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It's Already done

GOD'S WORD,
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John 12:46

I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

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Pastor Troy Taylor's Scripture reading for Wednesday evening's message on January 15 came from Psalm 51:9 & 109:26-27 and Isaiah 37:26. He titled his message "It's Already done" which has been a subject in his spirit for a long time.

The revelation that God gave him on the subject is that all that we've ever needed the Lord to do for us has actually already taken place. Jesus has already done it and made a way for us. [Side note: speaking of it already done speaks of past tense; it is something that the Lord has already done.] Jesus is not trying to come up with a means, way or a method to get you through or to bring the church through or to get the church out or for the church to be raptured. He's not trying to

come up some kind of way now to work that out. It's already been provided for and the way is already figured out and worked out from a long time ago.

To reassure us Pastor Taylor used Scriptures to encourage us and let us know that the Lord has already taking care of matters for us. In 1st Peter chapter 1 and verse 3 shows us that our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again. Which means that He had already begotten us and we were already called by God. So you if we need forgiveness for our sins, need healing for our bodies or salvation for our souls it has already been provide for. Therefore, whatever we need is already taken care of by the Lord.



Pastor Troy Taylor
picture provide by Bro. Adam Day

Genesis chapter 3 points out that verse 15 is the first prophesy concerning the Messiah - the coming of the Lord. After Adam and Eve sinned and messed up verse 15 is the Word of the Lord to the devil (Lucifer the enemy) where He said that He'd put enmity between the devil and the woman and his seed and her seed

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Stretching Forth and Pressing Forward

Pastor Troy Taylor's very first message for the year 2020 came from verses 7 through 14 in chapter 3 of Philippians and he titled his message "Stretching Forth and Pressing Forward in the name of the Lord."

When most preachers preach on this portion of Scripture they concentrate on

the latter verses where it says "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." But in this message Pastor Taylor is focusing on the beginning verses where Paul is addressing the weakness and short comings of the flesh as well as pride. In these verses Paul is telling us that we can't rely or



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It's Already Done

and that it would bruise his head and in return he would bruise His heel. Which is speaking of Calvary, the Crucifixion, and the suffering that the Lord Jesus was going to go through for us, a prophesy thousands of years ago speaking of the coming of the Lord and about how there's going to be victory through Jesus Christ, through the Cross and the Crucifixion of the Lord.

Another verse that speaks of this already being taken care of is verse 9 of chapter 1 in 2 Timothy. It says that He has already saved us and called us with a holy calling not according to works but according to His own purpose which was given in Christ Jesus before the world began. And if you're

not, you ought to be glad the He has already done it because if you need help, it's already provided for. Or if you need a friend or salvation or if you just need encouragement He is there for you!

Verse 24 of Isaiah chapter 65 tells us that the Lord will answer before we even call. He said, "...it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." How could that possibly be? That's because the Lord has already been out to the end time and He is working His way back to us. He says I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. So we don't have to worry about tomorrow or next week because the Lord knows about all the

tomorrows and by the grace of God if there is a tomorrow He will bring us to and through that tomorrow.

He knows about the troubles of life therefore we don't need to fret or stress ourselves over these things. What we really need to do is trust in the Lord more. The Bible tells us not to lean to our own understanding but to trust in Him and in all other ways acknowledge Him because He will bring it to pass. We're doing God a disservice if we're relying on our own abilities, understanding and ways to get through things. We have to get back to trusting the Lord because He knows what's best for us and has the best things for us.

The secret to happiness is to count your blessings . . . not your birthdays

Stretching Forth and Pressing Forward

have confidence in the flesh because it will fail and let you down. But he said because of his training and education if anyone could rely upon or have confidence in the flesh it was him.

Paul was a Pharisee of Pharisees and had a very strong zeal in his heart for the Lord, but because he had not had a revelation about it his zeal was misplaced. And it was through this zeal that he persecuted the church that he thought was wrong and in error. Then Paul said that he was willing to trade off all his training and education and confidence in the flesh to put his zeal where it really belongs. Paul went on to say that the most important thing for him was to win Christ and know Him up close, have a relationship with Him and be filled with His Spirit. In other words he wanted to know the Lord for himself.

