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Don't Just Read, Dig In!

Doy Moyer

When we don't read the Scriptures holistically, but only see the bits and segments, we are setting ourselves up for failure. Reading only in part, failing to make broader connections throughout the whole of Scripture, invariably leads to misunderstandings that can damage our faith. We might read a little section that shows serious flaws in God's people, or Laws that seem less than ideal if not bad, or God Himself bringing judgment when we have failed to truly grasp the problems or the movement of the text, and then conclude that the Bible, and even Christianity, is not what it's cracked up to be.

In a world of meme-type argumentation, so much is ripped out of context and mocked. Sadly, this does not show the problems in Scripture as much as it shows the problems with those who do the mocking. It shows a lack of diligence, a lack of patience in study, a failure to connect the dots and see the story as a

whole. We want it handed to us in easy fashion where we need not do the hard work, and we pay for it with failing faith.

Do not think that study consists merely of reading a text and stopping. Of course, reading and re-reading is vital, but we must move beyond the superficial level of reading (I can understand the words) to a much deeper level of overall comprehension (seeing the connections, knowing the concepts, understanding the resolutions, comparing and analyzing).

Like Charlie Brown walking up to a door and softly knocking twice only to conclude within a second that no one is home and then running away, people approach the Bible similarly. We knock only gently but are not patient enough to wait for the door to open. This tragedy is on us, not Scripture.

Dig in. It takes time and mental sweat, but it's always worthwhile. □

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF BLESSING

Michael W. McLemore

Look around. The Lord has been good to us, beyond measure. Sure, we are troubled at times. We hurt. We suffer disappointment. But, we are prosperous in the whole. It is hard for us to fathom anyone not honoring God for all that He has provided, whether deserving or not. Can you think of anyone who would not give thanks to God?

Consider the following: The atheist would be hard pressed to be thankful to God. He must first accept that "God is" before he can accept the fact that God has "rewarded," *Hebrews 11:6*. The agnostic and skeptic can only be expected to be ungrateful because they are full of doubts about God as a reliable source. Paul warned, "For although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened," *Romans 1:21*. Foolhardiness and selfish pride are at back of every thought of blessing; no room remains for a thankful heart.

But, lest we congratulate ourselves, there is another category for the "unthankful." It is the "forgetful." One who is a forgetful person is unable and unwilling to bless the Lord by giving himself to Him. Why? He has forgotten all of His benefits, *Psalms 103:2*. Prosperity and pomposity often erode our sense of need and the source of its satisfaction. Once in a while hardships and trials in life

serve as poignant reminders to re-consider the source of our blessings once again.

A self-sufficient person is incapable of recognizing his dependence upon God. William Earnest Henley reminded, we become the "master of our fate, and the captain of my soul." Our generation needs the desperate

reminder that we neither "control" nor "create." God alone is the original source and Lord of all. We remember that "every good gift comes from God." *James 1:17*. Paul surely had a society like ours in mind when he admonished, "command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy." *1 Timothy 6:17*. God is life's source of blessing.

The greedy or envious man will obsess with what he does not have, or with what others do have. Such "self-interest" will erode faith in God as the source of all and fill life with frenzied pursuits that will never satisfy, *1 Timothy 6:10*. The ancient, Solomon, enjoined his readers, "A sound heart is life to the body, but enviousness is rottenness to the bones," *Proverbs 14:30*.

The child of God must never be found apart from an attitude of gratitude, that can be converted into expressions of thanksgiving and a life of thanks-living. □

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FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Keria Godette continues to recover from her surgery. **Melvin** is up next. He will have surgery on Wednesday. Remember him to the Lord as you pray this week.

Mike Coward is in AFIB. He is to see his cardiologist who does the ablation procedure on Tuesday. His condition may require a pace-maker. Pray for **Mike & Peggy**.

David Jacks will not require surgery. He will be doing special exercises at home to address the issue while his knee heals. We pray that David will heal and that he will not need surgery later.

Ron Harmon remains in Huntsville Hospital room 655. He is in good spirits, but concerned about being able to get back to his former state of health. In short, Ron needs our encouragement. **Gina** and the children returned to New York yesterday. **Tim** arrived from Houston on Friday evening. Please feel free to visit Ron. You will need to put on a robe and gloves but that is for his protection. Don't let that hinder you. It will do him good to see as many of us as he can. Pray for **Ron & Phyllis**.

