

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
Christ's Blood Shed - Romans 5:9-11
The Gospel - Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
Repentance - Luke 13:3
Confession - Romans 10:10
Be baptized for remission of sins -
Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; 1 John 1:7-10

Don't Quit!

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In fact, some scholars believe that Hebrews may have originally been a sermon.

Whatever the original form, Hebrews is indeed a "word of exhortation." Emphasizing Jesus and his way as "better" (superior) over and over again (at least thirteen times), the author admonishes the readers to continue to follow Jesus.

We know that anything that is good is worth holding onto (Philippians 4:8)—whether it be marriage, friendship, education, reading, exercise, and, especially, following Jesus! Let us use our minds and commit to continuing to do those things which are good for us.

". . . And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith . . ." in other words, "Don't Quit!"

Rulers

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soaked in sin and enveloped in evil. Their lust for power, led them to lust for blood. Their arrogance brought them to dark places. But the Creator humbly died for His creation.

The Bible says, "nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42-43). Those who do good deeds to receive the praise of men, have their reward in that praise (Matthew 6:2). Those who pray for show so as to look good before men, have their reward in the praise of men (Matthew 6:5). The hypocrites who wanted to disfigure their faces and look sad while fasting so as to receive praise from men, have their reward in the praise they receive from men (Matthew 6:16). What a shame it would be if all the reward one ever received was the praise of men, for the praise of men will mean nothing when the Lord returns in judgment upon all nations.



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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that - if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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Don't Quit

by Lance Cordle

Like many people these days, I own an e-reader (electronic reading tablet). Also like many people, I keep several books loaded on it for the times of reading pleasure, as well as for when I have some time to kill in a waiting room, mall, etc. The company that produces my tablet sent me a challenge at the beginning of 2021: Basically, "Don't Quit!" Read more and we will reward you. They offered badges for reading seven days in a month, fifteen days in a month and thirty days in a month, and others.

However, the badge that especially caught my attention was a badge for reading from my tablet on January 19th. January 19th? What is so special about January 19th? According to the notification, someone, somewhere has determined that January 19th is the day when most people give up on their resolutions for the new year. So, as a way of saying to their readers, "Don't Quit!", they offered a badge for the day that most people would be giving up (or had already done so).

Whether in a good habit such as reading, or exercise, Bible study, or living a godly life, we need to be encouraged to keep going. That is why the book of Hebrews was written and included in the biblical canon. Most students of the Bible believe that the fall of Jerusalem (A.D. 70) was set to occur within a few years following the writing of this book. Whatever the circumstance was, at the time of writing (mental persecution, peer pressure, seizure of property), it was causing some Jewish Christians to quit following Jesus and return to Judaism. We do know, however, that they had not yet shed blood in their struggle (Hebrews 12:4). A "word of exhortation" (Hebrews 13:22) was needed, and provided in the form of the letter we now know as Hebrews.

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sue Bunnell; Lois Edwards; Becky Hatcher is still in the Medical Center at Caverna Rm 114, she has an apt. Tues. with her neurologist; Billy Bybee; Mary Whittington recovering from surgery; Mark Hatcher treatments on his back; Lori Brewer looks to have back surgery before long; Jim Mears; Lisa Schuler; Laura Brooks; Agnes Seaton; Jerry Ann Logsdon; Bonnie Turner; Joyce Dye; Joey Palmore; Tom Whittington; Parker Bybee; Mary Thompson; we are happy Lisa Schuler's dad, Vincent Ward was able to go home last Monday & David Worth (husband of Denessa, Mark & Kim Quigley's cousin) is now home recovering from pneumonia & COVID; Gayla Graham's radiation/chemo treatments are encouraging as the tumor is shrinking; Steve Higginbotham Knoxville, TN; Dan Winkler gospel preacher in Springhill, TN stage 2 colon cancer; prayers for everyone affected by the virus which has increased lately; prayers for so many who have lost loved ones