By the law Paul knew he was blameless for his persecutions but he knew that because of sins and the revelation of sins and the need for Jesus Christ and the blood of Calvary he wasn't perfect and had a long way

to go. As we, today, are not perfect should admit that we are not there yet and have a whole lot further to go. Therefore we need to be like Paul and strive to catch that which has caught us. We need to follow after God with all of our heart and seek Him with all we have and refuse to quit and back up or let go. Let's seek after Jesus to follow and serve Him. As Paul said in Philippians 3:12 he had not already attained or got there yet, neither have we and for some people that is a big revelation.

We are all sinners saved by the grace of God and we are all in need of mercy and forgiveness every day. If God didn't grant mercy and grace for us where would we be? Our next breath is held by the Lord and every step we take is permitted by God. We are here because of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness even though we don't deserve it or earned it. Jesus Christ came and shed His blood and made it possible for us to have mercy and grace.

And because we haven't got there

yet we need to keep striving for it as well as to keep working out our own salvation with fear and trembling. It is astounding to fall on the hands of the Living God. And the morale of this story is that we have not made it yet and we've got to keep walking today, tomorrow, next week and if there's a next week we have to keep walking and with God's help we'll keep doing it.

But we have to have a goal because without a goal we won't make it and our goal has to be to win Jesus. There has been a lot of talk about heaven and we all want to go to heaven but more importantly we need to want to win Jesus. Yes heaven has houses and streets of gold and gates of pearl and that is going to be most incredible. But the most incredible thing about heaven is that we are going to look in the face of the One that shed His blood and died for us and He did it because of you. So keep striving to stretching forth and pressing forward to win Jesus Christ, your Savior.

The Parallel between Israel and the Church Pt 3 of 3

taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course

1. Israel is God's elect according to race—an earthly people; the church is God's elect according to grace—a heavenly people.

Israel was God's chosen people: "For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name" (Isaiah 45:4). "And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there" (Isaiah 65:9). (See Romans 11:28.)

The church is God's elect—God's chosen people according to grace. "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace" (Romans 11:5). Here, Paul referred to a remnant of Israel who converted to Christ and were now part of the church. (See 1 Peter 5:13; Luke 18:7; 2 Peter 1:10.)

2. Those in Israel come from Isaac, who was of a miraculous birth. Those in the church enter it by a miraculous new birth.

The seed of Abraham came through Isaac, for he was the child of promise, being of a miraculous birth. Sarah, Abraham's wife, was barren, but God performed a miracle and gave them a son. (See Romans 9:7-9.)

Paul used this as a figure of the miraculous new-birth experience that believers receive: "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise" (Galatians 4:28).

3. The purpose for which God chose Israel is similar to the purpose for which He chose the church.

God chose Israel to be a witness of His power among the idolatrous nations and to be the nation through whom the blessing of God would reach the entire world. (See Genesis 12:3.) Some of the Gentiles accepted Jehovah as the true and living God because of what they saw Him do for His people. Rahab the harlot is a good example.

God chose the church to be a witness of His power among sinners and to be the means by which the gospel is preached to the ends of the earth. Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).

4. Many of the promises originally made to Israel also apply spiritually to the church.

God promised to fight for Israel: "Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you" (Deuteronomy 3:22). Israel's wars were in the flesh with carnal weapons. God gave the same promise to the church; however, our weapons are spiritual, not carnal: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" (2 Corinthians 10:4).

God promised Israel, "They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble" (Isaiah 65:23). God also promise the church, "forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

In Isaiah 62:6-7, God told Israel that He would set watchmen on the watchtower of Jerusalem who would not be silent day or night until God made Jerusalem the praise of the earth. God also has watchmen in the church who travail in prayer, so that His people may be the praise of the earth. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth. . . . Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:13-14).

5. Many of the warnings originally give to Israel also apply to the church.

In Leviticus 26:15-17, God warned Israel that if they did not keep His

commandments, He would be against them and their enemies would defeat them. Paul warned the church not to be arrogant but to fear, for God would cut them off as He did Israel, unless they continued in His goodness (see Romans 11:20-22).

