

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JAN 1, 2017**

**LAKESHORE REHAB:** Tabitha Rushing

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE GOD"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "FAITH IN THE FACE OF FIRE"

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO J.D. DAILEY DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS SISTER,  
LOUGENE KILGORE. SERVICES WERE WEDNESDAY**

**ELDERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER EVENING SERVICES**

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

### **SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

#### **ELDERS:**

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**THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE GOD**  
**(Deuteronomy 6:4)**

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. First, it teaches that there is a \_\_\_\_\_.
1. But the word for "one" does not mean "single" or "\_\_\_\_\_".
  2. It refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ or united one made up of more than one part.
  3. The word translated "God" is in the \_\_\_\_\_ as well.
  4. Both \_\_\_\_\_ teach the fact of the Godhead being made up of three Beings.
- B. This verse teaches that the Godhead is \_\_\_\_\_.
1. John 17:11, 20-21.
  2. 1 Corinthians 8:4-6.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of these facts.**

- A. Their being a Godhead and that Godhead being united means they are of one will or \_\_\_\_\_.
1. These divine beings work \_\_\_\_\_ to accomplish that will.
  2. There is a divine \_\_\_\_\_ for all of their actions..
- B. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, have different \_\_\_\_\_ in working out the purpose of the Godhead.
- C. The Godhead is working together to bring about our \_\_\_\_\_!
- D. When we think of God being One, we should think of the Godhead working \_\_\_\_\_ as one to bring about our salvation.

**III. This should strengthen our faith.**

- A. You and I have the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Godhead at work for us.
- B. All three are at work in our \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. We noticed that the scheme of \_\_\_\_\_ was carried out by all three members of the Godhead.
1. The Father is still desirous of our being \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The Son is still the only \_\_\_\_\_ we need.
  3. The Holy Spirit is still at work through His \_\_\_\_\_, convicting men of sin and strengthening the saved.
- D. What this should do is lead us to \_\_\_\_\_ out Deuteronomy 6:5.
- E. Jesus said that this is the \_\_\_\_\_ commandment (Mark 12:29-30).
- F. We show that love by \_\_\_\_\_ the commands of God (John 14:15).

## **Who is “us” in Genesis 1:26? Kevin Cauley**

In Genesis 1:26 it says, “Then God said, Let us make man in our image . . . .” Who is “us?” Was God talking to himself or someone else?

The context is the creation of man. God’s creation of the rest of the natural world was complete and now He turns His hand to the creation of His grandest work upon the earth. We read in Psalm 8:5 that man was made “a little lower than the angels.” Man is, therefore, the highest work of the physical creation and God in attending to this creation wants to ensure that it is done properly. So there is a pause between the creation of the rest of the natural world and the now higher work of creating man. During this pause, God states these words, “Let us make man in our image.”

Some have suggested that God was speaking to His spiritual creation—the hosts of heavenly beings that surround His throne. Several passages in the Old Testament refer to these beings such as 1 Kings 22:19, Psalm 89:8, Daniel 10, and in the book of Ezekiel. The Ark of the Covenant itself was topped with two spiritual beings referred to as cherubim and Isaiah talks about beings called seraphim in Isaiah 6. Was God speaking to these of His spiritual creation? Not likely. God says that He wanted to make man in “our image” and then in verse 27 we read, “in the image of God created he him.” So, it can’t be that God was speaking to the heavenly hosts of creation.

A second suggestion has been made that God was speaking of himself in plural number such as members of the royal family do. If you have ever heard the Queen of England speak, she never says, “I” and “me” but always, “we” and “us.” Certainly it can be said of God that he is royal. He is described in Isaiah as the King of the nation of Israel (Isaiah 44:6). When the children of Israel desired a king, God told Samuel that they had not rejected him but “Me, that I should not reign over them.” (1 Samuel 8:7). The implication is that God was acting as their King. So certainly God could use “we” in this sense if He wanted to. However, the word for God in Hebrew is “elohim” which in and of itself has a plural ending, but is singular in understanding. Additionally, we see that the first chapter of Genesis talks about God creating, but His Spirit moving upon the face of the deep. How could God be everywhere in the creation and His Spirit be in one particular place? It appears as if there is more than one divine person working in the creation and when we look at John 1:1, it is confirmed.

In John 1:1-3 we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” So here, we see that the “Word” was instrumental in the creation—that all things were made by him. That would certainly include the creation of man. We see in verse 14 that the word became flesh and dwelt among us. Who is the “Word?” He is the only begotten of the Father. So we have involved in creation three personalities, the Spirit of God, the Son of God, and God the Father. This is the “us” of Genesis 1:26. God the Father was speaking to both the Spirit and the one who would become the Son.