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“For the faith once delivered unto the saints”

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OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,  
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

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## LORD LEAD THE WAY

Lord, lead the way the Savior went,  
By lane and cell obscure,  
And let our treasures still be spent,  
Like his, upon the poor.

Like him, thro' scenes of deep distress,  
Who bore the world's sad weight,  
We, in their gloomy loneliness,  
Would seek the desolate.

For thou hast placed us side by side  
In this wide world of ill;  
And, that thy foll'wers may be tried,  
The poor are with us still.

Small are the off'rings we can make;  
Yet thou hast taught us, Lord,  
If given for the Savior's sake,  
They lose not their reward.

—*Wm. Crosswell*

## WHO WILL SERVE ME?

Mount Sinai was the place where God shared His Law with Moses. It was a dramatic event because of what God would share with Moses. Although that Law has been denominated the Mosaic Law, it was God's Law. Moses did not formulate it; he transmitted what God gave him.

God had a purpose in sharing the Law with Moses. Looking back from the Age of Grace, we are apt to criticize that Law as a Law of Works. However, it was needed to prove to Israel that they were incapable of keeping it perfectly. It was a worldly, physical Law with specific duties and ceremonies. Israel failed to keep it; God demonstrated His Grace through forgiveness and restoration.

The Law pictured what God

wanted them to do. Several types of sacrifices could be offered for their sins. Priests offered their sacrifices and advocated with God for them. He gave a precise pattern of what He desired, in their lives and in the equipment used in their sacrifices and worship. We tend to forget God's exactness as we try to reason away His requirements by assuming that we can know as God does. When thinking that we know like Him we may excuse ourselves from His will for us. We assume that we can presume upon Him.

God not only gave Moses the description of the lifestyle He desired of His chosen people, He also gave some very detailed descriptions concerning the Tabernacle and

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its furniture and equipment. There were exact descriptions and measurements of the materials to be used. Whether describing the Tabernacle or the furniture within and before it, there was a need for someone who possessed that intricate craftsmanship.

Moses was not the man who would be able to do that type of work. The other leaders of Israel were not the ones called but Bezaleel, along with his assistant Aholiab, were called to do this work. They are totally unknown except for being named in Exodus 31. Although largely unknown, they were known and named by God.

The two men along with their assistants were very talented men. They were able to construct the Tabernacle and the furniture within it, they could work with metal, wood and precious stones. They were able to fabricate the clothing worn by the high priest and the other priests. They were men of varied talents and abilities.

Moses' experience on Mount Sinai illustrates that there are men who are called to leadership functions, as well as others whose talents are needed in accomplishing God's

tasks. God calls not only leaders but also followers who are willing to co-operate in His designs for their lives. Not all positions within God's service are the public, documented, sanctified positions that men desire, but some are for those who willingly serve in the less-public and less-desired positions. The work of God is not just what draws the attention of others; He also needs those who will invest their lives in being prayer warriors; in serving the uncouth, demanding, undeserving; in encouraging those struggling and overburdened; in sharing their worldly goods; in providing for their families; and in advancing the Word and work of God.

There are many ways to serve. Often spiritual work is unrecognized or undervalued. The important thing is that God does recognize that work. Just as He knew the names of Bezaleel and Aholiab, He also knows the names and hearts of those who serve Him in ways that may be hidden from the public.

God gives each person certain talents and abilities. He intends that those abilities to be used to honor Him. He calls

some to serve Him publicly; others He calls to serve in private, unrecognized ways. These talents are for His honor and glory, not for the glory of the one possessing the talent.

Have you been called to serve Him in a public function?

If so serve Him humbly and meekly, following Jesus' example. Have you been called to serve Him in a private calling? If so serve Him like Bezaleel and Aholiab.

M. C. Cook

## A TEACHER'S LESSONS FROM THE STUDENTS

"Here's a cracker for you. Here's candy for you. A cracker for you, and candy for you..." Thus, began the lesson on Joseph, as I handed out this snack, giving some children a plain Saltine cracker while others got Starburst candies. Some children seemed a little surprised with what they were given, but no one complained. My lesson plan states that the teacher will probably hear protests from those who get crackers, but to just ignore them. After handing out the snack, I asked, "How many of you felt like this when you got your snack?" as I held up a smiley face. Every child said they felt happy! Next, I asked how many felt like this as I held up a frowny face, and no one said they felt sad/mad about it. I expected those with crackers to feel sad/mad and commented on that.

Maria said, "I was just glad to have a snack!" We discussed the envy that Joseph's brothers had, and how we may feel envious. After this, each child got the opposite snack, so everyone got both crackers and candy. We talked about how all good things come from God, and being glad for others, and thinking of our blessings.

What lesson can I learn from my students today? Be thankful for what I have and be glad for others in their blessings! I had to think about my attitudes and responses – am I just glad to have \_\_\_\_\_, or am I getting sad, mad, or envious of others? When a frustration or disappointment comes, I will try to think of something that I am just glad to have.

"Joel just pinched Marcus!" was proclaimed as we were dismissing from Sunday School.

I told Joel to sit on a chair and dismissed the rest of the class. Marcus, a tough little guy, was in the corner, crying, so I knew he really had been hurt. Joel denied having done anything. I let Joel sit longer while I talked with Marcus and let him go. Apparently, Joel was jealous because Marcus had gotten two prizes from the game we had just played, while Joel got only one prize. I explained why Marcus had two prizes we also discussed responses and reactions to others. As soon as I finished talking with Joel, Marcus popped back into the room and blurted, "Joel, I forgive

you!" I asked Joel if he could apologize. He immediately went to Marcus and they gave each other a big hug. I was impressed with Marcus's response, as he offered forgiveness on his own with no prompting from me and no apology from the offender, and I was blessed by the hug of two nine-year-old boys.

