

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Billy Box

On the Table: Head - Eddy Dickinson
Servers - Greg Lowery
Josh Berryhill
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Vertie Mae York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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Do You Have a Secret Life Hidden From Others?

By Dan Jenkins

Isn't it remarkable how the use of smart phones has changed news reporting? It seems that whenever there is a crisis, someone takes their phone and starts videoing. When it is placed on social media, it can almost immediately go viral. Secrets are revealed which just a few years ago would be hidden. The same is true of those times when microphones of politicians are accidentally left open, and we hear the private views of our leaders. It seems that there are no secrets anymore.

However, there is an even greater aspect of this matter. The last verse of Ecclesiastes says, "For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil." Look carefully at what is said—every work and every secret thing when we stand before the great throne of judgment. "And the dead were judged according to their works, but the things which were written in the books" (Rev. 20:12). Nothing will be hidden in that day.

Think about the possibility of what could happen in many homes in America. When voices are raised in confrontation between husband and wives, are things said which could easily be captured on cell phones? What if your husband or wife captured the words you said to them? What if that outburst of anger were no longer hidden? If you had known it was being recorded, would you have spoken what you said? How would others view you if they could view you at times like this? You walked away from that time thinking it was over for it was not public and it was not recorded. You were wrong. Heaven's "smart phone" captured it, and God will bring every secret thing into judgment.

The same is true of all relationships in our homes. The conversation between parents and children could be captured. Would you as a mother or father, or a son or daughter, be the same if you knew it was being recorded? It is—every secret thing will be part of the final judgment.

What about whispered spreading of gossip or destructive speech? That which is seemingly secret or parts of private messaging or conversation is being "recorded"—every secret thing.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin's Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge's Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Josh Berryhill: dealing with back trouble, please pray that with proper medical treatment that he will improve

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Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Ruth Addison: ongoing health problems, please keep her in your prayers

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Jamie Long: has an upcoming hernia surgery, please be praying for a successful surgery

Susie Sims (Whitehouse): has a benign tumor on the auditory nerve in her right ear, she will taking radiation treatments to stop the tumor from growing, please pray that the treatments will be successful

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy) in March. Doctors have suggested that they go to Italy for gene replacement treatment that hasn't been approved in the U.S. Treatments will take 4 months; please pray that these treatments will be successful

Boone Bozeman: (infant son of Alicia and Cory Bozeman) a disease in his intestines underwent surgery Thursday (8/27) to fix the problem, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Tony Lawrence: is in UAB with critical injuries from a car wreck, please pray that he will be able to recover without in serious complications

Now there is the other aspect of Solomon’s final words. It is not just the “secret evil” which we have done which will be involved. Every “secret good” we have done will be remembered on that day. There is no need to reveal what we are doing so others will think we are righteous. Every cup of cold water given to others is “recorded.”

Never forget that God knows it all—all the good and all the evil. There is a “heavenly smart phone.”

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Christians Should Study the Bible



“Study to show yourself approved to God.”
2 Timothy 2:15

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so.”
Acts 17:11

- EVERYDAY
- UNDERSTANDINGLY
- WHEN AT HOME
- REVERENTLY
- WHEN ON VACATION
- PURPOSEFULLY
- WHEN AT CHURCH
- OBJECTIVELY
- TO GROW
- THOROUGHLY
- TO TEACH OTHERS
- INTENTLY
- TO PLEASE GOD
- IN VIEW OF ETERNITY



“The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”
John 12:48



The Evil Days
By Denny Petrillo

“Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, ‘I have no delight in them’” (Eccl. 12:1).

As Solomon wrapped up his sermon, he offered a warning. This warning is especially directed to the youth, although people of all ages can learn from his wisdom. People need to “remember your Creator” when they still have the capability to do so.

Say what? Yes, there is a danger that as one grows older, he will no longer have the capability to think seriously about God, His Word and His will. This is illustrated by Solomon’s reference to the “evil days.” It is unfortunate that the translators translated the Hebrew as “evil days.” Solomon was not talking about days filled with sin and wickedness. Rather, he was talking about hard, difficult and troublesome days. He, then, proceeded to describe those days. They include numerous physical breakdowns. The hearing goes, the eyesight fades and the arms are not as strong as they once were. There are even mental problems, such as various fears.

This section of these “evil” (growing old) days teaches us important lessons. First, all people will endure these days if they live long enough. It is God’s plan that there be a physical breakdown over time. This world is not our home. God wants us to long for that better place where we will be given an immortal body (1 Corinthians 15:53; 2 Corinthians 5:1-4).

Second, mental breakdowns will impede one’s relationship with God. In this world of dementia and Alzheimer’s, we see what happens to the mind of the aged. The clarity of thinking decreases; the ability to make logical or rational decisions is impaired. As a result, Solomon encouraged us to make God a priority while we still have the mental capacity to do so.

Third, physical breakdowns impede one’s relationship with God. Even if one’s mind is still sharp, if he or she deals with physical pain or a handicap, it can impact one’s relationship with God. When we don’t feel good, we don’t want to do anything. When our bodies hurt—demanding our attention—our attention may be diverted away from God.

Fourth, we don’t have forever to figure things out. Perhaps this is the most important point about the “evil days.” As we journey through life, we need to have our priorities in the proper order. We need to be “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Solomon described the journey into physical and mental breakdowns, with the end result—death. When death occurs, opportunities are gone. If our lives were a mess, it is too late to fix them once we die. While we have life, we have an opportunity to figure out things and put God in the proper place in our lives.

Let’s all take time to do a serious self-assessment. Are we where we need to be in our walk with God? If not, let’s fix it. Those “evil days” are coming.

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