

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

Summer Schedule

6:00 – 8:30

August

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*We will resume SNBF in the Fall, Sept. 11, when we start the book of Revelation.

“10 Truths Every President Needs to Know”

Proverbs 16:1-15

August 7, 2016

Prov 16:1-15

- 1 The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives.
- 3 Commit your works to the Lord And your plans will be established.
- 4 The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.
- 6 By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness Than great income with injustice.
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- 10 A divine decision is in the lips of the king; His mouth should not err in judgment.
- 11 A just balance and scales belong to the Lord; All the weights of the bag are His concern.
- 12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, For a throne is established on righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, And he who speaks right is loved.
- 14 The fury of a king is like messengers of death, But a wise man will appease it.
- 15 In the light of a king's face is life, And his favor is like a cloud with the spring rain.

1. GOD CONTROLS YOUR TONGUE. (1)

1 The plans of the heart belong to man, But the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.

- Mr. President, when making a decision, you will look at all the issues, all the options, all the responsibilities, and all the consequences in order to compare them so that you can choose the right course. You will look deep into your mind, you will struggle with your feelings, and you will be determined in your will, but the final product that comes forth from your mouth belongs to God.
- This is 2nd level inspiration.

“You may plan and I may plan or arrange things, but when the time comes to speak or act, God is the One who is going to have the last word. We may make a great boast, but only God can give the final answer.”

- J Vernon McGee

“Oh, eternal and everlasting God, direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate blood of the Lamb and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of Thy son, Jesus Christ, that living in Thy fear, and dying in Thy favor, I may in thy appointed time obtain the resurrection of the justified unto eternal life. Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thee and Thy son, Jesus Christ.”

– Prayer by George Washington, 1st President

2. GOD KNOWS YOUR MOTIVES. (2)

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives.

- If you only look at your outward actions, they may seem right to you Mr President, but your motives for doing them may be wrong, they may be corrupt, they may be deceitful, they may be anything but pure.
- The documents you sign into law, the treaties you sign with our enemies, the State of the Union speeches that you give to our nation may appear to be something different than the deceptive motives that lurk in your heart.
- Your greatest danger, Mr. President is not the deception from your staff, or a congressman, or a foreign leader. No, your greatest deception is self-deception.

“We have a strange power of blinding ourselves as to what is wrong in ourselves and in our actions.”

- Alexander Maclaren

- You will need to be constantly vigilant of your heart and the motives that emerge from it.
- Wrong motives will eventually lead to much greater wrong actions.
“Look after the pennies, and the dollars will look after themselves.”
- What you are accustomed to do , you scarcely will ever recognize to be wrong, and it is these things which will blind you because they are the habits of your life.
- You may admit to the mistakes that others see, but remember it is God who sees pride, jealousy, hate, mean spiritedness, vindictiveness, arrogance, insecurity, competitiveness, etc.

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We've staked the future of all our political institutions upon our capacity...to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

- James Madison, 4th US President

3. GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR EVERYTHING. (3,4)

3 Commit your works to the Lord And your plans will be established.

4 The Lord has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

- Mr. President, the accomplishment of your plans for our country, will achieve their highest success when you commit them to the God of the universe.
- Your thousands of meetings you use to plan and strategize will go as far as and no further than the purposes of God.

Rom 11:36

36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Revelation 4:11 "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

- Mr. President, if you will "give over" to the Lord whatever you do; if you show a sincere trust, then your plans will have a way of falling into place. Doors will have a way of opening up, and the wrong doors closing. If your motivations are right, the plans will take the right form and achieve the right results.

- God tells us, Mr. President, that if you will recognize His sovereignty, trust in His goodness, and trust your plans into His keeping, He will guide your steps and establish your plans to bring them about in accord with His purposes.
- Though you may not understand how, everything that will happen during your presidency will serve the purposes of God. 911, ISIS, foreign evil dictators, North Korea, Iran, Russia, Radical Islam, mass shootings, suicide bombers, economic recession and depression, hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, disease – all of it has a purpose in the divine plan of God.
- You will need to recognize and deal with the ever present danger of the forces of evil in this world, who have as their ambition the destruction of our nation. Failure to call evil, evil, will result in the hastening of our collapse.
- Your peace, security, and humility as president will come knowing that there are higher purposes being served that are way beyond yourself, your presidency, and the world you live in.

Psalm 37:5-9

- 5 Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
- 6 And He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your judgment as the noonday.
- 7 Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret, *it leads* only to evildoing.
- 9 For evildoers will be cut off,
But those who wait for the Lord, they will inherit the
land.