I can learn a lesson of forgiveness today. Forgive freely, and forgive promptly, even if the offender has not apologized. Give a big hug to the one who hurt you and go off as friends!

Sister Arlene Birt

## WHEN GOD MAKES A PROMISE

Everything in this world seems to rest upon a promise. It might be a TV commercial promising goods you cannot live without. Or, it might be a used car salesman promising the car you are about to buy is the best car he has ever seen. Regardless, everybody has a promise, and everybody is looking for a promise.

Certain diet programs promise that if you follow their rules exactly you will lose all the weight you want to lose and be

healthy and fit. I am not sure that anybody has ever sat down to count how many diet programs there are in this world. There is a diet program for every possibility and each one promises you the same thing that you are going to lose weight.

If all of these diet promises are valid, why are there so many post-thin people in this world? The best ad in the world is the one promising the most and delivering on it. Anybody can make a promise. It is making

good on that promise that really counts.

Then we come to religion. Every religion promises peace, tranquility and a bunch of other things. Of all the religions in our world only one is built upon solid promises that have and are being fulfilled.

The Bible is full of promises from God and each one has God's stamp of approval. Everyone has God's full guarantee that He will come through on His Word.

The promises of God are in a different category than any promise out in the world or even among other religions. When God makes a promise, He has a provision in mind. There are no empty promises with God. God does not quickly promise something without giving it some deep thought and then find out later that there is not enough provision to cover that promise. Not with God. Every promise of God comes from the mouth of one who knows there is adequate provision behind that promise.

Many people are frustrated with Christianity today because so many Christians are not living the promises of God in their daily life. Sure, they talk about the promises of God. Many of them can quote chapter and verse. It

is not knowing the promises that are important but living those promises in daily life.

If God's promises cannot be lived out in the daily life of each and every individual, what good is it? The promises of God are not for just inside the walls of the church. The promises of God are for out in the world facing the world, the flesh and the devil. Each and every promise of God can be lived victoriously in the world around us.

If we are really going to live the promises of God, we need to know several things about these promises.

First, the basis of God's promise is His eternal love for us. Mankind was the center of God's creation. After He created everything, He then turned His full attention to the creation of Adam and Eve. And in Adam, He put His image, as it is not in any other aspect of His creation. "Let us make man," the Scripture says, "in our own image." This reveals to us the basis of His compassion for us. When He loves, He is in effect loving Himself and when He is loving Himself, He is in effect loving us. God has so intertwined us in His heart that we can walk the promises of God each day of our life.

The thing that has ripped us from the heart of God is sin. There in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned it tore a hole in the heart of God that only Calvary could fill.

The Bible teaches us that before the foundations of the world were established the Lamb of God died for the sins of the world. God's provision for sin was established before there was anything such as sin. Nothing catches God by surprise. The basic promise of God is to deliver us from the depravity sin has created in the heart of man.

The promise of God began before there was mankind and the intent of His promises is always to draw us to Himself. God has set about to entice us with His love. To woo us away from the world around us and draw us unto Himself. That is the purpose in every promise. As we follow those promises, it leads us away from the world and deeper into the heart of God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we ponder the promises of God, we will discover each one brings us to a point of commitment. Follow the Old Testament saints and you will discover that somewhere along the line the turning point

came when they committed themselves utterly to the promise of God. Whether it is Abraham on the mountain with Isaac, or Moses by the burning bush, they were all brought to a point of commitment.

No promise of God can be experienced apart from a personal commitment on our part. God entices us. God woos us. We then must respond and commit ourselves to Him. This commitment involves two parties. The promises of God put together a harmony of action between me and the God who makes this promise.

God's promises are to pull us away from the world and unto Himself. God desires the fellowship with us that the world is trying to rob from Him. To know the promises of God is to know God Himself in all His splendor, glory and wonder.

Through His marvelous and amazing promises, God made a way in the wilderness where no way could be found. By committing myself to God, He opened up through His promises a way unto Himself.

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## PHIL'S PONDERINGS

*As we “study to shew ourselves approved unto God...”*

June 2019 Study Questions

### June 2 – Read Joshua 24:1-33

What do you gain from this retelling of Israel's history?

What does your life story tell you about God?

What does the “fear of the Lord” mean to you?

How do you explain Joshua's rejection of Israel's first response to “Serve the Lord”?

Is Joshua's warning in verse 20 still true today?

What does it mean to be, “a witness against yourself”?

**Commentary:** God, through Joshua, reminds His people of His faithfulness to them clear back to their beginnings as a people. They are unique in God's dealings with mankind. Implied is His continued blessing upon them as long as they fear Him and serve Him. What is certain is that He will punish them if they reject Him and serve other gods. God wants our love for Him to be sincere and true. He desires our hearts' affections. His faithfulness and His discipline are both a reflection of His commitment to us and for us.

### June 9 – Read Judges 1:1-26

The delineation between the end of Joshua and the beginning of Judges seems rather messy.

What reasons can you give for it?

How is Othniel important to Judges?

How do you view your discipleship for Christ considering these 26 verses in Judges 1?