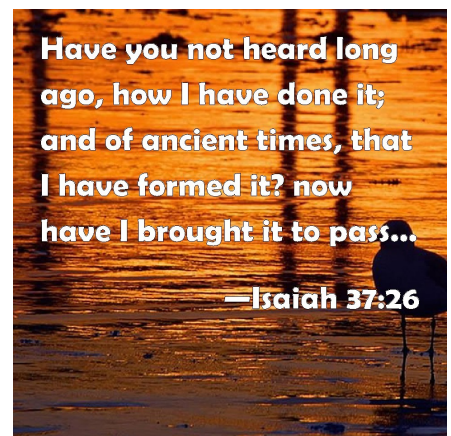
Paul continued this thought in 1 Corinthians 10:5-11. Here, Paul use the judgments that fell upon Israel to warn the church not to murmur as they did or to tempt Christ as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents. He summed this up saying, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

6. The church is chastened as was Israel.

"For who the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (Hebrews 12:6). Although chastened, the church has the promise of being "more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). In spite of the strength of his enemies, Paul was persuaded that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

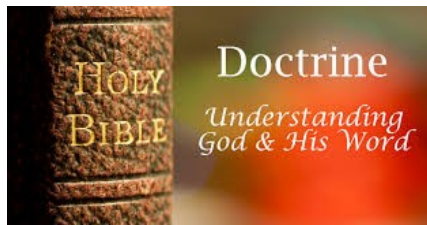
Have you not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass...

—Isaiah 37:26



Who Was Jesus?

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The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, each tell the thrilling story of the life of Jesus Christ for all men everywhere. Just who *was* this man who captivated so much attention as He walked the shores of Galilee, healing the sick, preaching in the villages, and teaching about a kingdom that was to come? How fortunate that we know Jesus was “God manifested in the flesh.” (1 Timothy 3:16) How wonderful to know the real reason for the remarkable power to do miracles.

In the Gospels you can read to find out how Jesus called His disciples and how they left all to follow Him. You can also realize that Jesus expects us to be led by His Spirit and follow His examples and teachings.

As you read, you will understand the real reason Jesus came to earth, which was to call sinners to repentance. (Mark 2:17) God expects us to *share* in His ministry by loving others

and helping them to find reality in serving Jesus Christ. We can help others understand that the One True God can and will help them as they help others. This is a sharing ministry. There is no room for selfishness.

Do you understand the true nature of Jesus Christ? How did He do the healings and miracles that He did? Because God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. (2 Corinthians 5:19) When Jesus was questioning His followers, asking, “Whom do men say that I, the Son of man am?” They answered in many ways, such as, “Some say you are John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” But Jesus was much more specific. He said, “But whom do *you* say that I am?”

Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16) Jesus answered and said, “Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, which is in heaven.” (Matthew 16:17)

Then Jesus gave Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven. From that time, He told His disciples of the things that were to happen to Him in

the near future. Peter was later to use the keys or authority given him on that day by Jesus Christ as he preached on the Day of Pentecost and established the Church of the living God.

Who *was* Jesus Christ? What did Isaiah say about Him? Isaiah did not know God’s real name, but he prophesied and said, “His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.” Isaiah also pointed out that His name would be called Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, *God with us*. Jesus was really god, clothed in human flesh and dwelling among us. He who knew no sin found it necessary to share our grief and sorrow, so that He might pay the debt we owed for our sins. Only then, through a sinless sacrifice, could we be brought back into perfect fellowship and harmony with God. All mortals had their sin debt “paid in full” once and for all by Jesus’ death on the cross. This great and tragic event marked the end of the era in history. No more must we offer sacrifices once a year for our sins. Jesus paid the supreme sacrifice, and He did it willingly.

God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

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The next time you feel like God can’t use you, just remember....

Noah was a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Leah was ugly
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid
Samson had long hair & was a womanizer
Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
David had an affair & was a murderer

Elijah was suicidal
Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
Peter denied Christ
The Disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
Zaccheus was too small
Paul was too religious
Timothy had an ulcer..AND
Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses!
God can use you to your full potential.
Besides you aren’t the message, you are just the messenger. In the Circle of God’s love, God’s waiting to use your full potential.

