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The Transience of Life

James W. Adams

The transience of human life with its fleeting, haunting, vaporish quality has always been in the minds of thoughtful men — both pagan and Christian, atheist, agnostic, or believer. Robert Ingersoll, one of the most tragic figures in American history, bowed with grief at his brother's grave and declared,

"Life is but a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities."

Out of one eternity we came; for a few fleeting years we move upon the face of the earth; then into another eternity we go—forever. In a few short years it is all over, all the dreams and ambitions, all the confusion and chaos, the struggle and strife, the heartaches and the happiness. We bring our years to an end as a tale that is told, "because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets."

God has given to each of us a few hurrying

days of existence upon this earth, their number is strictly limited, *Psalm 90:9-10*. Each day calls for its own peculiar tasks and accomplishments. Not one of those days can be wasted; not one of them can be recalled. Once the sun has gone down the day is forever closed. Unless that day has seen its own quota of work done, it will have been lost forever. All our tears and all our prayers cannot bring back one single moment of it. How fortunate the man who understands, early in life, the infinitely precious value of his years, who sets his heart "in the days of his youth" to seek God, and to walk before Him with a perfect heart. How unutterably tragic that man who comes into middle years, or even into the sunset, without ever having really understood the meaning of life or the significance of eternity! His life has been wasted, but even more terrible than that, his eternity has been wasted as well.

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom!" □

The Book of John & the Cross

By Bryan Garlock

John was chosen to be an eye-witness to Jesus' signs (miracles) and the events that occurred during Jesus' ministry. While there are many running themes in John's book — light and darkness, life and death, the deity of Christ — there is one theme that is put on display for all to see: the cross. Readers of this book cannot travel far in John's words without confronting this highlight of the inspired text — it is literally on every page.

It was the first words John the Immerser announced as he saw Jesus approaching them — "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (1.29). The fact that John attached the purpose of lamb-sacrifices (sin-offerings) to Jesus illustrated the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world (1.9). In 1.51, we learn that it is Jesus that will be the way to heaven — he is the ladder (John 14.6) and the mediator between God and man, and that, only by His death (read the book of Hebrews; see also Genesis 28.10-22).

In chapter two, prior to Jesus' first sign, He said to His mother, "My hour has not yet come" (2.4). While some see this as His time to publicly reveal Himself as the coming Messiah, one cannot help but connect it to His death. Then, when Jesus started His public ministry by cleansing the Temple (2.13-22), He told the Jews who asked for a sign, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (2.19); yet, they thought He meant the actual temple, but He meant His body (2.21-22).

In chapter three, Jesus taught, "And as

Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up...." This is a reference to Numbers 21.9. In John 12.32-33, we read, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself. He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die."

In chapter four, Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well satisfying water that leads to eternal life (4.13-15). Interestingly, though, eternal life is for those who believe in His death for their sins (3.14-16). Furthermore, Jesus spoke of a coming hour when worship would no longer be bound to Jerusalem (4.21-24). This must have been fulfilled in His death on the cross, as the Law of Moses was no longer binding after the New Covenant began. At least one more picture of the cross is seen in chapter four. Jesus told His disciples, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." What work? His obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2.8). No wonder Jesus said, "It is finished" when He took His last breath on the cross (John 19.30).

Again and again, John turns the reader's attention to the cross because Jesus makes His death the center stage.

Now it is your turn. Continue to study through the book and notice all the references that point to that horrible scene where Jesus died for us. Honestly, it is a paradox — it is both awful and beautiful. Let us be awed by Jesus' love for us. □

Watch LIVE



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon had a bout with AFIB last week. It was reversed within a few hours. He was able to graduate to rehab on Friday. He is in Room 312 at Encompass Health across Governors Drive from Huntsville Hospital. Ron is up for company if you are able to stop by. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Please Remember **Phyllis** and the family to the Lord when you pray.

June Furlough underwent eye surgery on Monday. She is recovering at a normal pace. Please pray that she will quickly begin to enjoy the benefit of this surgery. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Gordon & Elaine Dorris were able to be with us on Wednesday. We are continuing to pray for his sister **Brenda**. She has many challenges and will require daily care for the foreseeable future.