What lesson stands out in this passage?

**Commentary:** Our spiritual lives seldom are black and white but often many shades of grey. We have good intentions but don't always complete all that we intend. We lose focus and enthusiasm. The path we walk seems difficult, burdensome, and disappointing. As we begin this walk-through Judges let us see ourselves more clearly through the



choices Israel makes. Let us also become more aware that our lives are not defined by defeat, failure, and meager faithfulness. Rather, they are defined by the faithfulness of Christ for us and His empowering Spirit in us that allows us to see His glory peeking through and pushing back the greyness.

### **June 16 – Read Genesis 48**

What portion is usually due the firstborn son?

To what status does Jacob once again elevate Joseph?

Is Jacob still playing favorites in his blessing of Ephraim above Manasseh?

For what blessings does Jacob ask for them?

What blessings do you want to give your children?

**Commentary:** The formality of a father blessing his sons, as seen in this lesson, seems foreign to many of us. Yet, the essence of the blessing is very close to what we hope for our own children. So, it behooves us fathers to consider more seriously how we can actively impart blessing upon our children. Especially spiritual blessing. And one way we can bless them in this way is to open our hearts wide to the blessings God, our Father, desires to give us. The more we partake of what God desires to give us, more will multiply the benefits to our children.

### **June 23 – Read Judges 1:27-2:10**

What destructive pattern is presented to us in the last 10 verses of chapter 1?

What is the root cause of this pattern?

What is the benefit of consequences?

What purpose(s) might the sacrifice mentioned in verse 5 serve?

Is there something to learn from this lesson?

**Commentary:** Sin doesn't ever seem to get tired, but we do. Sin survives great victories in our life seeking to rob our joy over it. Sin is persistent so that we often are willing to make peace with it. Lust, angry outbursts, blame, hurtful behavior of all kinds, and many more we find a way to live with. The results are stubborn wills and stony hearts. Until we weep over our sin. May our hearts be pricked enough so that the pain causes us to

weep. And may we accept such pain as God's handiwork in our hearts.

### June 30 – Read Judges 2:11-3:14

What change occurred that prefaced Israel's slide into idolatry?

What benefit did they see in these gods?

Who did they become like?

What was the result of idolatry?

Where do you see the cycle described in this lesson at work today?

**Commentary:** Freedom and desire for it is one of life's primary catalysts. People long for freedom from: slavery, violence, economic oppression, poverty and many hurtful things. We are a nation of people whose ancestors often fled from such conditions looking for freedom. But being free from often leads back into bondage of one sort or another. This is the sinful cycle Israel experienced time and again. The gods of the land appealed to their desire to be free, free to do evil which ultimately enslaved them again to those around them. It is as true today as it was for Israel then. Only in becoming a slave to Jesus Christ do we understand and experience true freedom.

Brother Phil Franklin

## OUR LIVING SAVIOR

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."  
Revelation 1:18

As A. H. Ackley wrote,  
*"I serve a living Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever man may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's*

*always near.  
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart."  
We have an assurance and a hope that no other religion offers. Our Savior is alive! His tomb is empty. We praise God*

that He died upon the cruel cross of Calvary for our sins. Some say that the Romans killed Him. Others blame it on the Jews. But the truth is that each of us put Him on the cross. Revelation 13:8 tells us, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb **slain from the foundation of the world.**" The crucifixion was foreordained by God before the creation of mankind. We cannot fully comprehend that God created mankind knowing that they would fall and had provided a sacrifice for their sin. Some take this to the extreme and teach that the crucifixion was only a "mock replay" of what happened in eternity past. Others come up with false theories that teach that Jesus did not actually die on the cross but only swooned. But, Glory to God, this was not the end! Christ arose victorious.

Jesus Christ has the keys of Hell. Many churches deny the reality of a place of torment. They say that a loving God would not send anyone to suffer for eternity. Actually, God does not send anyone to Hell. The choice to refuse Jesus Christ does. Unlike the teaching that some

are ordained to Heaven and others to Hell, the Bible tells us in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance." Others teach a once saved always saved doctrine. But Romans 6:16 teaches us, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; **whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.**" As to who goes to Heaven and who is cast into Hell, we leave that judgment up to God. But the Bible clearly teaches only one Way and describes some that will not enter Heaven.

Jesus Christ has the keys of death. Unless Christ returns and we receive new bodies like His own, all will experience physical death. But for a true Christian death is only a doorway to eternity. There are those who deny that mankind has a soul that lives on for eternity and at death we are transported to Heaven or to Hell. But II Corinthians 5:6 tells us, "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that whist

we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.” And then verse 8 tells us, “We are confident, I say, **and willing rather to be absent from the body, and be present with the Lord.**”

Christians, along with the unsaved, will experience sickness and pain in this life. The teaching that sickness is the result of sin is only a half truth. It is true that original sin brought sickness into the world. But all sickness is not the result of personal sin in an individual's life. Some very godly men throughout history have suffered illness for a major part of their lives while boldly serving the Lord. Death, for a Christian, is true healing. Unfortunately, the saying that the unsaved are now free of their suffering is not true. They have entered into eternal suffering. Yet it is not natural to desire death. We believe God has put in all mankind the desire to live. It is also not wrong to seek medical help when suffering ailments. We believe God has given the medical profession knowledge to help us. But we can also use the anointing service when we feel

so led. We have experienced healing in this manner.

