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“For the faith once delivered unto the saints”

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.

THE PRISONER

When the poor prisoner, through a grate,
Sees others walk at large,
How does he mourn his lonely state,
And long for a discharge!

Thus I, confined in unbelief,
My loss of freedom mourn,
And spend my hours in fruitless grief,
Until my Lord return.

The beam of day which pierces through
The gloom in which I dwell,
Only discloses to my view
The horrors of my cell.

Ah! how my pensive spirit faints,
To think of former days,
When I could triumph with the saints,
And join their songs of praise!

Dear Saviour, for thy mercy's sake,
My strong, my only plea,
These gates and bars in pieces brake,
And set the prisoner free.

—*John Newton*

Selected from Gadsby's Hymns by
Bro. Lynn H. Miller, Newmanstown, PA

VALUE OF SOULS

The Koh-i-Noor diamond is currently considered the most valuable diamond in the world. The name Koh-i-Noor is Persian meaning “mountain of light”. This diamond has been given “priceless” status as its value exceeds that of the second most valuable diamond in the world, the Cullinan diamond, which is valued at \$400 million.

Diamonds are considered valuable for several reasons. They are almost indestructible, and they are beautiful but most importantly, they are rare. The Koh-i-Noor diamond has incredible worth but what do you suppose would happen to its value if 100 more diamonds just like it were discovered and brought to market? Its value would certainly plummet.

So it is with almost anything in the world. For many collectibles such as stamps, baseball cards, coins, comic books and the like, the value of the item is mainly driven by the item’s rarity. The rarer the item, the higher its value.

So is the value of everything in this world dictated by how rare it is? Not quite. At the beginning of time God created two individuals; Adam and Eve. These two souls were created in His image and He had breathed the breath of life into them. They were very special. They were very valuable to God. One of the things God told them to do was to go forth and multiply. And they did. Fast-forward several thousand years.

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Today, according to those who track populations, the world population continues to climb and will soon hit 8,000,000,000 (8 billion). One doesn't have to be a mathematician to understand that this is a significant increase from the number of souls on the earth several thousand years ago. In fact, if the population trackers are correct, the world's population doubled over the last 48 years. That is a rapid increase in the number of human souls in the world! Human souls on the earth are far less rare than they used to be. So with this increased number of human souls does this mean that, as would be the case with things like diamonds, each soul is worth less than in the past? Absolutely not. And praise God for that!

The human soul is unique to everything else in the world. In Genesis 1 and 2 as referred to above, we learn that unlike everything else in the creation, God made man in His image and He breathed life into them. In Matthew 16, Jesus asks "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" This implies that a soul is of more value than the whole world. That is a tremendous value! Who can calculate it?

When evaluating what scripture tells us about the value of our souls, some might think of Matthew 10:29-31 in which Jesus said that we are worth more than many sparrows. While true, I suspect the subject of Jesus' teaching here had more to do with God's omniscience in seeing even the small struggles of his people more than it had to do with assessing our value.

I suspect a better assessment of our value lies simply in the Gospel message itself. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16-17 From what God has done, it appears that He assesses the value of human souls to exceed the value of the life of His only begotten son. That is truly a tremendous value! Who can know it? Who can put a price tag on the life of God's only son? And yet it appears that God values human souls even more! What a wonderful God we have!

Bro. Ken Brock
Stryker, Ohio

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

I have been studying the seven churches found in Revelation 2 and 3. I have read and heard these passages my whole life but as the Word always does, it has come more alive as I studied this time. Several points I find interesting:

#1. To all the churches, Jesus said "I know thy works,". This could bring a sense of nervousness to us, however if we are truly seeking God, I think it should bring comfort. He knows our struggles, our hardships, our passion our desires. If those are in line with Him, I believe He is our biggest cheerleader. If we are outside His will we need to be shaken to our core and run to Him in repentance. We may fool some of the people we are around, but Jesus will not be fooled. He knows us in and out and there are no secrets from Him.

#2. To the churches that have faithful people in their congregations, Jesus promises victory. He promises that the reward will be worth the trials.

