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The Value of a Scar

GOD'S WORD,
OUR FOUNDATION

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are they which do
hunger and thirst after
righteousness: for they
shall be filled.

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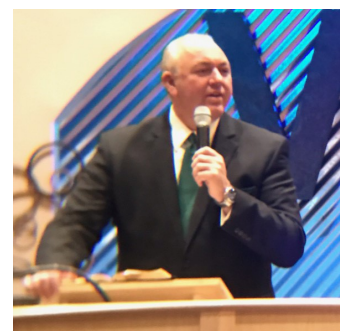
Sunday, February the 2nd, Victory Tabernacle was truly blessed when Rev. John Hodum of Nashville, TN spoke to the congregation on the subject of "The Value of a Scar" with his Scripture reading coming from the Book of St. John chapter 20 verses 25-27.

He began by telling us that from the time we were born and took our first breath we began life with a scar. We call it a belly button but when it comes right down to it, it is a scar. Yes when the doctor snips that umbilical cord and it becomes our belly button it is actually a scar in our flesh. And from that moment on life has a way of leaving scars on us and in us in different manners and different ways.

The Bible tells us that God created everything that was created and after each creation

He said that it was good. But when God formed man from the dust of the ground He didn't say that it was good, He said that it was very good. But a few verses later we find that God is saying that it was not good. Is this a contradiction to His own words? No it is not, reason being is that man doesn't understand the value of something without a scar.

So God opened up the flesh even though He saw that it was very good it wasn't good enough. God want to give man something that he could value. So He opened up the flesh and removed a rib from Adam and created him a mate which Adam called woman (woman). Now that's Adam's first scar but where is her scar? Her scar is from her labor in bringing forth children through struggle and joy



Rev. John Hodum

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which she will remember until the end of her time.

So you see we get scars from the beginning of time whether they be visible or invisible scars. Although we can be without any other visible scar except the one we were born with we will have those invisible scars. And one day out of the blue something

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The Blood Still Speaks

The context of Pastor Taylor's message he preach Sunday morning, the 9th of February, comes in a larger context where the writer of Hebrews is addressing how Moses went to Mt. Sinai to receive the law. This was a place where Moses feared exceedingly and quaked but we as Christians are coming to Mt. Zion, unto the city

of the Living God and heavenly Jerusalem to a innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn instead of going to Mt. Sinai like Moses did. Yes, we are coming different than Moses, we are coming to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant.

The theme of Hebrews is a

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Pastor Troy Taylor

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The Value of a Scar

will happen in our life that will trigger the remembrance of that invisible scar and we will react to in in so many different ways. Just as Thomas said, after the other disciples told him that Jesus was alive, I don't believe you and until I see the scar for myself I will not believe. Thomas place such a value on a scar that his entire faith hinged on seeing the scar and that tends to be our hang-up with trusting God. We don't believe He has a scar that matches ours. Yes we can believe Him for somebody else but we can't believe Him to take care of ours. So you see we have a lot of faith in God in a lot of different areas but when it comes to those invisible things in our minds it's something else. It is not the physical that inhibits us from producing for God nearly as much as it is the invisible.

We can develop faith because the Bible says faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. And we can let it

grow as long as it is for someone else. We can have faith in the Pastor to deliver and bring us the Word but when it comes to this point is where we fail to allow our faith to develop simply because of the scars that we've placed such a value on. We have put our whole belief system (and everybody has a different one) on the value of the scars that has happened in our lives no matter what they are.

Let's look at when the 5000 were fed. Although Phillip said that if they had 200 pennyworth they couldn't feel all the multitude but there was a little boy with some fishes and loaves of bread that Jesus blessed and brake and give to the disciples to give to the multitude. And after all had ate there was 12 bushels left over. This was a miracle but the miracle was not in Jesus' blessing and breaking the bread it was in the disciples taking that one piece of bread and giving it to the multitude. So the miraculous took place not in

the hands of Jesus but when Jesus simply said to those men that had ever kind of scar you could name take what I gave you and you give it to the multitude.

