

# Welcome to Holly Hills Bible Church

Service  
to start at  
10:30 AM

## **Prelude**

**In My Heart There Rings a Melody  
Standing on the Promises; Wonderful Words of Life**

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### **Today Is Palm Sunday: The Triumphal Entry**

**The disciples...brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,**

**“Hosanna to the son of David;**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;**

**Hosanna in the highest!”**

**Matt 21:6-9**

**Zach 9:9**



## Announcements

Please pray for Brian Anderson who is recovering from an ear surgery and sepsis. Also for Kathy Ford who is recovering from a recent surgery.

Continue to pray for the Driedgers as we seek the Lord's direction in bringing them here.

Mike and Donna plan to visit with Tom Mallinson in Houston this week. We continue to hope that he can come back to Denver.

Please continue to pray for Russ McLerran and Bob Lockwood and their families.

Also – no Wed. night Bible Study at the Doyle's home this coming week.

## Open My Eyes, That I May See (204: 1,2,3)

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

### *Refrain:*

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

## Open My Eyes, That I May See (204: 1,2,3)

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

### *Refrain:*

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

## Open My Eyes, That I May See (204: 1,2,3)

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.

### *Refrain:*

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

## Face To Face (617: 1,3,4)

Face to face with Christ my Savior,  
Face to face, what will it be,  
When with rapture I behold Him,  
Jesus Christ Who died for me!

### Refrain:

Face to face I shall behold Him,  
Far beyond the starry sky,  
Face to face in all His glory,  
I shall see Him by and by!

## Face To Face (617: 1,3,4)

What rejoicing in His presence,  
When are banished grief and pain,  
When the crooked ways are straightened,  
And the dark things shall be plain.

### Refrain:

Face to face I shall behold Him,  
Far beyond the starry sky,  
Face to face in all His glory,  
I shall see Him by and by!



## Face To Face (617: 1,3,4)

Face to face! O blissful moment!  
Face to face, to see and know,  
Face to face with my Redeemer,  
Jesus Christ Who loves me so.

### Refrain:

Face to face I shall behold Him,  
Far beyond the starry sky,  
Face to face in all His glory,  
I shall see Him by and by!

## Hiding in Thee (521: 1,2,3)

O safe to the Rock that is higher than I,  
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly,  
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be,  
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in Thee.

### Refrain:

Hiding in Thee, Hiding in Thee,  
Thou blest "Rock of Ages,"  
I'm hiding in Thee.

## Hiding in Thee (521: 1,2,3)

In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,  
In times when temptation casts o'er me its power,  
In the tempests of life, on its wide heaving sea,  
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in Thee.

### Refrain:

Hiding in Thee, Hiding in Thee,  
Thou blest "Rock of Ages,"  
I'm hiding in Thee.

## Hiding in Thee (521: 1,2,3)

How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,  
I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my  
woe,

How often, when trials like sea billows roll,  
Have I hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul.