#3. Good works are just that, good works. They are not without value, but they are secondary to our trust and faithfulness to

God. He wants our love and a relationship with Him.

#4. To the ones that were not in God's will, Jesus said repent. Repentance is the core subject of scripture. The 'church' has gotten away from repentance and has replaced it with excuses and comparisons. Jesus said repent. It means to feel a strong remorse about our sin, causing us to turn around and ask forgiveness of Jesus, so He can cleanse us of our unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

My favorite verse from chapters 2 and 3 is this one, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." Rev. 2:17 The hidden manna refers to the manna in the wilderness, but also points to Christ as our sustainer, our everything, our Manna. A little explanation as to

why the promise of a white stone with their names written on it was so special to the church at Pergamos. The people there were familiar with Olympic style games. Part of the prize for the winners of those games was a white stone with their names carved into it. The rock had little value except for what it represented. The rock was the entrance ticket for the winner to get into the feast, prepared for the winners, to eat with the king. I love this picture because we are also promised, if we are faithful, to share a meal with The King. Rev 19:9 says "And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

Brothers and Sisters, I intend to be at that marriage supper. My deepest desire is that you will all be there too. I believe

that the letters to the seven Revelation churches were to actual churches, made up of real people. I do however believe that they are included in scripture for us to read and study and see the heart and mind of God. See what He delights in and what He hates. Read these two chapters and study a little deeper. Ask the hard questions, what would Jesus write to me? Would He be happy with what He knows? Would I be lukewarm, or lost my first love or have I allowed in false teaching and am ignoring it? I have had to do some soul searching and some repenting. Repenting, asking forgiveness and refocusing on what God wants for His chosen that are going to be around the table at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Don't miss your spot, Jesus is calling, and He wants us ALL to be there.

Bro. Joe Cover
Dallas Center, IA

HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH

Not long ago we spent the day a few counties away at the funeral of a wonderful old preacher that we had known for forty years. He had been a great help to me in my early Christian life, but for the past ten years or so we had lost track of him, as people often do. I often wondered how life was treating him and how he was doing. When we got the news of his passing I was shocked because I had been thinking about him at the time we received the telephone call. We spent the afternoon of the funeral reminiscing and telling old stories, and the conversations continued as we made our way home that evening. The influence of a man like that is not easily forgotten.

A few weeks later I was going through an old cardboard box of cassette tapes and among them was a sermon by our dearly and recently departed brother. "All Our Righteousnesses Are As Filthy Rags," (Isaiah 64:6) was his message, yet the message I heard was, "He Being Dead Yet Speaketh." Perhaps we have been a good influence to some, and perhaps we have been a

bad influence to others. We are human, after all, and our entire life is a learning experience. Paul talks of Abraham in Romans 4, verso 20: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God." If we do this, we will influence others for the good, even after we have passed from this life.

For all Thy saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live,

Who followed Thee, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all Thy saints, O Lord, accept our thankful cry,

Who counted Thee their great reward, and strove in Thee to die.

They all, in life and death, with Thee, their Lord, in view,

Learned from Thy Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

For this Thy name we bless, and humbly pray that we,

May follow them in holiness, and live and die in Thee.

- Richard Mant 1837

Bro. Lynn H. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

HISTORY BEING REMEMBERED.....

This building was of picturesque beauty and stood among the stately oak trees overlooking the Stillwater Valley. The window shutters were of special beauty to the people of God and the community. This building was purchased in 1927 by a group of believers. The **Englewood Dunkard Brethren Church** was organized July 20, 1927 with 13 charter members including one minister Bro. Lawrence W. Beery.

As a band of believers, they recognized their failures, yet placed their faith and trust in God to see this congregation grow. They were dedicated to the work, knowing that every Sunday morning every member would find their place in the church with open hearts and receptive minds to receive God's Word.

