

September 13, 2010

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

September 19, 2010

a.m. "*Throne of Grace*"

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

p.m. "*Jehovah A Helper in Trouble*"

Scripture: Isaiah 33:1-6

Languages
Don Hatch

Languages are instinctive with humans but not with animals. The brain has an ability to build an unlimited set of sentences out of a finite list of words. This mental grammar is found in children. They can develop complex grammar rapidly and without formal instruction grow to give consistent interpretations of novel sentence structures that they have never encountered. It is clear that a human child is born with an ability to learn every language known to mankind. This universal ability grows to where the child can produce from input idiosyncratically all regional and national tonal utterances. Children and adults have a communication system that allows them to understand a broad array of utterances known as words. Nonhuman sounds are based upon finite repertory calls, warnings of predators, claim of territory or other basic needs and in an analog signal or random variation can be used to unite the species. The human language is vastly different in design and is very complex. Inflections can make words have different connotations.

The seat of human "language" is in their cerebral cortex. Animals' is in the phylogenetical structure where emotions are the controlling force. The most receptive trainee of human language is the bird, like a parrot. Their best imitation of language is limited to a few words. It seems clear from research that it is unlikely we will ever fully communicate with animals. The animals' rudimentary way of communication has won over researchers understanding that animals could never evolve to be humans. Currently there are over 5000 languages. A child can be exposed to them in their formative years. During this exposure they can learn the grammatical order of sentences, syntax, context and other functions which an animal cannot. These children continue in the language of the community in which they are schooled. Even children who have been kept away from language [in dungeons] develop a spontaneous language. Deaf individuals can learn to read lips and in a halted monotone utter words in phrases, sentences and paragraphs. Deaf children develop sign language which grows more sophisticated and often becomes an official language with its own unique grammatical rules.

Humans are capable of producing brand new sentences which have never been uttered before. Language does not have to be a repertoire [catalog] of response. The brain has a system that can build an unlimited mental grammar not derived from a pedagogical system

[teaching system]. Children produce a complex grammar rapidly and without formal instruction and grow to interpret complex sentences which they have never encountered. Therefore, children must have an innately mental operation with common ability for language that tells them how to distill the syntactic patterns of their parent's speech. Children have a capacity for greater output of language than they receive. The more that is learned about human language, the more it is realized how different human speech is from the communications of animals.

Humans are able to make a wide range of sounds because of their larynx which is situated in the throat. Sound is created in this chamber; the pharynx is above the vocal chords. The expanded pharynx is a key to producing the full range of articulation. In all mammals, excluding humans, the high larynx in the throat allows the animal to breathe and drink at the same time. As a corollary a small pharyngeal cavity limits the range of sound. The human larynx is positioned lower than an animal's, allowing the human a greater range of sound, but they cannot breathe and drink at the same time. Human babies are born with the larynx higher in the throat and can simultaneously breathe and drink, as during nursing. After eighteen months the larynx begins to migrate down the throat, reaching the adult position when the child is about fourteen months old. This demonstrates design. Human language is infinite. It is reflected by the part the brain plays in learning, retaining and adding more sounds and words frequently. There is no evidence that man evolved, nor has his ability to speak. Human language is a result of the physical apparatus which enables complex sounds and an association with the brain's adaption to understand these sounds. Speech was designed into the human anatomy. Philosophers are baffled by speech because it is imitative, like faith it comes by hearing. Therefore, the derived human language is common only to humans.

Mankind can have an idea and produce the object of their thought. The word for steamboat was not vocalized until it was invented. The invention of terms which express spiritual ideas must have been posterior to the concept. Spiritual things are learned from a source greater than man. Man, Adam was created full grown and God spoke with him and Eve in the garden. They learned the language of God with it spiritual terms. Mankind had the facilities to speak the moment of creation. It took God to give them the original language and their children learned from them. Such things as altar, priest, religion, sacrifice and like terms could have only come from God. These terms came by direct revelation. God gave the words and the innate quality of man to speak was launched in the Garden of Eden. Where did language come from? It came from God, not long periods of evolution. Man is a special creation. Raise your voice in praise to God. We sing with the spirit and understanding.

