through it all we learn to trust the Lord, knowing that he is leading us closer home with each passing day. If we truly believe in him we will walk with him all the way. I know that bad times hurt, but if we think about it, isn't those the times that we learn and grow stronger?

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

RAVENNA Food Mart
314 Main Street
Ravenna, KY
Phone 723-6333

Owl Head's Grocery & Feed
Phone 723-7473 South Irvine, Ky.
Novelties - Open 7 Days A Week
Donald & Katherine Dixon, Owners

Advertise Here!
Call 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Hardy Oil Company, Inc.
74 River Drive
Irvine, Kentucky
Phone 723-3664

CASH IN A DASH Payday Loans
Buy Gold-Silver
Phone 723-0799
(Irvine, next to Bunt Gross)

Advertise Here!
Call 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

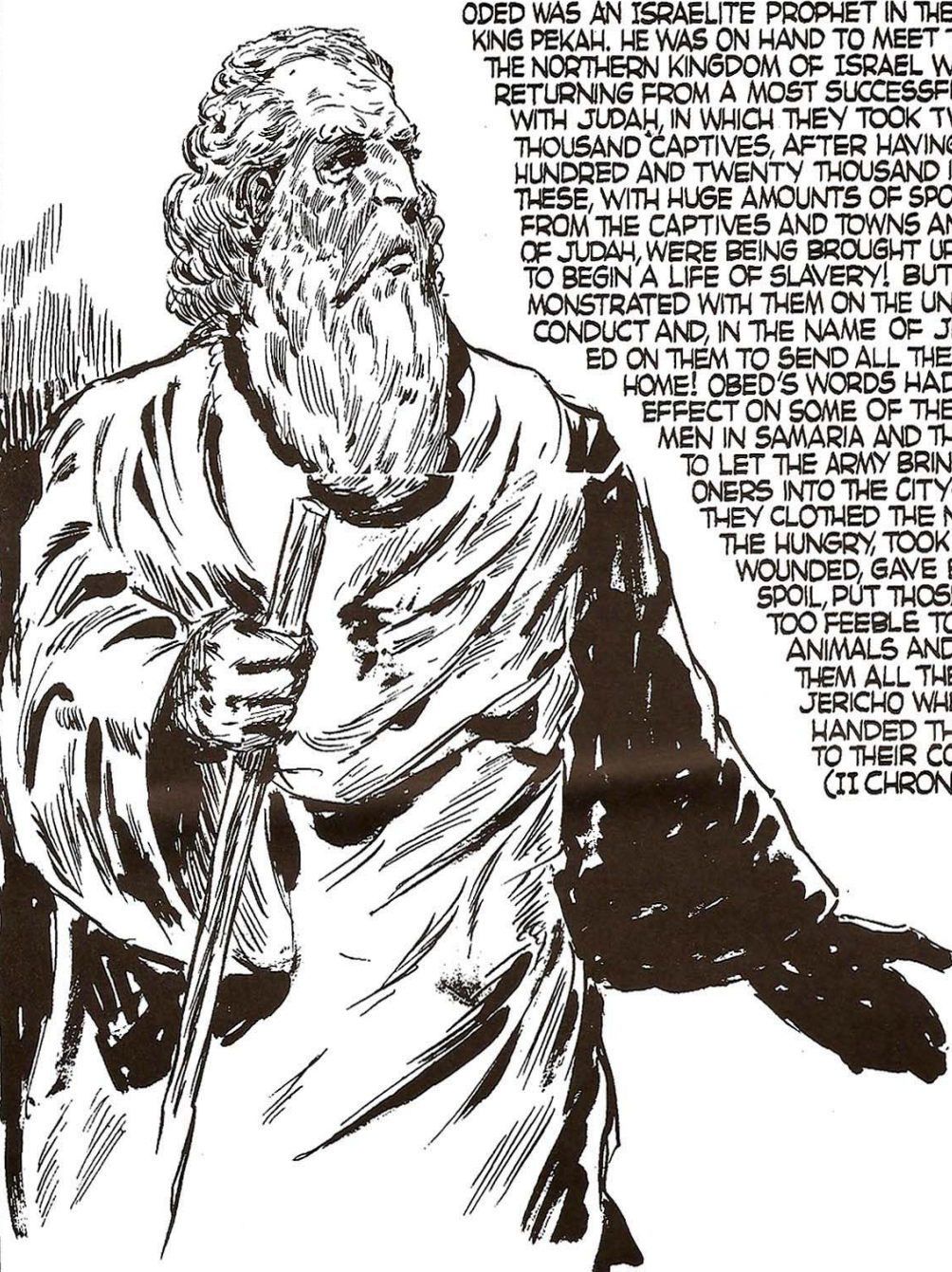
Gum Springs Church of God
Highway 213 (Furnace Junction)
Pastor Glenn Case • Call 723-4180
Church Services
Sunday School 10 am • Morning Worship 11:15 am
Sunday Night 6 pm • Wednesday Night 6 pm