Spiritual death is what Christ has the keys to. But this also means that we need not fear physical death. I Corinthians 15:54 tells us, “So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.” This is talking about the last resurrection, but it also holds true for Saints who die in this life to a degree.

Are we looking forward to that day when this will be reality or are we so enamored by this world that we long to stay here? Are we willing to follow Christ and all His commandments for this day, and to show that we truly love Him?

That Christ arose from the dead and is alive forevermore should cause us to rejoice. Dunkards are not normally “shouting Christians” but do we show the world real joy? May we strive to have this be a regular part of our lives.

Brother James M. Hite

**General Conference Program**  
of the  
**DUNKARD BRETHREN CHURCH**

to be held at  
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7790 Marion Road SE  
Turner, Oregon 97392

**June 8-12, 2019**

**- Daily Time Schedule -**

7:00 a.m. Morning Worship 7:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:45 a.m. Morning Service 12:00 noon Lunch		2:00 p.m. Afternoon Service 5:00 p.m. Evening Meal 7:00 p.m. Evening Service 11:00 p.m. Quiet Time
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— **Preaching Program** —

<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Text</b>
Sat. p.m.	John Eberly	Whose Image are We Bearing?	II Cor. 3
Sat. p.m.	Rodney Kimmel	To Be Supplied	
Sat. eve.	James Eberly	The Beautiful Bride	Eph 5:32
Sun. a.m.	Bible Study, Children	A Little Lad's Lunch	June 6:5-13
Sun. a.m.	Henry Walker	How Apt Are We To Pass Over?	Jn 4:1-15, Lk10:25-37
Sun. a.m.	James Meyers	For Such a Time as This	Esther 4:4
Sun. p.m.	Robert Carpenter	Missionary Message: The Heart of a Missionary	I Thess. 2:8
Sun. p.m.	Mission Moments	In Kenya, Torreon & On the CASP Project	
Sun. eve.	Dallas Flory	Young People's Message: If You Have Ears, Then Listen	Revelation 2
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Mon. a.m.	Bible Study, Adult	Battlefield Motivation: Win a Wife	Judges 1:1-26
	Bible Study, Children	Moses In the Bulrushes	Exodus 2:1-10
Mon. a.m.	Jason Carpenter	To Be Supplied	
Mon. p.m.	Len Wertz	A New Kind of Church	I Pet. 2:1-10, II Pet. 2:1-2
Mon. p.m.	Jeremiah Johnson	Open Our Eyes	II Kings 6:8-23
Mon. eve.	Keith Snyder	Choosing The Better Part of Life	Ecclesiastes 7:1-10
Tues. a.m.	Bible Study, Adult	By One Man	Romans 5:10-21
	Bible Study, Children	Elijah on Mount Carmel	I Kings:18:21-40
Tues. a.m.	Gerry Priest	To Be Supplied	
Tues. p.m.	Luke Deaton	Youth Activities Committee Program	
Tues. eve.	Merle Sweitzer	Salt & Light, What Do We Do With Them?	Mt. 5:13-14

## ADAM WAS NOT DECEIVED

“For Adam was first formed, then Eve, but Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” I Timothy 2:13-14

Adam sinned, but Eve was still guilty, because though she was deceived, her deception caused Adam’s sin. Her immaturity allowed the serpent to trick her into thinking that God would not do what He said. In other words, they would not surely die. When she bit into the fruit, she did not die, but payday is not always on Friday. Genesis 3:6 shows us that Eve saw that the tree was good for food, after the serpent told her that no death was attached to it. It was pleasant to the eyes, she partook and shared with her husband and he did eat “and the eyes of them both were opened.” (verse 7)

What did Adam think about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? If Adam ate of it, he would know what God knew. He would be equal to God in many ways. When Adam saw Eve eating of the fruit, perhaps he saw God’s permission to eat of it. After all, God made Eve for him. Why would she do something to destroy his relationship with God, except to make it better?

Adam was not deceived. He thought it out and decided he wanted to be equal with God. It is the same story throughout history: Caesar, Herod, and in our era, Hitler and Mao.

Shortly after the flood emerged a man named Nimrod, a descendant of Ham, a son of Noah. His name means, “Let us Revolt.” His affairs began in Shinar, which is Babylon, and he built the tower known as Babel. He was called a “mighty hunter before the Lord.” What he hunted we do not know. The people said, “let us build a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make a name...” (Genesis 11:4) Man’s heart did not change after the flood. God’s plan for man had to include changing his heart. At this point God scattered mankind by affecting their communication. God started over with man and changed man’s circumstances.

Many people think Adam was innocent. At one time he was, until God introduced choice into his life. Two things make us different from the animals. First, we are made in the image of God with an eternal soul that lives forever. Second, we can choose. We have a will, a choice, an

ability to select one circumstance over another.

There was another tree in the garden: the tree of life. It was given "to him that overcometh" to "eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7) We are told more about this tree in Revelation chapter 22. With the tree of life, the Eden curse is gone forever. Followers of God will serve Him and enjoy Him forever. The devil

will be cast into the lake of fire.

II Peter 1:3 and 4 tells us, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

High in the Heavens, Eternal God,  
Thy goodness in full glory shines;  
Thy truth shall break through every cloud  
That veils and darkens Thy designs.

Forever firm Thy justice stands,  
As mountains their foundations keep;  
Wise are the wonders of Thy hands;  
Thy judgments are a mighty deep.

My God, how excellent Thy grace,  
Whence all our hope and comfort spring!  
The sons of Adam in distress fly  
To the shadow of Thy wing.

