

Let's Visit

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Reflections On The Bible

My grandmother used to ask me, "what are you studyin' about?" As a small boy I was often puzzled as to what she meant. Then one day I came to understand what she meant. It was a colloquialism asking what was on my mind. It was usually asked when I was in a far off land, in my own little world with a little boy's dreams.

Have you ever thought what the bible has for us, what it contains for us? Within the pages of the Bible we find the way to true happiness in Psalm 1:1-3. The Psalmist tells us the truly blessed person delights in the Law of the Lord. He meditates on it day and night and thus flourishes like a fruitful tree.

Again, in the 19th Psalm and verses 7 through 11, we find that the Bible is a book of many virtues. It is perfect converting the soul. It is sure, making wise the simple and right, rejoicing the heart. The Bible is pure, enlightening the eyes and clean, enduring forever.

The Bible guards against sin, for we read in Psalm 119L:11, *"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee"*. If we are willing to hide the word of God in our hearts, the Bible can help us to avoid sin.

Furthermore, according to Psalm 119:97-100, the Bible makes us wise. Here is how that passage reads, *"O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts."* Yet, in order for the Bible to make us wise, we must be willing to meditate on its commandments. Doing so will make us wiser than our enemies, our teachers and the wisest of history.

But, we must be willing to keep the precepts of the Bible. In that same 119th Psalm and verse 105 we are told that the Bible is a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway.

The Bible is also a source of comfort and hope for us according to Romans 15:4. There Paul writes, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our leaning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."* The things of the Old Testament are for our learning. They also give us comfort and hope.

The Bible is living and powerful according to Hebrews 4:12. Then, again Paul writes in II Timothy 3:16-17 and we learn that the Bible is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness. In fact, Paul tells us the Bible thoroughly furnishes us for every good work.

Throughout the centuries, great men have praised the Bible, the word of God. Patrick Henry, the American Patriot who became known for declaring "give me liberty or give me death" said, "the Bible is worth more than all other books which have ever been printed". The great writer of literature, Charles Dickens said, "the New Testament is the very best book that every was or will be known in the world". One of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln said, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has

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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. Sunday

Gathered Here and There



Today's Sermon

"Don't Be Fretful"

Our text comes from Psalm 37. We are living in troubled times and are often "fretful". Yet, the Psalmist tells us 3 time in the first 8 verses of Psalm 37 not to fret.

FOR THE PANTRY....

Rice

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Given to man. All the god from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book". Then, another great American president, Ronald Reagan said of the Bible, "within the covers of this one single book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems we face today. If only we would read it and believe".

The Bible is the way to true happiness, a book of many virtues, a helper of the young, a guard against sin, able to make us wise, a lamp to show the way, a source of peace, comfort and hope. It is living and powerful, life-giving and life-guiding. The question we must answer is what does the Bible mean to us and do we spend enough time in studying our Bibles? That is a question each of us must answer for ourselves.

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You may have noticed....

Over the past several months, there has been a great deal of work going on around our building. As most of you are aware of, we have been putting money aside in our building fund for several years so we could replace the roof on the flat roof portion

of our building. Well, during the past several months, we have accomplished that and much more.

The roof has been replaced. However, before we replaced the roof, we needed to have the building painted. So, the entire building was painted outside, rotten boards were replaced, and the outside was completely freshened up. Along with the painting, we replaced the doors to the furnace room outside which had rotted through the years. In addition to painting the exterior and replacing the roof, we have also put new carpeting in the hallway leading from the auditorium to the fellowship hall and also replaced the carpeting in the fellowship hall. The foyer has been given a "freshening up" by replacing water damaged sheetrock and re-texturing all the walls and ceiling and repainting. Also, the sign on the building is being repainted and given new lettering to give it a like new appearance.

Lot's of improvements have been made to our physical facilities during the past few months so that as the Lord's Body in Center we can continue to grow and shine forth the light of the gospel in our community for many years to come.

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On The Lighter Side....



Preacher, I'd like for you to meet my husband Carl, he decided to come to church with me today.

Miscellaneous



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Covered Dish Luncheon
Make your plans to be here!



Those To Remember In Prayer

Donnie Hagler, has suffered a stroke in addition to being treated for Covid 19. He is in ICU at Nacogdoches Medical Center in Nacogdoches.

Gracie Elam (6months old) is scheduled for Heart Surgery in February.

THOSE WITH ONGOING NEEDS:

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Roxie Bostick (back issues) **Gene Bradshaw** (recovering from surgery), **Tiffanee Klein** (kicked by a horse) **Betty Miller** (pneumonia) **Wayne Sims** (cancer);

"EXTENDED FAMILY" AND FRIENDS

Cody Butler (Debra Pate's grandson) **Peytin Cook** (Betty Miller's great-granddaughter) **Gracie Elam** (6 month old baby born with heart defect) **James Hagler** (Covid 19) **Connie Hargrove** (Covid 19) **Dalton Hendrix** (Joyce Holt's great-great nephew) **Ernie Hill** (Jerry Pate's cousin) **Lamar McCormick** (friend of Sarah Fletcher, multiple health issues) **Foy Metcalf** (friend of Sarah Fletcher) **Jared and Natalie Tate** (Mike and Roxie's son and daughter-in-law) **Pat Tate** (Jana O'Brien's mother, broken hip);

THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND FOREIGN SERVICE

Amanda Bradshaw, Leland Bradshaw, Lucas Tate

If you want someone added to the prayer list, please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

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Gossips are people who put two and two together and usually get twenty-two.

Have I Yielded To The Lord?

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit not adultery, yet if thou kill thou art become a transgressor of the law." (James 2:10-11)

One must yield himself entirely to God. To yield at one pint but to refuse to yield at another is to defy God and to reject his authority. One yet lacks the spirit of submission who refuses to yield completely.

If one rejects God's word on any one pint he is guilty of rebellion against God no matter how obedient he may be otherwise. This is a general principle. One guilty of murder is guilty. He is not excused because he has been a kind father and honest neighbor. Good conduct otherwise will not offset disobedience and neglect. Kindness to neighbors will not offset unfaithfulness in worship. One has no right to expect God to overlook one area of rebellion because he has yielded to another.

One cannot be pleasing in the sight of God until he has come to put into practice the saying, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth; command and I will obey."

-Just a Moment



Asked to write an essay on water, little Tommy, after chewing his pencil for a long time, wrote:
"Water is a wet liquid that turns dark when you wash in it."



Across The Preacher's Desk

It was at a wedding feast, in Cana of Galilee, where Jesus performed his first miracle. They had run out of wine, a real social miscue in that day and time. So, Mary told Jesus the problem and then told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. Well, you remember the story. Jesus changed 6 waterpots filled with water into wine, better wine than they had before.

Yet, the greatest example of the transforming power of Jesus Christ is not that He was able to change water into wine. The greatest example of the transforming power of Jesus is how He can change lives. He took a blustering fisherman named Simon, a creature of impulse and made him into a rock of Christlike character. He found a "thunderbolt" named John, a man capable of such hot hate that he wanted to call down fire from heaven on a Samaritan village and changed him into the Apostle of love. He took a greedy tax collector named Matthew and used him to write one of the gospels. There was a demon-possessed woman named Mary who became the first person to spread the word of the resurrection. Then, who can forget the intellectual giant named Paul, the greatest menace that existed to the early church, and he was transformed to be the world's greatest preacher.

The same Jesus who changed those lives will change every life that surrenders to him. Would you surrender your will to His will?

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

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**