So you see the miraculous happened when the disciples realized that it really had nothing to do with what value system they had placed on their scars but it was the value system God had placed on their scars. God can take our scars and make them totally different in our lives. He can take whatever has hindered our past for our past and change it because all it takes is a Word. If we are willing to take that Word and overcome the scar we can feed a multitude. And the miraculous will take place when we understand that the value system God has for scars are totally different that the value system we have for scars.

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

The New Covenant

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

The need today is not for a new way, a new messiah, or a repackaging of the old. We must adhere to the New Covenant, allowing our perfect High Priest (Jesus Christ) to make intercession for us. He is the sum of everything we need for salvation.

Repentance, Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, and the infilling

of the Holy Ghost are essential elements of the new birth; however, they are only significant through Jesus and His atoning death on Calvary. He is the sum total of all we need, and the power behind every element of salvation.

The exciting part of Hebrews 8 involves the willingness of God to put our sins out of commission for good. When He forgives, He forgets. When He says, "I forgive," He will never bring that sin up again. What a blessed truth!

Jesus Christ has laid out all the plans and provision for our redemption; it is now up to us to obey His commandments. Jesus said if we love Him we will keep His command-

ments. We are no longer the servants of sin; we are the sons of God! He has adopted us into His family, and now we belong to Him.

Old Covenant (ברית הישנה)	New Covenant (ברית החדשה)
Static - Written on stone	→ Dynamic - Written on hearts
Glorious	→ More Glorious
Was to end	→ Will never end
Ministry of Death	→ Ministry of Life
Ministry of Condemnation	→ Ministry of Reconciliation
Powerless to save	→ Powerful to Save
Outer Form (flesh)	→ Inner Reality (spirit)
Law of Moses	→ Law of Messiah
Law of sin and death	→ Law of the Spirit of Life
Law of works (<i>mitzvot</i>)	→ Law of Faith (<i>emunah</i>)
Shadow	→ Substance
Many sacrifices	→ One Sacrifice
Yearly atonement	→ Eternal Atonement
Earthy Tabernacle	→ Heavenly Tabernacle

The Blood Still Speaks

better covenant which is the blood of sprinkling (referring to the blood of Jesus) that speaks of better things than that of Abel's blood. We all know the story of Cain and Abel and how Abel's offering was accepted by God and Cain's offering was rejected. And how Cain's rejection turned him to jealousy that rose up in him and he murdered his brother committing the first murder of all humanity. And Abel's blood cried out to the Lord from the ground.

Abel did right and his brother did wrong in that he rose up and slew his brother. Therefore Abel's blood was regarded as righteous in that he was a righteous man. Even Jesus in Matthew 23:35 noted that Abel was considered to be a righteous man. So the reference is that Abel's acts brought on the recognition of God as him being a good and righteous man.

But there is a better blood that speaks even more than the blood of righteous Abel and it is the blood of sprinkling which was the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Abel's blood was righteous blood but the blood of Jesus is of the Holy One of God, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. So if Abel's blood spoke then how much more does the blood of Jesus speak to us today? Just one drop of His blood can save the whole world, wash our sins away, remit all of our mistakes, failures and mess-ups. Yes, all it takes is just

one drop of the powerful blood of Jesus Christ.

We don't hear too much about the blood being preached on anymore. As a matter-of-fact a lot of churches don't even mention the blood any more. They've taken it out of their song books and don't really have any regard or proper respect for it anymore. Many of us have avoided reading the subject of Calvary and sufferings of the Lord because it is so hard on us. But all the suffering, the shedding of blood, and pain that He endured was for all mankind. And what has been written about it doesn't even come close to giving justice to all the pain and suffering He went through.

