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GOD KEEPS PROMISES

Michael W. McLemore

The Bible is an amazing collection of God's promises. From the promise of the seed of woman in Genesis 3:15 to the assurance of Christ's coming in the closing words of the Revelation, the Bible carefully chronicles God's promises. He has kept and will keep every single one!

Abraham's life is a wonderful example of God's ability to fulfill all His promises. God promised and Abraham obeyed. They became an anchor for the faithful man of God in uncertain times. If we will cling to God's assurances, they anchor us through every adversity. They became Abraham's clear guidance, *Hebrews 11:8*.

Abraham suffered from periods of doubt. In that doubt he became an example of "what not to do." The Lord led Abraham to Canaan, but when he saw there was a severe famine, he doubted God and decided to go to Egypt instead. He lied under stress and claimed Sa-

rah was his sister – a half-truth. We should always remember that following the Lord means He is the source for direction rather than our circumstances. Going our own way, places us outside His will and only leads to trouble.

Abraham was often uncertain but continued to trust. Despite God's promise of countless descendants, he remained childless, *Genesis 15*. He attempted to "help God out" by fathering Ishmael. The fulfillment of the Lord's promises seemed impossible from his perspective, *Genesis 17*. We share that with him at times, don't we?

Abraham rejoiced when he received the promised Son! He distinguish himself as faithful throughout his life. He never waived when God's promises required things that appeared contradictory, *Genesis 22*. He obeyed the more! From him we learn "trust." God called us to follow "the promised Son," through fire if we must, but follow Him confidently. Will you?

Cling to One Another

By Michel W. McLemore

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

Hebrews 10, especially verse 25, has been the subject of discussion since the day it was first read by its recipients. If one is to grasp the fullness of the writer's warning and encouragement, it is important that students not isolate the passage from the greater context. This verse is not a cudgel thrust upon the weak and fainting. It is an appeal to cling to one another, not a club.

This powerful text expresses the careful writer's anxiety for the preservation of the original faith and continuing loyalty of the Hebrew Christians. They were in danger of turning back because of doubt and the increasing heat of the fires of persecution.

In the former section two essential points have been established. First, Jesus has opened the means of passage to the presence of God by the sacrifice of His own flesh. Second, He is presently serving as High Priest in the heavenly places, or the residence of God. In view of these truths Christians are called to "draw near (to God) with confidence," 19-22. The Christian's confidence is three-fold:

CONFIDENT FAITH: The figure is that of a tabernacle with priestly functions performed inside. But, Jesus has opened the way for US "through the curtain" by "His blood" and "His flesh." Because Christ now reigns in regal sovereignty over the "house of God" as High Priest, 21, "Let US draw near" by a "new and living way." The term "new," Greek *prospatos*, invites to mind a sacrifice, "lately slaughtered, freshly killed," recently made. That sacrifice provided for "a new and living way" where a new life was discovered by the willing adherents who now enjoy complete and permanent absolution for the guilt of sin.

CONFIDENT ACCESS: Christ opened for us a life beyond the veil, where God and Christ reside. Unlike the for-

mer life of the Jew who was shut out, in Christ all men may have access beyond the curtain — fellowship with God. This was and is not possible apart from having "our bodies washed with pure water" cf. *Exodus 29:4; Acts 2:36-41; 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27*. It is in baptism penitents are made priests, cleansed of sin and granted access.

CONFIDENT CLEANSING: In Christ "our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience" 22; cf. *1 Peter 3:21*. The point of the text is plainly that those who have confident faith concerning Jesus, submitted themselves to Him for cleansing in baptism, resulting in the remission of sins. Through His sacrifice we now enjoy access to God through the merits of His own death, not our merit.

The Hebrew writer's audience was in danger of turning back from their confession of hope in Christ. This fear is assuaged in two ways. First, God is faithful to His promises. He will keep them. The confident must remain true, 23. Second, the confident need each other — "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" 24.

VERSE 25: It is essential that the reader note the location where "stirring one another up takes place" — the assembly. Neglecting to meet together deprives both those present and those absent. Readers are reminded that we are all prone to habit, and action will soon become routine.

Constant encouragement was necessary because of the coming "Day." Before His departure Jesus taught His disciples that the Hebrew place of worship would be destroyed, *Matthew 24*. Their Jewish world would forever change, then what? All that will remain is Christ and His promises. When trying times come, that's what we all need, Christ and His promises. If Christians turn back, what will remain for them except divine vengeance? Cling to one another, today!

Watch LIVE!

FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



FAMILY UPDATES

Prayers:

Many at Weatherly were sad to learn of the passing of **Carl Collins**, former Weatherly member. His wife **Maggie**, overcome with grief, was hospitalized under the stress of the event. She is expected to recover. At this printing funeral arrangements are pending. Your prayers for this family are solicited.