Spend an Hour with God



Spend an hour with God? It's easier than you think. Break it up into 5 minute blocks and focus on the following during each 5 minute segment:

1. PRAISE

Start your prayer hour by praising the Lord. Praise Him for things that are on your mind right now. Praise Him for one special thing He has done in your life in the past week. Praise Him for His goodness to your family. (Psalm 34:1)

2. WAITING

Spend this time waiting on the Lord. Let Him pull together reflections for you. Think about the hour before you and the things you want the Lord to do in your life. (Psalm 27:14)

3. CONFESSION

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you anything in your life which might be displeasing to Him. Ask Him to point out attitudes that are wrong, as well as specific

acts for which you have not yet made a prayer of confession. Now confess that to the Lord and claim 1 John 1:9 so that you might be cleansed for the remainder of the hour before you, and then pick up and read the Word. (Psalm 51:1-19)

4. READ THE WORD

Spend time reading promises of God in the Psalms, in the prophets, and passages on prayer located in the New Testament. Check your concordance. (Psalm 119:97)

5. PETITION This is general request for others, praying through the prayer list, the prayer cards, or personal prayer interest on behalf of yourself and others. (Hebrews 4:16)

6. INTERCESSION Specific prayer on the behalf of others. Pray specifically for those requests of which you are aware. (Romans 15:30-33)

7. PRAY THE WORD

Now take the Scriptures and start praying the Scriptures as certain sections of Psalm 119 lend themselves beautifully to prayer expression. (Psalm 119:38-46)

8. THANKSGIVING

Spend these minutes giving thanks to the Lord for things in your life, things on behalf of the church, things on behalf of your family. (Philippians 4:6)

9. SINGING

Take your hymnal and sing a prayer song, sing a praise song, sing a song regarding soul winning or witnessing. Let it be a time of praise. (Psalm 59:17)

10. MEDITATE

Ask the Lord to speak back to you and keep a paper and pen handy, ready to relate the impressions that He makes upon your life. (Psalm 63)

11. LISTEN

Spend time merging the things you have read from the Word, the things you have prayed, the things you have thanked the Lord for, the things that you have been singing, and see how the Lord brings them all together to speak to you. (1 Samuel 3:9-10)

12. END WITH PRAISE

Praise the Lord for the time you have had to spend with Him. Praise Him for the impressions that He has given you. Praise Him for the prayer requests He raised up in your mind. (Psalm 145:1-13)

The Book of Joshua

The book of Joshua is named for the most famous member of the Israelites in the generation after the death of Moses. The book describes the history of that generation of Israel who crossed the Jordan River and entered the promised land of Canaan. Their battles and faithfulness have a place among the greatest accounts of faith in the Old Testament. Joshua led the people to defeat the adversaries who opposed God's people. He then oversaw the division of the land into the tribal allotments. Finally, Joshua renewed the covenant between the people and Jehovah.

The author of the book of Joshua is not identified in the Bible and otherwise remains anonymous. If Joshua himself did not originally compose the book that bears his name, then it may be presumed that someone who knew him and his deeds recorded the work. There are numerous references throughout Joshua that suggest a final formation of the book after his lifetime. These include the death of Joshua and descriptions of memorials or names that are said to remain "unto this day" (Joshua 4:9; 5:9; 6:25; 7:26; 8:28-29; 9:27; 14:14; 15:63; 16:10; 22:3; 23:8-9).

The accounts in the book of Joshua occur in the period immediately after Moses' death. This was a new generation, not the one that had left Egypt. The story of Joshua is thus set when the nation of Israel first appeared in the land west of the Jordan river—the land that would bear their name. In Judges 11:26 Jephthah, who lived around 1100 B.C., said that Israel had been given the regions of Canaan for 300 years. First Kings 6:1 states that the exodus occurred 480 years before Solomon's fourth year as king (966 B.C.), thus dating the end of the wilderness journey and the beginning of the conquest around 1406 B.C.

Commission of a new leader: Chapter 1 establishes Joshua as a divinely appointed leader and the successor to Moses. God addressed Josh-

ua directly, promising both the land that He promised to Moses (Deut. 34:4) and His divine presence (Josh. 1:3-5). The commands to be strong and courageous (Josh. 1:6,7,9) define the mission of Joshua. The miraculous crossing of the Jordan river was God's means of exalting Joshua in the eyes of all Israel (Josh. 4:14).