FAMILY CARE: A Message from Our Shepherds

I would like to share some thoughts about vain religion as taken from Wayne Jackson's book entitled "Notes From The Margin of My Bible" Volume I Old Testament.

"It is commonly believed by many that so long as a person is religious—in some generic way—he is well pleasing to God. The notion is popular that man is free to direct his own manner of service to the Creator. And for many, there is little connection between one's religious exercises and his daily life. Worship God—then live as you please—is the sentiment of legions. Amos goes right to the heart of this philosophy when he speaks for God: *I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies. Though you offer Me*

burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings (Amos 5:21-22). Insincere worship—worship divorced from justice and righteousness is vain. But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream (verse 24). Thus, block off these two verses and in your margin note: Religious ritualism, detached from godly living, is vain."

May we all be conscious of how we worship and what we worship and our attitude about worship. This is a serious problem in our society today and it is our job as Christians to uphold the truth as we read about in the scriptures.

~Jerry McKey

The writings of Amos are of peculiar interest to the student of the Bible. Amos was not a scholar but a prophet of Jehovah. He was a shepherd and fruit-tree-dresser. He had been trained in the school of Almighty God among the sons of the prophets. He reflected upon the life of his people and had a deep interest in the ordinary man's daily life.

"Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). During the reign of Jeroboam, the son of Joash the kingdom of Israel was at the height of glory and its frontiers extended beyond the farthest point reached in the days of Solomon. This period of exemplary material prosperity and rapid growth of wealth produced merchant princes. The result was haughtiness and pride. There was intolerance of the poor and an administration of injustice in the land. The priests accommodated themselves with immoral practices unheard of heretofore. The sanctity of God was displaced with ungodliness among the people. **Preparing to meet God** in daily living was significant. If this was not heeded daily there was yet to come a day in which all would meet God. **Preparation was the voice of prudence.** One certain thing about life is that all must leave it (Heb 9:27). A godly manner of life does not discount daily living. The consciousness that we must prepare to meet God amends life with consistent attention to reasonableness of every word or deed. "Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:12-18).

~ Don Hatch.

CONSTITUTION DAY

[Preamble to the United States Constitution](#) "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America". The Constitution of the United States of America is the [supreme law](#) of the [United States](#). The Constitution is the framework for the organization of the [United States government](#) and for the relationship of the federal government with the states, citizens, and all people within the United States. The Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787, by the [Constitutional Convention](#) in [Philadelphia](#), [Pennsylvania](#), and [ratified](#) by conventions in each

[U.S. state](#) in the name of "The People". The Constitution has been [amended](#) twenty-seven times; the first ten amendments are known as the [Bill of Rights](#). The handwritten original document penned by [Jacob Shallus](#) is on display at the [National Archives and Records Administration](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#)

In our country there are Judeo-Christian principles reflected in our common culture and complex ideas. These moral principles are derived from the complementary ideas of free will, moral accountability of the individual rather than the group, the spiritual imperative of imperfect man's struggle to do what is right and existence of true moral law in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Jewish prophets. Along with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution there is a rich and undeniable heritage which reflects these concepts. The Declaration and Constitution do not define nor tell us how moral life will be lived in this society. They do provide durable documents which structure our United States of America.

Only Judeo-Christian principle held by the majority can explain the continuing moral integrity which we prize so highly. These values are manifested in the hope that life and pursuit of happiness will result in the **Golden Rule**. This maxim, ethical code and moral guideline demonstrates how one treats others as they would be treated. One should not treat others in a way one would not like to be treated. The **Golden Rule** has a long history and is restated frequently in other words. This basic and foundational rule is the heart of the constitution and bill of rights. This rule is the standard of resolving conflicts. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." ([Mat 7:12](#)).

Most Americans know that July 4th is our nation's birthday. Some Americans know that **September 17th** is the birthday of our government, the date in 1787 on which delegates to the Philadelphia Convention completed and signed the U.S. Constitution. The ideals upon which America was founded, committing themselves to the rule of law, limited government with liberty, equality and justice are embodied in the Constitution. It is the oldest written constitution of any nation. **Constitution Day** is intended to celebrate not only the birthday of our government, but the ideas that make us Americans.

