

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; I Peter 3:21
Be faithful, committed, walk in light -
Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

Adversity - Lean On Him

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when he lost everything, and his wife told him to curse God and die. I don't know about you, but I'd classify being stuck in the belly of a giant fish, thrown into a fiery furnace, sold into slavery by my siblings, and asked to sacrifice my child as situations that are more than any human could handle.

God consistently allows His people to experience more than they can handle, and then He asks us to cast those cares on Him so He can handle it for us. He told Paul that His "grace was sufficient" and that His "power is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9). He gave Elijah sustenance and strength from one meal for a 40-day journey, reassured him of the 7,000 faithful others, and displayed His glory not in the might of wind, earthquake, and fire, but a low whisper (I Kings 19). He reminded Job of His power and might and not only restored but doubled all that he had once he had proven himself faithful (Job 42:10).

Having stress and trials that are more than we can handle are what help us learn to rely on God. That's why James tells us to "count it all joy" when we experience trials (James 1:2). There is no greater blessing than being so worn down with burdens too great for us that we have no choice but to finally force our stubborn hearts to let go and lean on God.

- Kari Adams



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Why Do It God's Way?

by Lawrence Barr

I'm not sure, but I believe that much of the religious world today makes an assumption based (in their minds) on the truth that we are saved by grace and not by works see Ephesians 2:8-10). The assumption is that since we are saved by grace, God does not hold us accountable for doing things a certain way.

I beg to differ with that assumption. Even the passage mentioned above tells us that we are "*created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*" (Ephesians 2:10, NIV). These are good works which God prepared. If he prepared them in advance, then He tells us what they are. So grace leads me to do what God tells me to do (naturally, not with the idea that I can now merit salvation).

Of course, we can go to the Old Testament and pull out the story of Saul and see how he failed to obey God in the case of Agag and the Amalekites (I Samuel 15). God, by his grace, had put Saul in the position of King. The truth is, when God gives us his gracious gifts, he expects us to obey.

In Romans 6, we learn that when we were baptized into Christ, we died to sin and self and rose to walk in newness of life. So I am no longer following my own desires, but His! That should be enough to encourage me to put every practice up to the light of the will of God. After all, He bought me!

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Billy and Janice Sue Bybee are recuperating at home; Wayne had to take Becky Hatcher to the ER last Sunday after he got home from Jerry Ann Logsdon's funeral. She was treated and returned home later; Wayne continues to be her caregiver; Laura Brooks is staying with her daughter Rhonda and family since leaving the hospital. Also her grandson Jake Quenzer is back home after his 4th brain surgery; Sue Bunnell; Joyce Dye still dealing with serious back pain as the 2nd nerve block did not help; Rex Wallace waiting to see Neurologist in Feb.; Lisa Schuler's ankle has made improvements; Willie Cyphers has been battling bronchitis lately. It was good to see him out Sunday; Lori Brewer; Connie Campbell has pneumonia; Brenda Jagers; Mike Thompson; Mark Hatcher (back issues); Sara Brooks; Tom Whittington; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Samantha Richardson that she delivers a healthy baby; Steve Higginbotham; Christians in Afghanistan whose lives are in danger; health care workers; staffs in our school districts; first responders.

DEADLY STORMS: Friday night a devastating storm and a tornado swept across several states including KY. There is massive destruction especially in the western part around Mayfield across to Bowling Green and into our area. We are thankful that it was not worse for us than it was. Our hearts break for the loss of life that many families are suffering. Life is so fragile and can change quickly.

Friends in our community:

The family of Seaborn Ellzey; Jerry Cherry; Dana Reagan; Billy Frank Hunt; Chris Houk is recuperating at Signature Health Care of Hart Co. after a fall

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 in Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Today is our 2nd lesson in the Winter Quarter "Isaiah Part 1" Today's topic: "Prophecy and Change in Judah" I Samuel 7:3-14; 12:1-7; 20:8-12 Wayne Hatcher continues to serve as teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Wayne will be preaching today. at 11 am: "The Sovereignty of God" and 5 pm "When Life Does Not Make Sense" Special thanks to Scott Huff for filling in for me last Sunday evening while I was with Becky in the ER at Caverna.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Scott Huff is scheduled to be the teacher this Wed. evening at 6:00. We encourage you to be hear. Scott always does a great job.

TUNE IN TO OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

on WLOC radio on Sunday mornings to hear our broadcast: on 101.7 FM or 1150 AM or from their webpage: wloconline.com

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Words of Truth** - Billy Bybee

8:45-9:00 a.m. **Truth In Love** - Wayne Hatcher

ELDERS DEACONS MINISTER

will meet this afternoon at 3:00 as we did not meet last week.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

They need our help again by donating any of the following commodities:

liquid laundry detergent

toothpaste Pledge furniture cleaner

mini wheat cereal pink lemonade mix

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

From what country did Solomon get the timber to build the temple in Jerusalem?

Answer to our question last week:

3 Matt 9: 23-35 Luke 7:11-15 John 11:43-44

The Storms of Life

by Roy A. Crutcher

"For affliction does not come from the dust, neither does trouble sprout from the ground, for man is born for trouble as sparks fly upward." Job 5:6-7 (NAS)

Man lives in a world filled with troubles as is indicated in the above passage. Because man lives in a trouble filled world, he will naturally encounter troubles, obstacles, etc., of various kinds from time to time. Even Christians are not immune to such problems. As Christians, we do have some special blessings from God. Likewise, God cares for His own in a special way. Unfortunately, though, we are not immune to all the problems of life. And, when problems arise in our lives, we usually tend to think that our troubles are worse than anyone else's is. But, as Christians, we are admonished to *"think so as to have sound judgment."* [Romans 12:3]. Sound judgment tells us that usually there is always someone worse off than we are. I am reminded of the poem that tells of the man who complained because he had no shoes until he saw a man who had no feet.

Several examples are mentioned in the poem, each concluding with, "Lord forgive me when I whine." I read, some time back, of some devastating cyclones, which had hit India. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lost everything. One

brother lost his wife, two children and his parents. Another lost his wife, four children, five grandchildren, his mother - a total of 31 family members [16 were members of the Lord's church]. This kind of devastation puts us in mind of Job as described in chapter one. But Job survived, and so can we. Regardless of the extremity of any problems we might be facing, rather than feeling sorry for ourselves, just remember a few basic facts: others have worse problems; things could be worse; usually the good in our lives outweighs the bad; count the blessings that we do have.

In every tragedy we can look at what we've lost and be hateful, or we can look at what we have left and be grateful. May God help us to have a grateful, trusting disposition regardless of our station in life.

Adversity—Lean On Him

I've heard it said that "God never gives you more than you can handle," but is it a biblical truth or a feel-good platitude? Yes, 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that we won't be tempted beyond what we can stand, but that doesn't mean that life's circumstances won't be overwhelming.

Paul had an affliction that was more than he could handle, and he asked God to take it away three times. Elijah was threatened with death by the most wicked of royal couples, believed himself to be the last faithful man on earth, and prayed that God would take his life. Job had much more than he could handle

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