

# A View

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## **Prayer Requests / 4-26**

Prayer List – Wednesday April 26, 2012  
Church family who are traveling home  
Maria Drolshagen – Recently moved into the valley.  
The Gibson Family – Brother with Cancer  
Margie Stewart – Passed away, Pray for her family.  
Enerson Family – Recovery  
Rikki Chamberlain – Deliverance from Alcohol  
Sandy Rice – Brain Tumor, Stroke.  
Leighty Family – House Burned Down, To Know the Lord.  
Larry Pepin – Annual Check Up

Sunday – April 29, 2012

*"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."*

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

## **Calendar**

**Wednesday @ 5:00 pm – Bible Study**

## **Summer**

If you will be leaving for the summer, please make sure we have an address and contact information for you.

## **Church Web-Presence**

Queen Valley has extended ministry to cyberspace. Visit, <http://www.queenvalleybaptistchurch.com> to check us out. There you will find our sermons, calendar, prayer requests, newsletter, even a blog written by Pastor Jim. If you have some suggestions, let us know. Share this with those you know.

## **Matthew 16:1-12 / "Yes, No, or Maybe, How Do You Know?" Focus: Discernment**

*vv. 1-4; Humanity has an Inability to See (Spiritual Blindness)*

- A *sincere* demand for proof is an acknowledgment of the inability to discern an issue without help.
- Spiritual matters will never be resolved by natural capacities. They cannot be measured or observed. In addition, God works in ways that are often contradictory to human methods.
- It is the blinding affects of sin keep people from seeing the *self-evident truths* of God from being seen. – (Rom. 1)
- This is ironic given Satan's reasoning to Eve, that if she disobeyed God she would, "*Be like God, knowing good and evil.*" – (Gen. 3:1-5)
- This is what makes the resurrection such a power proof ("*The Sign of Jonah*"). It can be questioned, but an empty tomb is hard to ignore!
- Spiritual blindness is only "healed" by the coming of God's Spirit, salvation.

*vv. 5-7; Jesus' Disciples Lacked Effort to See*

- They thought He was talking about real bread.
- While some things remain a mystery, God and His will may be known. This is what the incarnation is all about.
- The disciples demonstrate the tendency those who follow Christ to mistake Jesus' words.
- A preoccupation with the physical life causes believers to misunderstand God's statements and concerns about spiritual life.
- "*Spiritual life*" refers to a character of life. It does not mean heaven.
- Spiritual life is about living by the rule of the Kingdom of the Heavens (living with a spiritual focus).
- As believers, a change of thinking, a renewing and transformation of the mind is necessary to "*walk in the Spirit.*" – (Rom. 12:1-2 / Phil 4:8-9 / Gal. 5)

*vv. 8-12; Thanks to Jesus there is Clarity*

- Jesus clears up the entire matter by asking them, "*Why would I be concerned about not bringing bread, remember the feeding of the 5,000?*"
- He wasn't concerned with their physical life, but their spiritual. He was warning them about the sin of the religious leaders.
- In confusion and uncertainty, Jesus brings clarity.
- Truth necessitates the mediation of God.

**1 Cor. 2:12-14;** *"We have not received this world's spirit; instead, we have received the Spirit sent by God, so that we may know all that God has given us. So then, we do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths to those who have the Spirit. Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit. Such people really do not understand them; they are nonsense to them, because their value can be judged only on a spiritual basis."*