But it is there (in the Bible) for us to read and understand because that is what He did for us. His blood was shed for all our sins and Calvary was the result of our sins. He knew no sin nor did He commit any sin but He shed His blood for all of us. So if Abel's blood spoke that day, how much more does the blood of Jesus Christ speak for all humanity? Abel's blood spoke for his own righteousness but Jesus' blood speaks for all of our needs, hang-ups, mess-ups, failures, and sins.

The Bible says we've all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Therefore on our best day we still need a savior, the blood of Jesus. We need

the covering and power of the blood tomorrow and every day after. Although none of us are worthy nor deserving His blood was shed for all mankind because we all need mercy, grace, forgiveness, and God's help.

So if the blood still speaks what is the blood saying? It is saying that we can have forgiveness of sins, walk in the newness of life, and have our bodies healed as well as mercy, grace and salvation for our souls. The blood is not just for Abel, it is for all of mankind. Do you think for a minute that Jesus would have went through what He went through if man could do it all without any blood? No, because it requires a blood sacrifice and He was willing to give the ultimate price so that we can have salvation.

In the blood is the double cure. It is atonement for our souls and healing for our bodies. It doesn't matter what you are going through physical or mentally the blood of Jesus can heal you.



In Disguise

by Cindy Hess Kasper

In the weeks after a woman's husband survived a heart attack, they often thanked God for sparing his life. She was asked many times during the next few months how she was doing. Her answer was often a simple one: "Blessed. I feel blessed."

Blessings, however, come in different sizes and shapes. In fact, we don't always recognize them. Even when we are doing everything we think God wants us to do, we may still experience

suffering. We are sometimes surprised that God does not answer the way we want or that His timing appears to be tardy.

We see this in Joseph's life. From a human perspective, we would think that God had forgotten all about him. For more than a decade, Joseph experienced suffering. He was tossed in a pit, sold into slavery, falsely accused, unjustly put in prison. Finally, however, God's faithfulness to him became

evident to all as he was lifted up as a ruler of Egypt and saved many people from famine (Gen. 37-46). C. S. Lewis wrote: "When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given it its place."

God had always had His hand of blessing on Joseph, as He does for all who trust Him. "Oh, how great is Your goodness" (Ps. 31:19).

Sis. Sherry's Column

GOD IS ALWAYS ON TIME! TRUST HIM!

God has his own sense of timing: 'With the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day' (2 Peter 3:8, AMP). He has perfect timing: never early, never late. God is never in a hurry, but he is always on time. We see in today's passages that the Lord is sovereign over the future (Daniel 4:32). 'We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth' (2 Peter 3:13). God is going to vindicate his people (Psalm 135:14). But what do we do while we are waiting for God to do what he has promised to do? When your prayers don't seem to be answered, you may be tempted to stop trusting the Lord and start chasing other 'gods'. Trusting in the Lord may seem a little old fashioned. But the psalmist says, 'God, your name is eternal, God, *you'll never be out-of-date*' (v.13, MSG). The great biblical truth is that you become like that in which you put your trust. If you put your trust in 'gods' of silver or gold, then you will be like them – spiritually lifeless, blind and deaf (Psalm 135:16–18). If you trust in God, you will be filled with life and joy as you become like him.

Keep trusting God, 'For the Lord will *vindicate his people* and have compassion on his servants' (v.14). 'God stands up for his people, God holds the hands of his people' (v.14, MSG). Hence, the psalmist calls the people of God to praise and fear the Lord (vv.19–21). You need to remain totally dependent on God and look for him to vindicate you. When things aren't working out as you wish, be patient. Stop trying to move ahead of God. His timing is perfect. Trust him. When we look at all the evil in the world – all the wars, violence, institutional torture, horrific crimes and the amount of suffering – we might wonder why Jesus does not come back now and sort it all out. Why does God delay? Why has the Lord not returned already? In 2nd Peter: Peter warns us that people will

mock us and say, 'So what's happened to the promise of his Coming?' (v.4, MSG). He says there is a very good reason for the delay. The reason that the Lord has not come already is to give people more time to repent.

