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Opening Prayer

Luke Hobson (A.M.)

J C Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

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Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis

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Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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THE RIGHTEOUS HAVE HOPE IN DEATH Mark Lindley

Death is identified in scripture as an enemy. Paul wrote, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:26). Ever since death came into the world, it has been an enemy that has caused great dread and fear. To some, nothing could be more terrifying than contemplating death.

However, the Bible teaches that the righteous have no reason to fear death. Consider Proverbs 14:32, "The wicked is driven away in his wickedness: but the righteous hath hope in his death."

In this passage, there is a contrast between the death of the wicked and the death of the righteous. Notice that the "wicked is driven away" in death. An unrighteous man has reason to fear death because he is not prepared to meet God. Therefore, a wicked man may cling to life, afraid to die, knowing he is lost. He does not die calmly and in peace; rather, he is "driven" away.

Consider also that the wicked man is driven away "in his wickedness." This indicates that the unrepentant, wicked person dies in sin. Jesus warned, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Dying in sin is the greatest tragedy that could happen to any person!

On the other hand, Proverbs 16:32 makes it clear that the "righteous" die in hope. The Old Testament does not provide much detail about the hope of heaven. But even the Old Testament makes it clear that the righteous die in hope! The New Testament reveals that the hope of Christians is eternal life in heaven (Colossians 1:5; Titus 1:2).

In order to have such hope in death, one must be "righteous." A righteous person is one who has been declared, by God, to be righteous. Paul affirmed that one obtains righteousness by obeying the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16-17; 6:16-18). Having obeyed the gospel, one must live soberly, righteously and godly (Titus 2:11-12). To live "righteously" means that one strives to do the Lord's will. While there is no responsible person who lives above sin, those who are righteous do not allow sin to reign over them. When a righteous person stumbles, he gets up, repents of his sin and goes on serving the Lord.

Yes, dear reader, death is an enemy who will one day come to you. The unrighteous die in sin; the righteous die in hope. In view of these thoughts, each one should ask: "Am I righteous?" "If I died today, would I die in hope?" These are serious, sobering questions we should all ask and answer.

Fear NOT

Sam Willcut

In a portion of First Peter 2:17, Peter simply said, “*Fear God.*” God has demanded reverential, godly fear throughout the ceaseless ages of time (Deut. 10:12; Eccl. 12:13). Fear is a very powerful, motivating force. It has caused many to run and hide from God, including Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:8), Jonah (Jonah 1:9-10) and all who sin against the divine will of God (Heb. 10:27). It has also caused many to obey Him, including Noah (Heb. 11:7), Abraham (Gen. 22:12), the midwives of Egypt (Ex. 1:17-19), the early church (Acts 5:11) and all who are mindful of the coming judgment (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

While we are commanded to fear God, we are also encouraged in numerous passages not to be afraid. In fact, we find the expression, “*Fear not,*” more than sixty times in the Bible. Therefore, let us notice more carefully these words of encouragement: “*Fear not.*”

We should not fear because God promises to bless us through our journey in life. God appeared to Abraham in a vision and told him not to fear, promising to bless him and his generations to follow (Gen. 26:24). While the Israelites battled with King Og at the battle of Edrei, God comforted Moses with the words, “*Fear not*” (Num. 21:33-35).

We should not fear because God will protect us when in peril. God said in Genesis 15:1, “*Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield.*” Elisha told his servant, “*Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them*” (2 Kings 6:16).

We should not fear because God strengthens us when we are weak. Moses encouraged the Israelites and Joshua with words, “*Be strong and of a good courage, fear not*” (Deut. 31:6-8). God reiterates to Isaiah several times, “*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee*” (Isa. 41:10).

We should not fear because God is our companion in our trials. David charged his son Solomon, “*Fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord*” (1 Chron. 28:20). Isaiah prophesies of the church’s promise by God, “*Fear not: for I am with thee*” (Isa. 43:1-7).

We should not fear because God cares for his children. Jesus said in Matthew 10:31, “*Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.*” He also said in Luke 12:32, “*Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*”

We should not fear because God has given life beyond the grave. Jesus told John in Revelation 1:17-18, “*Fear not...I am he that liveth, and was dead.*” The angel told the women at the tomb, “*Fear not ye...for he is risen*” (Matt. 28:5-6).

What a great comfort for God to say to his children, “[*Fear not*], *for I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me*” (Heb. 13:5-6).

While we give reverential, godly fear to God, let us put our complete trust and faith in Him so that we “*Fear not!*”

A Direct Influence By Ron Thomas

If from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, and one can be known by the quality of the fruit produced, then it is reasonable to conclude that both the words spoken and the deeds done are indicative of the person’s heart. People are able to see this and *judge*. People of maturity can understand this, but people full of sin (or self) are quick to point out that one—especially one guilty of sinful behavior. It is interesting that these are the same people who look upon the Lord and faithfully proclaim they would NEVER deny Him, but their lives have denial written all over them. The deeds we do, the words we speak, and the thoughts we think reflect correctly on (or against) the Lord’s influence on our lives.

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Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY: Keith Newby, Wilma Wood

REHAB: Juan Stroupe (TCH/Rehab)

SURGERY RECOVERY: Dawn Jackson

HOSPITAL: Hannah Jones (ICU-Tupelo)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER:) Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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