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The Indestructible Bible

The Bible is the oldest book the world has. It antedates the Chinese bible. It has come down to us through the ages. Its enemies have sought to destroy it. Its pages are stained with the blood of martyrs. Empires, kingdoms and states have crumbled around it. How do you account for the Bible surviving the wreck of time? The answer is that God is with it and in it.

It was Mears who said, "The lyric poetry of the Hebrews was in its golden age nearly a thousand years before the birth of Horace. Deborah sang a model of a triumphant song full five hundred years before Sappho was born. The book of Esther was a venerable fragment of biography, more strange than fiction, at least twelve hundred years old at the dawn of the romantic literature of Europe. The proverbs of Solomon are by eight hundred years more ancient than the writings of Seneca."

Though it has been exploded, demolished, and made ready for the grave countless times, it goes on its triumphant way, giving light, hope, and salvation to unnumbered millions in many lands and many tongues.

The Bible lives in spite of men. False theories of religion profess to be built upon it. A relentless war is waged upon it by those who hate it, and friends to it have become lukewarm. Yet the Bible is here. It is the deathless book. It is as eternal as God. "The word of the Lord endureth forever."

- Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS.

Friends in High Places

[Eric Welch](#)

The greatest influence on the belief in guardian angels comes from Catholicism and its interpretation of Matthew 18:10: *See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.*

Related to this interpretation is the belief that men turn into angels when they die. Hollywood is adept to further this interpretation through programs like "Highway to Heaven." Angels have indeed guarded and delivered God's people at various times, but the Scriptures do not support the concept of a specific angel that is assigned to and guards an individual. Humans do not become angels. Angels are not the same as men; they are on a higher plane of existence (Psalm 8:5). They existed before men (Job 48:7). When we die, we will face judgment (Heb. 9:27) not assignments (Luke 16:27-31). When the rich man asked that Lazarus be assigned to warn his brothers, Abraham said that this kind of thing is not allowed. They have Moses and the prophets and should listen to them.

"Little ones" in Matthew 18:10 does not refer to children but to disciples who must become childlike to follow Jesus, humble and sincere. The physical child in the passage is only a symbol for what what Jesus's followers should be like (Matthew 18:2). In the context, Jesus is answering the disciple's feud about who is the greatest in the kingdom. Jesus said that God loves each disciple (even the least of them) and no one should despise them. They have access to God through angels who see God's face. That is, angels care about this person. They are up high in the presence of God and see God's face. Each Christian has friends in high places; therefore, we must be careful how we treat each one. This understanding, however, does not necessitate a personal guardian angel.

One More Soul in Heaven and One Less Soul in Hell

When God loved us enough and we loved Him back,
It meant one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (John 3:16)

When we love someone enough it can also mean,
One more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (John 15:12-13)

When we love someone enough to pray for them,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (I John 5:15-17)

When we love someone enough to weep over their lost condition,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (Luke 19:41)

When we love someone enough to take the time to teach them,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (James 5:19-20)

When we love someone enough to help them focus on the spiritual not the material,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (I Timothy 6:6-10)

When we love someone enough to warn them of their doom,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (Galatians 6:1)

When we love someone enough to not be willing for them to perish,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (2 Peter 3:9)

When we love someone enough to snatch them from the fire,
It can mean one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell. (Jude 22-23)

Are you content to leave that soul, you know, doomed to hell?

Or do you love them enough to want, one more soul in heaven and one less soul in hell? (Mark 16:15-16)

- Larry Pasley, minister with the Jackson Street Church of Christ in Alexandria, LA.

Do Not Despair

“Even the winds and the sea obey him” (Matt. 8:23-27)! That is what the disciples said after the Lord calmed the wind and the sea.

Storms in our lives threaten us on a regular basis. We think we are about to drown in debt, marital problems, disobedient children, mean bosses, hard to work for companies. Perhaps you’ve been trying to calm the storm by yourself and it’s not working. There is a solution. Awaken the Lord in your life. But, how do we do it?

Obey Him. Faith (John 8:24), Repentance (Acts 2:38), Confession (Rom. 10:9-10) and in Water Baptism the Lord will wash away your sins (Acts 22:16; 2:38).

Walk with Him daily. Live according to his word (1 John 1:7). Study, pray, be faithful unto death (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Thess. 5:17; Rev. 2:10).

Tell others about Him. The woman at the well did so (John 4:29). We can too (Mark 16:15-16).

- Larry Acuff via the Nile Street Notes, bulletin of the Anna Church of Christ in Anna, IL

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The next Monday Night for the Master group meeting is Monday March 23rd at 6:00 pm. Mexican is on the menu for our meal.

Would you like to help with VBS? There is a "Giving Tree" in the foyer with items that are needed for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. If you would like to give a donation towards the purchase of these items please see Ashley Smith or Stephanie Welch.

The Elders plan to designate each of the 5th Sundays in 2015 for special contributions. The Elders prayerfully urge your participation in planning to give at least a double gift on these Sundays.

The Yahoo group is planning a dinner at Logan's Road House on Thursday March 26th at 6 pm. Please sign-up as soon as possible so reservations can be made.

Men and young men of the congregation are encouraged to volunteer for a Wednesday evening devotional message. If you would like to participate, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. The lessons should be prepared for a length of 3 to 5 minutes. Thank You.

Our Fellowship Group Meetings for March:

- The Stocksdale's group will meet March 22nd after the morning worship.
- The Smith's group will meet March 22nd after the evening worship.
- The Tinchler's group will meet March 29th after the morning worship.

Clinton III and Jaren Smith both passed their karate test. Clinton is an orange belt and Jaren is now a yellow belt. Great job, we are all very proud especially mom and dad.

<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Schedule of Services</u>
<p>Elders Hayward Blanton, Jerry Casey</p> <p>Deacons Clint Smith Sr, Clint Smith Jr, Robby Stocksdale, Joe Sweeney</p> <p>Pulpit Minister Eric Welch</p> <p>Associate Minister Irvin F. Williams</p> <p>Panama Mission Pablo Sanchez</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday</p> <p>Bible Class 10:00 AM</p> <p>Morning Worship 11:00 AM</p> <p>Evening Worship 6:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday</p> <p>Bible Class 7:00 PM</p>

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Sermon Titles

Sunday Morning: "The Healing of Forgiveness" Mark 2:1-12

Sunday Evening: "Special Music in the Church?"

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service	PM Service	AM & PM Services
Song Leader Michael Hawkins	Song Leader Clint Smith Jr	Announcements Clint Smith Sr
Opening Prayer Leon Stocksdale	Bible Reading Joe Sweeney	Lord's Supper Nathaniel Welch
Scripture Grover Blanton	Selection 11	Offering Joe Sweeney
Sermon Eric Welch	Prayer Ernie Marshall	Usher Marc Owens
Lord's Supper Matt 27:11-50	Sermon Eric Welch	Count Offering Robby Stocksdale
Message Greg Blanton	Closing Prayer Ethan Welch	Assist Count Marc Owens
Attendant Matt Johnson	<i>If you are unable to serve, please call Art Patrick 502-819-9481 or Harold Tinchler 502-409-3511</i>	Last Sunday
Attendant Brandon Montgomery		Contribution Attendance
Closing Prayer Jerry Casey		\$2,526 83