The songs were sung out of the 1901 Brethren Hymnal. Morning hymns might be, *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing; Come Thou Fount of every Blessing; On the Radiant Threshold or We Come to Thy Temple O Lord.*

The closing hymns were usually chosen as an ending,

which would go along the lines of the preached Word of the hour, but the closing songs that best closed the service were:

Dismiss us with Thy Blessing Lord; Blest be the Tie that Binds; Lord dismiss us with Thy Blessing; Once more before we part or This God is the God we adore our faithful unchangeable Friend.

When the early church started there was no Sunday School. The brethren were only interested in singing songs of Zion and preaching of the Word of God. The members were scattered, so they didn't have means of good transportation to visit with their members during the week. Because of that, the families would bring what they had in a picnic basket for lunch. After the services, the members would spread out blankets on the north lawn to share their lunch with others. This was their time of fellowship, because they wouldn't see their church friends before next weekend and then parted for home in the late afternoon.

It has been told that Bro. Joseph H. Stark would walk, when weather conditions

allowed, the many miles from Tipp City to Englewood because he had no transportation and the other members were not close to his abode. He had to get up very early, for he wanted to be on time for a Sunday morning service! What a commitment!!

How dedicated are we? Who is committed in being in the Lord's House instead of traveling to places of vacation, taking a walk in the woods or enjoying a nearby park so our children can have fun and exercise?

In years gone by, Sunday was a sacred day, a quiet day of rest or maybe have a family visitor stop by. It was never a day of work such as cleaning the car, working in the garden, hauling manure or going out to eat.

The Church was a sacred place. When you entered you were to be quiet and wait patiently for the service to start. I've been in many churches where children run, coffee is served and the noise is so loud. How can the Holy Spirit work in the midst of confusion? *Eccl. 5:1 – Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God and be more ready to hear, than to*

give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

Matthew Henry's commentary reminds us to ponder the path of our feet, have a solemn pause, keep our eyes from roving and wandering on other things and turn our eyes to the Creator while we are in God's house.

The values of my parents, grandparents and great grandparents were very important to them and they taught us those values because they believed in them. Why has the church lost so many of these important values along the way?

The 1901 Brethren Hymnal is used very little in our Anabaptist Churches of the 21st Century today. The Music Committee, made up of brethren: George B. Holsinger, J. Henry Showalter and William Beery had a vision for the church in singing, thus the 1901 Hymnal was born. I have a unique copy of the 1903 Brethren Hymnal with only the words in it. The song numbers are the same as the 1901 Brethren Hymnal. This 1903 Hymnal was put together by Brethren D. L. Miller, L. T. Holsinger and H. B. Brumbaugh.

Give me the 1901 Brethren Hymnal! I grew up with those songs and know many by heart. I sat with my Grandma Beery, who carried a vivid alto voice throughout her entire life. She said, "When you come to God's house and it is time to sing, you open your mouth and sing to the Lord."

Psa. 51:14b, 15.... my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise."

Lord help us to hang onto

the good morals of yesteryears, keep the courage to stand up for the right, sing to the Lord and count our blessings for living in a more simple lifestyle of years gone by.

O for a thousand tongues to sing; My dear Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King; the triumphs of His grace!!

Certainly, Christ is worthy of all of our Praise!

Shirley Frick
Greenville, OH

THE BASIS OF TRUE FAITH IS THE WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE

My wife and I were financially helping a family with small children to buy groceries and other things for school. One day we came to their house bringing groceries only to find them very excited to show us a large flat screen TV which they just bought for around \$3,000. They did not have enough money to buy groceries, but they had enough money to buy a widescreen TV.

People will sacrifice for what they want, whether it is sports, music, entertainment or even

a job. They will do whatever it takes to get what they want at the time without thinking of the ramifications for the future.

What is it that I really value? What is it that I am willing to sacrifice in order for Jesus to do something in me and through me?

The focus of my faith has to be on something that is bigger than I am. Not all my hoarded resources, as the hymn writer says, can really help me because they are limited. When I come to the end of my resources

what do I have? My hoarded resources have a limit. But God is unlimited in everything.

Am I going to have faith in what I can do and how far I can go? Or am I really going to have faith in God? To have faith in God, I must be willing to give up everything.

