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Short-Sightedness

David Maxon

“In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the wooded heights and the hilltops, which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation. For you have forgotten the God of your salvation and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge...” *Isaiah 17:9-10.*

Did you know that most NFL players are broke or financially stressed after two years of retirement? (Sports Illustrated) How does someone go from being a millionaire to being broke in such a short amount of time? There are a multitude of reasons but what stands behind all of them is short-sidedness.

We wouldn't be as foolish, would we? We would wisely invest those millions of dollars. We wouldn't blow it all on the mansions, cars, clothes, and expensive jewelry. We would prepare for the future and retire responsibly and comfortably.

Jude's epistle was written early in the history of the church, before the last apostle died,

but already the members of that infant body had forgotten a truth once well known among them. Pointedly, Jude addresses a tendency on the part of brethren to forget truth which they had once known. May we ask, “If it could happen then, could it not happen now?”

And guess what? If we have done all of that and forgotten God, we are just as short-sided as those NFL players. Sure, we will have stretched out our wealth over decades instead of years, but there is no difference once we're dead!

Think about it! What's the difference? If all we've done is heaped up riches for ourselves and forgotten God, we'll be just like ancient Babylon (Ch. 13), Assyria (Ch. 14), Moab (Chs. 15-16), Syria (Ch. 17), & Israel (Ch. 17). Our destruction will be certain and our judgment will be just.

Father, teach us not to trust in uncertain riches but in you who give us richly all things to enjoy. Give us a mind to be rich in good works, ready to give and willing to share. ☐

The Lord Saves & Destroys

“Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.”

Jude 5

BY MICHAEL W. MCLEMORE

One need look no further than the diminutive letter of Jude to see the possibility of apostasy on the part of people once saved by the blood of Jesus. Jude uses the experiences of the Israelites in their deliverance from Egypt and their subsequent misdemeanors to enforce this truth. He makes them typical of the sinner's deliverance from sin and the apostasy of Christians, or servants of the Lord. His emphasis is on the fact that the Israelites “once saved by the Lord” were not always saved, but were later “destroyed by the Lord” because they had lost their faith. The had become unbelievers.

Salvation by the Lord does not destroy man's free moral agency. God does not force the will of the saved man to keep him saved. He can still believe or disbelieve. If he continues to be a believer in the full sense of that expression as it is used in the New Testament, he is secure. No power in earth or hell can touch him. If he surrenders his faith, becomes unfaithful, the same Lord who saved him will destroy him. Elsewhere throughout the New Testament God's children are admonished to faithfulness.

The popular doctrine of “the impossibil-

ity of apostasy” is a vicious illusion! Members of the church of the Lord are not supposed to believe such, but at times one wonders when he observes the negligence, unconcern, worldliness and digression from truth characteristic of many.

Christ is abundantly able to save, but some will not accept his proffered grace, mercy and salvation. They choose, being free to do so, to remain in sin and unbelief. Others, having once accepted the grace, mercy and salvation of the Lord, will not comply with the divine conditions of their continued enjoyment, faithfulness and obedience. The same Lord who saved is just as able to destroy! Jude's brother, James, says, “There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?” *4:12.*

We often sing, “He is able to deliver thee...” We can just as scripturally and truthfully sing, “He is able to destroy thee...” In the words of the poet, Longfellow, “Let us then be up and doing, with a heart for any fate, still pursuing, still achieving— learn to labor and to wait.” ☐

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Family Updates

Prayers:

We were all thrilled to see **Marissa Hunt** on Wednesday evening. Marty reports that her vision improved dramatically over the course of the last week. We are praying this will continue. We are also praying that she will have no further attacks on her eyes. Say her name to the Lord as you pray this week.

Peggy Monroe was diagnosed with COVID last week. **Riley** says that he has seen improvement every day and that she is better. We are thankful. Please pray for Peggy.

It was great to see **Riley** at Bible Study on Wednesday night. He is doing great. His rehabilitation on the knee will continue to the end of the month. We are thankful!

Louis Caudle, **Wes'** mom, is struggling right now. Wes said that her doctors are going to move her treatment back one week to help her try to build more strength. Please pray for her and for her family.

