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None Can Compare

Michael W. McLemore

Scripture does not describe God as a cosmic super-nanny who protects His children against every form of evil or harm. But, in the areas where He works, none can compare to Him! David's Psalm 40 offers the child of God tremendous assurance of God's involvement in His life.

We are often discouraged and frustrated by life. Disenchantment follows close behind when our expectations are not met. But, does that mean God isn't working?

Circumstances often discourage, *Romans 8:35-39*. Setbacks hinder, *Proverbs 13:12*. People disenchant, *2 Corinthians 11:26*. Problems frustrate, *1 Thessalonians 3:3-4*. Tragedies trouble, *Job 14:1*. Sin destroys, *1 John 1:9-10*. God knows. God cares.

Listen to His assurance that there is none more true, *Jeremiah 10:6,10*; there is none more holy, *2 Samuel 2:1-2*; there is none greater, 1

Chronicles 17:16, 20; and there is none more merciful, *Psalms 86:6-13*.

Listen to His powerful words of encouragement: "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord," *Psalm 40:1-3*.

In times of trial, be patient and call out to Him. Not only will He hear, but He will... LIFT you out of the pit, *2a*. (No place is too low that He cannot lift you up to safety.); PLACE you upon a sure foundation, *2b*. (He will give you a place upon which to stand that cannot be shaken or moved.); RESTORE praise to your heart, *3a*; INSPIRE others to trust in Him by what He has done in your life. God has not renounced His Sovereignty; none can compare to Him! □

Vessels Useful to the Master

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The Gospel story should leave every reader impressed by the truth that Jesus always saw the potential in people. He looked deeper than did his critics. Under the dirty sinful exterior, the Lord Jesus could see the desire to be better, to be cleansed. They saw Him as their only hope. That's the faith that Jesus can use and build upon.

Jesus sees potential in all of us, but reaching that potential as a Christian begins with a pure heart. The Bible book of God gives the blueprint for usefulness in the great house of the Master and calls upon us as vessels of honor to pursue holiness – "For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness," *1 Thessalonians 4:7*.

Paul encouraged the young preacher Timothy in his second letter to know that "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity," *2 Timothy 2:19*. But what follows this affirmation is also most encouraging. He illustrates how the Lord cleanses and prepares people of every variety.

"Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work," *20-21*.

The Holy Spirit of God describes every child of God as a "vessel" with purpose in the "great house of the Master." We have been cleansed from what is dishonorable (sin) and set apart as holy, and are now

useful to the Master of the house; ready for every good work. Jesus doesn't just see our potential; He has prepared us for greater service.

Paul makes clear that the child of God is not without responsibility in the matter, *22-25*. He describes the Christian as one who has called "on the Lord out of a pure heart," *22*. Jesus was once impressed by the faith of Roman Centurion who begged for his own servant to be healed. He saw potential in a Gentile that He had not observed among His own people – "I tell you, not even in Israel has I found such faith," *Luke 7:9*. This is

"Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work,"

2 Timothy 2:21

the heart Jesus can use. Note the attributes of those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Flee the passions of immaturity, or personal desire and pursue righteousness. Flee skepticism and pursue faith. Flee lusts that serve only to fill up self, and pursue love that seeks the best interests of others. Flee debate and pursue peace with our fellow man and brothers – "And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness," *24-25*. Those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart long to see even their most insolent opponents "come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil," *26*. That was the sole motive of the Lord. It must be our as well.

God did His part. In Christ we have been cleansed. What vessel will you choose to be? Will you flee the vain offering of the world, and choose to embrace the potential the Lord sees in you? Accept His cleansing; run away from sin and toward Him. If you want to be useful to the Master, you have work to do. □

Watch LIVE!



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Brooke Hatcher is doing well following her surgery. She received a good report from the surgeon. The Hatchers have expressed their thanks for your prayers on their behalf.

