TODAY'S LESSON

"WHAT IS A PERFECT HEART?"

(Psalm 101:1–8)

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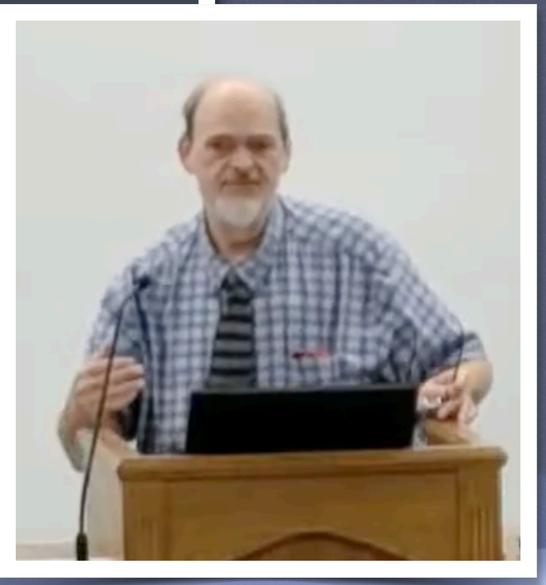

Sunday Morning Stream

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PSALM 101

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Love for **God** **v.1**

Love for **His will** **v.2**

Hatred for **sin** **v.3**

Hatred for **God's enemies** **v.4-5**

Love for **God's people** **v.6**

No toleration for the sinners' sins **v.7-8**

The Heart is the Inner Man

God is spirit John 4:24

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He made us with bodies Gen. 1:27; 2:7,21-23

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God made us to love Him and love one another 1 John 4:17-21

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17 **Love has been perfected** among us in this: that
we may have boldness in the day of judgment;
because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is
no fear in love; but **perfect love** casts out fear,
because fear involves torment. But he who **fears**
has not been made perfect in **love**. 19 We **love**
because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, “I love
God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who
does not love his brother whom he has seen, how
can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this
commandment we have **from Him**: that **he who**
loves God *must* love his brother also.

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God cares about our hearts

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"As for you, my son Solomon, **know** the **God** of your father, and **serve Him** with a **loyal** (**perfect**) **heart** and with a **willing mind**; for **the LORD searches all hearts** and **understands all** the **intents** of **the thoughts**. **If you seek Him**, **He will be found by you**; but **if you forsake Him**, **He will cast you off forever**."

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Psalm 7:8-10

The LORD shall judge the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity within me. Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart.

Proverbs 17:3

The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the hearts.

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Jesus knows what is in our hearts John 2:25

John 2:23-25

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, **many believed in His name when they saw the signs** which **He did**. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because **He knew all men**, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for **He knew what** was **in man**.

What Does “Perfect” Mean?

SHALEM *full* (**Gen. 15:16**; **Ruth 2:12**), *peaceable* (**Gen. 34:21**), *perfect* (**Dt 25:15**; **1 Kg 8:61; 11:4; 15:3,14; 20:3=Is 38:3**; **1 Ch 12:38; 28:9; 2 Ch 8:16; 15:17; 16:9; 19:9; 25:2**); *whole* (**Dt 27:6**; **Js 8:31**; **Am 1:6,9**); *made ready* (**1 Kings 6:7**); *just* (**Prov. 11:1**) *be quiet* (at peace in **Nahum 1:12**)

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TAMIM **50x** ***without blemish*** (**Lv 22:21** ***perfect***; **Ps 119:1** ***undefiled***), ***be complete*** (**Lv 23:15**), full (**Lv 25:30**), ***perfect*** (**Gen. 6:9; 17:1**; **Dt 18:13; 32:4**; **1 Sm 14:41** [see **Thummim** in **Ex 28:30**; **Lv 8:8**; **Dt 33:8**; **Ez 2:63**; **Ne 7:65**]; about **God** in **Job 36:4; 37:16**; about **men** in **Prov. 2:21; 11:5; 28:10,18**; **Am 5:10**), ***sincerity*** (**Js 24:15**), ***whole*** (**Js 10:13**; **Prov. 1:12**; **Ek 15:5**), **upright** (**Ps 15:2; 18:22,24,31,33; 19:7; 37:18; 84:11**; **Prov. 11:20**), ***sound*** (**Ps 119:80**)

God Wants You to Be Perfect

Matthew 5:48 You be perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect

Colossians 1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:13 …till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Jesus Can Make You Perfect

Hebrews 7:11 law did not bring perfection; a new priesthood (new law) was necessary

The law made nothing perfect **v.19**

Hb 9:9 rituals, sacrifices, and washings could not perfect the conscience

Animal blood, ashes, and water could only purify the flesh under the law **v.13**

Blood of Christ, by His acceptable sacrifice of His life, cleans your conscience **v.14** when your body is washed with water **10:22**

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