~ Don Hatch

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Front foyer: Ilene Ashworth, Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Front foyer: Nancy Pond, Roberta Price, Thomas Rathbun

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The singing class will meet **Sunday** in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

LADIES

Ladies' class will meet **Tuesday, September 21st** at 9:30 a.m. with a lesson by Ilene Ashworth on "Sisters Across Time".

BEAR PROGRAM

Ladies, if you are interested in participating in the Bear Program, please sign the list that can be found in both foyers.

39'ers

The 39'ers will meet in the Annex next Monday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish & a friend & enjoy the fellowship.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please make these changes in your phone directory: **Mike Batot**, PO Box 165070, Irving, 75016; **Brandon & Stephanie Howard**, 425 Lincolnshire Dr., Irving, 75061, phone: 214-789-7923.

THANK YOU

I appreciate you for thinking of me & praying for me during this time. Gail Hieronymus

LUBBOCK LECTURESHIP

The 13th Annual Lubbock Lectureship will be October 10-13, 2010. The theme is "Walking in the Light". Everyone who attends will be spiritually blessed & strengthened in the faith. The books produced are timeless & valuable for personal study. The lectureship is located at the Southside Church of Christ; see the advertisement on the back bulletin board.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out to the family of frequent visitor, **Le Roy Bufe**, who passed away last Friday. Visitation will be at Ben Brown this evening (9/13) from 6-8 p.m.; services will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

Also, please remember in prayer the family of **Donna Williams** (Bobbie Williams' daughter-in-law) who passed away last Friday night. Visitation will be from 6-8pm tomorrow (9/14) at the Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home in Waxahachie; services will be at the Maypearl Church of Christ at 11am Wednesday, 9/15.

NEWS OF THE SICK

- Billie Beverly** is scheduled for back surgery tomorrow (9/14) at Baylor/Irving.
- Grady Fowler** will have surgery in Plano on 9/17.
- Tom Prince** will have another injection in his back on September 28th.
- Carolyn Renfro** is ill at home.
- Frances Tipton** had knee replacement surgery last week & is now in Arlington Rehab, room #136.
- Faye West** is having surgery today (9/13) on a carotid artery.
- Gail Hieronymus** (Mike Garrison's daughter) underwent surgery last week for cancer which is more serious than first diagnosed.
- Donna Ruth** (Joann Hatch's sister) fell & broke her shoulder which is complicating other health issues.
- Charlotte Terry** (frequent visitor, Sharon's mother) will undergo heart bypass surgery today (9/13) at Baylor/Irving.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER CONCERNS:

Evelyn Armstrong, Erma Lee Baker, Bobby Bowen, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Don & Judy Hancock, Jean Kelly, Jack & Frances LaFerney, Garldean Latham, Everett Newton, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Faye West, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Johnny Williams (Bobbie's son).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- September 19: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- September 19: Singing class in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- September 21: Ladies' Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Purman Cofer
- Bill Matthews
- John Mayer
- Glen Kelly
- Brandon Howard
- Marvin Brown
- Mike Garrison
- Dorris Walker

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Derrol Allen
- Bill Paschall
- Roy Martin
- Bobby England

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Thomas Rathbun

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Jerry Baker
- Hebrews 4:14-16

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Darrell Allen

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Bill Matthews
- Stan Selby

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- John Mayer
- Isaiah 33:1-6

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Garl Latham (last song: Denzil Myers)

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Robert Ruckman
- Thomas Rathbun

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Garl Latham

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	93	77	84	125
A.M. Worship	157	152	148	210
P.M. Worship	90	75	78	112
Wed. Class	71	74	79	110
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	28	30
Contribution	\$7379	\$4912	\$5322	\$5433

MISSIONS

Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia

Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa

Roland & Rose Mohsen – France

Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine

Glen & KuinTattersall – Australia

Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia

Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions

Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX

Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX

Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India

Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching

Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web

Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia

Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution

Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation

Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India