

**YOU EVIL ONES SIT AND SPEAK
AGAINST YOUR BROTHER; YOU
SLANDER YOUR MOTHER'S SON**



Aaron Knotts of Dunedin, New Zealand
preaching at the funeral of his mother, Maureen Knotts
Dunedin Church of Christ

**“The world cannot hate you [Jesus’
brothers]; but it hates Me
because I testify of it,
that its deeds are evil.”**

John 7:7

July 7, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson,

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Josiah Sutton

Communion Meditation — Jim Mitchell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

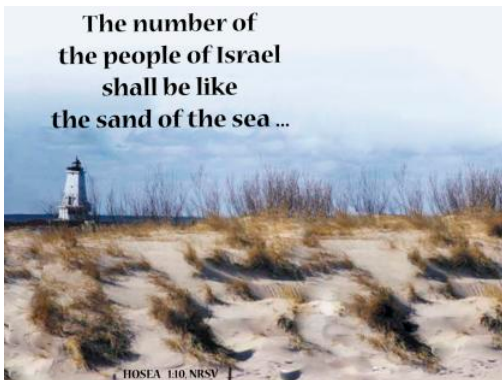
EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Jesse Edgar, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Bob Edgar, **Jay Wilson**



The number of
the people of Israel
shall be like
the sand of the sea ...

This Wednesday,
July 10th –
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

Vacation Bible School
— July 29 - Aug. 1

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christchurchonline.com
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019. Theme:
High Points from Hebrews

Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property.
Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah



Question of the week:

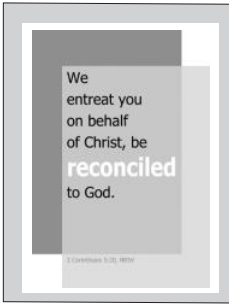
What did Nebuzaradan, the captain of the Babylonian guard, do to the temple, the great houses of the city, and the city wall?

Last week's question: When Apollos was preaching in the synagogue at Ephesus, before Priscilla and Aquila met with him, he was accurate on one thing, and needed correction on another. What were those two things?
Answer: He spoke accurately the things concerning Jesus, but he needed correction because he did not know about immersion in Jesus' name (Acts 19:25,26).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 101
Evening Assembly – 72

Wednesday Night (7/3) – 73
Butte Lord's Day – 21
Great Falls Lord's Day – 53,76



Comfort/Encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Caught up to Paradise?

The apostle Paul stated that he was “caught up into Paradise.” This was a rephrasing of his affirmation that he was “caught up to the third heaven.” The Jews had three heavens, which the apostle draws upon for his terminology. The first heaven was the skies in which the birds fly, the second was the expanse wherein the sun and stars are located, and the third was where God is located. The question would be whether the term “Paradise” can be more Biblically defined.

The word *paradise* itself originates in an ancient Iranian language called Avestan, and it means “an enclosed garden” or “garden with a wall.” It is easy to see why the translators of the Septuagint would use “paradise” as the name for the original Garden of Eden,

and why even in modern terminology “paradise” is sometimes used as the name for the idyllic home for Adam and Eve.

The word of God reveals to all who are interested the answer to the question, “What happens when you die?” To do that, the New Testament writings are going to borrow words from Greek mythology—such as *Hades* and *Tartarus*—and redefine them so that they communicate the revelation that can only come from God as to what happens in the realm beyond the grave.

- **Going down** — The scripture clearly teaches that a human being is comprised of three parts: body, soul, and spirit. “May your spirit and soul and body,” the apostle Paul had prayed, “be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23). When a person dies, his spirit and soul separate from his physical body. Prior to Jesus’ ascension, the spirit and soul together went “down,” as Jacob noted when he thought his son Joseph was dead: “Surely I will go down to Sheol in mourning for my son” (Genesis 37:35). Even Jesus “descended into the lower parts of the earth” at His death (Ephesians 4:9).
- **Two parts** — Old Testament *Sheol* is termed *Hades* in the New Testament writings. Jesus gave us a glimpse into how it was when He talked about the rich man and the poor man Lazarus in Luke chapter sixteen. The rich man went into Hades where he described himself “in agony in this flame.” Lazarus, however, was pictured in “Abraham’s bosom” and in comfort. This is where Jesus and the “good thief” went (as spirit and soul) when they died, as Jesus stated: “Today you shall be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). When Jesus went down to Hades (Acts 2:27), He went to the comfortable part, and gave it the term *Paradise*.
- **“Down” to “up”** — The spirits and souls of the saints in the good portion of Hades were still in captivity; without Jesus’ resurrection and ascension they would have been trapped. The apostle Paul quoted somewhat loosely from the Old Testament psalmist who looked to Jesus’ ascension, noting “when He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men” (Ephesians 4:8). Jesus Himself described this most personal event in these terms to the apostle John, saying, “I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades” (Revelation 1:17,18). With the “keys of death and Hades” Jesus was able to arrange a sort of jail-break for those held captive, and He thus led that “captivity captive” into Paradise with Him at His ascension.

What was once *down* prior to Jesus’ ascension is now *up*! The wicked ones up to that time, and even now, are suffering in agony in the flames of Hades. But the saints of God, the redeemed, are now up, “absent from the body” but “at home with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8). Hence, in the extremely awesome visions that Paul had, wherein he heard those “inexpressible words,” he described himself as “caught up into Paradise.” May each saint of God remain focused and faithful, so that at his passing from this life, he too may enter into that Paradise, waiting spirit and soul together for the second coming of Christ!

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is now *up*!

JAY WILSON