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Being Prepared

GOD'S WORD,
OUR FOUNDATION

Proverbs 23:7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Sunday morning as Pastor Troy Taylor came to the pulpit the presence of the Lord was heavy in the house. For just moments before there was Gods people lifting up His name and giving Him praise and worship. And keying off verse 9 of Joel chapter 3 and verses 9 through 13 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on the subject of 'Being Prepared.'

He began by telling us that chapter 3 was prophetic chapter concerning last days events but right in the middle of it in the verses 9 through 13 was a rally cry. It was a call to arms, a challenge, a call out to the might people (men and women) of God. It was a call to arouse and stir themselves to prepare for war because there was indeed a battle coming and the people had to be pre-

pared to fight.

But not only was the might men of valor being called up so was the people that were not warriors or might men of valor. Look at verse 10, he is saying to the agriculture people, the farmers and the working people to beat their plowshares into swords and their pruninghooks into spears. In other words he wants everybody on board and pulling their own weight and getting involved. What he was telling them is that this is a war that everybody need to get involved in. You can't sit idly by and watch from the side lines in this one. He said I want everyone to get involved. Everybody's got a part to play.

Likewise, in these days we're living in we all have a part to play. There's a war raging right now. There's not



Pastor Troy Taylor preaching on 'Being Prepared.'

only a war in our world, but there's a war in our country and our city, as well as politics. There's war in many people's lives and it's a time to prepare for war. It is not time to back down nor get on the side line it is time to get ready to fight this fight.

We're in the midst of a war

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The New Birth Prefigured in Creation

taken from the
Pentecostal Bible Study Course

God's purpose from the beginning has been to perfect a group of people who will be like Christ. Every incident recorded in the Old Testament is written "for our admonition" (1 Corinthians 10:11). Therefore, we find that the Book of Genesis contains several types of Christ, the Savior of the world. Someone has given us a very good definition for *type*: a type is a di-

vinely purposed illustration of some truth. It is no wonder, therefore, that we find Christ in the first verse of the Bible and the new birth prefigured in the story of Creation.

Jesus, the Creator

Jesus said the Scriptures testified of Him (John 5:39). We cannot read the first five

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Genesis 3:15
The Protevangelium or
"First Gospel"

Being Prepared

right now and if we're not aware of that then we must have our heads in the sand somewhere. There's the war against the Church, our families, truth and morality, righteousness and purity, holiness and Godly things as well as just natural normal things. It's a time where they're calling evil good and good evil. But we know that's not right or true. The Bible says woe to them that call good evil and evil good and we still believe in right and wrong, we still believe that there's a heaven and a hell, there's a right way and a wrong way, there's a good and a bad, there's a God and there's a Devil.

There is a war going on right now out there and we have to be prepared for it. If you can't see how the battle is raging then you need to get your head out of the sand. It is time for Godly, righteous people to stand their ground

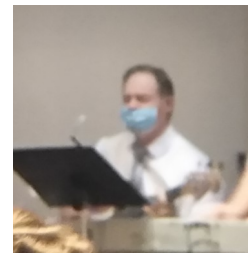
and fight for what is theirs. It is time for people to draw lines in the sand and refuse to be pushed back any further both spiritually and physically. We need to make up our minds and convince ourselves that God is going to take care of us no matter how bad or ugly the world gets.

In the Scripture he says prepare for war, wake up the mighty men. He wouldn't of said wake them up if there wasn't some sleeping. He would not have sent forth His rally cry if it wasn't a need for a rallying cry. The need is there because people are sleeping and are not aware nor are they understanding the time we are living in. This is 2020, these are the last days - wake up Church, wake up mighty men and women of God and realize that these are indeed the last days.

We've got to arouse and stir up

ourselves to the day and time we're living in. Stir up ourselves to the troubles around us and to the needs of people and of this world. Stir up ourselves to what's going on in this world today. It's not a time to be sitting idly by on the sideline. It's time that the Church says enough is enough.

Considering the times that we are living in, I believe this is a message everyone should hear.



Pastor Troy Taylor playing the bass guitar during worship service.

*God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead.
So why should you?*

What is the Bible?

The Bible is *truth*. The scripture says, "Thy word is truth." (John 17:17) It is the inspired Word of God. These are not words of men's wisdom, but the prophecy came when holy men of old were moved by the Holy Ghost to speak and write.

The Bible is a complete library of books! There are sixty-six books in all. These are divided into the Old and New Testaments. The word "Testament" means "Covenant," and is a word by which God designates the relationship between Himself and His people.