### Refrain:

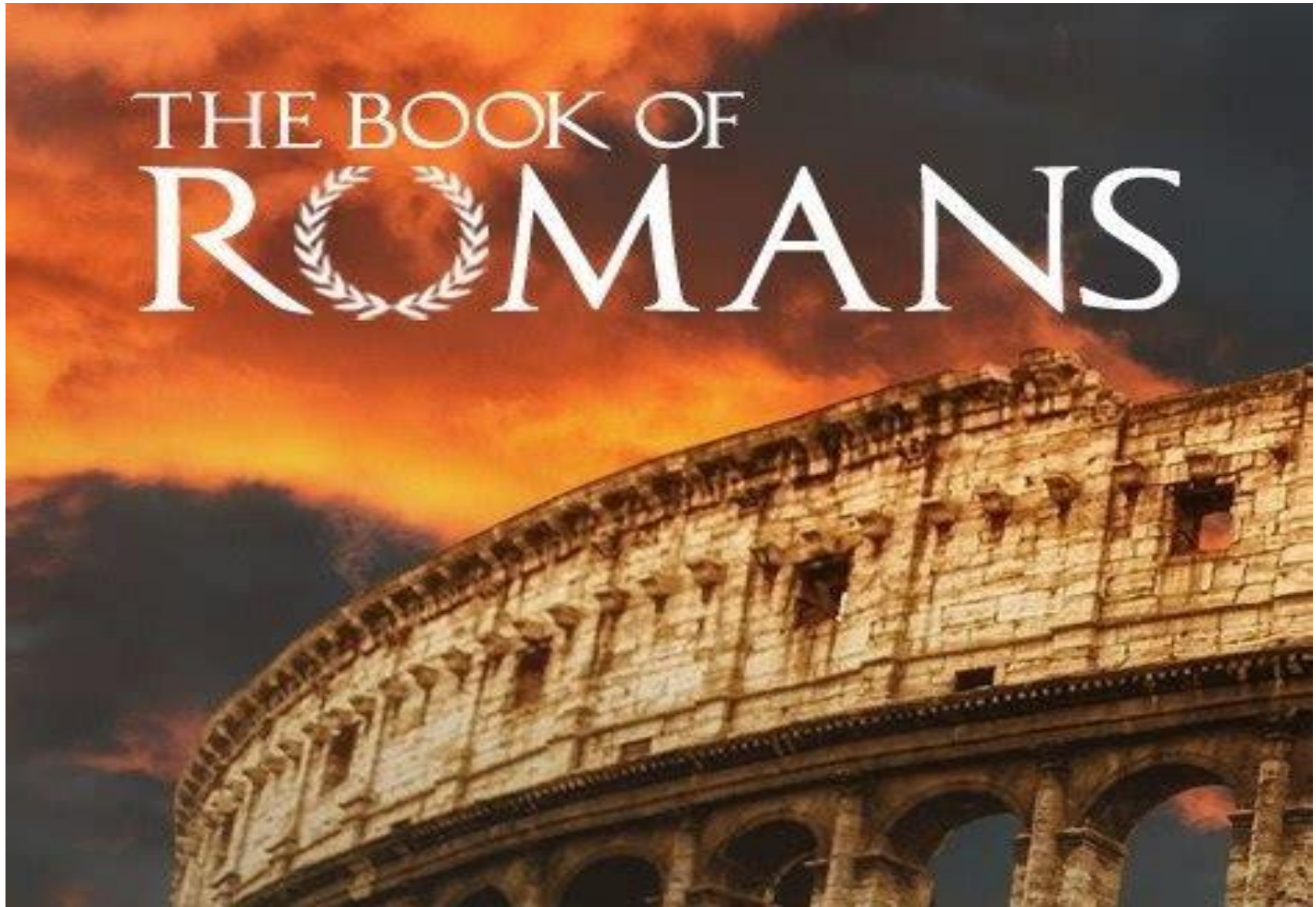
Hiding in Thee, Hiding in Thee,  
Thou blest “Rock of Ages,”  
I’m hiding in Thee.







# Romans 14:1-4 The Strong Believer and the Weak Believer





# The Chapter 13 to 14 Transition\*



- Chapter 13 dealt with living in the world as a Christian
  - Paul counseled submission to human government
  - Love for all people while we actively wait for our Lord to appear
- Chapter 14 is about how should we conduct ourselves among other believers
  - When our interpretation of God's will conflicts with that of another believer
  - Paul explained how believers can disagree on nonessentials and still maintain unity in the church

# Chapter 14 Overview of verses 1-12



## Key Points by McCalley

- The weak believer was the one who had associated what we would call a neutral thing (i.e. meat) with an idol.
- The strong believer was the one who said it's only a thing (i.e. meat).
- The question is how are these two believers to relate to one another?

## Outline by D.J. Moo

- This paragraph divides into three sections: vv. 1-3, 4-9, and 10-12.
- The divisions between the sections are marked with similar rhetorical questions [Who or Why].

## Outline by D.J. Moo (cont.)



- Who are you who is judging the servant of another?  
(v. 4a)
- Why are you judging your brother? (v. 10a)
- The first (vv. 1-3) and the third (vv. 10-12) state in almost identical language the main point of the paragraph:
- **The strong** are not to have “contempt” of the weak; **the weak** are not to “judge” the strong (vv. 3a and 10a).
- In the central section, vv. 4-9: Paul provides the theological foundation for these commands:
- Every Christian is a servant of the Lord; and it is to that master [Jesus Christ] and not to any other fellow servant, that the believer must answer.

# Today's Verses



- 1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.
- 2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.
- 3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.
- 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



<sup>1</sup> Now accept the one who is weak in faith, *but* not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.

Now, the one being weak in the faith, [you] receive, not for passing judgment on reasonings Interlinear

now - *de* – connective - new topic in living the Christian life

[you] receive - *proslambanō* – lit: to take to oneself

- present tense continuous action
- imperative – God's will
- middle voice – for your own benefit
- signifying a special interest on the part of the receiver [the strong believer], suggesting a welcome Vine

the one being weak

- a believer with a conscience issue McCalley

<sup>1</sup> Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for *the purpose of* passing judgment on his opinions.



being weak - *astheneō* - to lack strength [of his conscience]

- next we have the modifying words “in the faith”
- the faith is the body of truth given to the church [body of Christ] by the apostles
- Jude 1:3b I [Jude] felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.
- So the one being weak is:
  - Not strong in his beliefs
  - Not rooted and grounded in Christian teaching
  - But he is not to be criticized for it!

