

Weatherly Weekly

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Walking with God

Michael W. McLemore

“He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure. Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar,” *Isaiah 33:15-17*.

Christians are charged to walk righteously. Isaiah viewed the lack of righteous character in Israel. He cried, “Lebanon is confounded and withers away; Sharon is like a desert,” 8-9. The people were not walking with God. Isaiah lamented. God shouted to the nation, “Now I will be exalted,” 10.

We live in a world that largely has forgotten God. If they haven't forgotten Him, certain He has been reigned to an insignificant

part of their life. Even among those who profess to know Him, many are not living for Him. Such is not walking with God. The faithful lament with Isaiah, and God shouts, “I will be exalted!”

Some would relegate the words of an ancient prophet to the heap of useless knowledge suited only for people of ages past. Not so! He spoke for God who changes not, and to a people not at all unlike modern man. The messages of social media or the endless 24 hour news cycles sound like the “Who’s who” of ancient Israel. Corruption abounds and God’s people are called to live above it; have no part with it.

Walking with God is an exalted life — “He will dwell on the heights,” 16. The Christian’s heart is set on things above. Our walk therefore, is elevated above the masses. Only then can we walk with God. Only then will we see our exalted king in His beauty and the land that is fairer than day where God dwells in righteousness. □



Squirrels and Ostriches

Doy Moyer

We were casually on our way to the meeting house one Sunday morning. As far as I could see, we were the only vehicle on the road, at least for a few turns. Suddenly a squirrel came running out from the left side right toward us (which is not unusual), and ... well he didn’t make it. Not this time. I thought, what in the world is wrong with these things? I am the only car on this stretch, and he had to wait until right then to dash out and get hit? What was he thinking? (Mind you, I’m asking what a squirrel was thinking...) Were he and his buddies making some kind of bet? “Hey, here comes a lone car. Let’s see if Frankie here will rush out there to see how close he can get before ...” Bad decision. Poor Frankie.

It just so happened that I was also teaching that morning from Job (coincidence?), and was commenting on this passage (Job 39:13-18):

“The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and plumage of love? For she leaves her eggs to the earth and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them and that the wild beast may trample them. She deals cruelly with her young, as if they were not hers; though her labor be in vain, yet she has no fear, because God has made her forget wisdom and given her no share in understanding. When she rouses herself to flee, she laughs at the horse and his rider.”

This is one of those interesting passages that makes one wonder what the point is. Why would God trot out the ostrich, among all the other great beasts, in His speech to Job? I had long wondered myself, but there are important lessons to be learned here, and we should not miss them.

Some animals are known for their craftiness (like serpents) and others are known for strength or agility (like the big cats). Some show an amazing sense of innate knowledge and wisdom (like returning to the place of birth or always heading in the right direction to get they need to go). There is a reason we generally like to watch shows or read about animals and their marvelous instincts.

Then there are the others...

Why are there some animals that just seem to have

little or no sense at all (at least in some areas)? They are almost comical in the way that they act. There is little wisdom or understanding. A squirrel can be just as foolish as imaginable... like see a car and run out in front of it for no apparent reason. An ostrich is pretty comical, though not something to mess around with.

Why are these animals like this? The answer given by God in Job is that He made them this way. Why would God make an animal to be silly or foolish? Consider this:

Just as God gives us examples through animals and insects of wisdom and strength (e.g., the ant in Prov 6:6-8), so God gives us examples through animals of that which is devoid of wisdom. These are animals that are living proverbs of folly and senselessness. They make us wonder at how something could be so ridiculous and foolish. Does any of this teach us lessons?

Yes, and here we are, human beings who are often rushing out into traffic and challenging wisdom with our own brands of folly and senselessness. Yet we were the ones who were created in God’s image and made to think and reason. We were not made to be foolish, but to reflect deeply on who we are and why we are supposed to be glorifying God through holy choices.

Animals can teach us. If we can look at ants and learn something of wisdom (Prov 6:6), we can look at squirrels and ostriches and learn something of folly.

The warnings are plentiful. Proverbs devotes many passages to the warnings about being foolish. For example: Wisdom asks, “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?” (Prov 1:22) “For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them” (Prov 1:32). “Every prudent man acts with knowledge, but a fool flaunts his folly.” (Prov 13:16) “Why should a fool have money in his hand to buy wisdom when he has no sense?” (Prov 17:16)

We should get the idea (i.e., read Proverbs). We have been warned, and nature is one more way God seeks to show us wisdom and folly. Pay attention to the creatures around you. They are teaching us lessons of both wisdom and folly, and we ought to be learning.