In that connection, it was great to see little **Levi Caudle** at worship. He's doing so good! We are so blessed to have this awesome family with us.

Remember **Lauren Thompson** in prayer. Her due date is drawing near. Pray for all to go well with her and **MJ's** little sister!

Becky Hill had a pretty rough week following her Chemo. Last weekend was hard. Please pray for her strength and for the benefit. Also, remember to pray for **Tommy** as he watches over her.

It was great to see **Bill McCord** on Sunday. He is doing much better, but has still not been cleared to drive by the State of Alabama. Keep

him in your prayers.

If you heard a rumor that **Jim & Caryl Ehl** are moving back to Huntsville. It's true! Yahoo! We are all very excited. Pray for them.

Guy McDaniel remains in our prayers following the loss of his wife, **Ann**. Include him in our daily petitions to our loving Father.

Zoila Herring, **Mechi Hunt's** sister, remains in our daily prayers.

Ciera Elledge, **Will & Sarah Starks'** granddaughter, underwent tests on Thursday as a follow up to her Chemo. She has not seen the doctor so there is no report as yet. Ciera is a bit concerned about it. Please pray for her and for her family. Also, remember that she continues to anticipate surgery scheduled for Jan 25-Feb 8, 2023 at Stanford in California.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe**, **Bill McCord**, **Jim Risner**, **Lane Roberts**, **Glenda Cavender**, **Edith Turner**, **Melvin Godette & Betty Dubose**.

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** is continuing his study "What Can I Do?" from the book of Acts. This is a great study. Come be a part.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** will continue his series on Luke 2 entitled, **Hope Has Arrived**. Today's lesson is **Christ the First Fruits** from **Luke 2:22-40**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in a devotional. Let's all attend.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** will continue his study of **The Compassionate Christ**. ☐

Teaching the Bible

Adapted

The essential concern of every child of God is the Bible and people together. The Bible is a living, breathing thing. Its contents are "living and powerful," *Heb. 4:12*. We strive to help people see the Bible as the most useful source of spiritual information available to man.

Whether our classes are discussion or lecture, the aim is the same. God's eternal word must be faithfully inculcated. It must dig deeply into our hearts, molding our lives into the image of His Son, Jesus. Our Bible teaching must increase FAITH in every aspect of life! It must make me see myself as God sees me.

Teaching the Bible is a most demanding job. For one thing, it demands that the teacher live what he teaches. It's not like teaching math, science, or language. Teaching the Scriptures requires the best we can bring to the task. It takes study, concentration and self-examination.

We're teaching little people who can say B-I-B-L-E, but they are learning about God's word. We're teaching children whose first reading experiences often come from the Scriptures. We're teaching youth who are blooming into teens and teens who are maturing into adults. Young adults and middle-aged adults are learning from our teaching. Older saints are "graduating" from our teaching, passing into eternity. What demands are placed on us to teach each one at his own pace!

The rewards both temporally and eternally are worth the labor and energy expended. ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, December 11

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Lord's Table Lead: **Bill Thompson**

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Luke 2:22-40
Christ the First Fruits

Closing Prayer: **Will Starks**

Sunday, December 18

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Marty Hunt
Collis Terry

Mike McLemore
Luke 2:41-52
Losing Jesus

Adam Hagewood

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**

Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore

Bill Thompson
W.D. Patrick
Ron Harmon

Wednesday, December 14

Songs Leader: **Phil Furlough**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Wednesday, December 21

Mel Ambrose
Mike McLemore
John Patrick

Quarterly Adult Classes

October – December 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

"What Can I Do?"
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

The Compassionate Christ
Mike McLemore

Serving in December

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

** **Phil Furlough (12-4)**, **Bill Thompson (12-11)**,
Collis Terry (12-18), **Tommy Hill (12-25)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12-12	Alli Ambrose	12-13	Joanne Abernathy
12-15	Carol Roberts	12-17	Kayleigh Stovall
12-17	Bill Thompson	12-23	Charles Hill
12-26	Phil Shaver	12-27	Searcy Hall
12-29	Peggy Coward	12-29	Gene Preston

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