

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

Fall Schedule

5:00 – 7:30

We will resume SNBF in the Fall, Sept. 11, when we start the great book of -

Revelation.

“Ants, Badgers, Locusts, & Lizards”

Proverbs 30:24-28

August 21, 2016

Addax (Light-colored, large Saharan antelope) - Deuteronomy 14:5
Ant - Proverbs 6:6; 30:25
Antelope - Deuteronomy 14:5; Isaiah 51:20
Ape - 1 Kings 10:22
Bald Locust - Leviticus 11:22
Barn Owl - Leviticus 11:18
Bat - Leviticus 11:19; Isaiah 2:20
Bear - [1 Samuel](#) 17:34-37; 2 Kings 2:24; Isaiah 11:7; Daniel 7:5; Revelation 13:2
Bee - Judges 14:8
Behemoth - (A monstrous and mighty land animal; Some say it's a mythical monster of ancient literature; Possible reference to [dinosaurs](#).) Job 40:15
Buzzard - Isaiah 34:15
Camel - Genesis 24:10; Leviticus 11:4; Isaiah 30:6; Matthew 3:4; 19:24; 23:24
Chameleon - Leviticus 11:30
Cobra - [Isaiah](#) 11:8
Cormorant (large black water bird) - [Leviticus](#) 11:17
Cow - Isaiah 11:7; Daniel 4:25; Luke 14:5
Crane - Isaiah 38:14
Cricket - Leviticus 11:22
Deer - Deuteronomy 12:15; 14:5
Dog - Judges 7:5; 1 Kings 21:23-24; Ecclesiastes 9:4; Matthew 15:26-27; Luke 16:21; 2 Peter 2:22; [Revelation](#) 22:15
Donkey - Numbers 22:21-41; Isaiah 1:3; 30:6 John 12:14
Dove - Genesis 8:8; 2 Kings 6:25; Matthew 3:16; 10:16; John 2:16

Eagle - Exodus 19:4; Isaiah 40:31; Ezekiel 1:10; Daniel 7:4; Revelation 4:7; 12:14

Eagle Owl - Leviticus 11:16

Egyptian Vulture - Leviticus 11:18

Falcon - Leviticus 11:14

Fish - Exodus 7:18; Jonah 1:17; Matthew 14:17; 17:27; Luke 24:42; John 21:9

Flea - 1 Samuel 24:14; 26:20

Fly - Ecclesiastes 10:1

Fox - Judges 15:4; Nehemiah 4:3; Matthew 8:20; Luke 13:32

Frog - Exodus 8:2; Revelation 16:13

Gazelle - Deuteronomy 12:15; 14:5

Gecko - Leviticus 11:30

Gnat - Exodus 8:16; Matthew 23:24

Goat - 1 Samuel 17:34; Genesis 15:9; 37:31; Daniel 8:5; Leviticus 16:7; Matthew 25:33

Grasshopper - Leviticus 11:22

Great Fish (Whale) - Jonah 1:17

Great Owl - Leviticus 11:17

Hare - Leviticus 11:6

Hawk - Leviticus 11:16; Job 39:26

Heron - Leviticus 11:19

Hoopoe - Leviticus 11:19

Horse - 1 Kings 4:26; 2 Kings 2:11; Revelation 6:2-8; 19:14

Hyena - Isaiah 34:14

Hyrax (Coney or Rock Badger) - Leviticus 11:5

Kite - Leviticus 11:14

Lamb - Genesis 4:2; 1 Samuel 17:34

Leech - Proverbs 30:15

Leopard - Isaiah 11:6; Jeremiah 13:23; Daniel 7:6; Revelation 13:2

Leviathan - (Could be an earthly creature, crocodile; Some say it's a mythical sea monster of ancient literature; Possible reference to [dinosaurs](#).) Isaiah 27:1; Psalm 74:14; Job 41:1

Lion - Judges 14:8; 1 Kings 13:24; Isaiah 30:6; 65:25; Daniel 6:7; Ezekiel 1:10; 1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 4:7; 13:2

