

Weatherly Weekly

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"Be Still, and Know"

Michael W. McLemore

It seems counterintuitive. All of our lives it's been drilled into us — "God helps those who help themselves." That's the responsible motto. It's admirable in all quarters. Perhaps that's why the Choirmaster's charge "Be still, and know that I am God" seems contrary to our long held common-sense expectation, *Psalm 46:10*. Can views that seem counter to one another be reconciled?

The Psalmist addresses the faithful who sometimes feel that their world is crashing around them, not the idle. When our best seems futile, he offers four soul-stabilizing reminders.

OUR PROTECTION, 1-3

The Psalm's import is quickly clarified, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, 1. When uncertainty appears to prevail, the writer reminds us that God is our protection, not solely in better circumstances, or in avoiding the problems, or in anything on this earth. Instead, our protection is a very present God.

OUR PLEASURE, 4-5

The scene shifts from falling mountains and raging seas to life-giving streams that invite

happiness among the citizens of the city of God. Listen to the Choirmaster's reminder, "God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns," 5. Our God brings tranquility and blessedness. In His presence nothing has the power to steal our joy.

OUR POWER, 6-9

The nations rage. They rise. They fall. But, "The Lord of hosts is with US," 6. "He utters his voice, the earth melts." The psalmist reminds us to reflect upon His works. He stopped wars. He broke bows and shattered spears; He burned chariots with fire. Nothing has power over Him.

OUR PLACE, 10-11

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" 10-11. Sometimes the faithful response is to "Be still! Wait." No greater comfort for us in our pain and uncertainty will surpass the knowledge that He is God, and we are not. Trust Him to be our fortress, and to bring new mercies, and to work His power on our behalf. Feel powerless? God protects and helps! ☐

'IF?'

"Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, 'It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him,'" *1 Samuel 3:18*.

Our love for God and our doing of his will often involve an unspoken bargain. We will do "this" . . . if He will do "that." Our bargaining may be so subtle that we ourselves do not see what we're doing, but the expectation is nevertheless in our minds that if we do what is right, God will act in certain ways. And if not, we ask, "Then what is the point of serving God?"

"The love to which we should aspire is one that loves God for His own sake, worships Him without compensation, and serves Him without self-interest."

It is not wrong to have deep desires, nor is it wrong to make fervent supplications of God. But our desires must be humble, and our supplications must not be demanding. Our doing of what is right must never be contingent on whether God sees things our way in regard to how the universe should be run. It may challenge our faith to do so, but we must always acquiesce in God's will regardless of how His will may affect us personally. In the familiar words of Eli: "It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him." God's sovereignty over His creation is absolute. He is worthy to be worshiped just because He is our Creator, even when His purposes don't fit conveniently into our own plans.

Much has been written about the importance of unconditional love in human

relationships. We acknowledge, for example, how important it is for parents to love their children unconditionally, thus affirming their inherent worth and dignity as human beings. Nowadays, "performance-based" love is seen as something quite undesirable. But is it any less important for us to love God unconditionally? Should our love for Him be based on His "performance," as measured by the frequency with which He meets our expectations in this world? And not only love, shouldn't the following things also be unconditional with respect to God: our reverence, gratitude, obedience, service, and allegiance?

The love to which we should aspire is one that loves God for His own sake, worships Him without compensation, and serves Him without self-interest. These things aren't easy in a world where most of us listen to station WIFM (What's In It For Me?).

"Some people want to see God with their eyes as they see a cow, and to love Him as they love their cow — for the milk and cheese and profit it brings them. This is how it is with people who love God for the sake of outward wealth or inward comfort" (Meister Eckhart). ☐

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Bobby Wright's tests went as planned last Monday. He will return for the results on October 26th. Your prayers for Bobby are coveted. Also remember **Hilda** and the family to the Lord as you pray.

Sue Terry's youngest brother, **Jackie Brewer**, remains in the hospital in Columbia, Tennessee, wrestling with breathing difficulties related to COVID. Your prayers for Jackie and his family are appreciated.

