

Welcome

A *meridian* can be defined as "the highest point reached by a heavenly body in its course."¹ Although we are not literally in heaven, we have been placed, as believers in "heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). As we set our aim of *Lifting Christ Higher*, focusing on Heaven, and seeking to continually draw nearer to Jesus, then we will begin to comprehend those "heavenly places" as more of a reality than just some words on a page.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for choosing Meridian as the place for you to give honor and praise to our wonderful Savior on this Lord's Day. We trust that you will come to know and understand more fully the relationship you can have in Jesus Christ.

¹ Webster's New World Dictionary, ©1971.



40th Recap



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Sermon notes

**Preparation for Possession:
Fixing our Firmness
Deuteronomy 18:9-22
Proclamation of the Prophets**

God's truth must be protected.

**I. The Peril of Improper Means of
godless Divination (9-14)**

**A. God calls his people to be like
Him (9, 13, 14)**

**"be perfect with the Lord they God" –
upright; sincere**

2 Corinthians 7:1

**B. God calls out heathen practices
(10-12)**

**They were to be blameless in these
areas, meaning there was to be NO
involvement.**

**II. The Promise of Proper Messengers
of godly Direction (15-19)**

the promise that Jehovah would raise up a prophet is a stark contrast to what He did not allow.

**God will raise up prophets to speak
unto them God's words.**

Moses gives promise both of a prophetic order, and of the Messiah in particular as its chief; of a line of prophets culminating in one eminent individual.

**III. The Proving of Prospective
Messengers of Truth (20-22)**

"presume; presumptuously"

The basic premise of being presumptuous is not heeding God and His message.

The other warning is **"to speak in the name of other gods."**

Nothing contrary to the revealed truth of God was to be accepted under any circumstances.

How do we know if it is not from God?

Facts and fulfilment are the tests. (13:2)

Let's be protectors of His truth.



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**Preparation
For
Possession:
Lessons from
Deuteronomy**

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If you are visiting us today, we extend a warm WELCOME! Care-Share Cards are available for you to register as our special guest.

Children's Church - Young people age 4 - 4th grade are invited to be dismissed before the sermon for age related teaching.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

MORNING SERVICE 10:40am

Hymns – (Blue) – 134, 139, 135
Scripture Reading: Deut. 18:9-22

EVENING SERVICE 6:00PM
Pastor Caleb

AFTER SERVICE - Pickleball Fellowship

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

- Tue – 11:30am – *Lunch Bunch @ The Breadbasket*
- Wed – 7PM – *Adult Bible Study & Prayer / Tiny Seekers / Teen Bible study*
- Fri – 7PM & Sat – 8:30AM – *Women's Conference at Wheatland Baptist Church - McPherson*

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

- Sep 3 (Sun, 6PM) – *Movie Fellowship*
- Sep 7 (Thur, 7PM) – *Rescue Mission*
- Sep 9 (Sat, 10AM) – *Visitation Outreach*
- Sep 11 (Mon, 9AM – 9PM) – *Kansas State Fair Outreach*
- Sep 14 (Thur, 7PM) – *Ladies Bible Study*
- Sep 17 (Sun, AM) – *Quarterly Business mtg.*

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- **ENCOURAGEMENT** - The folks listed below are people from our church family who reside in area nursing care facilities and have very limited opportunity, if any, to come to church. We encourage you to let them know that we care for them as a church family. A card with a short greeting goes a long way in demonstrating our love. **Marian Bryan, Raenette Bryan, Boyd Crocker** – Schowalter Villa / **Shirlene Fulton, Barb Chard** (on hospice) – Kansas Christian Home / **Leland Stucky** – Paramount. Also, **Dale Clark** would be another one to include while he is in Phoenix – c/o Editha House – 336 E. Willetta St. – Phoenix, AZ 85004. There are others listed on the Prayer Sheet under “Long-term Concerns” who would also appreciate encouragement.
- **WITNESSING - Kansas State Fair Bible Project - Sep 8-17** – This opportunity involves handing out copies of John/Romans or other Gospel literature. We plan to help with the booth on **Monday, Sep 11**. The following time slots are suggested (9:00am-1:00pm / 1:00-5:00pm / 5:00-9:00pm). If you cannot stay the entire time period, that is just fine. **Please sign up SOON at the Hospitality Desk** in a time slot if you are interested and available. If Monday does not work for you, sign up on the right side of the page for another day.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

August 27 - AM – Ramona / Anna
PM – Kathy / Jenny

September 3 - AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah

PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

This evening's Pickleball will feature the following matchups: **Josh vs. Steve; John vs. Greg; Shane vs. Davey**. Everyone is welcome to watch, fellowship and eat. Bring snacks to share.

FELLOWSHIP AND A MOVIE

Next Sunday night we plan to meet in the Martens Family Center for a time of fellowship followed by a movie. Please **bring 6-8 sandwiches** to share. Also, if you have a freezer that can **make homemade ice cream**, we encourage you to prepare a batch of your favorite recipe. The title of the movie will be announced next week.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Just a reminder that our church library has been upgraded with the inclusion of some new titles for your reading pleasure and learning. **A list of the new books is available on the Hospitality Desk**. You may check the books out yourself by writing your name on the card inside the book and filing it in the index box.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will resume on **Thurs. Sept. 14th at 7PM**. You may read pp. 33-39 in the study booklet about “Anxiety” to make preparation. All ladies are welcome and can benefit even if you didn't participate last Spring. We ordered some more books if interested; you can see Chris Van Sickle or Melodi Wood. Cost is \$5. A sign-up sheet for hostesses is on the hospitality desk.