Life, like a fountain, rich and free,  
Springs from the presence of our Lord;  
And in Thy light our souls shall see  
The glories promised in Thy word.

-Isaac Watts 1719  
Church Hymnal #29

Brother Lynn H. Miller  
Mohler's Congregation

## THE TREASURE KEY

Maxine E. Surbey

Psalms 119:11

“Come quick, Rosemary,” called her sister, Arlene. “Aunt Mary is here and has invited us to go home with her, to stay a week at her farm. Won’t it be fun?”

Rosemary agreed. They always had a lot of fun at Aunt Mary’s. She usually had baked cookies or cake for them to sample. There were cute kittens in the barn to play with. It was fun to watch the gold fish in her living room aquarium. She quickly closed the book she had been reading and ran into the house to greet her aunt.

The girls packed their suitcases and tripped down the stairs. “Be good girls and mind your Aunt Mary,” admonished Mother as she kissed the girls good-bye. “Don’t forget to write me a letter and tell me what you are doing.”

“We will, Mother,” the girls called as they waved from the car window. The car rolled down the drive and they were on their way to Aunt Mary’s. When they arrived at the farm, it was chore time. The girls followed Aunt Mary about as she fed

the chickens, hunted the eggs and milked the cow. It was soon bedtime. The girls snuggled down in a feather-tick mattress and were soon fast asleep.

The next morning when the girls awoke, the wind was howling around the corner of the house and heavy rain was dashing against their window. “Oh, we won’t have a chance to play outside today if this storm continues,” wailed Rosemary.

“Aunt Mary will think of something interesting for us to do,” replied Arlene as she braided her long blond hair. The girls found out that their Aunt did have a plan. “Since it is raining, how would you like to play in the attic today? I’ve wanted to shift some boxes around and do some housecleaning up there. Maybe this is the day for the job,” replied Aunt Mary.

“Oh, yes,” agreed the girls. “That would be fun!”

“All right, as soon as the dishes are washed and dinner planned, we will go to the attic.”

The girls found many boxes of different sizes and shapes. It was fun to poke around and



discover articles of interest. An old antique chest was pushed against the wall in one corner. "Do you suppose there is a hidden treasure inside?" questioned Arlene. "It's intriguing. Let's see if we can raise the lid." But it was to no avail, for the chest was locked.

"Oh, Aunt Mary, this old chest is locked. Now we won't have a chance to peek inside and see the hidden treasure," cried the girls.

Aunt Mary looked perplexed. "There is a key somewhere. It is a shame, but I've forgotten where I hid it."

The girls poked around the stack of boxes and peeked under old flower pots, but no key was found. Aunt Mary was sweeping the floor. "Grab a dust rag, Arlene, and dust the window sills. Rosemary, finish stacking those boxes in the corner. When I finish sweeping, we'll go down and get dinner."

With a sweeping motion, Arlene wiped off the first window sill, when something fell on the floor with a clink. "I've found the key!" she shouted as she stooped to pick it up.

What fun the girls had rummaging in the old chest. They found old letters, pictures,

old clothes and in the very bottom was an old family Bible. Aunt Mary remarked when they showed her their find. "Perhaps these are no great value to anyone now, but in years past these things were prized possessions and were locked in this old chest for safe keeping." The pages of the old Bible were yellow and crumbling with age, but still legible. A list of names with dates of birth, marriages and death were found in one of the front pages. "This book is too old for your names to be added to the family list, but I am thinking of another book that will be opened sometime in the future. I am hoping that both your names will be written there."

"What book do you mean, Aunt Mary?"

"Sometime in the future, when Christ will come again and time will be no more, there will be a great judgment day. Books will be opened. The recording angel has written the thoughts, actions and deeds of each person who has ever lived and each one will be judged accordingly. All of the people whose names are inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life will have the right to eternal life, but those people's names who are not found in this book

will be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternal punishment.

“How can we have our names written in the Book of Life?” asked the girls.

“Everyone who accepts Christ as their Savior and is a “born again Christian” will have their names recorded in this Book.”

“Is there a special key to open this Book?” asked Arlene.

“Yes, God has provided a key which will open this book. This secret treasure key is the Word of God, The Holy Bible. In the Bible, we read about the plan of salvation. When a sinner repents and accepts this plan, the Recording Angel adds his name to the list of those who have the right to eternal life.”

The girls were thinking seriously as they followed their Aunt down the stairs. After dinner, Aunt Mary presented each of them a Bible. “This is your treasure key to the Book

of Life. When the judgment day comes each of us will be judged by the words of this Book. Read it. Study it and live out its teaching. **Hide this treasure key in your heart then you will never lose it!**

**“Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee. I will delight myself in thy statutes, I will not forget thy word.”** Psalm 119:16.

Aunt Mary taught the girls a new song to sing for their Mother.

“I have a treasure of wondrous worth,

A treasure passing compare,  
The Word that’s hidden  
within my heart,

And joy it giveth me there.”

Chorus:

“The precious Bible, filled  
with all riches and filled for me;

The precious Bible, beautiful,  
wonderful and so free!”

Selected by Shirley L. Frick

## REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE

Harold S. Martin

Luke 17 records the teaching of Jesus concerning His coming again. He describes the unreadiness in which many hearts are going to be found.

Then suddenly, as Jesus speaks to His disciples about the last days, He says, “Remember Lot’s wife.”