In the Old Testament we find thirty-nine books. There are many exciting stories about God's wonderful creation and fellowship in the Garden of Eden. In the Book of Genesis we learn that man fell in sin and was driven from the garden, separated from perfect communion with God. Many

exciting and sometimes horrible consequences happened to man because of the original sin. You will read about these in the first books of the Bible.

The Old Testament contains the calling and history of the Jewish nation. God's chosen people had many wonderful leaders who were devoted to God's cause and fully dependent upon Him. You will read of the fantastic feats of Joseph, Moses, Joshua, David, and many others. Study their lives and accomplishments. Find out what motivated them to do the things they did. What great "cause" did each of them love most of all? Who was uppermost in their hearts and minds at all times? Were they ever selfish in their motives? Were they unkind to others? Study the characteristics of a good leader as you read the true thrilling accounts of Jewish "great" men in the Old Testament. Then ask yourself

this question, "How can this character help me to become a better Christian?"

Because of his separation from God and his knowledge of sin, man needed a savior. Only one who knew no sin could pay the supreme sacrifice for our salvation and buy us back from Satan.

The prophets of the Old Testament often spoke of the coming Messiah, as they preached to the Jewish nation. Joel and Isaiah were the ones who spoke out most frequently. Joel said, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28) Isaiah spoke of the coming Messiah as a sheep led to the slaughter. Peter used Joel's prophecy on the Day of Pentecost when he said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." (Acts 2)

Our Hiding Place



Pastor Troy Taylor preaching on "Our Hiding Place" on Sunday, Sept 20, 2020.

The anointing of the Lord has been enormous at Victory Tabernacle these past few months and with each message a new Word from the Lord is given to all that hear it. And this Sunday (September the 20th) was no different when Pastor Troy Taylor took the pulpit and preached on "Our Hiding Place" with his Scripture reading coming from Psalm 27:5 and 32:7. And this is what the Lord gave him to tell us.

Revelation 6:16 is speaking prophetically of a time coming of trouble and turmoil and terrible events on the earth. Now if you think we're seeing terrible events now, just get your Bible out and read Revelations a little bit. You will read of some serious terrible stuff coming, and we don't know that we're not that far away from some of that stuff happening. We're in the midst of trouble right now but we haven't seen any trouble like the trouble that's coming.

Revelation says they are going to cry out for the mountains and rocks to hide them but they're not going to do it because there's no hiding place down here. Run as far as you want to but you're not going to be able to get away from the trouble that's on this

earth right now. Get as much money as you can get but it won't keep you from facing the trouble that is in the world. No matter what you do you are going to experience some trouble down here on this earth because trouble is on this earth right now.

We all can realize and understand that trouble is on this earth right now. It is in the form of sickness and disease, unrest and chaos, catastrophe and pestilence. And we don't have to go to the book of Revelation to try to find it, all we have to do is open our eyes right now and we can see trouble on every side. There is spiritual trouble out there and darkness all through this world and it's a troubled time right now and there is truly no hiding place down here. But the good news is there is a hiding place. It may not be down here but there is a hiding place and that hiding place is in Jesus Christ. He is the hiding, He is the covering, He is the protector, He is a keeper, He's a refuge, a shelter and a rescuer from the troubles of this world.

Jesus is our hiding place! Jesus is our resting place! There is a refreshing for the people. How in the world could somebody find rest in this world? You can't and the only way to find it is in Jesus. There is no hiding place down here but there is a hiding place under the Blood. There's a hiding place in the refuge of Jesus. And the recommendation is run to Him as fast as you can.

Run to the Name. The Name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run in. We don't just waltz in, we don't just drag in, we don't just walk in, we run to that strong tower. You have to have a hiding place. You need a place to shelter you from the storm. You need a place that you can have safety and security and comfort and rest and peace of mind. There is no peace of mind down here it's just troubles and the more you hear the more your mind can get troubled. The Bible says he that keeps his mind on Jesus will

have perfect peace. We've got to keep our minds on the Lord. We don't have time to get drugged down by the events or troubles of the world. But there is a place of rest, security and hope and that place is Jesus Christ.

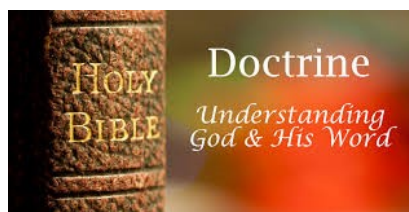
Jesus is the answer and savior of the world. He is the healer, keeper, helper, the way maker, He's the only wise God and the way to heaven. It's all about Him! Jesus is the help for this world right now. We need education, leaders in government and a lot of other things but what we need most trumps everything else and that's Jesus Christ and the Blood of Jesus. Our world needs the Lord and there is no hope outside of Jesus because He is the only hope for this world!