Harg First Church of God
Hwy. 82, Irvine, KY
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Thursday Evening 6:00 pm
4th Sunday Singing 6:00 pm
Everyone Is Welcome!
Forrest Turpin, Pastor

High Street Full Gospel Church
Irvine, Kentucky
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm
Welcome!
Pastor David Woosley
(859) 369-5354

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

OBED - THE FAIR-MINDED PROPHET!



OBED WAS AN ISRAELITE PROPHET IN THE REIGN OF KING PEKAH. HE WAS ON HAND TO MEET THE ARMY OF THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL WHICH WAS RETURNING FROM A MOST SUCCESSFUL BATTLE WITH JUDAH, IN WHICH THEY TOOK TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND CAPTIVES, AFTER HAVING SLAIN AN HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND IN ONE DAY! THESE, WITH HUGE AMOUNTS OF SPOIL PILFERED FROM THE CAPTIVES AND TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF JUDAH, WERE BEING BROUGHT UP TO ISRAEL TO BEGIN A LIFE OF SLAVERY! BUT OBED REMONSTRATED WITH THEM ON THE UNBROTHERLY CONDUCT AND, IN THE NAME OF JEHOVA, CALLED ON THEM TO SEND ALL THE CAPTIVES HOME! OBED'S WORDS HAD A GREAT EFFECT ON SOME OF THE LEADING MEN IN SAMARIA AND THEY REFUSED TO LET THE ARMY BRING THE PRISONERS INTO THE CITY--INSTEAD, THEY CLOTHED THE NAKED, FED THE HUNGRY, TOOK CARE OF THE WOUNDED, GAVE BACK ALL THE SPOIL, PUT THOSE WHO WERE TOO FEEBLE TO WALK, ON ANIMALS AND CARRIED THEM ALL THE WAY TO JERICHO WHERE THEY HANDED THEM OVER TO THEIR COUNTRYMEN (II CHRON. 26: 6-15).

310 SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

Lewis-Abner Home For Funerals
Since 1929
www.lewisfh.com
224 Main Irvine, KY
Pre-Need Services 723-2151
Available

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
322 5th St., Ravenna, KY
Sunday Mass 9:00 am
Wednesday Mass 6:00 pm
Thursday Mass 6:00 pm
Contact: Father Al Fritsch, S.J.
(606) 723-4705

Inner Beauty Hair, Nails, Salon & Day Spa
363 Richmond Road, Irvine
Phone 723-0118
Joanna Jernigan
Owner & Master Stylist
Stephanie Isaacs
Master Stylist & Nail Tech
Sherry Harrison
Master Stylist
"For All Your Salon & Spa Needs"

Honchell's Men's & Boys' Clothing & Shoes
Tuxedo Rental Available
West Irvine Plaza
Irvine, Kentucky
Phone 723-7316

Advertise Here!
Call 723-5012
The Estill County Tribune

Prayer Circle at Knowlton Church
Call for Prayer
Kenny - 606 723-7451
606 614-8110
606-614-5560
Benny - 859 404-8224
Betty - 859 432-0939
Dallas - 859 582-9752
Willie - 606 454-8794

SAVE-A-LOT
1290 Richmond Road
Irvine, Kentucky
Phone 723-6372

Roadside Mission Church of God
Welcomes You!
A Bible Teaching Church
Furnace Junction Ravenna, KY
Sunday School & Morning Worship, 10 am
Sunday Evening Evangelistic Service, 6 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 6 pm
Radio Ministry
Sundays, 2:00 p.m. WSKV 104.9 FM

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Now at 106 Tyler Lane
Irvine, Kentucky 40336
Pastor: Sherl Thomas
Services
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm
Established
September 12, 1999

Call 723-5012 to Advertise

Warren F. Toler Funeral Home
Family Owned and Operated
99 Cedar Grove
www.tolerfuneralhome.com
Phone 723-2183
Obituary Line Phone 723-4242

Call 723-5012 to Advertise