God is not in a hurry. 'With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day' (v.8). God is not being slow in keeping his promise. Rather, the delay comes from his patience: 'He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance' (v.9). 'God isn't late with his promise as some measure lateness. He is restraining himself on account of you, holding back the End because he doesn't want anyone lost. He's giving everyone space and time to change' (v.9, MSG). Repentance is all about a change of direction in our lives. It is turning away from all the bad stuff in our lives and turning to Jesus. By giving people time to repent God is lovingly holding the door open for their salvation.

'Interpret our Master's *patient restraint* for what it is: salvation' (v.15, MSG). This theme of salvation is one of the great themes of Paul's letters, and so at this point Peter refers to them. I find it encouraging that he describes them as sometimes 'hard to understand' (v.16) – if we struggle to understand them, we now know we are in good company! Significantly, Peter then goes on to compare them with the Old Testament ('the other scriptures', v.16). In doing so, he demonstrates that the early church and apostles understood the New Testament writings as having the same divine authority as those of the Old Testament. The Lord will come at a time when we don't expect him ('like a thief', v.10). The world as we know it will be 'laid bare' (v.10). There will be 'a new heaven and a new earth' (v.13). The New Testament vision of the future is not so much of people 'going up to heaven' – rather it is that there will be 'a new heaven and a new earth' (v.13).

Despite the mockers who scoff at the delay in Jesus' return, you can

trust that it will take place and that the 'new heaven' and the 'new earth' is a certain future hope. Again and again, Peter points out that God is faithful to his word and his promises (vv.2,5,7,9,13). The truth is that what God says will definitely happen. The way to prepare for this certain, but delayed, future is 'to live a holy life' and 'daily expect the Day of God, eager for its arrival' (v.11, MSG), and 'be found living at your best, in purity and peace' (v.14, MSG), and to 'grow in grace and understanding of our Master and Saviour, Jesus Christ' (v.18, MSG). Grace is undeserved love. You grow in grace as you turn to the Lord, dependent on him in every situation you face, bringing your needs to him day by day, as you eagerly expect his return. Daniel 4:19–5:16: Pride comes before a fall – as I have discovered many times in my life. Everything we have comes from God. We are dependent upon him for our next breath. He is in control of the past, present and future. Thanksgiving prompts humility.

'When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude', wrote G. K. Chesterton. It is relatively easy to pass on a message of encouragement from the Lord. It is less easy to convey a message of rebuke. Daniel found it perplexing and alarming, but he was obedient to the Lord (4:19 onwards). The mistake Nebuchadnezzar made, and that all of us possibly make from time to time, is to think that what he had achieved was all his own doing: 'Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by *my* mighty power and for the glory of *my* majesty?' (v.30). Be wary of using 'I' and 'my' in this way! The lesson that God had to teach Nebuchadnezzar, and sometimes has to teach us, is that *everything you have is a gift from God* – 'the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes' (v.32).

Our spiritual gifts, bodies, families, homes, intellect, looks, money,

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sporting abilities – are all gifts from God. Your reaction to any success should not be one of pride or self-congratulation, but one of praise and *thanks to God* – honouring him and exalting him for what he has given you (vv.34–37). Nebuchadnezzar took things for granted and failed to give thanks and glory to the Lord for what the Lord had done for him. Rather, he saw it all as the work of his own hands. When Nebuchadnezzar was restored he realized that everything he had came from God. Instead of taking the glory himself, he thanked and glorified God, ‘singing and praising the King of Heaven’ (vv.34–37, MSG).

Humility does not mean pretending that you do not have what you have, but rather it means recognizing the source of what you have, and giving the praise where it is due:

‘Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything *he* does is right and all *his* ways are just’ (v.37). His testimony is summed up with these words, ‘He knows how to turn a proud person into a humble man or woman’ (v.37b, MSG). Daniel says to Nebuchadnezzar, ‘So, king, take my advice: Make a clean break with your sins and start *living for others*. Quit your wicked life and look after the needs of the down-and-out. Then you will continue to have a good life’ (v.27, MSG).

