

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Al Corkren
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Arlen Foss
Josh Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Billy Box

Preparing the Lord's Supper Michelle Lowery

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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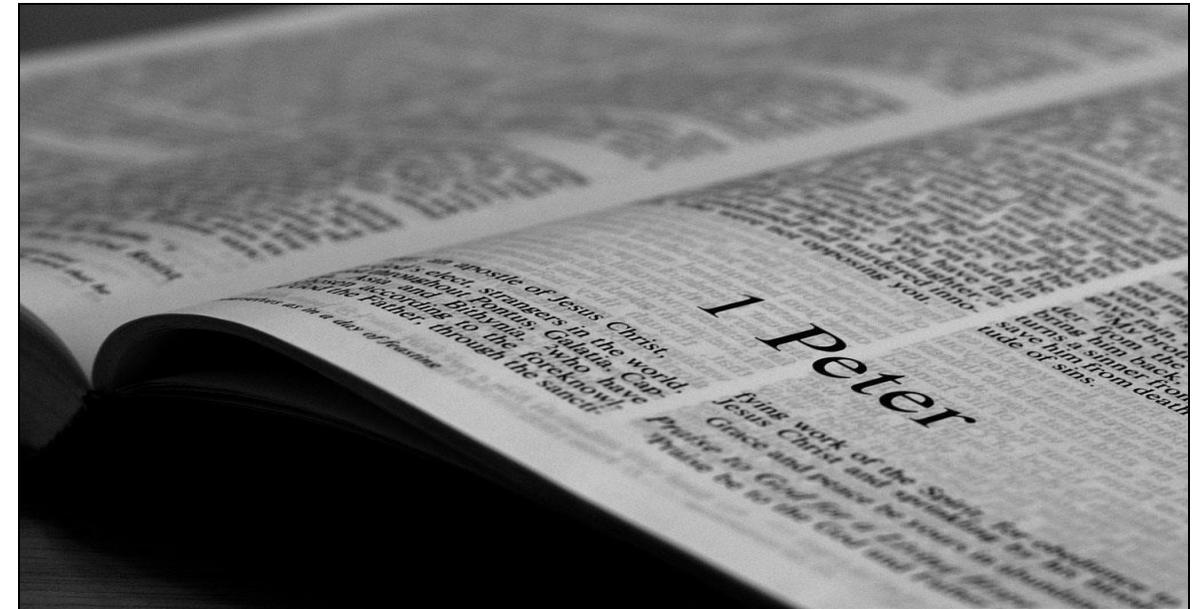
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What Do You Know About the Future?

By Doug Dingley

Life is very short; our futures all unknown. None of us know what will happen tomorrow, or even if we will be here to see it. None of us can know for sure what tomorrow may bring in reference to political issues, cultural issues, or personal health, safety, family, and/or financial issues; anything and everything from national disasters to natural dilemmas; and even when it comes to such life and death issues as the passing of loved ones or even our own, personal demise – we just simply cannot, and do not, know.

James 4:13-14 states this truth very clearly: “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”

King Solomon also confirms this same truth in Ecclesiastes 9:11-12, wherein he states: “The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all. For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.”

The brevity, concerns, and definite uncertainties of this earthly life – all of tomorrow’s inestimable unknowns if you will – can make for a very scary, fragile, vulnerable, and joyless existence today. But it doesn’t have to be that way. That is definitely not how God wants or intends for us to live (John 15:11, 16:33, 17:13; Philippians 4:4-13). Hence;He “has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him” (2 Peter 1:3). It is such a knowledge of Him that multiplies our peace in all circumstances (2 Peter 1:2). Such knowledge, and the belief or faith in Him which is the natural result or outcome of such knowledge, can only come about, and to fruition,through an honest and in-depth study of His word (Romans 10:17).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Lannie & Glenda Key: be praying for both of them during this difficult time

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

Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Sister} is in the nursing home in Guin, pray for her she has some ongoing health issues

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

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting against breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

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

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

Celia Grace Hamlett, daughter of Gary and Kassie Hamlett, was diagnosed with MLD(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy); planning on gene replacement treatment; please pray that these treatments will be successful.