Lot’s wife professed faith in

God. Her husband (according to 2 Peter 2:8) was a righteous man. They had moved to the very wicked city of Sodom. Not even ten righteous souls could be found in the City, and God's judgment fell. Just before the fire and brimstone was rained from heaven, the angels took Lot and his wife by the hand and led them out of the city. The angels said to them: "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay...in the plains; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed." As they journeyed toward the mountain, Lot's wife disregarded the command of the angels, and stopped, and turned, and looked toward the doomed cities. And in that moment, she became a pillar of salt. There are lessons to be learned from this incident in the Bible account.

#### THE PRIVILEGES SHE ENJOYED

Lot's wife enjoyed many privileges. In the days of Abraham and Lot, there were no Bibles, no vast number of preachers, no churches, and no missionaries. The knowledge of God was confined to a few favored families, and Lot's wife was related to one

of these families. Most of this world's inhabitants were living in darkness and superstition; very few had the privileges that Lot's wife had. She was united in marriage to a man who with all his faults was a righteous person. She had Abraham, the father of the faithful, for her uncle through marriage. Certainly, the faith and prayers of these two righteous men were a real blessing to her. It is impossible that she could have lived in company with the family of Abraham without knowing that he was a real servant of God. Religion with Abraham was not a mere formality; it was the ruling principle of his life and the mainspring of all his actions. To live with people like this certainly was a great privilege.

When Abraham built the altar alongside his tent between Ai and Bethel, Lot's wife was there. When Melchizedek, king of Salem, came forth to meet Abraham, the Bible says she was there. When the angels came to Sodom and warned Lot to flee from the city, she was there. In fact, the angels took her and her husband by the hand and led them out of the City. Think of it – angels from heaven took her by the hand

and led her out of the City! What a great privilege!

Yet, what effect did all these privileges have on her heart? In spite of all her opportunities, she lived and died an impenitent and unbelieving woman. She conformed to religion on the outside (she made a profession of religion), but her heart was wrong in the sight of God.

Just like Lot's wife, many of us have lived in the midst of great privileges. It is a great privilege to live in a home where the fear of God is manifested. It is a real privilege to be brought up in a family that has an altar of prayer each morning. It is a great privilege to be able to go to church services and hear the Word of God preached and spend a quiet Sunday afternoon in fellowship with God's people. But remember that great privileges always bring on great responsibilities. Take, for example, the city of Capernaum in the Bible. Capernaum was a place of great privilege. It was at Capernaum that the palsied man was let down through the roof, because so many people had crowded to hear Jesus that there was no room to get him in at the door. No city in Palestine enjoyed so

much of our Lord's presence as the city of Capernaum. The people were amazed at what they saw. They were astonished at His miracles. The Bible says they were filled with wonder at His mighty works, but they were not converted in spite of all their privileges. And the people of Capernaum drew the heaviest condemnation from our Lord that He ever pronounced against any city (except Jerusalem). Read Matthew 11:23. The greater our privileges have been, the greater the condemnation if we fail to shoulder the responsibilities that go with them.

#### THE SIN SHE COMMITTED

The account of the sin of Lot's wife is given in just a few words. The Bible says, "She looked from behind (her husband) and she became a pillar of salt." We are told no more than this. The substance of her transgression lies in the words, "She looked back." It seems small in our eyes. It seems like a trifling thing to be visited with such a mighty punishment, but there is far more in that backward look than we might first think.

First of all, the account tells of disobedience. The command of the angel was clear and

unmistakable. Genesis 19:17 states that the angel explicitly said, "Look not behind thee." This command Lot's wife refused to obey.

God expects obedience, and those who disobey Him draw His wrath like steel draws lightning. It is true that Lot's wife probably did not understand why this command was given, but we are expected to obey God's instruction whether or not we understand why a commandment is given. Never call into question the commandments of Holy Scripture. Always be ready to obey the commandments of God even if you do not understand. Pray like the native in one of our African churches. He said, "Dear Lord, you be the needle, and I will be the thread; you go first, and I will follow wherever you lead." This sin of Lot's wife tells of disobedience. Let us be careful that we do not take lightly the commands of God's Word.

The sin of Lot's wife also tells of worldliness. It may have been she that urged Lot to move into Sodom in the first place. At any rate, now that they were escaping from the City, it seems that her heart was still back in Sodom (even though physically they had been delivered out of

there). Lot's wife was not ready to really give up the world she had left behind her. Her heart was still back in Sodom. Lot's wife was no murderess, no adulteress, and no thief. She professed faith in God (she was delivered from the City), but she looked back. Her heart still longed for the things of the world.

Just so, there are many baptized persons in our churches today who fall victim to the love of the world. There are many who run well for a season, but by and by they give up the race and turn their backs on Christ altogether. What is it that turns them? Do they find the Bible is not true? Does the Lord Jesus fail to keep His Word? Not at all. The fact is, they become infected with a love for the world like the man of whom Paul spoke, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Timothy 4:10).

Many times, young people make a good start in life but end up back in the world. In the days of their childhood, they could repeat Scriptures and sing the hymns of the church. They professed to love the Lord Jesus, and they desired a home in Heaven, but sometimes all

these things vanish like vapor. The boy becomes a young man and cares only for amusements, sports, and reveling. The girl becomes a young lady and cares for nothing but dress and styles and worldly company. Sometimes older people begin well, but later fall back into the world. They give up habits of private prayer and diligent Bible reading, and gradually the leaven of the world creeps into their lives. May each of us remember Lot's wife – and may God help us to keep in mind that it is a dangerous thing to slip back into the world.