Betty Reavis remains on our daily prayer list. We are trusting her care to the Lord who comforts completely. Pray for **Betty**, **Bill** and their sweet family.

Forest & Dot Summers need our ongoing daily prayers. Your expressions of kindness are greatly appreciated. The Summers family has made a tremendous contribution to our work here at Weatherly. They are owed a great debt. Hold them close.

Elaine Dorris is to have the second renal procedure on the 27th of October. Both **Elaine & Gordon** are doing well. Your prayers for Elaine's well being are solicited.

Remember those in our family who are confined to their assisted living homes. This is for their own protection from the virus: **Laura Phillips**, **Louis Garrett**, **Lane Roberts**, and **Jim Risner**. We miss them one and all.

Several of our family have ongoing medical challenges and are at various stages of care and rehab. Say their names to the Lord this week as you pray: **Melonie Power** continues her rehab after rotator cuff surgery; **Steve**

Guice continues his oral medication to treat his cancer; **Glenda Cavender** continues to contend with her chronic illness; **Melvin Godette** deals with chronic pain; **Ron Harmon** continues to amaze with his improvement.

Jim & Caryl Ehl formally announced their plans to move to Englewood, Florida last Sunday. They will transition to their new home shortly. Jim & Caryl will be greatly missed. We will have more to say in a later issue.

Bill & Karen Thompson have completed their move and have a new address. Please take note of it —

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WEATHERLY UPDATES

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis	Laura Phillips
Melvin Godette	Glenda Cavender
Steven Guice	Dot Summers
Charlotte Hagewood	

This Week at Weatherly:

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Join us for Mike's streamed Bible class on **Recognizing Daily Needs** from James 1.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike continues his "Prophetic Living Today" series. Today his lesson is entitled **Growing in Service**. His text is **1 Samuel 7**.

Sunday Evening "Virtual Devo" will begin on Zoom at 7 pm. We will email a link Sunday.

Wednesday Bible Study — Mike's textual study of 1 Peter continues. Class streams at 7 pm. No public assembly Wednesday. ☐

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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10-11	Caryl Ehl	10-14	Janeth Hagewood
10-24	Amanda Jimison	10-26	Dwight Ivey
10-27	Jimmy Harbin	10-29	Charlotte Hagewood

What Makes Us Shine?

Michael W. McLemore

In His mountain message Jesus enlightened His hearers and us, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden," *Mt 5:14*. What makes us shine? He answers, as a city isn't hidden, people do not "light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven," *15-16*.

In the same vein Jesus called himself the light of the world, *John 8:12*. Question, "What made Him shine?" One might answer, "His words!" *John 7:46*. But, was it His words only? No. Jesus said, "The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me." *John 10:25*. Jesus' works made who He was clearly known. His works shined in His generation and in ours. The continue to give light.

It's not only our words, but the life we live bears witness about us and about Him. The outward, observable, public works make who we are and "Whose we are" manifestly clear. Just like Jesus, our works cause some to revile us and persecute us and utter all kinds of evil against us falsely on his account, and they cause others to give glory to our heavenly Father. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:00 am
Sunday AM Assembly	10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly	5:00 pm
Wednesday Classes	7:00 pm

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Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, October 11

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 7**
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Growing in Service

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **CANCELLED**
Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, October 14

Songs Leader:
Invitation: **Streamed Bible Study**
Closing Prayer:

None

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

We regret to announce that our 2020 Lectures have been cancelled.

Sunday, October 18

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading: **1 Samuel 12**
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Living with Integrity

Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **CANCELLED**
Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer:

Wednesday, October 21

Streamed Bible Study

None

Quarterly Adult Classes
July — September 2020

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Lessons from Joshua
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

Hope in Exile: A Study of 1 Peter
Mike McLemore

Serving in September

Serving on the Lord's Table AM
**** Overseer**

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Lord's Supper PM

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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