The next generation did not learn the lessons of the past. King Belshazzar broke the command to worship God alone, and ‘praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone’ (5:4). As with Nebuchadnezzar, beneath the surface there was a deep-rooted fear in Bel-

shazzar’s life – he did not have peace with God. Both were warned by God and told what to do. The difference is that Nebuchadnezzar repented, humbled himself, acknowledged and thanked God, whereas Belshazzar did not. Daniel himself was ‘well known for his intellectual brilliance and spiritual wisdom’ (v.11, MSG). He was full of the Holy Spirit. There must have been a great temptation to pride. Yet Daniel remained humbly dependent on God, giving him all the glory and honour and thanksgiving.

ALWAYS TRUST GOD AND HIS TIMING! HE ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT WE NEED AND WHEN WE NEED IT! SOMETIMES WE GET OUR NEEDS CONFUSED WITH OUR WANTS. GOD WILL PROVIDE OUR NEEDS - JUST TRUST GOD AND HIS TIMING!

February Baptisms

Sunday, February 9, 2020, Randall Floyd was baptized in the glorious name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins.

Also on Sunday, February 23, 2020, Julius Watkins, age 9, was baptized in the glorious name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins.



Randal Floyd being baptized.

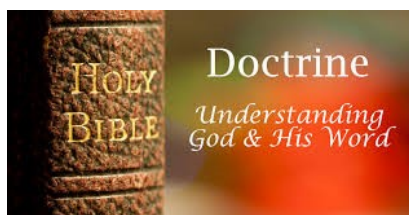


Julius Watkins being baptized.

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Sin & Repentance

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Sin

Who has sinned? The Bible clearly states that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (Romans 3:23 and James 1:15) The psalmist David reinforced this truth when he said, "There is none that doeth good, no not one." (Psalm 53:3)

Because of one man's disobedience, many were made sinners. (Romans 5:19) Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sin came into the world. As all sin must be punished, Adam and Eve were driven from their beautiful home, the Garden of Eden. All mankind everywhere must also suffer their other punishments, too, which included suffering, toil, and finally, death.

Yes, because of sin, death was introduced. But when Jesus Christ suf-

fered death on the cross for our sins, He arose the third day, conquering death, hell, and the grave. He arose as a victorious Christ! No more would Satan have dominion over death and the grave. Jesus suffered the atonement that we might have eternal life. He literally *redeemed* us from Satan by His supreme sacrifice.

Repentance

Because of Adam's disobedience, all men are born in sin, and, no matter how good they may try to be, they must follow God's plan in order to be saved. Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born of water and of the Spirit. (John 3:5) On another occasion, Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

God has always been very specific in His instructions. He made the plan of salvation very clear, which is to repent, be baptized in Jesus' name for remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:38)

Who preached repentance? John the Baptist preached it (Matthew 3:1-2); Jesus preached it (Matthew 4:17);

Jesus commanded the Twelve to preach it (Luke 24:47); Jesus commanded the seventy to preach it (Luke 10:9); then both Peter and Paul preached it (Acts 2:38 and Acts 20:21).

After our Lord gave Peter the keys to the kingdom, and Peter used his authority on the Day of Pentecost, the standing multitude asked an important question, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" The first thing Peter told them was, "Repent."

How do you repent? Tell God you are sorry for your sins. Ask Him to forgive you, and He is *willing* and *just* to forgive you of your sins. Turn away from sins. the scripture says that godly sorrow worketh repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10) If you are *really* sorry and turn away from sin, resolving never to do those things again, you are ready for baptism, which is the second step in the plan of salvation.

Dear God, I have a problem, it's me.