"We recognize no sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!"

- John Adams, 2nd US President

"Finally, it is my most fervent prayer to that Almighty Being before whom I now stand, and who has kept us in His hands from the infancy of our Republic unto the present day, that He will so overrule all my intentions and actions and inspire the hearts of my fellow-citizens that we may be preserved from dangers of all kinds and continue forever a united and happy people."

- Andrew Jackson, 7th US President

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

- George Washington, 1st US President

"All must admit that the reception of the **teachings of Christ results in the purest patriotism**, in the most scrupulous fidelity to public trust, and in the best type of citizenship."

- Grover Cleveland, 24th U.S. President

4. GOD PUNISHES PRIDE. (5)

5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

- Mr. President, you must realize that any pride or over inflated ego are blasphemous to the God of the universe, and rest assured if they be found in you, punishment will result.
- You are the most powerful person ruling on the earth. You have at your disposal a great army, incredible weapons, financial and material resources, an economy that produces goods and services at an unprecedented rate, and a government and constitution that promotes order, freedom, and security for its citizens.
- Your danger Mr. President, is that your heart will become proud and you will glory in your accomplishments.
- However, realize your authority is on loan from God. God alone moves presidents in and out of office. Your position is only temporary. God is the ultimate authority. God will not share His glory with another.

Rom 13:1

1 . . for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

- Your only hope to avoid the consequences of a proud heart is for you to walk humbly before God.

“We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.”

- **Abraham Lincoln**, 16th US President

"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

– **John F. Kennedy**, 35th US President

“The reason that Christianity is the best friend of government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart.”

- **Thomas Jefferson**, 3rd US President

“A watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in . . . Heaven.”

- **James Madison**, 4th US President

5. GOD LOOKS AT YOUR CHARACTER. (6-8)

***6 By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for,
And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil.***

***7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He
makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.***

***8 Better is a little with righteousness Than great
income with injustice.***

Mr President –

1. Are you gracious?

***“Each day millions of our citizens approach our Maker
on bended knee, seeking His grace and giving thanks for
the many blessings He bestows upon us.”***

- George W Bush

2. Do you fight for the truth?

Prov 20:28

28 Loyalty and truth preserve the king,
And he upholds his throne by righteousness.

Prov 29:14

14 If a king judges the poor with truth,
His throne will be established forever.

- Where Mr. President do you find the truth?

“My custom is to read four or five chapters of the Bible every morning immediately after rising. It seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day. It is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue.”

- John Quincy Adams, 6th US President

“Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties, write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book are we indebted for all the progress made in true civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.”

– **Ulysses S. Grant**, 18th US President

“The Bible is the one supreme source of revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and spiritual nature and needs of men. It is the only guide of life which really leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation. America was born a Christian nation. America was born to exemplify that devotion to the elements of righteousness which are derived from the revelations of Holy Scripture.”

– **Woodrow Wilson**, 28th US President

“The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country.”

– **Calvin Coolidge**, 30th US President

“Of the many influences that have shaped the United States into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.”

- **Ronald Reagan**, 40th US President

3. *Do you fear the Lord?*

6 And by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil.

Prov 8:13-15

13 "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverted mouth, I hate.

14 "Counsel is mine and sound wisdom;
I am understanding, power is mine.

15 "By me kings reign,
And rulers decree justice.

"It is no slight testimonial, both to the merit and worth of Christianity, that in all ages since its promulgation the great mass of those who have risen to eminence by their profound wisdom and integrity have recognized and revered **Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of the living God.**"

- **John Quincy Adams**, 6th U. S. President

4. Does your life please God?

7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord,
He makes even his enemies to be at peace
with him.

5. Do you do the right thing?

8 Better is a little with righteousness Than great
income with injustice.

6. GOD CONTROLS WHERE YOU GO AND WHAT YOU DO. (9,10)

9 The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

10 A divine decision is in the lips of the king; His mouth should not err in judgment.

- As with the tongue, Mr. President, you will plan, but it is God Who decides whether your plans will happen or not.

Prov 21:1

1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord;
He turns it wherever He wishes.

Rev 1:4-5

4 Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who
is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the
dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

- A wise President will walk in submission to the overruling sovereignty of God in his life.

“And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God ... and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

– **Abraham Lincoln**, 16th US President

“Write your plans in pencil and remember that God has the eraser.”

- **Charles Spurgeon**

10 A divine decision is in the lips of the king; His mouth should not err in judgment.

- It will be your responsibility to make thousands of decisions in governing our land and as a spokesman for God, when you know in your heart a decision is right based on God's truth, you must not falter, you must carry it through.