Friends in our community - Jerry Cherry; Seaborn Elzey; family of Clifford Hogan

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart mailing

HIGHLAND RIDGE in Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC in Glasgow

Jean Turner

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our last lesson in the Winter Quarter on the theme: "Genesis" - Part 2 Our lesson this morning lesson 13: "Fear and Assurance" Gen. 50:15-26, Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher. Our Spring Quarter begins next Sunday: "The Thessalonian Letters"

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

Tune in to WLOC-FM on Sunday mornings to hear our radio broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wlocoline.com
8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee
8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

GBN (Gospel Broadcasting Network) may be seen on Ch. 113 locally on SCRTC cable 24/7 Check them out on GBN's Facebook page

NEW TV PROGRAM

The Lehman Ave. church of Christ launched a new program on WNKY (NBC 40) on Sunday mornings at 10:30 called "Light of the World" with pulpit minister Neal Pollard

PREACHING THIS MORNING

Mike Thompson is scheduled to preach this morning during our worship hour.

ASK FOR OUR PRAYERS

Last Sunday morning, Joey Palmore responded to the Lord's invitation with a written statement confessing he had sinned and asking for forgiveness. God bless you Joey! We love and appreciate you and your family.

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

Which disciple was the first to enter the tomb after Jesus rose from the dead?

The answer to our question last week:
Boaz Ruth 4:13

OBSERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's supper should be observed "In spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

On the first day of each week (Acts 20:7).

In remembrance of Christ's sacrifice (Luke 22:19).

In anticipation of Christ's return (1 Cor. 11:16).

It is observed to proclaim Christ as the Savior of men (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Upon self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Should be done "decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40).

Rulers

by Kevin V. Rutherford

The Israelites were not very smart. The lust for power and authority will ruin a person. A desire for self-glorification will destroy a soul. Individuals like this will forever be blinded by their arrogance, and they will not be able to see themselves as they are. They cannot understand what is happening around them. They only see what they want to see. They only see what justifies their sense of self-importance.

In our study of the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesday nights we have seen individuals who fit the description just given. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were rulers among the Jews who, though powerful and wealthy, did not seem to be intoxicated with their power and wealth (John 3:1-2; 19:38-42; Mark 15:42-47). However, most of the rulers of the Jews in Jesus' day loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. They hated Jesus because He exposed their sin (John 7:7). They were envious of Jesus because the multitudes praised Him instead of them (Matthew 2:18).

Their arrogance led them to the point they chose to kill Jesus. Their lust and love of power, influence, wealth, authority, position, and the praise of men caused them to come to a point of extreme malice. Extreme enough to seek the most painful and shameful method of execution for the one who seemed to have more influence among the multitudes than they.

The target of their bitter hatred was the Divine Son of God. It was Jesus who

had come in the flesh. Jesus lived a life of love, compassion, service, humility, and patience. He was good. Good in the sense that God is perfectly holy in every way. Those who wanted Him dead were evil. They were obsessed with the kind of evil that poisons a person's heart when he gives himself over to arrogance.

Matthew chapter twenty-three records Jesus' condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus said, "all their works they do to be seen by men" (Matthew 23:5). He called them "hypocrites," "fools," and "blind". Jesus said they were "serpents, a brood of vipers" (Matthew 23:33), and He rhetorically questioned whether or not they could escape the condemnation of hell. In contrast, consider the time the Lord washed the feet of the disciples (John 13). Jesus acted in such a way as to demonstrate timeless lessons of humility and service. God, on His knees to serve man was showing us the way to view ourselves in relation to others.

Consider also the fact that though the Creator has unlimited wisdom, knowledge, and power, He emptied Himself and became a man, then suffered and died on the cross (Philippians 2:5-11). Men scramble for glory, power, and praise, and when they receive "chief seats," they hold on to them at all costs. God gave up heaven, emptied Himself, became flesh, dwelt among man, served man, and died for man. The Creator allowed the creation to brutally torture Him and kill Him. The creation gladly did so out of a lust for power, from a heart of envy, and from the bitterness of hearts

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