We are sad to report the passing of **Margaret Short** (94), widow of the late **Foy Short**, and sister of our own **Edith Turner**. Sister Short worked along side of her husband preaching in Zimbabwe for more than 50 years. Her family intends to return her ashes to Zimbabwe and scatter them in a special river there.

Sister Turner has suffered the loss of two sisters, a grandson, and her best friend all in the last year. Your prayers for her are greatly appreciated.

W.D. Patrick is anticipating knee surgery soon. As Forest Gump says, "Just one more thing!" Please keep W.D. in your prayers.

Julie Singleton's sister, **Lauren McNatt**, delivered a baby boy on Saturday morning. Mother and baby are doing well. The baby's surgery is scheduled for tomorrow morning. Prayers for Lauren, baby and family are solicited and appreciated.

Betty Reavis continues in the forefront of our daily prayers. We are trusting the Lord for her comfort. Remember **Bill** and their family as you pray.

Ron Harmon is doing well. Your prayers for the Harmons are greatly appreciated. We are thankful for the measure of strength that he has recovered. Pray for **Ron & Phyllis**.

Ruth Mitchell received a great report from her oncologist. No treatments. She will under-

go regular mammograms as a precaution. Thank you for all of your prayers.

Debbie Harbin continues on our prayer list. We are praying that she will get the help she needs to be better and pain free soon.

Dot & Forest Summers are in our prayers. We are thrilled that Forest is doing well and able to enjoy getting out to the farm etc. Remember Dot daily to the Lord.

Please to continue to remember **June Furlough's** friends to the Lord: **Preston Porter**, a Christian in Florence, who has COVID; and **Myra Barnett**.

Daily Prayer List:

Betty Reavis **Laura Phillips**
Jean Woodard **Melvin Godette**
Glenda Cavender **Steven Guice**

WEATHERLY UPDATES

UPDATES: We have no special news to report this week. Right now we are content to continue conducting the services as we have the last several weeks.

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin at 9:00 — Mike is continuing his live stream Bible class series on **Lessons from Joshua**.

Sunday morning worship will begin at 10. Mike is continuing his "Start Anew" series. Today his lesson is entitled **New Home, New Life**. His text is **Ruth 1:15-18**.

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. ☐

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 30, 2020

9-5	Kim Barnett	9-8	Melissa Skinner
9-9	Abbey Craig	9-9	Anna Skinner
9-14	Brooke Hatcher	9-17	Aurora Leshko
9-20	Sophia Hunt	9-21	Louis Garrett
9-23	Dylan Craig	9-25	LaNelle Patrick

Lover of Knowledge

Adapted

"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid."

Proverbs 12:1

Some people hate to be wrong; others simply hate to be told they're wrong.

The two are contrasted in the above quotation.

The man who hates reproof has no real love for truth; otherwise he would be receptive to it. No, he is simply enamored of his own concept of the truth — and of himself as an (alleged) truth-seeker. Such an attitude plagues the evil brethren Paul warns us of in 2 Timothy 3. Such men, he says in verse 7, are "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

If we are seeking the truth, especially in the spiritual realm, we must be open to correction. Even if the critic is overly critical, that does not mean he's necessarily wrong. If we hear constructive words with ears ready for correction, we will be able to modify our actions to better please God. If not, we're stupid. So says God. No college degree can change that. ☐

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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David Jacks	Hill Roberts
Collis Terry	Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, August 30

Welcome: **Mike McLemore**
Song Leader: **Jared Jimison**
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:

Ruth 1:15-18

Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
A New Land, A New Life

Closing Prayer:

Sunday, September 6

Mike McLemore
Jared Jimison

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Mike McLemore
The Shall All Know Me

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz CANCELLED

Songs Leader:
Opening Prayer: **Virtual Devotion on ZOOM**
Closing Prayer:

Evening Worship

CANCELLED

Virtual Devotion on ZOOM

Wednesday, September 2

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.

Wednesday, September 9

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 August

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

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Lord's Supper PM

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Communion Prep
Building Lockup