7. GOD WILL “WEIGH” YOUR PRESIDENCY WITH ALL OF THE FACTS. (11)

11 A just balance and scales belong to the Lord; All the weights of the bag are His concern.

- Mr. President, God will judge your presidency using all and precisely every fact that concerns how you governed, including how you carried out justice in the land.

Lev 19:35-36

35 'You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measurement of weight, or capacity.

36 'You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin;

Prov 11:1

1 A false balance is an abomination to the Lord,
But a just weight is His delight.

Prov 20:10

10 Differing weights and differing measures,
Both of them are abominable to the Lord.

Prov 20:23

23 Differing weights are an abomination to the Lord,
And a false scale is not good.

Prov 29:4

4 The king gives stability to the land by justice,
But a man who takes bribes overthrows it.

"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

- **Thomas Jefferson**, 3rd US President

"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, . . .

- **George Washington**, 1st US President

8. GOD WILL SUSTAIN A PRESIDENCY THAT UPHOLDS RIGHTEOUSNESS. (12,13)

12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wicked acts, For a throne is established on righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings, And he who speaks right is loved.

- Your presidency and the legacy you leave will depend on your commitment to live a transparent , moral, upright, life of integrity, a presidency not marked by shady dealings, backdoor politics, cover-ups, crooked and fraudulent living, and immoral practices.

Prov 14:34

4 Righteousness exalts a nation,
But sin is a disgrace to any people.

- A righteous king results in a sound and solid nation.

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- Calvin Coolidge, 30th US President

“The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers’ abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual, rights which they found implicit in the Bible’s teachings of the inherent worth and dignity of each individual. This same sense of man patterned the convictions of those who framed the English system of law inherited by our own Nation, as well as the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

– Ronald Reagan, 40th US President

9. GOD WANTS YOU TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THOSE WHO ARE WISE. (14)

14 The fury of a king is like messengers of death, But a wise man will appease it.

- It is important Mr. President for you to understand the weight of the authority you wield. Therefore your anger, your wrath against those who oppose you both foreign and domestic, must always be kept in check. Your family, your advisers, your staff will play an important roll to not only diffuse it but to help prevent it. Your lack of self-control will require those around you to help in time of crises. Choose those around you wisely.

“I now make it my earnest prayer that God would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to . . . demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific (non-violent, under control) temper of the mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion.”

- George Washington, 1st US President

10. GOD WILL USE YOUR “RIGHTEOUS” LEADERSHIP TO BE A BLESSING TO OUR NATION. (15)

15 In the light of a king's face is life, And his favor is like a cloud with the spring rain.

- Mr. President, your encouraging spirit and your timely grace will be a welcomed refreshment in a “dry” land.

“Without God there could be no American form of government, nor an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first, the most basic, expression of Americanism. Thus, the founding fathers of America saw it, and thus with God’s help, it will continue to be.”

– **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, 34th US President

“You do well to wish to learn our arts and ways of life, and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are.”

–**George Washington**, 1st US President

“Finally, it is my most fervent prayer to that Almighty Being before whom I now stand, and who has kept us in His hands from the infancy of our Republic unto the present day, that He will so overrule all my intentions and actions and inspire the hearts of my fellow-citizens that we may be preserved from dangers of all kinds and continue forever a united and happy people.”

- **Andrew Jackson**, 7th US President

“My first act as President is a prayer. I ask you to bow your heads. Heavenly Father, we bow our heads and thank You for Your love. Accept our thanks for the peace that yields this day and the shared faith that makes its continuance likely. Make us strong to do Your work, willing to heed and hear Your will, and write on our hearts these words: “Use power to help people.” For we are given power not to advance our own purposes, nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one just use of power, and it is to serve people. Help us to remember it, Lord. The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us; so that He may incline our hearts to Him, to walk in all His ways... that all peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other.”

- **George H. W. Bush**, 41st US President

Prayer (Inaugural address, January 20, 1989)



Sir Robert Grant
(1779-1838)

Sir Robert Grant was born and died in India—a country that by this time had long played a major role in the British Empire. He was a public servant distinguishing himself in law, serving as a member of Parliament, judge, advocate general, and governor of Bombay (now Mumbai).

Grant's father Charles was a leader in the evangelical wing of the Church of England and also played an active civic role with William Wilberforce in the emancipation of African slaves in the British Empire. Robert was born in India when his father went there to negotiate an end to barriers set up against missions by the British East India Company

O WORSHIP THE KING

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.