*hapax* – once for all delivered and perpetual validity

\* McCalley





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[you receive] **not for passing judgment on reasonings** Interlinear

- Now we are given a warning about our interaction with the weaker brother
- the strong believer is to do as follows:

**not for** – lit: not with a view to

**passing judgment on** [weak believer] **reasonings/opinions**

- [not to be] a critical analysis of his inward reasonings Wuest
- The weak believers' opinions or reasonings are most often wrong\* - see Rom 1:21, 1 Cor 3:21
- So the weak believer had the wrong opinion about what he was eating\*
- We are to accept the person, but not the opinion\* \*McCalley

<sup>2</sup> One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.



One man indeed [Gr. *men*] believes to eat all things, but [Gr. *de*] the one being weak eats vegetables Interlinear

- *men* – on the one hand [point]
- *de* – on the other hand [counterpoint]

**point:** one man indeed [*men*] believes to eat all things

- one man – in context the strong believer
- believers - *pisteuō* - to be persuaded of, to trust –  
present tense - continuous action
- *pistis* [faith] to Paul was essentially a just principle  
from the word of God edited Wuest

to eat all [*pas*] things

2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables *only*.



**counterpoint:** but [de] the one being weak eats vegetables

- the one – the weak believer
- being weak - *astheneō* - to doubt, to hesitate, to vacillate  
present tense – continuous action
- spoken of those whose minds are easily disturbed Vine
- eats - *esthiō* - "to eat" (as distinct from *pinō*, "to drink")
- vegetables - *lachanon* - literally a plant in tilled ground, hence a garden plant, herb
- indicating that the one to whom Paul has reference was a vegetarian\*
- The weak believer was a product of an inadequate understanding of God's Word and an over-sensitized conscience.\*

\* Wuest

3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.



- Now Paul gives us God's principle for living the Christian life:
- This principle applies to both "the one who eats" and "the one who does not eat"

1<sup>st</sup> - The one who eats

is not to regard with contempt - *exoutheneō* - to make of no account, to regard as nothing, to despise utterly

- this is not to be the continuous action of **the strong**
- Luke 23:11a And Herod, with his soldiers, treated Him [Jesus] **with contempt** and mocked Him...

the one who does not eat – the weak brother

<sup>3</sup> The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.



2<sup>nd</sup> - the one who does not eat

is not to judge – *krinō* - to judge in the sense of to criticize

- again this is to be the continuous action of **the weak**
- John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

**the one who eats** – the strong brother

- Paul follows this statement with more teaching about the strong believer\*
- There is a reason why we are not to judge the strong believer\*

\* McCalley

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for God has received Him

Interlinear

- from the verse we can see that this is speaking about **the strong** brother

**received** - *proslambanōto* - take to oneself: middle voice: signifying a special interest on the part of the receiver, and aorist tense

- The aorist points to a definite time [event] when he believed on Christ
- This is what **the weak** believer is to understand about the strong believer

Wuest



4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



Who are you the one judging a household servant belonging to another

Interlinear

who are you – who is Paul speaking to?

[the one] judging - *krinō* - to judge in the sense of to criticize  
(again this is a continuous action)

- now Paul will describe **the strong** believer in two ways:

**a household servant** - *oikētēs* - a domestic servant

1 Pet 2:18a **Servants**, be submissive to your masters with all respect.

**belonging to another** - *allogrios* - belonging to another  
[i.e. not your servant]

4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



## To his own master he stands or falls

**master** – *kyrios* - a lord, one who exercises power

- notice it is to **his own** [*ho*] master
- this is a definite article which makes it a specific master

**he stands** - *stēkō* - figuratively, where the context indicates the meaning “standeth upright” Vine

[he] **falls** - *piptō* - of persons, in falling morally or spiritually

- The strong’s master is responsible for what happens to him

4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



and he will stand

and or but – *de* – sharp contrast

will stand - *histēmi* - to cause to stand; in the passive voice, “to be made to stand” – future tense

- Paul assures the weaker brother that the stronger brother would stand approved by God
- indeed, he shall be made to stand Wuest
- Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and **to make you stand** in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy.

4 Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



for the Lord is able to make him stand

- for the Lord – the Lord is one performing the action
- is able - *dynateō* - to be mighty, to show oneself powerful
- to make him stand - *histēmi* - to cause to stand  
[aorist, an event]
- This is a declaration of the Lord's power in making the believer stand

# Final Thoughts\*



- It is his own [the believer's] Lord who is concerned.
- It is His [the Lord's] interest which is involved.
- And to Him [the Lord], not to others, he [the believer] must answer as he stands or falls.
- But [indeed] he shall be made to stand.

\* Denny/Wuest







“...do this, in remembrance of Me.”



## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this **in remembrance of Me.**"

25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of Me.**"

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

## Crown Him With Many Crowns (18: 1,5)

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne,  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthems drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless Lord  
Through all eternity.

## Crown Him With Many Crowns (18: 1,5)

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise,  
For Thou for us has died,  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days  
Adored and magnified!