"You need something to shelter you from the storms and that place is Jesus."

Doctrines of the Bible

*taken from Doctrines of the Bible
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In a world where change is inevitable and nothing remains static, it is good to know the Word of God is the same. It never changes, and it will last forever.

The Bible, God's message to men of all generations everywhere, contains simplicity, clarity, and logic. God's messages are as clear and relevant to us today as they were centuries ago to the early Christians. In God's Word we find a clear answer to any problem we might encounter in everyday life. The Bible is as up-to-date as *now*.

Second Coming of Christ

There is a felling of expectancy in the air. Everyone "feels" something great is about to take place. When it will happen, no one knows for sure. But the signs of the times point out one thing very clearly—the Lord of Glory is coming to catch His bride away. Who is His bride? The Church. Those who have made themselves ready and are without spot or wrinkle. Those who have obeyed His com-

mandments and have been washed whiter than snow. Those who have taken on His name in water baptism. Those who have received His Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. A glorious Church! Yes, God has a glorious Church, and He is soon to catch His bride away when He descends from heaven with a shout. What a wonderful day for those who are ready. How sad for those who have not prepared for His coming.

The doctrine of the second coming of Christ is one of the most important ones of the whole Bible. The predictions of His coming are mentioned many times in the Old and New Testaments, which makes us aware that this doctrine is of utmost importance.

Jacob prophesied about the second advent of Christ. (Genesis 49:10) Job also spoke of the second appearance of Christ when he said, "... he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." (Job 19:25)

Jesus promised the disciples He would return and receive His children unto Himself. (John 14:3 and Revelation 22:7, 12, 20)

The second coming of Christ will be literal and personal. "For the Lord himself shall descend." (1 Thessalonians 4:16) The saints of the living God should strive every day to keep themselves prepared and watching for the actual "rapture of the church," which will be the resurrecting of those who have died in Christ, and the catching

away of the living saints, without experiencing death, as were Enoch and Elijah of the Old Testament. The rapture will take place in the twinkling of an eye, and the saints will be changed, to be like Him.

In that day, the saints must have the Spirit actively engaged in their lives in order to be drawn by that magnetic mutual force that will catch them away. This is called the rapture of the church, or the Blessed Hope of the Saints, and is the first phase of His second coming.

The second phase is the appearance of Jesus to execute judgment and to set up His millennial kingdom with His saints. Then every eye shall see him. (Revelation 1:7)

And so shall we ever be with the Lord!



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

Wisdom Belongs to God

The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old.

I have been established from everlasting, from the beginning, before there was ever an earth.

When there were no depths I was

brought forth, when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; While as yet He had not made the earth or the fields, or the primeval dust of the world.

When He prepared the heavens, I was there. When He drew a circle on the

face of the deep, When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, (Proverbs 8:22-29)

The Message and Lifestyle of the Apostles *by Michael J. Wilkins*

The apostles of the New Testament experienced the personal entrance of God into history in the person of Jesus the Messiah, and their lives were permanently changed. *Disciple* designated all those who had believed in Jesus and had followed Him as their Saviour. The title *apostle* designated those who had been commissioned to be leaders of the church and Jesus' representatives with the gospel message. From out of the large group of His disciples, Jesus chose the Twelve to be sent out as His apostles (Luke 6:13-16).

Coming from the verb *apostello*, which means "to send someone away to achieve an objective," the noun "apostle" indicates a "sent one" or "messenger." It occurs in the NT in at least four ways.

FOUR USAGES OF "APOSTLE" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

First, the term is used especially to refer to the Twelve who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' earthly ministry. They were first sent out to Israel with the gospel message of the arrival of the kingdom of God (Matt. 10:1-7), and after Jesus' death and resurrection they were sent out with the gospel message to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20). After Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus and killed himself, another eyewitness of Jesus' earthly ministry and resurrection, Matthias, was added to the Eleven (Acts 1:21-26).

Second, the term *apostle* also refers to those who saw the risen Lord and were commissioned by Him for ministry (cp. 1 Cor. 9:1). This is the sense in which Paul identified himself as an "apostle of Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1). Jesus granted him a unique apostleship to the Gentiles (1 Cor. 15:9-10; Gal. 2:8-9).

Third, the term *apostle* can have the more general sense of "missionary." This was the case for Barnabas (Acts 14:4-14) and perhaps Timothy and Silvanus (1 Thess. 1:1; 2:7).

Fourth, the term *apostle* sometimes refer more broadly to "messengers of

the churches" who were sent out to perform certain tasks (2 Cor. 8:3; Php. 2:25).