Lizard - Leviticus 11:30

Locust - Exodus 10:4; Leviticus 11:22; Joel 1:4; Matthew 3:4; Revelation 9:3

Maggot - Job 7:5; 17:14; 21:26; Isaiah 14:11; Mark 9:48

Mole Rat - Leviticus 11:29

Monitor Lizard - Leviticus 11:30

Moth - Matthew 6:19; Isaiah 50:9; 51:8

Mountain Sheep - Deuteronomy 14:5

Mourning Dove - Isaiah 38:14

Mule - [2 Samuel](#) 18:9; 1 Kings 1:38

Ostrich - Lamentations 4:3

Owl - Leviticus 11:17; Isaiah 34:15; Psalm 102:6

Ox - 1 Samuel 11:7; 2 Samuel 6:6; 1 Kings 19:20-21; Job 40:15; Isaiah 1:3; Ezekiel 1:10

Partridge - 1 Samuel 26:20

Peacock - 1 Kings 10:22

Pig - Leviticus 11:7; Deuteronomy 14:8; Proverbs 11:22; Isaiah 65:4; 66:3, 17; Matthew 7:6; 8:31; 2 Peter 2:22

Pigeon - Genesis 15:9; Luke 2:24

Quail - Exodus 16:13; Numbers 11:31

Ram - Genesis 15:9; Exodus 25:5

Rat - Leviticus 11:29

Raven - Genesis 8:7; Leviticus 11:15; 1 Kings 17:4

Rodent - Isaiah 2:20

Roe Deer - Deuteronomy 14:5

Rooster - Matthew 26:34

Scorpion - 1 Kings 12:11, 14; Luke 10:19; Revelation 9:3, 5, 10

Seagull - Leviticus 11:16

Serpent - Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9

Sheep - Exodus 12:5; 1 Samuel 17:34; Matthew 25:33; Luke 15:4; John 10:7

Short-eared Owl - Leviticus 11:16

Snail - Psalm 58:8

Snake - Exodus 4:3; Numbers 21:9; Proverbs 23:32; Isaiah 11:8; 30:6; 59:5

Sparrow - Matthew 10:31

Spider - Isaiah 59:5

Stork - Leviticus 11:19

Swallow - Isaiah 38:14

Turtledove - Genesis 15:9; Luke 2:24

Viper - Isaiah 30:6; Proverbs 23:32

Vulture (Griffon, Bearded, and Black) - Leviticus 11:13

Wild Goat - Deuteronomy 14:5

Wild Ox - Numbers 23:22

Wolf - Isaiah 11:6; Matthew 7:15

Worm - Isaiah 66:24; [Jonah](#) 4:7

Prov 30:24-28

24 Four things are small on the earth,
But they are exceedingly wise:

25 The ants are not a strong people,
But they prepare their food in the summer;

26 The shephanim are not mighty people,
Yet they make their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king,
Yet all of them go out in ranks;

28 The lizard you may grasp with the hands,
Yet it is in kings' palaces.

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- 4. When a load is too much for 1 ant, they will work in groups.**
- 5. Some ants can swim.**
- 6. Most ants can survive around 24 hours underwater.**
- 7. Some ants have no eyes.**
- 8. Ants have two stomachs, one to hold food for themselves, and one for others.**
- 9. Ants move an estimated 50 tons of soil per year in one square mile.**
- 10. Ants worst enemies are not humans, but other ants.**

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Weakness: Not strong among creatures. Vulnerable in cold weather.

Strengths: Know they must prepare in the summer for what they will face come winter.

- Ants are always at it, working, straining, and carrying the load. Instinctively, they know they must use the summer to prepare for the winter that is lying ahead.
- Ants work very hard when the going is good, and they prudently save much for hard times ahead.
- Lions lack and suffer hunger most of their lives, because they do not live at all like the ants!
- Ants do not need anyone to tell them to get up and get going.
- If you watch the ants, they do not sleep in, doze, daydream, or relax.
- They make hay while the sun shines.

Prov 6:6-11

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard,
Observe her ways and be wise,

7 Which, having no chief,
Officer or ruler,

8 Prepares her food in the summer
And gathers her provision in the harvest.

9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?

10 "A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to rest" —

11 Your poverty will come in like a vagabond
And your need like an armed man.



Moral of the story –

"Idleness brings want"

"To work today is to eat tomorrow"

"Beware of winter before it comes"

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Application: Our security lies in discerning where we are now, and then working toward what we will need in the future.

