

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?" **Luke 24:32**

## Store In My Heart Hosea 1:1

The word of the Lord which came to Hosea the son of Beeri, during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and during the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

In the last days of the northern kingdom of Israel God called Hosea to prophesy to the idolatrous nation. The list of Judah's kings should remind us that this is during the time that Isaiah delivered God's warnings to Judah using Israel as an example.

God used Hosea to illustrate His love for Israel though they continually turned away from Him. Hosea's home life was directed by God as examples of the relationship between Him and Israel.

The continued refusal of Israel to seek God and serve Him only led to their destruction as a people. We should heed the warning lest we suffer such a fate for eternity.



# God's Message Guides Us

## Gilbert Alexander

Several years ago, a woman who was a Nazarene Church preacher talked on her radio program about people who worship the Bible. Recently, a "Sound Off" contributor made a similar suggestion, recommending that Christians do what Jesus did instead of putting so much emphasis on the Bible. Using simple logical reasoning, what do we know about Jesus and what He did and taught, apart from the Bible? Luke wrote, *"of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, until the day in which He was taken up..."* (**Acts 1:1-2**). So did the other writers of the Gospel accounts. All of the Epistles were in written form from their origin, and they are called and were called Scriptures (**2Peter 3:14-16**). Paul said that he wrote *"the commandments of God"* (**1Corinthians 14:37**).

Please consider this little parable: A seafaring pilot sets forth on a long voyage. He has only a tried and proven navigation map to guide him, and a sextant to establish his location and direction. He consults and studies the map continually, and trusts the readings of his sextant completely. When he is not using them, he places them in the safest place he has, so that they will not be lost or damaged. One of his crew chides him for spending so much time with that map. The sailor says, "You spend too much time with that map. It's not God, you know. Look, the wind is more favorable to go in another direction. Besides, the map doesn't say not to go the other way. If it really was important not to go a new direction, surely the map maker would have written it down not to do something else." The pilot casts aside the sailor's chidings, follows the map faithfully, and arrives at his port just as the map indicates. End of the parable.

Now, who was wise? Did the pilot worship his map? Which person are you? Do you study the Bible to find out what to do with your life, or do you read the Bible to find out what it does not say not to do? What would have happened if the pilot had heeded his sailor's advice?

The Bible is a tried and proven guide through life. We are directed by what it tells us to do, not by what it does not tell us not to do. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our way (**Psalm 119:105**) without which we cannot see where to go. It is the seed of the kingdom and the sword of the Spirit (**Matthew 13:18-23; Ephesians 6:17**). We do not worship it, but we treasure it above all earthly possessions, for in it is found the way to eternal life. We worship God, who gave us the Bible.

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# Gospel Meeting

Today Thru Thursday

Sunday am - *The Gospel Message*

Sunday pm - *Ready To Obey*

Monday - *Gideon: Faith, Works, & Election*

Tuesday - *How David Defeated Goliath*

Wednesday - *Outbursts Of Anger*

Thursday - *Where Could I Go?*

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## Contact Us

We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service  
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study  
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

## For Our Information

**Adene Gray** is at Arbor Oaks. She is in skilled nursing care and doing some physical therapy. She is sleeping a lot and not eating much but is responsive and aware.

**Sue Soliday** is doing physical therapy 3 times a week.

**Vickie McNees** is dealing with migraines.

## Classes Week of May 11

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 10:20** Wednesday – **John 21**

**A Meal List is on the bulletin board in the Foyer.**

**Announcements are available just below the board.**