Holy War: Joshua's military leadership recurs throughout the first 12 chapters of the book. Its theological dimensions raise questions about the extermination of all people from the land. How could a loving God allow such a slaughter? Appeals to the sovereignty of God and His wrathful judgment may be made. A complementary explanation focuses on the exceptions of Rahab's family and the Gibeonites, who escaped divine wrath through their confession of faith in Israel's god (Josh. 2:8-13; 9:9-10, 24-15).

Land is an inheritance: Joshua's allocation of the land in chapters 13-21 continued the process already begun by Moses in Transjordan. Insofar

as God was giving this land to His people as an inheritance, the tribal allotments take on a covenantal character. This land inheritance formed the material wealth of the families of Israel.

The covenant between God and Israel: The covenant making over which Joshua presided dominates the book. It is explicitly detailed in Josh. 8:30-35 and 24:1-28. In both of these sections, Joshua's leadership established Israel in a close relationship with Jehovah. God's grace enabled the nation to occupy its land and to worship Him alone. The circumcision and Passover celebration in chapter 5, as well as the theological role of the tribal allotments as part of Israel's covenantal inheritance from God, suggest that fulfillment of the covenant is an integral part of the book.

God as holy and as deliverer: The character of God is evident throughout the book, especially in terms of His holiness and His saving acts. Divine holiness occurs in the ceremonies

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The Jordan River was at flood stage when God commanded Joshua to lead the people across. Just as when God opened the Red Sea. He provided a dry path through the Jordan when the priests, bearing the ark of the covenant, touched the edge of the river. This picture gives some idea of what the Jordan would have been like facing Jericho. Up until the 1950s, more than 3 billion cubic feet of water flowed through the southern Jordan annually. With construction of a number of dams on the Jordan north of the Sea of Galilee on the rivers that feed the Jordan, that volume of water has been reduced to 300 million cubic feet a year.

The Book of Joshua

where God separated Israel from the other nations (Josh. 4:19-24; 5:1-3, 13-15; 22:26-27; 24:26-27). The saving acts of God are clearly represented in the military victories of the people.

Just as Joshua's leadership begins with the death of Moses, so the book of Joshua follows and completes the book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy serves as a means by which the new generation of Israelites renewed their covenant with God. The book of Joshua provides the means by which God fulfilled His part of the covenant. God gave them victories, but each victory required a step of faith. God's pro vision for the people as their leader and guide bore witness to later gen-

erations of the divinely willed leadership for Israel, and His gracious gift of the land showed how the people's faithful fulfillment of the covenant could result in abundant blessing.

The book of Joshua should be seen as a land grant, similar to the land grants and suzerain treaties of the ancient Near East. The suzerain, who was Israel's God, gave to His people the land that they were meant to receive. There are three major parts to the structure of the land grant.

(1) A review of the history and events leading up to the gift of the land. This occurs in chapter 1 and its discussion of what has brought Joshua to this

point—the death of Moses. Chapters 2-5 detail the preparation for the acquisition of the gift of the land. Chapters 6-12 describe the battles that were fought as background to the receipt of the land. (2) The allotment of the territories to the tribes and families of Israel. The many specific names and towns of this part of the text provide a particularity to the gift that affirms it was an authentic fulfillment of God's promise to His people. (3) A renewal of the covenant. Here the key parts are the stipulations of the covenant that require loyalty to God alone (Josh. 24:14-15) and the response of the people that they agree to these demands.

God's Wisdom for Daily Living *provided by Pastor Curtis Taylor*

God Is Everywhere

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3

Hell and Destruction are before the Lord
So how much more the hearts of the sons of men. Proverbs 15:11

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord
Like the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He wishes. Proverbs 21:1

God Knows Everything

For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord,
And He ponders all his paths. Proverbs 5:21

There is no wisdom or understanding
Or counsel against the Lord. Proverbs 21:30

The Lord has made all things for Himself,
Yes, even the wicked for the day of doom. Proverbs 16:4

God Knows Everything

Steadfast in the Faith

God has given many promises to His people. If we will only believe Him, His precious and sure promises can be ours. But if we are to partake of them, we must remain faithful to Him and to His Word.