Pam Braden: she is dealing with some ongoing health problems, please continue to keep her in your prayers

Guy Weeks: is undergoing cancer treatments, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Maddie Bishop (young girl South Haleyville) diagnosed with stage 4 Ewing sarcoma, please pray for her and her family and that treatments can defeat this cancer

Hayden Lackey: is currently taking med’s to control his seizures, let us be praying that the med’s will work

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Billy Lee {Carolyn’s Brother} he is in renal failure, is back at the nursing home in Guin, please be praying for him and the staff caring for him

Timmy Weeks: is planning on having total shoulder replacement surgery, let us be praying that it will be done without any complications

Danny Berryhill: diagnosed with thickness of the heart, please be praying that doctors can successfully help him with this problem

Bill Berryhill: dealing with cancer found new spot on his kidney, please be praying that his battle with cancer can be controlled and won

Mason Estes: he is need of a liver transplant; please be keeping him and his family in your prayers

Judy Barker (David Barker’s Mother): she had been diagnosed with bone and lung cancer; please keep her and her family in your prayers

Kristi White: diagnosed with cancer affecting her esophagus, stomach and other areas taking treatments at MD Anderson, please pray this cancer will be defeated

Austin Carter (Travis Garrison’s Nephew): scans found a mass on his thyroid, please be praying that this does not turn out to be a serious problem

Wayne Sherry (Arlen’s old boss): currently fighting cancer; pray that this cancer can be controlled and defeated

You see, the eternal truths that we can come to absolutely know, understand, and implement into our lives when we get into a consistent and in-depth study of His word, are so incredibly powerful, that they have the ability to help crush, overwhelm, and overcome, all of our doubts and uncertainties regarding tomorrow’s un-knowns!

For example, it is only through an in-depth study of God’s word, that we come to KNOW:the truth that will set us free from all those things (John 8:31-32). To KNOW:the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, in order that we may be filled with all the goodness of God (Ephesians 3:19). To KNOW: that all things work together for good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). To KNOW: Him, and the power of His resurrection, that we, too, might attain to the resurrection from the dead (Phil. 3:10-12). To KNOW: for certain, that even when we die, we have a home awaiting us in Heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1-9; Philippians 1:21-24). In fact, the Apostle John wrote that the very reason for his writings was so that those who were in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:3-14), could KNOW, for certain, that they have eternal life (1 John 5:11-13)!

Are you in Christ (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27)? Do you have Biblical questions (2 Timothy 2:15)? Are you troubled about tomorrow’s innumerable and potentially catastrophic unknowns (Matthew 6:25-34)? Do you KNOW, for sure – are you absolutely and positively certain – that were you to leave this earth tomorrow, that you would be in heaven forever- according to the word of God that is?

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What Does Your Heart Desire Most?

By Dan Jenkins

The older I get as a Christian the more I am convinced that the key to greater spirituality is found in meditating on the psalms. David was a man after God's own heart. By letting our hearts speak these words which flowed from the heart of David, our hearts will become like David's heart and at the same time become like the heart of God.

I am not sure which psalm appeals to you, for the one that appeals to me is determined by what is happening in my life as I read them. One important psalm answers the question, "David, what is the one thing you have desired of the Lord?" If I asked you the same question, how close would your answer be like the answer David gives in Psalm 27?

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek..." Receiving from the Lord is dependent on our seeking His help in finding it. Our service to Him cannot be far down on our list of the most important things in our lives. The Bible speaks of "with all your heart" nine times in the book of Deuteronomy (4:29; 6:5; 10:12; 11:13; 13:3; 26:16; 30:2, 6, 10) and each shows the importance of seeking Him with our all.

"...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord..." It is likely that David's house of the Lord was the tabernacle given at Sinai. It was a tent, yet David said that his desire above all things was to dwell in that house. God was there. How important is it in your life to be in His presence to worship Him?

"...all the days of my life..." As a young man who was facing Goliath, he looked back to past events which had happened and said, "God delivered me from the ... lion and ... the bear," and then added, "He will deliver me..." (1 Sam. 17:37). He believed deeply in the providence of God as a youth and all the days of his life, even as an old man (Psa. 37:25).

"...to behold the beauty of the Lord..." David knew that it was in the house of the Lord he would be able, not just to glimpse at His beauty, but to behold it. We come into His house, to sit at the table of the Lord and view the most beautiful manifestation of the Lord as we commune with Him at the cross.

"...and to inquire in His temple." We come into His temple and listen to Him speak His words to us in Bible classes and worship. Bible study by its very nature generates questions as we seek for deeper knowledge and the closest relationship we can have with Him. Every time, without fail, we inquire of Him and His will for our lives He gives the answer. The Creator of the world longs to have fellowship with us and provides the answers our souls seek in His temple.

How close does your one desire parallel the one thing David desired of the Lord? Think about your answer.

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One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)