These different types of apostles had different roles, but what they had in common was either their encounter with Jesus in His earthly ministry or in His risen and ascended ministry, or else their being directly commissioned by one who had met these qualifications. And their transformation in understanding Jesus' identity as God incarnate offering salvation to the world became the foundation of their message.

DIVERSITY AND UNITY AMONG THE APOSTLES

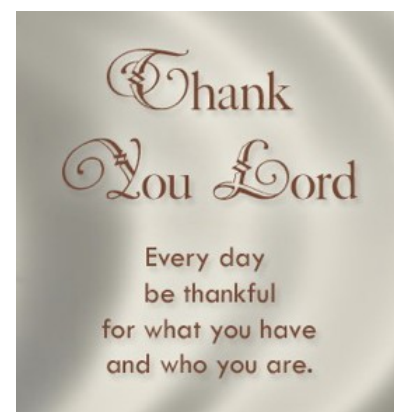
The Twelve displayed a remarkable personal diversity. Peter, Andrew, James, and John were partners in a successful fishing business (Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:9-11). Matthew was a hated tax-collector (Matt. 9:9-13), seen as a traitor because he worked for the Roman occupying government. Simon the Zealot was a revolutionary who was willing to die to liberate Israel from Rome. In normal circumstances these men might be ready to stick a knife in each other, but their individual encounters with Jesus transformed them into a cohesive unit dedicated to declaring Jesus to be the only way to eternal life (cp. John 6:67-69).

Peter's preaching at Pentecost is an example of his dramatic transformation from one who denied Jesus to one who fearlessly preached to the multitudes in Jerusalem. His message was clear: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.... Save yourselves from this untoward generation." (Acts 2:38, 40). For over 30 years Peter traversed the ancient world proclaiming the same message until finally the Roman government executed him. But Rome couldn't silence the message, for the church continued to proclaim the gospel fearlessly in the face of persecution.

The apostle Paul was a former Pharisee (Php. 3:4-6). The Pharisees were well-known critics of Jesus (Matt. 12:14), and Paul himself actively persecuted the church as a Pharisee (Acts 22:3-4). But after his encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus, Paul was radically transformed from an enemy to one who gave his entire life as a servant of Jesus. Paul's own testimony of what produced the transformation is found in his letter to Titus. He speaks of his former life of foolishness, malice, envy, and hatred (Titus 3:3), but then says:

"But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-7).

The apostles seem an unlikely group to be used by Jesus to establish the church and proclaim His message of salvation and transformation. But what empowered them was not their own charisma or powerful preaching, nor an ambition to create a movement. Rather, it was the operation of the Spirit that caused their transformation into the image of Jesus, which then impelled them to proclaim Jesus' glorious message of salvation and hope of change to the entire world.



The New Birth Prefigured in Creation

words of Genesis without reading the words that testify of Him. The first five words are, "In the beginning God created." The apostle John introduced Jesus as the Word made flesh in the first chapter of his Gospel (John 1:1, 14). Moreover, John said, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). Jesus is the God-man, i.e., He is both divine and human. As God, He spoke the creation into existence. In Isaiah 44:24, Jehovah claimed to have stretched "forth the heavens alone." Yet, John 1:10 states that Jesus was in the world, "and the world was made by him," but the world did not know Him. This shows that Jesus of the New Testament is Jehovah of the Old Testament incarnate.

Two Creative Words

In the first chapter of Genesis, there are two acts of creation, which illustrate the first and second births mentioned in the New Testament. It uses two words for creation. "In the beginning God *created* the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). The word *create* is translated from a root word meaning "to create out of nothing." "And God *made* the firmament" (Genesis 1:7). The word *made* is translated from a root word meaning "to form out of a substance already created." God's first creative act gave Him the raw material to use, and in His second creative act He fashioned this raw material into the earth, sky, seas, and everything in them. For example, He divided the dry land from the waters and caused light to shine out the darkness.

First Act of Creation

Now let us note what condition the earth was in after God's first creative act. Genesis 1:2 says, "And the earth was without form, and void." If God had stopped here, the world would

have been of no use to Him and certainly not to humans, for in this condition no human could live upon the earth. Some see this as a type of the new birth. A person who has been born only once is spiritually unregenerated and is simply a mass of corruption. He is alive in a sense, but he is of no use to God or anyone else until the Lord takes this unregenerated person, recreates him and makes him into a person who will walk with God.

Jeremiah 17:9 describes the person who has not been born again: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Romans 3:10-18 also vividly describes the sinful condition of a person who has been born, or created, only after the flesh. After the first act of creation, "darkness was upon the face of the deep" (Genesis 1:2). An unregenerated person is in darkness, for Jesus is "the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9).