### THE JUDGMENT GOD INFLICTED

The Scriptures describe the punishment which God inflicted – again in just a few words: “She looked back and became a pillar of salt.” God worked a special miracle to bring about His judgment on this disobedient woman. It was a rather strange punishment (she became a pillar of salt). God may have worked this strange miracle in order to awaken us. If Lot's wife would have fallen dead as the result of a heart attack or some other common form of death, we would hardly even take notice.

But the fact that she became a pillar of salt stirs our thinking. The same Almighty Hand which had first given her life now took away that life in the twinkling of an eye. To die, at any time, is a solemn thing – but to die suddenly, and to die by the direct intervention of a displeased God is a fearful thing indeed! Yet this was the kind of death Lot's wife experienced.

The Bible is still true when it says, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Galatians 6:7). Lin Sullivan tells of a Christian doctor who, many years ago, on his way home from making a call, was traveling through a sparsely settled country when a swiftly approaching storm forced him to seek refuge in a small country grocery store. Two wicked men under the influence of liquor also sought refuge in the same store. As the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled, these men under the influence of alcohol poured forth a stream of blasphemy, which was finally too much for the storekeeper to permit. He said to the men, “God might strike you dead right here with a stroke of lightning if you don't hush your blasphemous talking.”

One of those men rolled up his sleeves, went to the door of the building, and cursed and defied God. Mr. Sullivan says that in the same moment a blinding flash of lightning struck into the door with a burning flame of fire. And when the flash was gone, the blasphemous man lay on the floor in a heap. The doctor, after examining his body, said that he doubted that there was a single bone anywhere in the man's body that was more than two inches long. It is true that God is a God of love and mercy, but it is also true that God will punish severely those who defy Him.

Remember Lot's wife. Remember the privileges she enjoyed. She was related to a family that feared God. She was led from the city of Sodom by the angels of the Lord. Carefully avoid the sin she committed. She disobeyed the explicit command of God. She failed to make a clean

break with the world. She longed to be back in Sodom. And keep in mind the judgment which God inflicted. Without any previous notice, God turned her into a pillar of salt. It was a tragic death.

Let each person who is outside of Christ be reminded that Lot's wife was almost saved, but yet she was lost. The burning city was behind her. Her husband and a couple of her children were at her side, and the place of refuge was not far off. Even though she was almost saved, still she perished. Remember Lot's wife and be sure to become reconciled with God before it is too late.

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## THE GLORY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

Howard J. Surbey

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the

sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:17-18. Such a subject is difficult to

comment upon, because one is trying to compare the mortal with the spiritual, one tries to discern heavenly things with worldly expressions. We feel the heavenly things of the life to come are almost beyond even the imagination of carnal man.

In our carnal nature we can only conceive a glimpse of the glory of Heaven. Glory bears out the thought of something such higher and greater than sinful man. Glory holds out a meaning of triumph, over all the evils, sorrows and difficulties of life upon this earth. Before Christ left this earth, He gave us exceedingly great and precious promises of the glory of eternity. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. We can know of a certainty that anyone, who had the power to perform the marvelous miracles which Christ did, certainly will be able to prepare a wonderful place for His followers. Yes, dear reader, just as certain as He left His followers, He is coming again some day to receive all who accept and obey His teachings.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Matt. 5:8. Just the fact that we shall see God, should be a wonderful glory to each of us. How do we become "pure in heart"? By believing and obeying His commandments and in no other way. "I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no man cometh to the Father, but by me." "For now we see through a glass, darkly, but then, face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." I Cor. 13:12. We all know how little we can see through a dark glass, but we cannot realize how little we know now compared to what we shall know in the spiritual life to come. As man grows older, he may know wonders, compared to what he knew as a babe but that still is only a glimpse of what we shall know of God's wonders, if we are so fortunate as to be called at that second and bright resurrection. Our text implies that we have no right to even compare, what we endure for Christ in this life, with what He will bless us with in eternity.

"After this, I beheld, and, lo a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed



with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: Blessings, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 7:9-12. Would this not be a glorious scene and a wonderful scene to witness. How far man will travel to what effort he will go, for scenes which are only a shadow of this one. Yes, even then these temporal scenes only last a few moments or a few years at the most, but this glorious scene will be a joy to the faithful, forever and ever. "And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; And they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever." Rev. 22:3-5.

My, the curses of sin are before us on every hand and man hardly learns how to counteract the harm of one sin, until another usually of worse consequence is attacking either him or his possessions. Just to view the various earthly celebrations means much to us, what will it mean to see God and His glories face to face?

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:3-4. Are you going to be so foolish as to allow anyone to tell you that the glories of righteousness are not worth the effort, to labor that one might please our Lord and Saviour? I feel certain that if you have ever seriously meditated upon the glories in our time only while upon this earth, of obeying the teachings of the New Testament; that you must admit that this life only is worth far more than indulging in a life of sin.

“In a moment, in the twinkling of any eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”  
I Cor. 15:52-53. How much we

labor for the carnal things of life? What efforts are we putting forth for the spiritual things of Eternity? When Jesus comes, will I be ready?’

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## NEWS ITEMS

### 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Lord willing, the 2019 General Conference of the Dunkard Brethren Church will be held June 8-12, 2019 at Aldersgate Christian Camp in Turner, Oregon.([www.aldersgateretreat.com](http://www.aldersgateretreat.com))Bedding and towels will be provided.

