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GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
- Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

List:

Vernon Johnson, a friend of the Morelan's, is receiving rehab at Cardinal Hill after hip replacement surgery. The situation with **Reese Worley** (Ron and Sharon's granddaughter) is in a holding pattern as doctors in Boston and Arizona review her scans.

Our members: Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin, Paul Atkisson

Others: Lenny Shepperson, Jan Hogen, Barabara Matheny, David Morrow, Debbie Parker, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein, Dawn Rutledge, Sandy Childress, Mary Wilson, Doris Baker, Bill Childress, Susie Burton, Fred Dalton, Norma Hurt, Taylor Osterling

<u>WEEKLY READING</u>		<u>LEADERSHIP</u>		<u>SERVICES</u>
Mon	Genesis 1-2, Mark 1, Psalm 19	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>DEACONS</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Tue	Genesis 3-5, Mark 2	Garry Banks	Troy Antle	Bible Study: 9:45 AM
Wed	Genesis 6-8, Mark 3, Psalm 104	David Collins	Richard Brundige	Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM
Thu	Genesis 9-11, Mark 4	John Thompson	Matt Thompson	<u>Wednesday</u>
Fri	Genesis 12-15, Mark 5, Psalm 148		Adam Litmer	Bible Study: 7:30 PM
		<u>EVANGELIST</u>	Bill Morelan	<u>1st Fri. of Month</u>
		Adam Litmer	Jim Parsons	Singing: 7:30 PM
			Pat Seabolt	<u>3rd Fri. of Month</u>
				Bible Study: 7:00 PM (Finished for the time being)

There's A Lesson Here

To what degree are we indebted to Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, and our Savior? Consider the answer provided by the revelation of God through the Apostle John.

John 1:1-18: ¹*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ²*He was in the beginning with God.* ³*All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.* ⁴*In him was life, and the life was the light of men.* ⁵*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.* ⁶*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.* ⁷*He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.* ⁸*He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.* ⁹*The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.* ¹⁰*He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.* ¹¹*He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.* ¹²*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,* ¹³*who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.* ¹⁴*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.* ¹⁵*(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'")* ¹⁶*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.* ¹⁷*For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.* ¹⁸*No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

1 John 1:1-10: ¹*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—* ²*the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—* ³*that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.* ⁴*And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.* ⁵*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.* ⁶*If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in*

New Bible reading schedule

You'll find the new reading schedule on the back. This one is designed for Mon-Fri. Make sure you begin tomorrow!

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darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Can you think of anything more blessed than the fellowship Christians have with one another, with God the Father, with God the Son, and with God the Holy Spirit? Is there anything in this life more appealing and attractive than the promise and hope of eternal fellowship with Deity?
The Elders

Applying The Psalms Recounting the deeds of the Lord

*“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all your wonderful deeds.”
Psalm 9:1*

Most of us have our favorite figures from history, men and women who shaped the world through their courage, brilliance, tenacity, and drive. Whether they were soldiers, scholars, teachers, or humanitarians they all had many of those four traits in common. Sometimes we like to read their biographies to keep their deeds fresh in our minds. Perhaps we even memorize a few of their quotes to encourage us throughout our days and to help us live a bit more like them.

Doubtless David also had individuals from the past that he looked up to. It is not hard to imagine him considering the faith of men like Abraham and Moses through the difficult circumstances in their lives. It is easy to picture David contemplating their actions and striving to match their enduring faith as he descended into his various valleys of hardship.

However, the most telling part of David’s life is that the One he contemplated more than any other was God Himself. While David certainly had the wonderful deeds of previous heroes of faith to consider, he preferred to spend his greatest energy in recollection of the awesome activities of God. Throughout Psalm 9 David recounts several of God’s wonderful deeds. He recalls God upholding his just cause and offering righteous judgment (9:4). He recalls God rebuking wicked nations (9:5). He recounts how God has been a stronghold for the oppressed and has not forsaken those who seek Him (9:9-10). He recounts how often God has rescued him from the very gates of death (9:13). He considers how God has dealt with the nations that rejected Him (9:16-17). He remembers the Lord’s power to cause the wicked to tremble at His presence (9:19-20). Spending this time in reflection moved David to whole-hearted worship and praise (9:1).

It can be good to remember the works of past human beings and the things they were able to accomplish. It will *always* be better to remember the wonderful deeds of our God. Let us do it often and be moved to praise Him every time!

They are but men

*“Arise, O Lord! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! Put them in fear, O Lord! Let the nations know that they are but men!”
Psalm 9:19-20*

Do you know what Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Winston Churchill all had in common? They were only men. They were singular in their talents and accomplishments, they stood above their contemporaries in terms of influence and power, and in many ways they shaped the course of events in this world to a greater or lesser degree. As you know there are other individuals, people of supreme talent and drive, who could be added to this list. Yet in the end they are all but men and nothing more.

The day will come when even the “greatest” among us will stand still and silent to be judged by One infinitely greater. *“For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, ‘As I live, declares the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.”* (Romans 14:10b-12)

In the great and final Day of the Lord, when all are called to appear at the Judgment Seat of the Lord Himself, everyone will be called to attend. The world-shaping people of nearly immeasurable influence will be there, knees bowed and mouths closed. Presidents, Prime-Ministers, Emperors, Pharaohs, Kings, Queens, Czars, and every great leader who has ever lived will stand before the Creator of all things to receive their final, eternal judgment. The Judge will not be hearing arguments or scheduling appeals. All of the power and influence they wielded in life will be accounted as nothing before the One possessing *all* power and influence. If they never knew it in life they will know it then, they were but men.

Respect those to whom respect is due and be subject to those who wield authority (Romans 13:1-7). After all, they would have none were God not permitting it (Daniel 5:28-32). Yet remember, they are but men and will be judged by God just as we will. God is God and man is man. We must never allow that distinction to blur.
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Sermons: (AM) “That they know...God” (4) (PM) Thoughts on prayer
Reading: (AM) John 1:26-51 (PM) John 2:1-25