

“MORE HIMS LIKE HUR”

(1 Thess. 5:9-15)

Introduction:

1. The title of today’s sermon comes from Eddy Gilpin, the preacher at the West End church of Christ in Salem, VA.
2. Hur is one of those characters that does not get a lot of attention and yet we can learn a lot from him about how to serve our God in His kingdom.
3. We will consider Hur by looking at who he was, what he did, and what we can learn from him.

Discussion:

I. Who he was.

- A. Hur was the son of Caleb (not *that* Caleb), the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah and Tamar (1 Chron. 2:1-19).
- B. Hur was the father of Uri, the father of Bezalel (1 Chron. 2:20).

II. What he did.

- A. He aided Moses in the Israelite defeat of the Amalekites at Rephidim (Ex. 17:8-13).
- B. He aided Moses by overseeing Israel with Aaron while Moses went up Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments (Ex. 24:9-14).
- C. His grandson was given the great honor of crafting the tabernacle and its articles (Ex. 31:1-11; 35:30-36:7ff; 38:22).

III. What we can learn from him.

- A. We get by with a little help from our friends.
 1. Just as Hur helped Moses to hold up his arms and watch over the people while he was away, so too we are to aid one another in the fulfilling of God’s will (1 Thess. 5:9-15).
 2. Remember we are never alone (Matt. 28:20; John 14:23; 16:13; John 13:34; 14:15; etc. et al).
- B. God always rewards the work done in His name (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 5:10, 11ff).
- C. Faithfulness encourages faithfulness (Matt. 5:16; Prov. 27:17; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11; Heb. 12:1; Acts 4:23-37).

Conclusion:

1. Working in the kingdom is not about getting your name on the marquis, the Lord’s name occupies that position as it ought. We are simply to serve in any and every way we are able.
2. Sometimes the work we do for the Lord simply helps others to do their work for the Lord. The Lord remembers and rewards such work.
3. Let us never forget our role, and the honor we have with that role. Let us be thankful that we may serve Him who is worthy.
4. Invitation.

PRAYER LIST FOR WEEK STARTING JAN. 28TH

Those with long term issues

Louise Williams, Cliff and Rachel Greenawalt and their family, Ruth Vaughn as she lives with diabetes and MS, and Harrison Waldron.

Those with short term issues

- ▶ Frances Davis as she struggles with some health issues/decisions.
- ▶ John Pellin as he continues to recover from cracked ribs.
- ▶ Kyle Lingenfelter as he seeks to find the cause and a treatment for his right wrist/hand.
- ▶ Phil and Owen Hastings as they recover from injuries.
- ▶ Cynthia Corbelli and Rudy Galbier who have not been feeling well.
- ▶ Donald Vaughn's wife who is having complications with her pregnancy.
- ▶ Our members who are traveling.
- ▶ Our college students who are away from us in body, but not in spirit.
- ▶ Our leadership in the church; that they might be faithful, strong, and bold.
- ▶ Our community; that they may seek the Lord and we might be able to guide them into the truth.