Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church The Lord's Day, February 21, 2021

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Heb. 12:1-2a

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements 11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle
Welcome and Prayer		Pastor Paul
*Scripture Reading	1 Peter 3:13-22	Pastor Paul
*Praise Songs	"I Shall Not Be Moved" "I Exalt Thee"	
Children's Sermon		Pastor Karen
Special Music	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	Kathy Wynne
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:9-15	Pastor Paul
*Hymn	<i>"Fairest Lord Jesus"</i> vv. 1,3,4	Page 87
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Ministry in Music	"Think on These Wonderful Things"	
Sermon	THINKING AND DOING	Pastor Paul
*Hymn of Invitation	"Higher Ground" vv. 1,4	Page 549

" * " indicates he congregation should stand. You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is– psqvcvk4xr3cf5

SERMON: Thinking and Doing

Scriptures: Phil 4:6-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-5; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Peter 1:14-15; Rom 2:14-15; John 17: 17-19; John 16:13; Heb. 10:23-25; 2 Cor. 10:4-5; Ps. 119:11; John 18:36-37; 1 Tim. 5:22; Prov. 9:13-18; Phil 4:9

What is holiness? One author defines it thusly:

"Holiness is separation unto God, and the conduct befitting those separated."

Jerry Bridges.
The Pursuit of Holiness. 1978

God's Provision for Holy Living: 1. A Conscience. Romans 2:14-15 2. The Word of God. John 17:17-19 3. The Holy Spirit. John 16:13 4. Other Christians. Hebrews 10:23-25 Think on these things... 1. True_____ 2. Noble_____ 3. Right_____ 4. Pure_____ 5. Lovely_____ 6. Admirable_____ 7. Excellent_____ 8. Praiseworthy_____

Destined To Be Holy By Oswald Chambers

...it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." —<u>1 Peter 1:16</u>

We must continually remind ourselves of the purpose of life. We are not destined to happiness, nor to health, but to holiness. Today we have far too many desires and interests, and our lives are being consumed and wasted by them. Many of them may be right, noble, and good, and may later be fulfilled, but in the meantime God must cause their importance to us to decrease. The only thing that truly matters is whether a person will accept the God who will make him holy. At all costs, a person must have the right relationship with God.

Do I believe I need to be holy? Do I believe that God can come into me and make me holy? If through your preaching you convince me that I am unholy, I then resent your preaching. The preaching of the gospel awakens an intense resentment because it is designed to reveal my unholiness, but it also awakens an intense yearning and desire within me. God has only one intended destiny for mankind— holiness. His only goal is to produce saints. God is not some eternal blessing-machine for people to use, and He did not come to save us out of pity— He came to save us because He created us to be holy. Atonement through the Cross of Christ means that God can put me back into perfect oneness with Himself through the death of Jesus Christ, without a trace of anything coming between us any longer.

Never tolerate, because of sympathy for yourself or for others, any practice that is not in keeping with a holy God. Holiness means absolute purity of your walk before God, the words coming from your mouth, and every thought in your mind— placing every detail of your life under the scrutiny of God Himself. Holiness is not simply what God gives me, but what God has given me that is being exhibited in my life.

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