Something else happened before God's second creative act: "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2). Similarly, the Spirit of God moves (or brings conviction upon) the unsaved soul. Without this conviction, no one could be saved, for Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father . . . draw him" (John 6:44).

Second Act of Creation

2 Corinthians 4:6 gives us the authority to view the Creation account as a type of the new birth: "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

God's second act of creation was to divide the water from the land, the light from the darkness, and to bring perfect order out of chaos. God, who brought order out of chaos, can also clam a troubled lost soul. Paul said that the same God who *caused light to*

shine out of the darkness when He created the world, has caused the light of the glorious gospel to *shine into our darkened hearts!* Thus Paul declared, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [or new creation]" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Like the potter who breaks a piece of clay, melts it, and shapes it into an entirely different vessel, so God makes us into a new creation through the new birth.

"For we are his workmanship, *created* in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Ephesians 2:10, emphasis added). We are His workmanship, or in other words, we are the ones God is working on and fashioning into a people who will be like Christ. Paul said that we are *created in Christ*. Therefore, when we are placed into the body of Christ, we are placed there by an act of creation—not the first act of creation, for in Adam (the first creation) all die, but in Christ (the beginning of this new creation) all shall be made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22). Yes, Christ was the beginning of this new order of creation: "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, *the beginning of the creation of God*" (Revelation 3:14, emphasis added). Christ was the first seed planted, which shall bring forth a harvest of recreated beings.

When we preach the message of the new birth in light of the creation account as Paul did, a sinner cannot go away simply hoping to do better in order to earn salvation. For they will see that, since they have not been born again, they are still in their sinful state, a shapeless mass, of no use to God or anyone else. They will see their need of the new birth whereby God makes them into an entirely new person, an instrument suitable "for the master's use" (2 Timothy 2:21). This message makes salvation more than trying to do better—it shows salvation to be an act of creation as mighty and miraculous as God creating the planets in the beginning.

Bible Stories - The First People

by Patricia Summerlin Martin



Adam and Eve Driven from the Garden of Eden

On the sixth day of the creation, God made a man “from the dust of the ground.” He called this man Adam. Now Adam was different from the rest of the things God had created because he was made in God’s own image. This meant that Adam was somewhat like God Himself—not nearly so good and great and powerful, but more so than any of the other things God had made. Because of this, Adam was higher than the animals and able to rule over them. God even let Adam name all the different kinds of animals and birds that he found in his new earth home.

Perhaps as Adam searched for the animals, naming them, he noticed that all the creatures that lived around him had others of their own kind to be with. This made him feel alone and lonesome. We know that God did see that Adam needed a helper, so one day He caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. While Adam was asleep, God took one of his ribs and from it made a woman to be with Adam. When Adam woke up, he was very happy to find the woman. He called her Eve.

In a place called Eden, God made an especially beautiful garden to be a home for Adam and Eve. Friendly

animals of every sort lived in its woods and fields, and birds sang lovely songs from the tops of the trees. Four rivers flowed through the garden and caused many different kinds of plants to grow. The most unusual of these plants were two very special trees that stood in the middle of the garden—the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

It was Adam’s job to take care of this garden; and in return, he and Eve were free to live there and to eat of the luscious fruits and vegetables that were growing there. God gave them only one rule to follow: they were not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge.

What a happy life this couple had! All that they knew was good. God had given them only one rule to follow. As yet there was no sickness nor wrong nor sadness in the world.

Even as far back as the time of Adam and Eve, the devil was working against God and the good that God wanted man to do. Satan tried to figure out a plan that would make Adam and Eve do wrong. One day he appeared in their garden home disguised as a serpent and tried to persuade them to eat from the tree that God had forbidden.

“Did God tell you not to eat of any certain tree in the garden?” he cunningly asked.

Eve answered, “We can eat from every tree here except the Tree of Knowledge, and God has told us not to touch its fruit or we will die.”

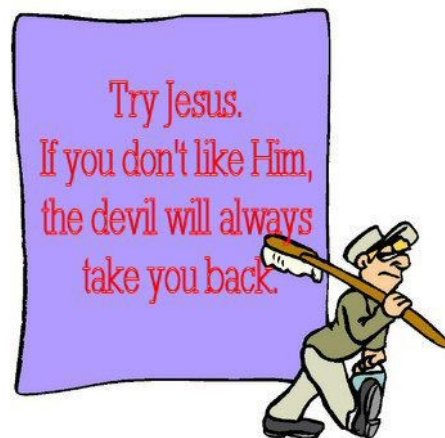
“Oh, you will not die,” said the devil, trying to fool them. “Actually, it will make you as wise as God is and you will be able to understand things as He does.”

