

Let's Visit

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No Need To Worry

There are a lot of folks today who are disturbed by fears and anxieties. The morning news shows tell us statistically how prevalent this is. They tell us the increase there has been in this type of malady. It is actually tragic when you consider how many hospital beds in America are used for those with nervous disturbances, those suffering from some type of mental illness.

In our day and time, there has been a great deal of light shed on this issue. Yet, it also seems that in our day and time the problem seems to be more extensive than in previous generations.

We are afflicted with tensions, fears and anxieties more than ever. We often find ourselves in real life situations full of problems. Not always simple problems, sometimes complicated problems. These are not just tensions and fears of the mind, we are plagued with actual situations which seem to have no solution.

All of us have seen a good many people facing their problems. We are not thinking of problems of a national nature nor of problems of an international nature. We are talking about personal problems.

This brings to mind a passage from the Hebrew letter. The writer told of Jesus coming into the world and living in the flesh. Jesus did this so Jesus might know the problems we face. The writer goes on to tell how Jesus conquered death. He then speaks of people who *"were all their lifetime subject to bondage"* (Hebrews 2:15)

Reading that passage, I get a picture of humanity staggering under heavy burdens. Sometimes it is an imaginary problem of the mind. Sometimes it is an accrual problem. In either case, the person goes through the years bent almost double by the burden.

Often, meeting some troubled soul, I have found myself wishing they might be a baby again. If not a baby, a small child starting over again. Often there would be some simple things we would want to say to this person whose mind or life is so troubled. There are things we believe might change things for them.

If I were able to convey to some tiny child the principles that would cause that child to grow up and avoid tensions, the first thing I would want to say to the child is to let God guide you completely and fully. That is also what I would say to those of us who are older.

To say something so simple, it might seem nothing has been said. Yet, the problem that creates all other problems is our desire to have our own way. Solomon is one who almost completely went his own way. He came to the end of his days and said profoundly in Ecclesiastes 12:13; *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."*

Think of his wives, concubines and ivory throne. Think of his billions in gold and his fleets of ships. Think of his mines and his influence. When it is all over we hear him say, "Now my final conclusion is this, fear God and keep his commandments."

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m.

Gathered Here and There

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We must let God determine the standards we live by and the goals we are striving for. Remember Jesus said, *“Blessed are the poor in spirit...blessed are they that mourn...blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness...blessed are the merciful...blessed are the pure in heart...blessed are the peacemakers.”* (Matthew 5:3-9) Later Jesus continued talking about our treasure in Matthew 6:19-20 and told us to lay up treasure in heaven. He also tells us how to treat others in Matthew 7:12. These are God’s recommendations for the way men ought to think and live.

We must also remember the admonitions in Peter’s second letter, specifically what is recorded in II Peter 1:5-7. We refer to the things mentioned there as the seven Christian graces. They are basic principles to live by.

We need to learn what matters and what does not matter. There are many things that absolutely do not matter. It does not matter how widely we have traveled or how well known we are. It does not matter how much wealth we might accumulate. How much power we wield is unimportant. So far as our own happiness and well-being in life are concerned, these things do not make for happiness.

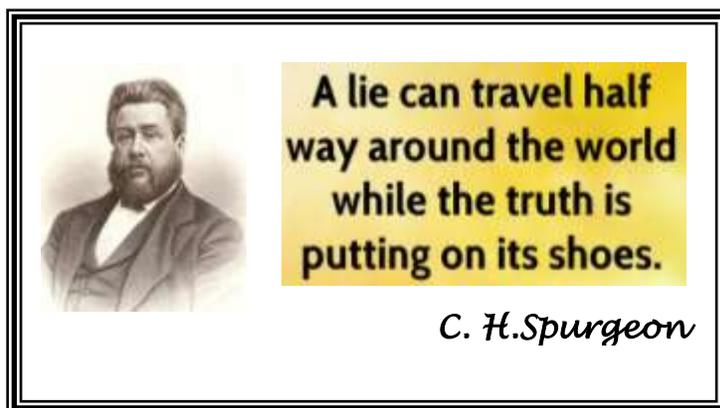
The simple life is the best life after all. It is a wise man or woman who keeps their wants few and simple. The individual who moves in faster and faster company, after a while, gets to the place where they cannot quite keep up. They cannot make their legs move as fast as the rest of their body.