Melody Young's surgery went well and she is out of the hospital. For the time being the Youngs are staying with Melody's mom. Her Mom's home is a bit easier to negotiate and she is able to be of help. Prayers please.

Will Starks is very slowly improving. We are thankful that the surgery took care of the hip pain. Prayers of thanksgiving are in order.

Jim Ehl says that he will be back just as soon as the surgeon clears him. We are thank-

ful that he has bounded back so quickly.

Stacey Besherse is surely about to be stir crazy but she necessarily is taking the "no weight" rule seriously. Your prayers and words of encouragement are appreciated.

Steven Guice will have his second round of chemo this week. They will travel to UAB on Tuesday. Pray for **Steven**. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Marty Haselden **Betty Reavis**
Glenda Cavender **Laura Phillips**
Barbara Jean Woodard

Weekly Bound Volume

A sign up sheet is available on the table in the foyer for any who would like a bound volume of the 2019 Edition of Weatherly Weekly. Add your name to the list and we will have these available shortly.

Weatherly Live Streaming

Have you viewed the live stream in the last two weeks? It's awesome. **Hill Roberts** has been working together with **Tommy Hill** to completely revamp our video production capability and streaming. A myriad of complex issues had to be solved and implemented. It looks great! Thanks for everything guys. ☐

Group Four Meeting

Group Four, led by **Ron Harmon**, will meet following worship this evening. **Charley Skinner** will stand in for Ron tonight.

FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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2-23	Layla Belle Besherse	2-27	Penny Hill
2-28	Virginia Skinner	3-5	Liam Jimison
3-6	Harold Smith	3-11	Evelyn Hall
3-11	Chase Leshko	3-12	Stevie Hagewood
3-13	Andrea Leshko	3-13	Collis Terry
3-14	Becky Hill	3-18	Susan Ivey

Called to Preach What?

Michael W. McLemore

I read a story some years ago about an itinerate preacher who came into rural Arkansas and held a revival meeting. The man preached that he was called to God, and that everything he preached was the truth of God, placed directly into his mind by the Lord. In the course of the nightly assemblies the man preached long and loud against the evils of chewing tobacco, a subject not too popular with many in attendance.

When the meeting ended, one of the men who had attended each night, stood and proclaimed, "I have been called by God to preach!" He announced the time of his first "divinely inspired" sermon. The towns people were amazed, not imagining this man as a preacher. So, in the absence of anything more entertaining, they returned on the certain night at the appointed time.

The man stood and said, "I too, have been called by God to preach. God told me just what to say. 'I've always been a chew'n man, and have always believed it right. It's right; that's about all I've got to say about that.'"

In his brevity, the man stripped away any standing at all of the first. Apart from a standard of revelation, who is to say what it so and what is not so? The word of God alone is that source, 2 *Tim.* 3:16-17. Any claim apart from the Lord's revelation is to be shunned as vain babble, 2 *Tim.* 2:16. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 5:00 pm
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Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright



These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, February 23

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer: **Forest Summers**
Scripture Reading: **Wes Caudle**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
The Church & Money

Closing Prayer: **Ed Dill**

Sunday, March 1

Forest Summers
Charles Hill
Phil Furlough
Phil Shaver

1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Mike McLemore
A People on the March

Ron Holland

Evening Worship

Bible Skills	Jared Jimison	Jared Jimison
Songs Leader:	Jared Jimison: SINGING	Charles Hill
Opening Prayer:	Bill Thompson	Hill Roberts
Closing Prayer:	Bobby Wright	Jared Jimison

Wednesday, February 26

Songs Leader: **Phil Furlough**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Riley Monroe**

Wednesday, March 4

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Bobby Wright

Group 3

2020 Weatherly Lectures

April 30th—May 3rd

Tadd Corder, Wilson Adams
& Matt Bassford

Group 4

Quarterly Adult Classes

January — March 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Galatians

Tommy Hill

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Gospel According to John

Mike McLemore

Serving in March

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Riley Monroe	Gene Preston
** Overseer	Dwight Ivey	Bill McCord
	John Besherse	Clark Boles
	Tommy Hill **	John Patrick

Lord's Supper PM	Kirk Hatcher **	John Stokes
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Communion Prep Building Lockup	Sue Terry
	Collis Terry