Foolish Eve believed what the ser-

pent told her and she took some of the fruit from the tree and ate it. Then she gave some to Adam and he ate it, also. Immediately they knew they had done wrong and began trying to hide from God.

Of Course, Adam and Eve were not able to hide from God, for He always knows about everything we do. It made Him very angry to think that Adam and Eve had disobeyed the one rule that He had given them. He was disappointed that they had believed the devil instead of Him. He was so upset that He sent them away from the garden. He told them that they would have to work very hard, that they would have trouble and sickness, and that one day they would die. If only this first couple had chosen to do right instead of wrong, these terrible things might not have ever come into the world.

Even though God had to punish Adam and Eve, He still loved his creation, and He promised then that someday He would save mankind. We know that He did this when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. Through Him, God can forgive men for the wrong they have done.



If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.

Submitted by Sis. Lois Kilgore

Daily Scripture Reading



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

Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap	Day	Book	Chap
Oct 1	Matt	9-10	Oct 13	Mk	6	Oct 25	Lk	11
Oct 2	Matt	11-12	Oct 14	Mk	7-8	Oct 26	Lk	12-13
Oct 3	Matt	13-14	Oct 15	Mk	9-10	Oct 27	Lk	14-16
Oct 4	Matt	15-17	Oct 16	Mk	11-12	Oct 28	Lk	17-18
Oct 5	Matt	18-19	Oct 17	Mk	13-14	Oct 29	Lk	19-20
Oct 6	Matt	20-21	Oct 18	Mk	15-16	Oct 30	Lk	21-22
Oct 7	Matt	22-23	Oct 19	Lk	1	Oct 31	Lk	23
Oct 8	Matt	24-25	Oct 20	Lk	2-3	Nov 1	Lk	24
Oct 9	Matt	26	Oct 21	Lk	4-5	Nov 2	Jn	1-3
Oct 10	Matt	27-28	Oct 22	Lk	6-7	Nov 3	Jn	4-5
Oct 11	Mk	1-2	Oct 23	Lk	8	Nov 4	Jn	6
Oct 12	Mk	3-5	Oct 24	Lk	9-10	Nov 5	Jn	7

The Bible is a mirror that lets us see ourselves as God sees us.

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September Messages

09/02 Wed - No Service

09/06 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor keying off verse 9 of Joel 3:9-13 preached on 'Being Prepared'.

09/09 Wed - Although Pastor Troy Taylor did not title his message, keying off verse 20 of 2 Sam 5:17-21 he preached on 'God Breaking Through.'

09/13 Sun - Reading from Job 1:20-22 and 2:10 Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "In All this."

09/16 Wed - Pastor Troy Taylor preached on "Openness". Text: Acts 12:8-16

09/20 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor's message "Our Hiding Place" came from Psalm 27:5 and 32:7.

09/23 Wed - Viewed video of Rev Morgan Mwanza of Zambia, Africa preaching "Reaching Regions Beyond" Scripture: Acts 1:8.

09/27 Sun - Pastor Troy Taylor wanted to preach from Ezekiel 19:32 but the Spirit of the Lord filled the sanctuary and took over the service.

09/30 Wed - Bro. Justin Metcalf preached on "When the Corruptible becomes Incorruptible" with his Scripture text coming from 1 Corinthians 15:52-58.

Learn by experience
—preferably
other people's.

All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us against doing the same things.

1 Corinthians 10:11 TLB



October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Morning Service 11 AM	5	6	7 Evening Service 7 PM	8	9	10
11 Morning Service 11 AM	12	13	14 Evening Service 7 PM	15	16	17
	Columbus Day		Evening Service 7 PM		National Boss Day	
18 Morning Service 11 AM	19	20	21 Evening Service 7 PM	22	23	24 United Nations Day
25 Morning Service 11 AM	26	27	28 Evening Service 7 PM	29	30	31 Halloween

Without God we are Nothing!

Chef's Corner

SOUTHERN SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS

Ingredients

8 pounds pork chops
 Salt and black pepper
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 3 cups water
 1 can (10¹/₂ ounces) cream of mushroom soup
 1 large onion, chopped
 5 cloves garlic, chopped
 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
 1 package (about 1/2 ounce) pork gravy mix
 1 package (about 1 ounce) dry mushroom and onion soup mix
 Corn on the cob (optional)



Directions

- 1) Season pork with salt and black pepper. Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add pork, brown 3 to 4 minutes on each side.
- 2) Place pork, water, soup, onion, garlic, Italian seasoning, gravy mix and soup mix in slow cooker. Cover; cook on LOW 5 hours. Serve with corn, if desired.

On The Lighter Side

Now that I'm older (but refuse to grow up) here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to

get wiser.

8. Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. It's hard to make a comeback when you really haven't been anywhere.
11. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
12. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.

13. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone want to play chess?

14. It 's not hard to meet expenses . . .they're everywhere.

15. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

16. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . . I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after.

17. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

18. I'M UNABLE TO REMEMBER WHETHER I'VE SENT YOU THIS BEFORE.....



CROSSWORD

by David K. Shortess

A Snake in the Grass

The theme answer is a long, familiar Bible quote that snakes up and down and back and forth across the grid, even jumping across black squares. Follow the arrows and stay within the shaded squares.

Thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go.

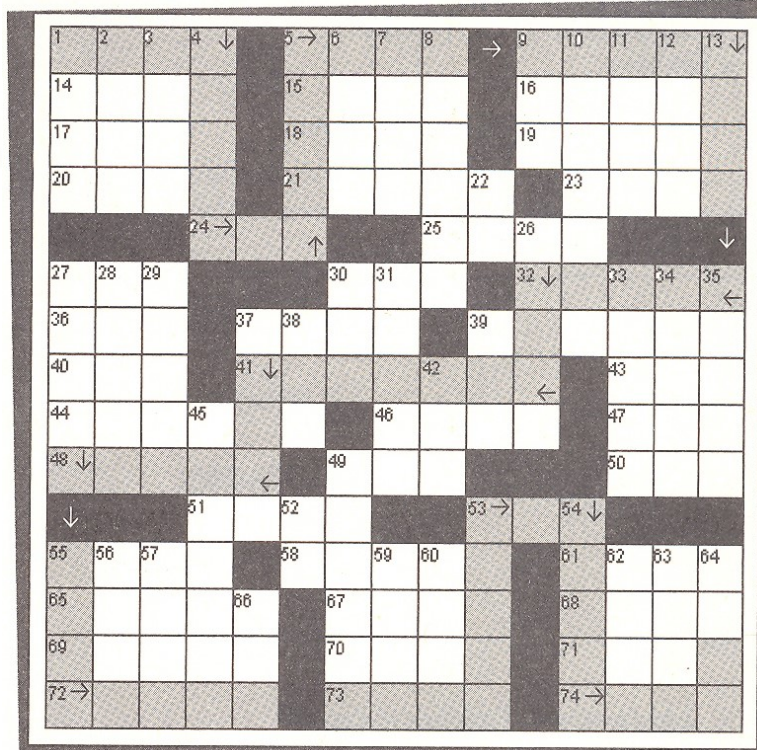
GENESIS 3:14

ACROSS

- 1 START OF QUOTE FROM GENESIS 3
(see note above)
- 5 PART OF QUOTE
- 9 PART OF QUOTE
- 14 "And __ bare Jabal" (Genesis 4:20)
- 15 "__ abhor me" (Job 30:10)
- 16 Wealthy or powerful person
- 17 "Or clothe his neck with a flowing __?"
(Job 39:19 NIV)
- 18 Negative replies
- 19 Recover metal by heating ore
- 20 "The LORD shall judge the __ of the earth"
(1 Samuel 2:10)
- 21 Charlotte Brontë's Jane and family
- 23 Asian inland sea
- 24 PART OF QUOTE
- 25 Oklahoma town
- 27 Avenue crossers (abbr.)
- 30 "__ to your faith virtue" (2 Peter 1:5)
- 32 PART OF QUOTE
- 36 "Round about the __ thereof" (Exodus 28:33)
- 37 "I KNOW IT __ OF A TRUTH" (Job 9:2)
(2 words)
- 39 "For whether is __" (Matthew 9:5)
- 40 Ecology watchdog group (abbr.)
- 41 PART OF QUOTE
- 43 "They __ the ship aground" (Acts 27:41)
- 44 "Now learn this __ from the fig tree"
(Matthew 24:32 NIV)
- 46 "Ye shall find a colt __" (Mark 11:2)
- 47 "We __ many" (Mark 5:9)
- 48 PART OF QUOTE
- 49 "Jerusalem, __, she is broken" (Ezekiel 26:2)
- 50 Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 51 "As it had been the face __ angel"
(Acts 6:15) (2 Words)
- 53 PART OF QUOTE
- 55 "__ do all things through Christ"
(Philippians 4:13) (2 words)
- 58 "Who will __ us?" (Isaiah 6:8) (2 words)
- 61 Expression of annoyance
- 65 Natives of northern Ohio, once
- 67 Friskies rival
- 68 "Why should __ with thee?"
(2 Samuel 13:26) (2 words)
- 69 "Get a new __ on life" or star over
- 70 Afrikaans, language of South Africa
- 71 Swiss river
- 72 PART OF QUOTE
- 73 PART OF QUOTE
- 74 PART OF QUOTE