Prov 30:5

5 Every word of God is tested;

He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

So what is the most valuable resource a believer has?

Word of God

Therefore I must work hard at the study, the memorization, the meditation, and the understanding of God's Word NOW because "winter" is coming.

What is "winter"?

- The "**windchill**" of a personal health issue – disease, a diagnosis of a terminal illness, living with a disability.
- The "**blizzard**" of a financial crises.
- The "**ice storm**" of the loss of a loved one.
- The "**bitter cold**" of the deterioration of our culture and nation, resulting in persecution and trials.

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Yet they make their houses in the rocks;**



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Weakness: Not a mighty people. Vulnerable to predators – hawks, snakes, wild dogs, owls, and eagles.

Strengths: They know their weakness, so they stay close to the rock.

Application: Our security is in knowing our weaknesses and knowing where our strength is – the Rock

Deut 32:18

18 "You neglected the Rock who begot you,
And forgot the God who gave you birth.

2 Sam 22:2-3

2 "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
3 My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

Ps 19:14

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart

Be acceptable in Your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.

Ps 89:26

26 "He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

Isa 26:4

4 "Trust in the Lord forever,
For in God the Lord, we have an everlasting Rock.

Isa 44:8

'Do not tremble and do not be afraid;
Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it?
And you are My witnesses.
Is there any God besides Me,
Or is there any other Rock?
I know of none.'"

1 Cor 10:1-4

10 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers
were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;
2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
3 and all ate the same spiritual food;
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a
spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

***Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;***

***My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.***

***I'm standing on the solid rock of ages
Safe from all the storm that rages
Rich but not from Satan's wages
I'm standing on the solid rock***

***The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A shelter in the time of storm.***

***A shade by day, defense by night,
A shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes afright,
A shelter in the time of storm.***

***Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land;
Oh, Jesus is a rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.***

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Yet all of them go out in ranks;















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Weakness: They have no leader.

Strengths: They band together and live in community.

- Without a king to lead them, they know there is power in numbers, so they band together.
- They have the wisdom of God built in, which says, “Two are better than one,” (Eccl. 4:9-12).

Application: God has called us into community.

O.T. – the covenant people of God

N.T. – the Church, the body of Christ

Paul had his “band of believers” – Timothy, Titus, Mark, Luke, Silas, Barnabus, Epaphroditus, Onesimus, Philemon, Phoebe, Priscilla and Aquila, Epaenetus, Mary, Andronicus and Junias, Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys Apelles, Aristobulus, Herodion, Narcissus, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, Philologus, Julia, Nereus, Olympas.

We, of all people, should understand the meaning of being a “team player” or the importance of “networking”.