Submitted by Sis. Lois Kilgore

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

God Is Sovereign

The king's hear is in the hand of the Lord like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. Proverbs 12:1

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

God is Holy

Those who are of a perverse hear are an abomination to the Lord, but such

as are blameless in their ways are His delight. Proverbs 11:20

For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, but His secret counsel is with the upright. Proverbs 3:32

These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift

in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19

Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord, though they join forces, none will go unpunished. Proverbs 16:5

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord but those who deal truthfully are His delight. Proverbs 12:22

To be Continued next month

The Book of Esther Part 1 of 3

taken from the Pentecostal Bible Study Course

Many think Mordecai authored this book. During this period of history, he, along with the majority of the Jewish nation, lived in exile in the Persian Empire. This fact, coupled with his intimate knowledge of Esther's actions, would qualify him to describe in minute detail the palace's banquets and customs. He was a righteous man who understood God's dealings with His chosen people.

Most scholars think King Ahasuerus was the Persian king Xerxes. Interestingly, French archeologist excavated Xerxes' palace and found that its floor plan matched the details given in the Book of Esther exactly.

The main characters of this book are King Ahasuerus, Queen Vashti, Esther, Mordecai, and Haman. Esther was a Jewish orphan, born during the exile and raised by Mordecai after the death of her parents.

II. Divisions of the Book

There are two main topics in the Book of Esther:

1. The rejection of Queen Vashti and the crowning of Esther in her place.
2. God's providence in delivering His chosen people when they were facing death.

III. Rejection of Queen Vashti (Chapter 1)

Queen Vashti disobeyed the command of King Ahasuerus to flaunt her beauty before his nobles at the feast. Therefore, the king deposed her for her disobedience.

Some see the queen losing her exalted position as a type of the Jewish nation, which was called the "married wife" before God divorced her as a nation. In this view, God then called out the church, consisting of born-again Jews and Gentiles, to be a people for His name.

The parable in Matthew 21:33-41 illustrates this point. The householder

planted a vineyard, rented it out to certain farmers, and went into a far country. When harvest time came, he sent his servants to receive the fruits of the harvest. The farmers beat one servant, killed another, and stoned another. Later, he sent more servants, who met the same fate. Finally, he sent his son, saying, "They will reverence my son." However, they plotted among themselves and killed the son. When Jesus asked the Jewish religious leaders what the lord of the harvest should do to those servants, they answered that he should destroy those men and rent out his vineyard to other farmers who would give him fruit in its season. The Lord first rented out His vineyard to Israel, who killed the prophets and stoned those sent unto them (Matthew 23:37). He then rented out His vineyard to the church, which will give him fruit at harvest time.

Some see the deposal of Queen Vashti as applicable to the church as well. That is, we will no longer be members of the bridal company if we disobey the heavenly Bridegroom and do not manifest the beauty of Christ before a world drunken with sin. The bride must be without spot: "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee" (Song of Solomon 4:7). (See Ephesians 5:27.) We have no right to call Jesus "Lord" meaning Master, unless we keep His Word. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Some teach that once we have been born again, we cannot lose our salvation. Yet Paul said that unless we continue in God's goodness, we shall be cut off, like the natural branches (Israel) were (Romans 11:22).

IV. The Crowning of Esther (Chapter 2)

The virgins had one year of beauty treatments to prepare them to go before the king—six months they used oil of myrrh, which is bitter, and six months they used perfume, which is

sweet odours.

This preparation may typify the bride of Christ, which is purified by both blessings and trials. Daniel 12:10 says, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; ... and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Here we find that the church is tried and made pure. The wicked often scoff at Christians who are going through trials, for they do not understand that these things are necessary to prepare the bride of Christ to stand before the King.

Paul acknowledged that one of his worst trials, which he called his thorn in the flesh, was not taken from him, "lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations" (2 Corinthians 12:7). Therefore, Paul learned "both how to be abased, and ... how to abound" (Philippians 4:12). Song of Solomon 4:16 indicates that it takes both the cold winds of trouble and the warm winds of blessing to make our lives produce the fruit that the Lord will expect to receive when He comes. (See 1 Peter 4:12-14.) In Matthew 5:11-12, Jesus said we are blessed when we are persecuted! Yes, trials are blessings in disguise, according to Christ. Trials bless us in two ways: (1) they purify us and keep us ready for His coming; (2) they increase our reward in heaven. (See James 1:12.)