DOWN

- 1 "He shall have no __ in the street"
(Job 18:17)
- 2 "Thy god, __, liveth" (Amos 8:14) (2 words)
- 3 Baton
- 4 PART OF QUOTE
- 5 PART OF QUOTE
- 6 Nautical greeting
- 7 "O thou __, go, flee thee away" (Amos 7:12)
- 8 "That thou wilt not cut off __ after me"
(1 Samuel 24:21) (2 words)
- 9 __ and offs
- 10 Southwestern covered porches
- 11 Salah's son (Genesis 10:24)
- 12 Alone (Sp.)
- 13 PART OF QUOTE
- 22 Tin in Chemistry 101
- 26 "Shall go __ out" (John 10:9)
- 27 Off-the __ (not custom-made)
- 28 Conical abode
- 29 "__ her jugs" (Jeremiah 48:12 NIV)
- 30 Abijah's son (1 Kings 15:8)
- 31 "This man __ many miracles" (John 11:47)
- 33 "Solomon set to __, saying" (1 Kings 5:2)
- 34 "They that saw in __ shall reap in joy"
(Psalm 126:5)
- 35 Sea eagles
- 37 "Let them break __" (Exodus 32:24)
(2 words)
- 38 Nine-digit ID (abbr.)
- 39 "Mine __ is consumed because of grief"
(Psalm 6:7)
- 42 U.S. Native American agency
- 45 "Over these __ have buried here"
(Jeremiah 43:10 NIV) (2 words)
- 49 "As he that feareth __" (Ecclesiastes 9:2)
(2 words)
- 52 Ashcroft, e.g. (abbr.)

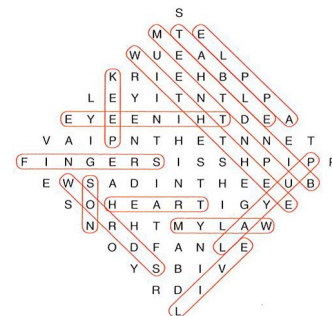


Answer to last month's

Proverbs 7:1-3

"Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird."

— Proverbs 1:17



A sign of Old Age that may
be Creeping up on You:
Submitted by Sis. Lois Kilgore

When you're on vacation and your ENERGY runs out before your money does.



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

Pastor Troy Taylor

Prayer: Our Time Saver

PSALM 143:5-9

5. I REMEMBER THE DAYS OF OLD; I
MEDITATE ON ALL THY WORKS; I MUSE
ON THE WORK OF THY HANDS.
6. I STRETCH FORTH MY HANDS UNTO
THEE: MY SOUL *THIRSTETH* AFTER
THEE, AS A THIRSTY LAND.
7. HEAR ME SPEEDILY, O LORD: MY
SPIRIT FAILETH: HIDE NOT THY FACE
FROM ME, LEST I BE LIKE UNTO THEM
THAT GO DOWN INTO THE PIT.
8. CAUSE ME TO HEAR THY LOVING-
KINDNESS IN THE MORNING; FOR IN
THEE DO I TRUST: CAUSE ME TO KNOW
THE WAY WHEREIN I SHOULD WALK;
FOR I LIFT UP MY SOUL UNTO THEE.
9. DELIVER ME, O LORD, FROM MINE
ENEMIES: I FLEE UNTO THEE TO HIDE
ME.

Read: Psalm 143:5-12

What do you think about first when you wake up? Are your thoughts instantly focused on the day ahead, or are they centered on the Lord? Although most of us have busy lives that consume much of our time and attention, the most important and time-saving part of each day is that spent in quiet solitude with God.

Yet many believers feel so rushed that they don't think there's time for the Lord. They immediately jump on to the treadmill of life and then wonder why they're so frustrated, confused, and dissatisfied. Even if their desire is to follow God, they don't know where He's going since they haven't stopped to get directions for the day. There's also a disconnect because they've ignored their relationship with Him. No one can have intimacy with Christ without daily communication.

Perhaps the problem is our own human logic. We think spending time reading the Bible and praying each morning will result in having less time and lower productivity. However, when we seek Christ's direction and wisdom for the day and invite Him to control our lives, He'll accomplish more through us than we can do by ourselves. He'll accomplish more through us than we can do by ourselves. He'll give us wisdom for good decisions, increase our strength and energy, and free us from time-wasting anxiety.

Are you too busy for the Lord? If so, you're denying yourself the blessing of an intimate relationship with Christ. When you make time for Him, He'll fill you with peace and joy, guide your decisions, grant you wisdom, empower you to obey, make you more productive, and comfort you with His love.

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