Israel serves as a constant reminder and example of those who refuse to obey God's law. Because they hardened their heart against His will and words to them, they died in the wilderness, not being allowed to enter into the Promised Land that God prepared for them. Of all the people in

the generation who came out of Egypt, only the faithful Joshua and Caleb enjoyed the full promises of God. Unbelief and hardness of heart robbed the others of God's promised blessings.

The Scriptures admonished us not to allow the same unbelief will rob us of wonderful promises of God. Ultimately, unbelief will keep a person from entering into that final state of heavenly rest in the world to come.

If we will only be faithful to God, who is faithful to us in everything, we

will one day live eternally with Him in heaven.



Daily Scripture Reading



Luke 11:3
Give us day by day our daily bread

| Day | Book | Chap | Day | Book | Chap | Day | Book | Chap |
|--------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| Feb 1 | Ex | 38-39 | Feb 12 | Lv | 27 | Feb 23 | Num | 26-17 |
| Feb 2 | Ex | 40 | | Num | 1 | Feb 24 | Num | 28-30 |
| | Lv | 1*3 | Feb 13 | Num | 2-3 | Feb 25 | Num | 31-32 |
| Feb 3 | Lv | 4-6 | Feb 14 | Num | 4-5 | Feb 26 | Num | 33-34 |
| Feb 4 | Lv | 7-9 | Feb 15 | Num | 6-7 | Feb 27 | Num | 35-36 |
| Feb 5 | Lv | 10-12 | Feb 16 | Num | 8-9 | | Deu | 1 |
| Feb 6 | Lv | 13-14 | Feb 17 | Num | 10-12 | Feb 28 | Deu | 2-3 |
| Feb 7 | Lv | 15-16 | Feb 18 | Num | 13-14 | Feb 29 | Deu | 4-6 |
| Feb 8 | Lv | 17-19 | Feb 19 | Num | 15-16 | Mar 1 | Deu | 7-9 |
| Feb 9 | Lv | 20-22 | Feb 20 | Num | 17-20 | Mar 2 | Deu | 10-12 |
| Feb 10 | Lv | 23-24 | Feb 21 | Num | 21-22 | Mar 3 | Deu | 13-16 |
| Feb 11 | Lv | 25-26 | Feb 22 | Num | 23-25 | Mar 4 | Deu | 17-19 |

Only Jesus' death could purchase our freedom.

January Messages

01/05 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Stretching Forth and Pressing Forward." Scripture reading: Philippians 3:7-14

01/08 Wed - Keying off verse 9 of 1 Peter 2:9-10 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on 'Our Identity.'

01/12 Sun AM - After reading Mark 2:1-5 & 11-12 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Just Because We Haven't Seen it, it Doesn't mean the Lord can't do it."

Sun PM - During the youth service Pastor Troy Taylor preached on 'Fellowshipping with the Lord.'

01/15 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "It's Already Done." Scripture: Psalm 52:9 & 109:26-26 and Isaiah 37:26.

01/19 Sun - Reading from Psalm 68:1-

3 and Malachi 4:2-3 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Let God Arise."

01/22 Wed - After reading chapter 13 of Genesis Pastor Dale Taylor taught on 'Abram and Lot.'

01/26 Sun - Although there was no formal message preach due to the intense Spirit of the Lord that filled the house Pastor Troy Taylor did speak briefly on the 'Strongholds in our lives.'

01/29 Tue - Pastor Troy Taylor showed a video of Bro. Nathan Harrod preaching "Divine Discontent" at the 2020 Louisiana BOTT.

The way to get
to the top is to get
off your bottom.

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

Proverbs 6:9 NASB



February 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Outreach 10 AM |
| 2 Morning Service 10 AM | 3 | 4 | 5 Evening Service 7 PM | 6 | 7 | 8 Outreach 10 AM |
| 9 Morning Service 10 AM | 10 | 11 | 12 Evening Service 7 PM | 13 | 14 | 15 Outreach 10 AM |
| 16 Morning Service 10 AM | 17 | 18 | 19 Evening Service 7 PM | 20 | 21 | 22 Outreach 10 AM |
| 23 Morning Service 10 AM | 24 | 25 | 26 Evening Service 7 PM | 27 | 28 | 29 Outreach 10 AM |

Without God we are Nothing!