I think of Abraham whom God called upon to sacrifice his son Issac. All of us have an Issac and God is calling for us to put that Issac on the altar for God to begin to use us in a way that is beyond human dimensions. The level of sacrifice can determine the degree of commitment. Abraham would likely have gladly put 1,000 sheep about the altar rather than his son. But 1,000 sheep have little value compared to his son and that is the thing that God looks at. What do I value? What is it in my life that I am not willing to do without? That is a place where God will begin to talk to me about life and my walk of faith.

The other thing that is very important is that when I hold on to something, I jeopardize it. When I release it into God's hands, it is now safe and secure. But my natural reaction is to hang on to something, to protect it and

to give it all that I have. Which is not enough, by the way.

In the New Testament, Jesus called for people to sacrifice everything and give up everything and come follow him. I think it is very interesting to listen to some people talk so sweetly about a sweet Jesus that he was so kind and gracious and loving they failed to understand that they are not really looking at the real Jesus. The real Jesus called upon his disciples to forsake everything and follow him. To put everything they had and everything they appreciated on the alter and come and follow him. Today, we want to be able to follow Jesus, but to carry with us a handful of our toys that we just cannot part with.

I like to think that there are no toys in heaven. I hope I am right about that. The thing that really hinders Christianity today, especially in America, is the fact that we are so addicted to toys and entertainment and personal pleasure. Jesus Christ, the Christ of revelation is calling us to sacrifice everything to cut loose from everything in this world and follow him.

What I need in my life is not more toys. What I need is

enough space in my life to allow Jesus Christ to be everything to me so that he can work through me to his pleasure and honor. The basis of my faith is measured by my willingness to

sacrifice everything and follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

James L. Snyder,
Ocala, FL

CONNECTIONS

As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult SS Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.

As we continue our studies in October, Saul renews his pursuit of David, and hearing that he is in the wilderness of En-gedi, Saul picks 3,000 men to continue the pursuit. Nothing but the blind infatuation of rage could have led the king to pursue his outlawed son-in-law among the jagged rock cliffs. The large force that King Saul had with him almost guaranteed his success. What Saul did not understand was that God's providence would frustrate all his efforts and would lead him to David's hiding place for his nap. As Saul enters the cave for rest from the heat of the day, he does not see the man he so bitterly wants to kill. How does the infatuation of rage blind us, as Christians, as we pursue what we *think* threatens us?

David's men tell him that God has delivered Saul into his hands. God had never made a promise to deliver Saul into his hand, but David's men came to this conclusion from the repeated promises of the kingdom belonging to David. David's men knew that upon King Saul's death, the kingdom would belong to David. David steadily opposed the idea from his followers to put an end to his troubles by killing his persecutor. A revengeful heart would have followed their advice, but David would rather overcome evil with good. What revenge hides in your heart as a follower of Christ? Let us decide instead to do good and, "Heap coals of fire upon his head."

Bro. Gerry Priest
On behalf of the Bible Study Board

PHIL'S PONDERINGS

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

October 2022 Study Questions

October 2 – David Spares Saul (1 Samuel 23:16-24:6)

Why does David need strengthening?

How is it that Jonathan can find David when his father can't?

What similarity exists between Jonathan and John the Baptist?

What do you think is the likely relationship between Saul and Jonathan?

Why do the Ziphites inform Saul of David's whereabouts?

What temptations does David experience concerning Saul while in the cave?