We are continuing to ask for prayers for our sister, **Edith Turner**. Her injection has not really helped at this point. She is actually having a bit more discomfort now than before. She is to return to the doctor on Wednesday. Linda is with her. Of course she is very upset over the passing of her son-in-law, **Wolfgang Bradner**. Jim is scheduled to return to Kansas City to assist with the burial. **Glenda** is overwrought with grief. Your prayers for Edith and her family are greatly appreciated.

Ruth Mitchell suffered a concerning weakness in her "good arm" last week during the recovery phase of her surgery and was hospitalized to run further tests. No findings were uncovered, which is a good thing. She was released on Friday and is home. She is otherwise doing well.

Joanne Abernathy has COVID behind her. We are thankful that she is doing well. Thank you for all of your prayers.

We are continuing to pray for **Raymond Harbin**, **Maragem's** son, and brother of our **Jimmy**. Raymond is failing. Your thoughts, expressions of concern and especially your prayers are so meaningful during difficult days.

Mechi Hunts' sister, **Zoila Herring**, remains

on our daily pray list.

Ciera Elledge, Will & Sarah Starks' granddaughter, continues her aggressive battle with cancer. Your thoughts and prayers are helping. Keep them up!

We are all so proud of the three young Weatherly men who graduated from High School over the last few days and weeks — **Keion Godette, John Patrick, & Brenden Sanchez-Ferretiz**. They are a blessing to us.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Laura Phillips, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette & Charlotte Hagewood**.

TODAY AT WEATHERLY

Sunday morning Bible Study begins promptly at 9:30 am. Mike will continue his study in the book of **Titus, chapter 2**.

Sunday morning worship begins at 10. Mike is continuing his series, **Cultivating Culture**. Today we will be exploring "**Cultivating Maturity**." God in His divine wisdom planned the kingdom to bring about its most effective results. That is only possibly when each member accepts his or her God appointed role in the local family. Let us go on to maturity. Join us as we talk about **Cultivating Maturity at 10:00 am**.

TONIGHT at 6 we will gather for **Bible Skillz** and our weekly open forum class on **Big Bible Questions**. We hope to see you all.

Wednesday evening Bible study begins at 7. Mike McLemore will be leading the auditorium class as we study **Titus, chapter 3**. We hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunity to participate. ☐

Preach the Word with Dee

Dee Bowman used to tell the story of a young man who preached his heart out. He was barely 23 and this was his first gospel meeting. His heart raced when he received the invitation to preach for the small group in this little community. Visions of huge crowds, excitement and many responses filled his head. When the time came he was almost out of breath with excitement.

Although the crowds were fair, there was seemingly very little excitement during the meeting. Brethren listened attentively, but their reaction was mere quiet politeness. He preached his heart out for two weeks. When the meeting was concluded, one person — a little girl 12 years old — obeyed the gospel. He was discouraged, disappointed.

Before returning home, he sat with the Elders of the little congregation and apologized — "I guess I'm not as far along as I thought I was. I'm sorry only one person responded to the invitation. I'll do better if there is a next time." The Elders sought in vain to console him. He was sad!

Years past. The little girl grew up. She married a faithful Christian. Their marriage was graced with five sons. All five of the sons became gospel preachers. Through their efforts thousands of people learned about Jesus and obeyed the gospel.

All this, because of the effort of one young, inexperienced gospel preacher. Preach the Word! ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
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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, May 29

Welcome: **Will Starks**
Song Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **WD Patrick**
Lord's Table Lead: **Tommy Hill**
Ephesians 4:9-16
Sermon: **Mike McLemore**
Cultivating Maturity
Closing Prayer: **Phil Shaver**

Sunday, June 5

Tommy Hill
Hill Roberts
Will Starks
Bill Thompson
Hebrews 5:11—6:12
Mike McLemore
Cultivating Growth
Ron Harmon

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz **Mike McLemore**
Songs Leader: **Mel Ambrose**
Opening Prayer: **Marty Hunt**
Closing Prayer: **Tommy Hill**

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
David Jacks
Marty Hunt
Wes Caudle

Wednesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 8

Collis Terry
Mike McLemore
Tommy Hill

2022 Lectures TBA

Quarterly Adult Classes March — June 2022

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY
Put What Remains Order
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY
Titus
Mike McLemore

Serving in June

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

** **Bill Thompson (6-5), Phil Shaver (6-12),
Collis Terry (6-19), Marty Hunt (6-26)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS



MAY 29, 2022

5-31	Petra Carter	6-1	Ellaine Dorris
6-1	June Furlough	6-3	Rick Morgan
6-4	Ellie Pellegrini	6-4	Melonie Power
6-7	Shelia Hagewood	6-9	Alex Thompson
6-11	Carley ² Hill	6-13	Adam Hagewood
6-15	Murray Castleman		

