

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Your Responsibility During Sermons

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How many sermons on baptism have you heard in your life? 50? 100? But think about it: If someone asked you to write down every verse you knew that directly involves baptism, how many verses could you list? If someone asked you, "Why do you believe in male spiritual leadership?" could you give a compelling answer using Scripture, or would your first instinct be to call the preacher? I am not suggesting that every person who is reading this is biblically illiterate. What I am suggesting is that the average Christian relies on the preacher to tell him/her what the Bible says instead of relying on their own study.

Personal Bible study should happen on a daily basis, but there are some methods to use during sermons that will help you retain the information better:

(1). *Use your Bible.* Using the same Bible at home and church is an effective way to familiarize with passages. You will begin seeing the pages in your head when you hear a passage referenced.

(2). *Remove distractions.* When you are worshipping, you should be worshipping. That sounds simplistic, but too many Christians use worship to plan their week, think about lunch, and/or play with their children. Your heart and mind

should be focused on God's word during lessons.

(3). *Reflect.* If I asked you to give me the topic or title of the morning sermon at 3:00 on Sunday afternoon, could you do it? If you reflect on the lesson by discussing it with your family or by keeping a journal of notes, the lessons will have a deeper impact.

The lost will not be persuaded to become Christians if Christians do not even know their own doctrines. David said he held God's word close to his heart so that he would not sin (Psalm 119:11). Is God's word in your heart, or do you leave it on the pew every Sunday?

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Maime Hamilton has been suffering with gout, but is doing better.
- John Myers, the Hayeses cousin, is battling pancreatitis and other issues. He lives in Chicago.
- Continue to pray for Paula Lee, Rick Reed, Darlene Baxter, Catherine Pennington, and those affected by Hurricane Michael.
- Chet and Rachel Duke's address: 24331 Town Walk Dr., Hamden, CT 06518.

## Morning Sermon: "If Every Member Were Just Like Me" Men's Meeting At 5:00; Singing At 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: Brown

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Hovis

Serve: Doug, J. Buchanan, J. Walker

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

James 1:13

“Let no one say to you when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.”

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## Beauty Expert

It is easy to be *called* an expert these days. I am sure it still difficult to become an actual expert in anything, but the Internet has opened the door for pseudo-experts—people who pontificate on social media or television and declare themselves to be the authority on a particular subject. Just this week I saw a woman in a television advertisement talking about a skin cream. Under her name it read: “Beauty Expert.” Really? Isn’t beauty subjective? How can someone be an expert in what is beautiful?

While it is impossible to be a beauty expert, there is no doubt that our culture has slowly been changing the definitions of beauty. Once upon a time, beauty included class, dignity,

and modesty. The beautiful women of yesteryear believed that beauty encompassed more than just the shape their bodies. It involved self-respect and self-awareness. Better yet, they looked to Scripture for the definition of beauty.

I Peter 3:1-4 states: “In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the

heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.”

First, we see that in God’s eyes female beauty goes beyond what a woman does to her hair and clothing. Her beauty is in her heart. Secondly, since God’s greatest interest is in a woman’s inner beauty, shouldn’t godly men’s greatest interest be her inner beauty as well. Men will always be attracted to women’s outer beauty—there is no need to teach a man to have that attraction. Be faithful parents should instruct their sons to notice women who represent Christ in their lives.

James Hayes

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