King Ahasuerus chose only one virgin to replace Queen Vashti. Likewise, many aspire to be in the bridal company of Christ, but only those who qualify will be selected. (See Song of Solomon 6:8-9.) Paul compared the Christian life to a race when he said that many run but only one receives the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24). Only those who obey the rules will obtain the prize; no matter how swift a person may be, he is disqualified if he breaks the rules. No matter how good a life one may seem to live, if he does not follow God's way, he will not be included in the bridal company when Jesus comes again.

Daily Scripture Reading



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

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Mar 1	Deu	7-9	Mar 12	Jos	6-8	Mar 23	Jg	13-16
Mar 2	Deu	10-12	Mar 13	Jos	9-11	Mar 24	Jg	17-19
Mar 3	Deu	13-16	Mar 14	Jos	12-14	Mar 25	Jg	20-21
Mar 4	Deu	17-19	Mar 15	Jos	15-17		Ru	1
Mar 5	Deu	20-22	Mar 16	Jos	18-19	Mar 26	Ru	2-4
Mar 6	Deu	23-25	Mar 17	Jos	20-22	Mar 27	1 S	1-4
Mar 7	Deu	26-27	Mar 18	Jos	23-24	Mar 28	1 S	5-8
Mar 8	Deu	28-29		Jg	1	Mar 29	1 S	9-12
Mar 9	Deu	30-31	Mar 19	Jg	2-4	Mar 30	1 S	13-14
Mar 10	Deu	32-34	Mar 20	Jg	5-7	Mar 31	1 S	15-17
	Jos	1	Mar 21	Jg	8-9	Apr 1	1 S	18-19
Mar 11	Jos	2-5	Mar 22	Jg	10-12	Apr 2	1 S	20-22

*When There's bad news,
our hope is the good news of Jesus.*

February Messages

02/02 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor keying off verse 31 of Acts 8:26-40 preached on "You the Man."

02/09 Sun - Using Hebrews 12:23-25 & 11:4 as his Scripture text, Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "The Blood Still Speaks."

02/12 Wed - Due to flash flood warnings there was no service.

02/16 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "God is Working it Out" with his Scripture reading coming from Romans 8:28.

02/19 Wed - Keying off verse 11 of Exodus 12:11-12 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on 'why they had to get out in a hurry.'

02/23 Sun - Bro. John Hodum preached on "The Way of the Blessed" with his Scripture text coming from Gen 18:16-19

02/26 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor spoke to us about the "Things We Need to Hear." This was a very powerful word from God and this is a message that everyone needs to hear.

There are times
when silence
is golden; other
times it is just
plain yellow.


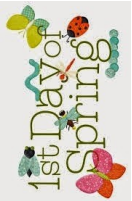
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To every thing there is a season...a time
to keep silence, and a time to speak.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,7

March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Morning Service 10 AM	2	3	4 Evening Service 7 PM	5	6	7 Bible Quiz in Bessemer
8 Morning Service 10 AM  Daylight Savings Time Begins Youth Service 6 PM	9	10 Men's Bible Study - 11 AM	11 Evening Service 7 PM	12	13	14 Outreach Game Day @ 2 PM
15 Morning Service 10 AM	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Evening Service 7 PM	19	20 	21
22 Morning Service 10 AM	23	24	25 Evening Service 7 PM	26	27	28
Outreach Dinner @ 5 PM			Evening Service 7 PM			
29 Morning Service 10 AM	30	31				

Without God we are Nothing!