Commentary: This is not the life that David had imagined. For too brief a time he had the bright lights of fame shining on him. He had killed Goliath and the many thousands that followed as he became one of Saul's chief commanders. He had become the king's son-in-law with his marriage to Michal. His greatest friend and comrade was Jonathan, the king's son. But as David's fame rises Saul's fame falls in his own eyes. He is jealous and envious and capable of plotting David's murder. The result is David must run from all that had increased his fame. Hanging out with the king will only result in his hanging. He has become #1 on the Most Wanted list. His Zip code is always preceded by the name of some Wilderness. A cave is his only home that keeps him from being classified as Homeless. Though David is not alone, any military encounter means he is outnumbered 5 to 1 against Saul's most elite troops. The Wilderness, with its forests, mountains, and deserts have become his only strongholds. Strategic retreats are his primary means of defeating Saul's deadly intentions. But all these difficulties are God's way of marinating David's heart and character. Though he is a man without a country he is Israel's anointed future king. He must endure

Saul's malevolent hate by demonstrating to Saul, and all Israel, what God's king must act like. Therefore, though Saul is delivered into David's hand he will never raise it against God's anointed.

October 9 – Saul's Nap (1 Samuel 24:7-22)

What does anointing signify as it relates to kingship?

What risk does David take in revealing himself?

What does David communicate visually?

What is the main point of David's speech?

How does David provide proof of his intentions?

What does David suggest as the best way for solving their differences?

What does David promise on his part?

What does Saul ask David to do for him?

Commentary: Relationships require lots of work even in the best of situations. In our own culture relationships have become more disposable. If it is not satisfactory simply dump that person from your life. Strong family and marital ties are increasingly fragile. Hostility toward or from others is a dominant reality for many. Politicians demonize their opponents and we, too often, mimic their rhetoric. Somehow we are led to believe that we don't need anyone else in order to get the kind of change we expect or demand. But for one brief moment in the relationship between David and Saul there is peace. David is able to make clear between the two of them he will not do anything to harm Saul because he is the Lord's anointed. He offers proof of his intentions by showing the corner of Saul's robe which he had cut off. He pleads with Saul to let the Lord be the judge of both of them. Saul's heart is broken for the moment and he is able to see more clearly. He even recognizes that David will someday be king in his place. He asks that David not harm his descendants or end his family line. The Lord is the one who brings about the change

and provides clarity of thought and emotion. Though the change in Saul is only temporary the Lord is the one who can bring lasting change. He is a counselor who can heal the hurts experienced in every relationship. He can rebuild and restore trust that has been broken. We can see and comprehend how our own blindness has damaged others. It is God's mercy and grace that strengthens the tie between friends, family, and husbands and wives. May the anointing of His Spirit bless us all with fresh strength to love one another.

October 16 – Nabal's Unkindness (1 Samuel 25:1-22)

What did Samuel represent to Israel?

Why does David seemingly ignore Samuel's funeral?

What services did David's men provide Nabal?

How is it that Nabal had such a beautiful wife?

Does David's response to Nabal surprise you?

What incentive does the young man have for telling Abigail about Nabal's response?

Commentary: What pushes your buttons? That is a phrase that might be going out of style as part of our vernacular. But it is a phrase that most of us have some familiarity with. Somebody says or does something that deeply offends our sense of righteousness. Whether for a brief time or a lifetime we nurture our resentment. Those of us who know what those buttons are in someone else's life tend to walk carefully around them. We have just witnessed in our previous lesson how carefully and honorably David has acted toward Saul. David bowed himself before Saul trying to demonstrate how respectful he is of Saul's position as king. But now the venue has changed. David, without asking, has directed his men to be as helpful as they can to Nabal's young men who are guarding his flocks. In return, the unspoken sense of receiving honor for their efforts, has been dismissed ignobly and shamefully. David's blood is up and he is ready to shed someone else's blood for this affront. Nabal is no imaginable threat to David, only to his honor. While

David has described himself to Saul as nothing more than a dead dog and a flea, Nabal has had the audacity to act toward David as though that were true. David is experiencing a case of temporary amnesia. He has forgotten that the Lord can judge between David and Nabal. The Lord does not need his help to execute judgment. Oh, how often do many of us forget who we are and who we belong to. How often we find ourselves living with regret because we acted out our anger and hurt. How often we have said what should never have been uttered with haste or bitterness. How often we need a Savior who can save us from ourselves.

October 23 – David Meets Abigail (1 Samuel 25:23-44)

What is the first thing Abigail does when she meets David?

Who does it remind you of?

Who do her first words remind you of?