The latest on **Steven Guice** from **Julie** — “The pathology testing done at MD Anderson on the tissue from the tumor removed at UAB revealed that it is a low-grade cancer. This means that it would not respond to chemo -- as the tumor in 2016 did not. Steven’s next appointment at MDA is on January 21st. Unless that changes, we don’t anticipate anything to be done until then. He is doing well; he feels good and this was his third week back at work on a pretty normal schedule. Yesterday I asked him if he was ready for me to go home. He couldn’t hold back the grin.”

Prayers for **Steven**!

Bobby Ferguson remains on our daily prayer list. Your efforts to encourage him are ap-

preciated.

Betty Reavis and family laid her sister to rest last Sunday afternoon. She is understandably very low right now. Please remember Betty and her family in prayer. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

Glenda Cavender	Melvin Godette
Marty Haselden	Betty Reavis
Debbie Harbin	Sarah Jernigan
Barbara Jean Woodard	Dot Summers
Laura Phillips	

Lowell Sallee Speaking Tonight

The elders have invited our good friend and brother, **Lowell Sallee**, who preaches for the church in Anderson, Alabama, to speak to our family this evening during the evening assembly. Lowell has been traveling to Africa for a number of years and brings a very special insight into the challenges with which our brethren in that part of the world are beset. We hope that you will make plans to be part of that assembly and will give Lowell your careful attention. ☐



Group Three Meets Tonight

Group Three, led by **Murray Castleman**, will meet immediately following evening class in the back classroom. Please plan to attend.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



DECEMBER 15, 2019

12-15	Carol Roberts	12-17	Stacey Besherse
12-17	Kayleigh Stovall	12-17	Bill Thompson
12-23	Charles Hill	12-25	Betty Reavis
12-26	Phil Furlough	12-27	Searcy Hall
12-29	Peggy Coward	12-29	Gene Preston

“Let Us Go!”

Michael W. McLemore

We are not told who “they” were who invited David to go to the house of the Lord, *Psalm 122:1*. The names of the worshippers are unknown. But, we do know that they were people who themselves wanted to go to the place of worship — “Let us go,” they exclaimed! So many wonderful blessing await worshippers in the place of worship. Every child of God should want to go and should be inviting others to go with them.

Why should we be glad to go? Because Christ is there — “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them,” *Matthew 18:20*. One man, visiting the Garden of Gethsemane, felt a nearness to Christ because he was where Christ might have walked. Even so, he is still about two thousand years removed from Christ. But, when we gather with others to worship, He is there. He is present and we are with Him.

On the Lord’s day when we enjoy the great privilege of solemnly remembering His sacrificial death, we join Him at His table. His body and His blood are called to mind in memory of His great sacrifice for us, *Matthew 26:26-30*.

“Let us go,” and let us be “glad to go!” ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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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	Ben Little
Hill Roberts	Collis Terry
Bobby Wright	

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, December 15

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Opening Prayer: **W.D. Patrick**
Scripture Reading: **Phillip Dill**
1 Chronicles 11:15-19
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Thirst Only Bethlehem Can Quench
Closing Prayer: **Bill McCord**

Sunday, December 22

Welcome: **Tommy Hill**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Tommy Hill**
Scripture Reading: **Wes Caudle**
Luke 2:8-21
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Bethlehem’s Gift to the World
Closing Prayer: **Bobby Wright**

Evening Worship

Bible Skills **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Opening Prayer: **Forest Summers**
Closing Prayer: **Jim Risner**

Evening Worship

Hill Roberts
David Jacks
Hill Roberts
Jim Ehl

Wednesday, December 18

Songs Leader: **Collis Terry**
Invitation: **Marty Hunt**
Closing Prayer: **Kirk Hatcher**

Wednesday, December 25

Bill Thompson
Mike McLemore
Jared Jimison

Group 3

2020 Weatherly Lectures
April 30th—May 3rd

Tadd Corder, Wilson Adams
& **Matt Bassford**

Group 4

Quarterly Adult Classes
October – December 2019

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
& **WEDNESDAY**

The Gospel According to John
Mike McLemore

Serving in December

Serving on the Lord’s Table AM	Jeremy Leshko	Ed Dill
** Overseer	Dwight Ivey	Bill McCord
	John Bersherse	Ryan Patrick
	Forest Summers **	Jim Risner
Lord’s Supper PM	Gene Preston **	John Stokes
Communion Prep		Kim Barnett
Building Lockup		David Jacks