Chef's Corner

Cornbread Salad

Ingredients

DRESSING:

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 envelope ranch dressing mix
- ¼ teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 2 teaspoons sweet pickle juice

SALAD:

- 2 (6- to 8-ounce) packages cornbread mix, or half a pan prepared
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained
- 2 (12-ounce) cans whole-kernel corn, drained
- 1 cup chopped purple onion
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- ½ cup chopped sweet pickles
- ¼ cup chopped pickled jalapeños
- 1 cup chopped turkey, chicken, or ham (optional)
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 10 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled



Directions

- 1) Mix Dressing ingredients; set aside.
- 2) Prepare cornbread according to package instructions; let cool completely; crumble into large bowl.
- 3) Layer remaining ingredients in order given, except bacon. Top with Dressing, cover; refrigerate overnight, or up to 24 hours.
- 4) Just before serving, top with bacon.

On The Lighter Side



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



You try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you aren't wearing any...

Biblical Agriculture

Explore the world of the Bible as you search through the diagram for all the words that appear in all CAPITAL LETTERS in the word list.

Puzzle provide by Sis. Lois Kilgore

APRICOTS	FIGS	OLIVES	SILLO
ASHES for fertilizer	FLAX	ONIONS	SPICES
AUTUMN plowing	FOREST clearing	ORCHARD	Surplus for TAXES
BARLEY	GARDEN	Plowed by OXEN	THRESHING sledge
Surplus for BARTER	GRINDING of	PEAS	WALNUTS
BEANS	cereals	PESTS removed by	WHEAT
DATES	HERBS	prayer	WHEEL thrasher
DISEASES	MANURE from	PRUNING knife	WINERY
removed by	fertilizer	Crop ROTATION	WINNOWING fork
prayer	MELONS	RUNOFF	
FALLOW	MILLET	SICKLE	

O P P N S E T R X R X S Y W F
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Answer to last month's Puzzle

Ezra 3:11-12

"Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you."

— Proverbs 1:23

T U R N Y O U A T M Y R E
 P N O I T A D N U O F R Y
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May the Lord's rich blessings rest upon you in Jesus' name.

Pastor Troy Taylor

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Services

Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Wed. Evening Worship 7:00 PM
Saturday Outreach 10:00 AM



Requirements for Waiting

taken from the In Touch Magazine

PSALM 25:3-5

3. YEA, LET NONE THAT WAIT ON THEE BE ASHAMED: LET THEM BE ASHAMED WHICH TRANSGRESS WITHOUT CAUSE.
4. SHEW ME THY WAYS, O LORD; TEACH ME THY PATHS.
5. LEAD ME IN THY TRUTH, AND TEACH ME: FOR THOU ART THE GOD OF MY SALVATION; ON THEE DO I WAIT ALL THE DAY.

Read: Psalm 25:3-5

Waiting for God's timing is neither passive nor idle — it takes discipline and commitment. I can think of four basic requirements for successful waiting.

Faith. The Lord's ways and timing are nothing like ours (Isa. 55:8-9). From a human standpoint, He usually does things in a totally different way than we expect. But as we trust Him more, we'll discover that His approach isn't so strange after all. And when we live in harmony with God's will, His timing starts to make sense.

Humility. To wait for the Lord, you must be convinced of your need for Him. Submission to His divine will requires humility — you cannot charge ahead with your own plans and at the same time be fully surrendered to God.

Patience. Are you willing to remain

in your current position until you receive clear divine direction? Pausing for clarity from God does not mean that you disengage and allow circumstances to fall apart around you. Waiting upon the Lord is a deliberate decision that requires patience.

Courage. Waiting for God often takes courage, especially when there is pressure to act. If you're not careful, you might stop listening to the Lord and follow other advice. So keep your ear attuned to the voice of Almighty God, and you won't go wrong.

Waiting upon the Lord is one of the wisest, most important decisions we make in life. And contrary to popular assumptions, it is an active endeavor that requires faith, humility, patience, and courage. When you rely upon God and wait for His timing, the various facets of life fall into place.