How does her description of her husband impact David?

How well acquainted is Abigail with the circumstances of David's life?

What is her estimate of David's life?

From what emotion has Abigail saved David?

How do you interpret Abigail's last statement?

Commentary: There are times in our lives when the Lord intercedes in our circumstances and turns us 180 degrees around in the opposite direction. Certainly this is one of those times in David's life. His blood is boiling and he wants someone to pay. But not just one but everyone who works for Nabal. He is willing to shed innocent blood to satisfy his honor. But David meets his match in a woman, who in a few minutes, subdues his raging heart. So how did Abigail succeed so quickly? 1) She honors him as lord by bowing before him. David has acted similarly with Saul very recently. 2) When relationships falter we are quick to assign blame to the other person. But Abigail asks that Nabal's iniquity be laid upon her. In so doing she honors the sav-

ing work of her messiah who will come from David's loins a thousand years in the future. 3) She asks him to listen while referring to herself several times as his maidservant. She makes no demands, merely the request of a servant. 4) She intercedes on behalf of her husband while making no excuses for his behavior. He is a scoundrel and a fool as his name suggests. She implies that his foolishness will be his undoing and David should not waste his time on such a fool. 5) The consequence of Nabal's behavior for Abigail is that she had no direct contact with any of David's men. She learned of their coming from one of Nabal's men who warned her of David's likely response. This is her only excuse for not providing a present to David's men sooner. 6) She rejoices that she has arrived soon enough before David has avenged himself. So let his men enjoy the present she has brought and let all David's enemies be seen as foolish as Nabal. 7) Once more she asks for forgiveness. In truth she has done no wrong but she is appealing to David's heart to forgive her. With such an appeal any remaining resentment or lingering anger melts his heart. 8) Her longest discourse is upon the future that is David's inheritance. He shall become the king of Israel. His enemies will be subdued. Most importantly, related to this moment of his life, he will not look back with regret and guilt upon the evil choices he had been rushing toward. 9) Abigail asks that he remember her as he rejoices in the fulfillment of God's promises to him. This request is fulfilled in a very short time. Nabal will be dead in less than two weeks. Shortly afterward she will accept David's proposal to become his wife.

October 30 – David Spares Saul Again (1 Samuel 26:1-20)

What would be your attitude if you were in David's shoes?

What has David done to prepare strategically for this moment?

What are the characteristics needed to be successful in this endeavor?

What answer would you give if you were invited to go with David?

What responsibility might David have given to the man left behind?

What lesson is David repeating to Abishai?

Commentary: Have you found yourself groaning and complaining to the Lord, “Haven’t I learned this lesson already? Why am I having to go through this again? Usually God’s answer to these questions is loud silence. Clearly our attitude hasn’t changed enough. We don’t hear David groaning over this newest version of the scenario where Saul is chasing David for the sole purpose of killing him. Bummer is our response. David responds by making sure he knows what his options are strategically. His spies are frequently providing him with information. His band of followers are placed furthest away from danger. David knows the terrain and can choose the location that will be most beneficial to him in this encounter. David also knows that he can’t continually keep running from Saul. Retreat is a necessary survival skill. But it also erodes morale and the confidence necessary with which to engage the enemy. David may be out of options militarily and his only choice is attack. That is the choice he makes. As is typical with David he does so in a very unorthodox way. In a contest of armies David’s chances are slim. His advantage is that he only needs to convince one man, Saul, in order to change defeat into victory. He does so by honoring God’s anointing of Saul as king. He is free to do so because He is also placing his faith in the very same anointing that he has received from the Lord. As dysfunctional as Saul and David’s relationship is, David is counting on God to provide the clarity Saul needs to call off this engagement. Once again David’s faith is on display that challenges all to discover new heights in the wisdom and mercies of God.

NEWS ITEMS

Lititz, Pennsylvania

All are welcome to the fall revival at the Lititz, PA, congregation, October 14-16 with Bro. Alan Meyers as the speaker. Services at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday and closing with Love Feast on Sunday. Please remember us in your prayers and attendance.

