

Have I Waited Too Long?

Tuesday morning I went to get the oil changed in my car because it was long past due. So I finally woke up early one morning and drove to Wal-Mart to have them take care of it. As I sat and watched the men prepare to work I noticed one of them shaking his head from left to right. I began to wonder if he was shaking his head because I had waited so long to get my oil changed. To me, it was not that big of a deal, I was just a thousand miles over the suggested mileage for a change. But to him, I'm sure it was a big deal. My last guilty thought was, "I wonder if I have waited too long and done damage to my car."

Isn't that how some of us are tempted to be with the Lord? We have only gone a little over the limit with this sin or that. We have only missed a couple of worship services this month. We have only skipped two or three opportunities to help someone who was hurting. And you know, those things may not seem that bad to us in the moment. You may be saying to yourself, there is no need to make any drastic changes right now, I'm getting by. I have to ask the question, do you just want to "get by" as a Christian?

I can't help but think of Paul and what he said to the Thessalonian Christians in 1 Thessalonians 5:2. He said, "For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (ESV, emphasis added). The Christians were fully aware that Jesus could return at any moment to judge the world. I want to believe they were people who made changes as soon as they noticed a need. Look at your life. Are you simply getting by? Have you put off making changes that you know are needed? In view of eternity, put your obedient trust in God and he will love, forgive, and save you in the end. Do not live in fear of the question, "Have I waited too long?"

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning *To Be Announced*
 Sunday Evening *Singing Emphasis*

Leadership

Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey
Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr,
 Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney
Pulpit Minister Eric Welch
Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM

Panama Missions

Evans Campbell Pablo Sanchez

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 Opening Prayer Matt Johnson
 Scripture Grover Blanton
 Sermon Eric Welch
 Lord's Supper
 Message Irvin Williams
 Attendant Jeremy Montgomery
 Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Jerry Casey

PM Service

Song Leader Robby Stocksdale
 Bible Reading Harold Tincher
 Selection 39
 Prayer Ernie Marshall
 Sermon Singing Emphasis
 Closing Prayer Leon Stocksdale
*If you are unable to serve,
 Call Art Patrick 502-819-9481
 Or Harold Tincher 288-5956*

AM & PM Services

Announcements Clint Smith Sr
 Lord's Supper Rick Martin
 Offering Kevin Blalock
 Usher Jerry Montgomery
 Count Offering Joe Sweeney
 Assist Count Hank Tincher

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Resisting Temptation

Temptation is a daily fact of life. All of us are faced with making decisions between right and wrong every day. Even Jesus Christ was tempted. Hebrews 4:15 says of our Lord, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." So we learn that it is not a sin to be tempted, but it is sinful to give in to temptation.

What is the source of temptation? In answering, we must emphasize that God never entices us to sin! James 1:13 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." James went on to explain that the source of our temptations are our own weaknesses (James 1:14-16). The devil is called "the tempter" in the Bible because he preys on those weaknesses and entices us accordingly to disobey God.

Satan once tempted Jesus Christ in three different ways as recorded in Matthew 4:1-11. Every time, He countered Satan's Temptations by quoting Scripture. He answered the devil's lies with God's truth! In Ephesians 6:17, the word of God is called "the sword of the Spirit." It is the one weapon Satan has no answer for. God gave it to us to overcome the tempter and his schemes.

James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Psalm 119:11 says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Friends, how is your spiritual swordsmanship?

- Travis L. Quertermous church of Christ Dexter, MO. www.dexterchurchofchrist.com/

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 4:1-11

Blessing Others Beyond Our Years

Those of you who are history buffs may know the significance of the date, April 14, 1865. This was the day President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth. However, something else of significance happened on that day of which you may not be aware. Earlier on this very day, President Lincoln signed into law a piece of legislation that created the Secret Service.

I found this historical tidbit to be rather ironic. Although Lincoln, himself wasn't able to benefit from this piece of legislation, he was able to bless the lives of other Presidents who would follow him.

This caused me to ask a question I believe is worthy of consideration. Are we willing to invest ourselves in the future? Are we willing to work to secure blessings for others that we will never realize? Are we willing to sacrifice so that others we don't even know will reap the benefits?

It's not easy. We want to enjoy the fruits of our own labor. But selflessness is a quality that makes us more like Jesus. Friends, invest in your children so their lives are blessed long after you're gone. Sacrifice and invest in the church in such a way that Christians you don't even know will be blessed by the fruits of your labor; fruits you, yourself may never see. Let's sacrifice, invest, and lose ourselves in others so that after we are dead and gone, we are a blessing to others.

- Steve Higginbotham www.karnschurch.org

Heaven Is For Real

Yes, it is true that heaven is for real, and it is also true that God is not dead. Both of these truths, along with "Noah," are Hollywood productions which hit the big screen in the last few weeks. While these films have caused quite a stir within "the Christian Community" (?), they have done nothing to strengthen the faith of true Christians.

Christians, whose faith is produced by the Word of God and is anchored therein, do not need Hollywood's artistic licenses to bolster their faith (John 17:17). Nor do they need the fabricated testimony of a child who claims to have seen it all.

God has given men all they need to know to produce a saving faith (2 Peter 1:3). Peter's statement clearly teaches that men, certainly Christians, do not need the ingenuity and productions of man to produce or strengthen faith.

Through faith, produced by the Word of God, one may understand "...that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3). That Word tells one "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

Little children are taught that beautiful song "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." How do they know the Jesus loves them? The Bible tells them so.

How does one know that God is alive and that heaven is real? The Bible tells them so. All the evidence one needs is there: "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, And night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language; Their voice is not heard" : Psalms 19:1--3) .

God is not dead! Heaven is for real! Noah experienced the flood. How can people know that? The Bible tells them so! - A. C. Quinn Westside church of Christ, Wolfe City, TX.

Hamburg Pike Happenings

A dedication of our new building addition is planned for Sunday June 29th after the morning worship service.

- The dedication will include a pitch-in meal; a sign-up sheet, by fellowship group, is on the table in the foyer. Please indicate what you plan to bring.
- Debbie Smith requests that the ladies please make center pieces for the tables. The design can be anything that is special to you.
- After Wednesday Bible study, we need volunteers to help setup tables and chairs in the multi-purpose room.
- Drinks, cups, ice, plates, eating/serving utensils and napkins will be provided.
- See Clint Sr. for further details.

A "Singing Emphasis" service is scheduled for Sunday evening June 29th. Men and young men who would like to lead a song or read scripture please sign the sheet on the table.

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Sunday July 20th through Wednesday July 23rd. The lessons will be about the life of Moses. Classes are planned for all ages including adults. More details to follow. Please keep this work in your prayers.

Thoughts...

Faith is Not Blind, Faith is your sight Set On Jesus!

If evolution were true, Mother's would have at least 3 arms.

God will accept broken hearts – but you must give Him all the pieces!

Do you keep your Bible as close as your cell phone?

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