

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Everybody Is Watching

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Mohamed Sanu, Sr. is entering his sixth season as a wide receiver for the Atlanta Falcons. In April, Sanu received a letter from an unidentified family who sat behind him on a flight. The note read: *"Hi! You don't know us, but we wanted to thank you. Our son sat behind you on the flight and watched you. He saw you studying your plays, watched you make healthy choices with your snacks, food and drink. He watched how you were to everyone. He is only ten but just made an elite hockey team, and we are on our way to training in Connecticut. You are an inspiration to children and for that you should be proud! Thank you and best of luck! -The Family That Sat*

*Behind You"*

They never spoke to each other. That young boy and his family simply observed the actions of an NFL millionaire and were impressed. He didn't know they were watching. Sure, he knew people could see him, but he didn't know they were paying attention to every comment, every choice, every motion. So, without saying a word, Sanu was able to bring inspiration and a positive example to a boy and his family.

Jesus commanded us to let our light shine before men (Matt. 5:16). Paul taught that we should not put a stumbling block in

brother's way (Rom. 14:13) and that the sins of one person can have a profound negative influence on those around him (I Cor. 5:6-8).

You are being watched—24/7, 365. You are being watched by 5-year-olds, 50-year-olds, young boys and grown women. You will either show them a Christian who is committed to representing Jesus each day of his/her life, or you will show them a person who talks the talk but doesn't walk the walk.

You might be the only Christian some people ever see.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Building Fund contribution July 30.
- Our VBS will be combined with Coopertown on July 22 from 9:00 am-3 pm. Chet and James will teach the adult class.
- Our Gospel Meeting with Coopertown will be July 23-26 at 7:00 pm each night. We will have regular services on that Sunday morning. Ice cream supper after services on July 23.

## This Morning's Sermon: "Fellowship" Tonight's Sermon: "Crossing The Red Sea"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Billingsley

Pray: Hovis

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Garrett

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Reed, Smith

Pray: John Hayes

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
Phone: 924-9714

John 3:20-21  
“For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But he who practices the truth comes to the light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

*“Happiness is only real when shared.”*

*Jon Krakauer*

*“Men marry women with the hope they will never change. Women marry men with the hope they will change. Invariably they are both disappointed.”*

*H. M. Harwood*

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## Why Study The Old Testament?

I have known many Christians who seem like they resent the Old Testament. They see it as completely useless to their life as a Christian. The books are too long, the names are too strange, the teachings are too complicated. After all, what do the words “Deuteronomy” and “Leviticus” really mean anyway?

On the one hand, they have a point. Christians are not bound by the sacrificial worship commandments of the old law (Heb. 10:1-4). Churches are not led by a special order of priests—all Christians comprise the priesthood today (I Peter 2:5-9). God-appointed, God-gifted prophets no longer bring special messages to the people—God speaks

to us now through Christ (Heb. 1:1-2). But does this mean the entire Old Testament is obsolete just because we are no longer bound by the old law? Of course not!

In Romans 15:4, Paul wrote, “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” Here is what many Christians do not understand: Just because the Old Testament *contains* the old law, that doesn’t mean that everything in the Old Testament is the old law. The books of wisdom—Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon—contain timeless truths that may or may not be

directly related to the old law. The book of Genesis teaches us about the creation of man and the world, the beginning of sin, God’s attitude toward sin, and His divine providence.

Finally, we cannot fully understand the New Testament and the life of Christ without the Old Testament. The first prophecy of Christ is in Genesis. Jesus quoted the Old Testament throughout His ministry. Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, and other famous people from the Old Testament are referenced in the New Testament. The New Testament by itself is an incomplete story of God’s redeeming work.

James Hayes

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