Sis. Arlene Birt, Cor.

Quinter, Kansas

The Quinter Dunkard Brethren Church wishes to invite everyone to join us for Revival Meetings to be held October 26-30, 2022. Brother Jonathan Skiles has consented to be our evangelist. Services will be held Wednesday through Friday evenings at 7:30 pm. Communion Service to be held on Saturday evening. Saturday and Sunday will also include other services, fellowship and meals. Please join us for renewal and revival in Christ our Savior.

Sis. Beth Jamison, Cor.

Pleasant Ridge, Ohio

The Lord willing, the Pleasant Ridge Congregation will be holding Lovefeast services beginning Friday, October 28th through Sunday, October 30th. Bro. Lyndell Noecker will be our speaker for the weekend. Services will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Examination service is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday with Communion service starting at 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening. There will be morning worship at 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning followed by breakfast. Regular Worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. The closing service will be at 2:00 p.m. Please pray for Bro Lyndell as he shares with us during this weekend. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us.

Sister Teresa St John, Cor.

Women's Retreat

This year's Women's Retreat is quickly approaching and will be held October 7-8 at the Lake James Christian Assembly in Angola, Indiana. The theme of this year's retreat is kindness. Edith and Abbey Yoder are the session speakers and Susan Beachler plans a special lesson for the young ladies. Registration is \$80 per person. Checks should be made payable to DBWR and mailed with your completed registration to Cheryl Flora, 407 W. North St., Arcanum, Ohio 45304. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl at (937) 564-2983 or ryanandcheryl@juno.com

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When submitting an article for publishing in the Bible Monitor, please try to submit it to me by the 1st day of the month prior. For example, please try to have an article submitted by November 1st if you would like it to be published in the December issue. Likewise, for shorter writings such as news items, please try to submit them by the 5th day of the month prior. While I prefer to receive items for publishing in the Monitor by email at kenbrockdb@gmail.com you can also submit them to me by regular mail at 1520 County Road 22.60, Stryker, Ohio 43557. Thank you.

Bro. Ken Brock, Office Editor

Publication Board - Book Release

After a number of years of work toward publishing the Rudy Cover Bible Story Book, the Publication Board finally plans to have the book available for purchase this fall through Amazon (in hardback, paperback or Kindle). The book includes approximately 240 of Rudy's Bible stories and approximately 20 illustrations by Sis. Bethany Johnson (Manuel). If you are active in writing product reviews on Amazon and would like a copy of the book (as a .pdf file or paperback proof copy) in exchange for your honest review, we invite you to participate in this book release. For details contact Bro. Marvin Lorenz at dbcpublishing@gmail.com In requesting a copy for review, please indicate to Marvin your preference for a .pdf document or paperback proof copy.

Secretary of the Trustee Board Change

Please send all checks in support of the Trustee Board to Bro. Chad Meyers as he is now the secretary of the brotherhood Trustee Board. Chad's address is 26580 205th St., Dallas Center, IA 50063.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

November 6 - Living with the Philistines - 1 Samuel 26:21-27:12

1. What opens the door for reconciliation between Saul and David?

2. Why is trust so easy to lose and so hard to get back?

3. How does David's lack of trust for Saul influence his behavior toward Achish?

November 13 - Saul is Desperate for Help - 1 Samuel 28:1-20

1. What is Achish looking for from David and how does David assure him with his answer?

2. What did Saul, during his kingship, spend most of his time protecting?

3. In consulting a medium what was Saul looking for the most?

November 20 – Thanksgiving - Psalm 33:1-22

1. How difficult was it for God to create the heavens?

2. How many times have you made plans for your day only to see some or all of it changed?

3. What benefits are listed in waiting upon the Lord?

November 27 - Upright but Rejected - 1 Samuel 28:21-29:11

1. What impression do you have of the woman who is a medium?

2. What other worry might the Philistine lords have with David fighting alongside Achish?

3. How does the Philistines' decision to reject David protect him from doing what he has already rejected doing previously?

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