Consider the squirrel... □

Watch LIVE

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Ron Harmon remains in Encompass Health, room 206. He is making incremental progress but has a ways to go in the strength and recall departments. Your prayers for him are needed. Please say his name in prayer. It might be well for us to be a bit reserved in asking **Phyllis** for constant updates as to his situation. Be encouraging and supportive but this is just as difficult a situation for Phyllis as it is Ron.

We received word that Silvia's mom, **Rosa Castaneira**, was hospitalized on Friday. She was suffering from dehydration, a symptom of a stomach virus. Please pray for her.

Cathy Preston's back surgery has been re-scheduled for Friday, January 31st. Pray for Cathy.

Will Starks is expecting to have hip replacement surgery on February 4th. Pray for Will.

Evelyn Hall is stronger and seems to be getting along well. Thank you one and all for your prayers and acts of encouragement extended to **Evelyn & Searcy**.

Edith Turner and her son, **Jim**, arrived home safely from Kansas City Sunday afternoon. Your prayers for her and her family, especially her daughter **Glenda**, are solicited. Glenda is understandably having a very hard time.

Steven Guice and mom, **Julie**, arrived safely in Houston. Steve had tests on Friday and is ready for his appointment at MD Anderson on Tuesday. Prayers for **Steven & Julie**.

Donna Godette is in Kuwait for several weeks. Please pray for her safety while in that

part of the world. Also remember Melvin and the children. **The Godettes** are in need of our prayers. Please pray for each one. ☐

Daily Prayer List:

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

Bobby Ferguson completed his move to Traditions Assisted Living in Athens, Alabama on Wednesday. Please make note of his new contact information. He will be missed.

Bobby Ferguson, #219
 22171 Traditions Way
 Athens, Alabama 35613

Welcome Lu Family

We are happy to welcome **the Lu family** to Weatherly Heights: **Carrie, Huy, & Cindy** come to us from the Tucson, Arizona area. We look forward to having them with us.

2403 Yorkshire Circle, SW
 Huntsville, Alabama 35803
 Carrie's cell: (520) 812-9400

Skills Class Tonight

Skills Class continues tonight at the front of the auditorium promptly at 5 pm.

Group Three Meeting

Group Three, led by Murray Castleman, will meet following worship this evening in the back classroom. Plan to attend.

JANUARY & FBIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 19, 2020

1-19	Ed Dill	1-20	Edith Turner
1-23	Gordon Dorris	1-26	Marissa Hu
1-29	Jim Risner	1-29	Will Starks
1-30	Jenny Jacks	2-7	Maragem Harbin
2-8	Travis Barnett	2-11	Aaron Gore
2-13	Julie Guice	2-14	Brennan Ivey
2-15	Glenda Cavender	2-15	Hilda Wright

A Mighty Example

Michael W. McLemore

The men of Gennesaret set a mighty and lasting example for all who enjoy the great privilege of knowing Jesus. Listen to Matthew's account.

"And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well," *Matthew 14:34-36*.

Once these men, who saw the miraculous powers of Jesus, recognized Him, they did not, as self-seekers might do, run to Him for personal benefit. Instead, they showed their concern about those of their region who were in need of His healing power. Motivated by concern for others they sent out into all the region and brought the sick to the Lord.

True Christians ought to take note of the mighty example set by the men of old Gennesaret. The sin-sick world needs the Jesus whom we know. We ought to bring the spiritually sick to the Great Physician that through obedience to the gospel they may be healed.

This sin-sick world needs to know Christ if it is to escape the body of death and be conformed to image of His glorious body. Heed their mighty example. ☐

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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Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough	Steve Hagewood
Ron Harmon	Kirk Hatcher
David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, January 19

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer: **Forest Summers**
Scripture Reading: **Philip Dill**
John 8:48-59
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
I AM, Said Jesus
Closing Prayer: **Jeremy Leshko**

Sunday, January 26

Welcome: **Forest Summers**
Song Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Steve Hagewood**
Scripture Reading: **Wes Caudle**
Revelation 22:12-21
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
I AM the First and the Last
Closing Prayer: **Gene Preston**

Evening Worship

Bible Skills **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **David Jacks**
Opening Prayer: **Hill Roberts**
Closing Prayer: **Jimmy Harbin**

Evening Worship

Jared Jimison
Singing
Bill Thompson
Ed Dill

Wednesday, January 22

Songs Leader: **Bill Thompson**
Invitation: **Mike McLemore**
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Wednesday, January 29

Phil Furlough
Mike McLemore
Riley Monroe

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 January

Serving on the Lord's Table AM	Ken Cavender	Marty Hunt
** Overseer	Bobby Wright	Ron Holland
	Kirk Hatcher	Clark Boles
	Collis Terry **	Jerry Mitchell

Lord's Supper PM	Phil Furlough **	Phil Shaver
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Communion Prep	Hilda Wright & Doris DeCelles
Building Lockup	Bobby Wright