We need more time for the better things of life. When we become twisted inside, distraught and under tension, and when we face real problems about us, the only answer is to slow the tempo and go back to the things that are eternal. They have come from the God who made us. There is a wonderful message from Paul, Philippians 4:8; *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

The first great suggestion to any child beginning their life is simply to let God direct them. If you do that you do not have any need to worry. If God is in complete control of your life, there is absolutely no need to worry. If we are going where God directs, traveling his road, there is no need to worry. He will take care of us and after a while we will end where we want to be.

When Paul wrote to Timothy, he told him he knew who he had believed, he wrote to the church at Rome and told them that all things work together to them that live God and he wrote to the Philippians and told them that he had learned in whatever state he was in to be content. You see, trusting the Lord, there is no need to worry.

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On The Lighter Side.....



WE VALUE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP HERE,
WHICH IS WHY WE ONLY HAVE SEATING FOR
EIGHT

This and That



Those To Remember In Prayer

On The Twenty-Third Psalm...

*In "pastures green?" Not always;
 Sometimes He
 Who knoweth best, in kindness
 leadeth me
 In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.*

*And by "still waters?"
 no, not always so.
 Oft times the heavy tempests round about
 me blow,
 And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.*

*But when the storm beats loudest,
 and I cry
 Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
 And whispers to my soul,
 "Lo, it is I."*

*So, where he leads me,
 I can safely go,
 And in the blest hereafter
 I shall know
 Why, in his wisdom, he hath led me so.*

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Denise Cox is scheduled for surgery on Monday June 10th in Houston
Carla Holt, (Ted & Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) has been diagnosed with cancer.

Our church family to remember in prayer

LaJuan Baugh, Anne Burson, Lee Ola Eaves, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ethel Holder, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Jacob Benton (friend of Ann Burson) **Pauline Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), **Jennifer Britt** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Kaden Butler** (Debra Pate's great grandson) **Denise Cox** (member at Joaquin Church of Christ) **Ronnie Emanis** (Sue Hagler's nephew) **Mary Fleming** (Mike O'Brien's aunt) **Hugh Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother) **Mike Fults**, **Jonica Glaze** (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) **Virginia Goodrum** (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) **Buddy Hancock** (Martha Jean Golden's brother) **Allison Harbison**, **George Holder** (Ethel Holder's son) **Larry Landry** (Glenna Noles Brother) **Juston Lout** (Patricia Lout's son) **Shirley Lout** (Mike Lout's mother) **Glynn McCleod** (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) **Mitchell McLeod** (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew)), **Elsie Lee McDaniel** (Alice Hall's sister-in law) **Roger Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) **Robert Shull** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Winston Smith** (Thelma Hinton's brother) **Margie Weaver** (friend of Debra Pate) **Janice Williams** (Ethel Holder's daughter)

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), **Denise Cox** (member at Joaquin) **Laura Cuzzippi** (Ann Burson's niece) **Harold Dawkins** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Reita Doty** (friend Ann Burson) **David Greer** (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) **Carla Holt** (Ted and Joyce Holt's daughter-in-law) **Dora Livingston**, **Connie Mettauer**, **Tem Morrison**, **Bobbie Smiley**, **Ronnie Stanfield** (friend of Tim & Norma Perkins) **Tina Vaughn** (Sue Hagler's daughter) **Jo Windham** (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember **Leland Bradshaw** and **Amanda Bradshaw**, (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter) in Iraq

Upcoming Events

Friends and family Day
 September 8, 2019

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING – This afternoon at 3:30 in the church office. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

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FOR THE PANTRY–Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

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*You cannot believe your fears.
 most of them are liars.*



Across The Preacher's Desk

Can you see by an eye of faith, Jesus, as he is hanging on the cross? He has been hounded, betrayed, denied, tried before an unjust court, led out of the city and nailed to a rough hewn wooden cross. Yet, hanging there, his first words were not a complaint. Though he was innocent, his first word was not a plea for his own innocence. Neither was his first statement a cry for vengeance against those who crucified Him.

Rather, Jesus first words from the cross were a prayer for forgiveness. A prayer for those who put Him there. He prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do".

There is in our world today a pressing need for the grace of forgiveness. There are many who are unstained from sensuality, free from immoral practices and they attend church services regularly. They can sing "Oh How I Love Jesus" louder than anyone in the building. Yet, these same people carry enough malice in their hearts to damn their souls to the fires of an eternal hell.

If we do not learn to forgive, malice will multiply in our souls and stifle every noble impulse. Hatred will rob us of the joy of the Christian life and the leaven of enmity will embitter us taking from our soul the sweetness implanted there by Jesus.

The prayer on our lips must ever be the prayer of Jesus, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

it's something to think about. . . .thp

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Commitment!**