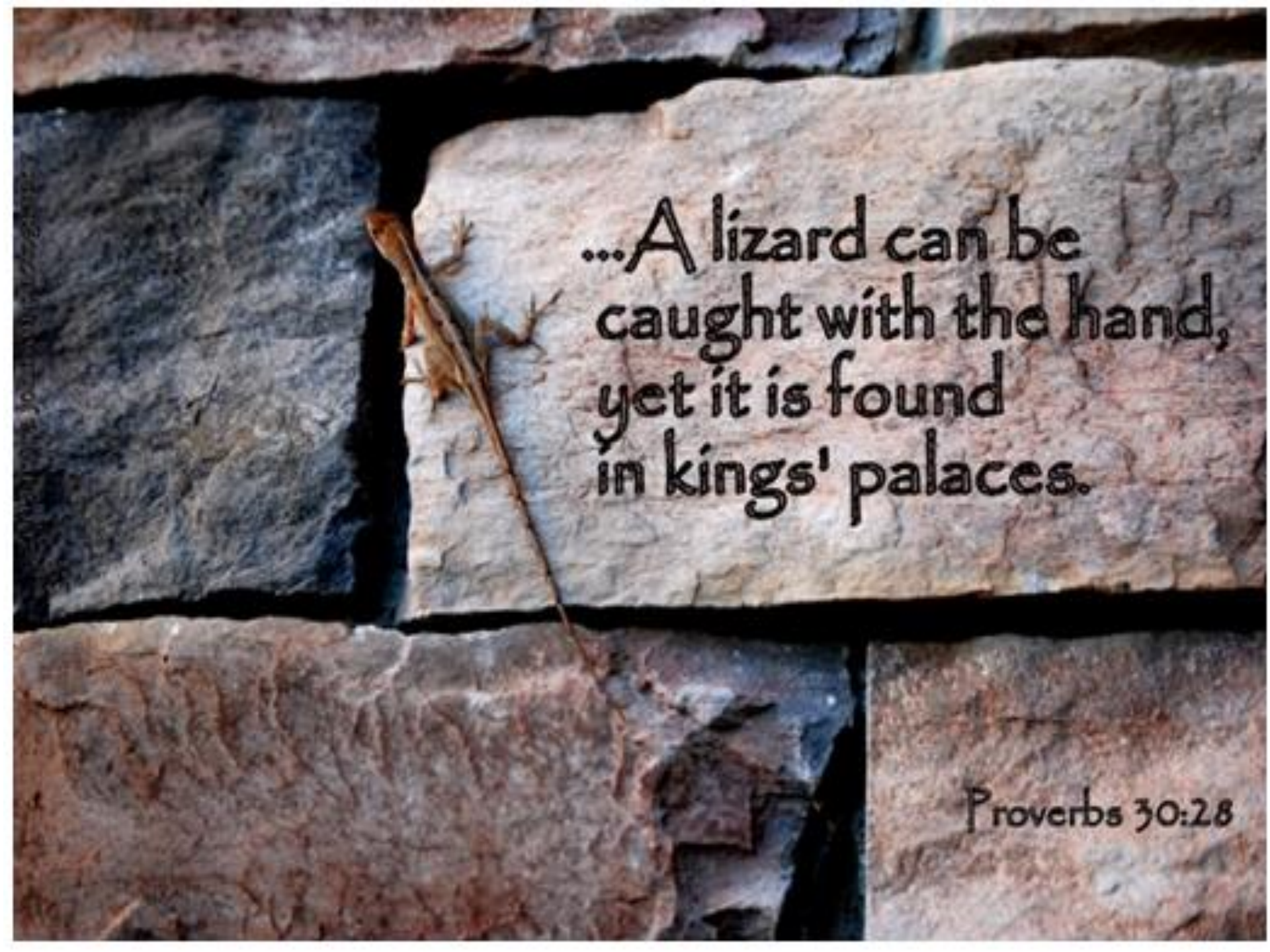
Our security is found by living together in community with other believers.

**28 The lizard you may grasp with the hands,
Yet it is in kings' palaces.**







A photograph of a stone wall with a lizard on the left side. The wall is composed of large, irregularly shaped stones in shades of grey, brown, and tan. A small, brown lizard is perched on the edge of a stone block. To the right of the lizard, there is a large, light-colored stone block with text inscribed on it. The text is in a black, serif font. In the bottom right corner of the image, there is another stone block with text inscribed on it, also in a black, serif font.

...A lizard can be
caught with the hand,
yet it is found
in kings' palaces.

Proverbs 30:28

**28 The lizard you may grasp with the hands,
Yet it is in kings' palaces.**

Weakness: Small and frail.

Strengths: Lives in the kings palace.

Application: Life is paradoxical. A paradox is a statement that doesn't seem to make sense; but when understood, makes a lot of sense. In fact, a paradox says something that couldn't be said as well any other way.

Paradoxes of the Christian Life

- We must die to live.
- We must give to receive.
- The way to spiritual wealth is spiritual poverty.
- The way to be great is to be small.
- The way to rule is to serve.
- We are exalted by being humble.
- We are made free by becoming slaves.
- We find by losing.
- We live in the world but are not of the world.
- Our weakness is our strength.
- Because of Christ, the small and the frail, the nobodies and the nothings, the unworthy and the outcasts will one day live with the King of Kings.

Our security is found not in ourselves but in our King.

Summary –

- 1. “Today is summer, work now, for winter is coming” - wisdom of the Ant***
- 2. “Stay close to the Rock” - wisdom of the Badger***
- 3. “Live in close community with other believers”
- wisdom of the Locust***
- 4. “Walk humbly knowing that God chooses the weak and frail to live in heaven with Him, the King of the universe” - wisdom of the Lizard***