Chef's Corner

SLOW-COOKED SWISS STEAK

Ingredients

- 1 (4- to 6-pound) beef round steak, thinly sliced into 16 pieces
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- Salt and black pepper
- Vegetable oil
- 2 cans (about 14 ounces each) diced tomatoes with mild green chiles
- 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 1/2 cup mushrooms
- 1 package (1 ounce) swiss steak seasoning



Directions

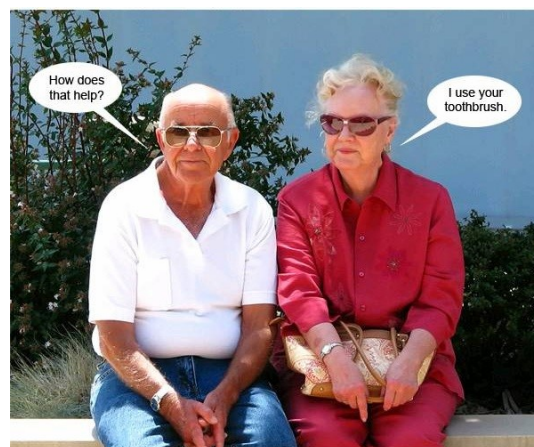
1. Coat beef with flour, salt and black pepper. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef; brown 3 to 4 minutes on each side.
2. Combine beef, tomatoes, bell pepper, onion, broth, carrots, mushrooms and steak seasoning in slow cooker. Cover; cook on LOW 8 hours or on HIGH 6 hours.

Makes 6 to 8 servings

Serving Suggestion: Serve with mashed red potatoes or noodles, fresh vegetables and bread to soup up the gravy.

On The Lighter Side

Submitted by Ms. Judy Mattox



A sign of Old Age that may be Creeping up on You:

You and your teeth don't sleep together....

Ezra 3:11–12

Every word listed in capitals below is contained within the group of letters. Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read either forward or backward. The leftover letters form a verse from Proverbs 1.

“And they sang TOGETHER by course in PRAISING and giving THANKS unto the Lord; because he is good, for his MERCY endureth for ever tOward ISRAEL. And all the people SHOUTED with a great shout, when they PRAISED the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

“But many of the priests and LEVITES and chief of the FATHERS, who were ANCIENT men, that had seen the FIRST HOUSE, when the FOUNDATION of this house was laid before their EYES, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy.”

— Ezra 3:11–12

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Answer to last month's Puzzle

Windows of Opportunity





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May the Lord's rich blessings rest upon you in Jesus' name.

Pastor Troy Taylor

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Wed. Evening Worship 7:00 PM
Saturday Outreach 10:00 AM



The Reason We Serve

taken from the In Touch Magazine

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

23. AND WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT HEARILY, AS TO THE LORD, AND NOT UNTO MEN;

24. KNOWING THAT OF THE LORD YE SHALL RECEIVE THE REWARD OF THE INHERITANCE: FOR YE SERVE THE LORD CHRIST.

Read: Colossians 3:23-24

In His Word, God commands us to serve one another. However, there will inevitably be difficult people in life, who make this mandate challenging.

Thankfully, a biblical definition of service can help us obey the Lord's instruction, no matter who the recipient may be. And the reason is that God is actually the one whom we serve.

When we have this motivation underlying everything we do, it will impact the quality of our work and keep us from becoming discouraged. The, whatever our task – whether we lead a country, teach children, or do something that seems unattractive – if our goal is to glorify God, we will do our best in His strength. And we trust Him to use us for His purposes, even if our labor should appear fruitless to us or to others.

When I was a child, I had to wake up before daylight to deliver newspapers. Even in rain or snow, I still had to complete the job. This was hard for me to do. Then the Lord impressed upon my heart that I was not merely bringing papers to people in my town; I was serving Jesus. As I understood this truth more, waking up and working was purposeful and doable. Truthfully, I still did not always feel like facing the work, but feelings were no longer relevant. I was serving my Maker.

Whomever God calls us to serve, and whatever He tells us to do, we can obey with joyful hearts when it's done for Jesus. If this is our motivation, we won't need worldly approval or evidence of impact. We need to know only that God is pleased and promises to reward those who serve Him (Heb. 11:6)