The closest airport will be Portland, Oregon (approx. 70 mi. from Conference).There are two commercial shuttle services from the Portland Airport to Salem (10 miles from conference).RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED on the Hut Shuttle. ([www.hutshuttle.com](http://www.hutshuttle.com)) They are RECOMMENDED on the Oregon Express Shuttle. ([www.oregonexpressshuttle.com](http://www.oregonexpressshuttle.com))These shuttles have different rates and schedules, so look at both to see which one will work the best for you. There is Amtrak service to Salem. (10 miles from Conference). We will run our own shuttle from the Conference grounds to those three locations in Salem as needed.

Lodging reservations should be sent to Dennis and Norma Jean Stamy, 1539 SE Miller Ave., Dallas, OR 97338. Phone: 503-623-7395. E-mail [normastamy@yahoo.com](mailto:normastamy@yahoo.com). If possible, please have your lodging requests in by May 1, 2019.

Please let us know if you will be arriving after 7 pm on Friday, June 7th. We need to have a count for the evening meal. If you will be coming on Saturday, please let us know the approximate time so we can adjust meal counts. If you are staying off site, please let us know which meals you will be eating on the Conference grounds.

Bedding and one set of towels per person will be furnished for

the five days. There will be an option to have clean towels midway through the Conference.

There are limited rooms that have a bathroom in them. If you are willing to share a room with someone else, please let us know.

There are fourteen full service Recreational Vehicle hookups available on the Conference grounds.

We will need a signed medical release for everyone attending. Those under 18 years of age, who are attending without their parents, will need to have the release signed before coming to Conference. Contact us for the necessary forms when making reservations.

It will be cool in the late evenings, possibly upper 40's to low 50's. You will need to bring lightweight jackets, like sweaters or sweatshirts.

Oregon has a law that requires gas station employees to pump your gas. There is no self-service. Be aware of this and do not try to pump your own gas.

Since there are no ticket counters at any of the Hut Shuttle locations, advance reservations are required. If you miss your scheduled shuttle you can board the next one if you have your confirmation number. There is a charge for either of the shuttle services.

Please let us know if you are planning to use our transportation from Salem (whether you come by shuttle or Amtrak) to the Conference grounds. We are picking up only by appointment. The numbers to call for this service are: House #: 503-623-7395 Cell # Dennis: 503-931-2940; Norma: 503-559-1481; Email: normastamy@yahoo.com.

### **Travel Directions to Aldersgate Camps and Retreats:**

From the North:

Exit from I-5 at Exit 252 (Kuebler Blvd), turn left at light, go east to stop light at Turner Road and turn right. Follow Turner Road 4 miles into Turner. Continue to follow the main road through Turner following the signs to Aumsville. You will cross Mill Creek on your way out of Turner. Entrance to Aldersgate is 500 feet on the left.

From the South:

Exit from I-5 at Exit 248 (Turner-Sunnyside Road). Turn right at stop sign. Go 4 miles east on Delaney Road into Turner. Turn right at the stop sign just after the railroad tracks. Follow the main road

through Turner following the signs to Aumsville. You will cross Mill Creek on your way out of Turner. Entrance is 500 feet on the left.

Did you make your reservations?

The Lodging Committee

## 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The first service at General Conference will be Morning Worship on Saturday morning at 7:00 A.M. Breakfast will be served following Morning Worship each morning Saturday through Wednesday. The first session of Standing Committee will convene at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. The first preaching service will be 2:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon. The Sisters' Sharing Time will be held at 8:30 A.M. on Monday morning. Come and enjoy all the services during the General Conference.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

This reminder is repeated at this time since some may want to make extra donations to the various Boards and Committees, or special offerings lifted during General Conference. The various Boards and Committees of the Dunkard brethren Church depend upon your contributions of funds to function properly. These donations make the individual and congregational contributors a part of their work. Each Board that has a treasury have appointed Brethren to act as Secretaries and Treasurers. All donated funds need to be sent to the Secretary of that particular Board for his records and he will forward the funds to the Treasurer of that Board to pay the expenses of the Board. With recent National and State banking law changes, it is important the checks sent as donations to these Boards DO NOT contain the name of the Treasurer of that Board. THE DONATION MUST BE MADE TO THE BOARD ITSELF NOT TO A PARTICULAR PERSON, even if designated as Treasurer. Thank you for your cooperation. God bless you for your donations to the various Boards.

## DEACON LIST CHANGE

The new address for Brother Chad Sweitzer is 13948 Bedrock Road, Felton, PA, 17322. Other contact information remains the same.

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR JULY 2019

### July 7 – There Escaped Not a Man – Judges 3:15-4:10

1. When God raises up a deliverer what happens?

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2. Was it right for Barak to say he would not go unless Deborah went?

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### July 14 – Chariots of Iron – Judges 4:11-5:9

1. Sisera had chariots of iron, what did the children of Israel have?

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2. What kind of impact might we have when we willingly offer ourselves to God?

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**July 21 – As the Sun in His Might – Judges 5:10-31**

1. Who are we like, princes of Issachar or divisions of Reuben?

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2. What does it mean to be as the sun going forth in his might?

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**July 28 – Out of the House of Bondage – Judges 6:1-24**

1. Who did the children of Israel fear?

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2. Gideon asked the question “why is all this befallen us?” Is this similar to: “why do bad things happen to good people”?

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