

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for June 23, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week**

Marshall Irvin

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Roger German

**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

**Scripture** – Jay Dobbs

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Doug Davidson

**Song Leader-** Bill McIlvain

**Comments** – Andy Dobbs

**Serving** – Andy Dobbs

**Scripture** – Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** Andy Dobbs

**Wednesday Night – June 26, 2013**

**First Prayer** – David Fuller

**Song Leader** – Alex Tucker

**Invitation** – Russ Sollars

**Closing Prayer** – David Johnson

**June 23 Sunday Evening Lesson** – Curran LaChappelle

**June 30 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments:**

June	Communion	Cleaning
30	Goddard	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
July 7	Hudson	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

**Service:**

**“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” — Mahatma Gandhi**

**“God does watch over us and does notice us, but it usually through someone else that he meets our needs.” — Spencer W. Kimball**

***Schedule of Services***

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.**

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**Regarding the Dark Side**

1. What prophet spoke of the fallen Lucifer, usually taken to refer to Satan as a fallen angel?
2. What epistle describes Satan as “the spirit that works in the children of disobedience”?
3. What Gospel uses the name Beelzebub?
4. What book of the Bible speaks of the demonic fiend Abaddon and Apollyon, both names for Satan?



**Who Pays When I Sin?**

By David Padfield

After His mistreatment by soldiers, a Roman centurion led our Lord to Golgotha, the "place of the skull." *As the procession traveled that short distance Jesus fell under the weight of the cross. The centurion, in a desire to hurry things along, "compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross" (Mark 15:21).* The word "compelled" refers to the compulsory powers of Roman couriers over residents in an occupied country. There is a good likelihood that Simon was a disciple of Jesus, for his sons are listed by name, and Rufus is mentioned again in Romans 16:13.



## Who Pays When I Sin?

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*"This must have been a grim day for Simon of Cyrene. Palestine was an occupied country and any man might be impressed into the Roman service for any task... Simon was from Cyrene in Africa. No doubt he had come from that far off land for the Passover. No doubt he was gratifying the ambition of a lifetime to eat one Passover in Jerusalem. Then this happened to him." (William Barclay, The Gospel of Mark, p. 360).*

Think about this for a moment: Simon was totally innocent of any crime. Jesus is the one who had been condemned to the cross for the crime of being "the King of the Jews." Yet Simon had to pay a price for being near Jesus and then had to bear His cross part of the 650 yards from the Fortress Antonia to Calvary. Sadly, there are times when one or more individuals have to pay the price for the actions of others.

**Joseph** – Joseph's brothers were extremely jealous. After discussing whether or not to kill Joseph, his brothers decided to sell him to Midianite traders who later sold him as a slave in Egypt (Genesis 37:28). The brothers then concocted a story and allowed their own father to believe that Joseph had been devoured by a wild beast (Genesis 37:31-33).

Who sinned in this matter? Obviously it was his brothers. Who had to pay the price for their sin? It was Joseph who had to work as a slave in Egypt and who had spent the majority of his life in a foreign country. Not only did Joseph pay for the sin of his brothers, but his father, Jacob, had to pay a terrible price as well. After learning of the "death" of his son, the Bible tells us *"all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, 'For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.' Thus his father wept for him."* (Genesis 37:35).

**Achan** -- At the destruction of Jericho the people of God were warned not to take any of the silver or gold from that city for it belonged to God. One man, Achan, sinned by stealing *"a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels"* (Joshua 7:21).

When the people of God attacked the city of Ai they suffered a terrible defeat, for *"the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men... , and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water"* (Joshua 7:5).

After an investigation Achan finally acknowledged his crime. Joshua sent messengers to Achan's tent who found the stolen items and *"brought them to Joshua and to all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the Lord"* (Joshua 7:23). As punishment for his crime, *"all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them [his family] with fire after they had stoned them with stones"* (Joshua 7:25).

Who sinned in this case? Obviously it was Achan who stole the silver and the gold. Who had to suffer the consequences for his greed? Not only did his sin cost thirty-six soldiers their lives, but no doubt many of those soldiers had families. There would be widows and orphans in the camp as a result of Achan's sin. On top of that Achan's own children lost their lives as a result of their father's sin.

If you could bring Achan back from the grave and ask him what he would do if he had it to do all over again, what do you think he would say? The problem is that most people do not think of the consequences of their actions.

**What About Us?** -- We do not live in a vacuum -- our lives affect other people, *"for none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself"* (Romans 14:7). We all probably know cases when other people had to suffer the consequences of another's sins.

When Christians forsake the assembling of the saints, not only do they suffer, but their children have to grow up ignorant of the gospel as well. In cases of divorce it is always the children who suffer the most. It is hard enough to raise good children when both parents are doing the best they can.

*"A foolish son is the ruin of his father"* (Proverbs 19:13). Children sometimes commit public sins which cause shame and disgrace to their parents and ruin the good name of the family.

In cases of adultery one spouse has to pay the price for the sin of the other. The innocent party also has to worry about the possibility of contracting aids or some other social disease.

Let us all be careful in our actions and remember that our sins have consequences -- not only for us, but also for those we love most.

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### Answers from page 1

1. Isaiah [Isaiah 14:12]
2. Ephesians [Ephesians 2:2]
3. Matthew [Matthew 12:24]
4. Revelation [Revelation 9:11]

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