

June 1, 2014
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Bryan Davis

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Tom Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Dalton Beard (A.M.) Johnny Cissom (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

Jordan Staggs, Logan Yancey, Kyle Jumper

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Ross Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Molly Moore & Phyllis Christian

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris (06/04/14)

OUR RECORD

May 25, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 118

Sunday Morning Worship: 134

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 92

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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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Three Questions to Start Your Day

By Mike Gifford

The Lord has given each of us 24 hours in a day. Typically, the average adult will find his or her 24 hours divided up into time spent working, sleeping and eating. Other activities that pop up include recreation, travel and socialization. Each of these takes time. We are indeed a busy society.

Where in the aforementioned time-users is time for God? Should that be at the top of the list? Do our days end with thoughts of putting God at the head of the next day's list? Are these thoughts repeated night after night as each day produces another round of activities that crowd God out of our schedule? In other words, does every day end with regret for not having given more time to God and a resolution to give more to Him the next day? DOES every day end that way for you? Would you like to change that? If so, here are three questions that might be helpful for you to ask yourself as each day begins.

Question 1: "What will I do today to grow spiritually?" Thinking this one through should be relatively simple. Paul wrote, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). Most likely, the Bible is readily available in your home. Can you reach for it, open it and read it today? Any time spent in sincere study of God's Word is profitable (II Timothy 3:16,17). The Lord said that His Word "shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). Not only is spiritual growth readily available through the Bible, the ability to speak to the author of that wonderful work is afforded to every Christian night and day. I Thessalonians 5:17 exhorts, "Pray without ceasing." Proverbs 15:8 concludes, "the prayer of the upright is his delight." The classic hymn sagely states, "Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." With the resources to grow spiritually close at hand, what will we do today to avail ourselves of these blessed opportunities?

Question 2: "What will I do today to serve others?" Jesus said, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:27-28). That Christians are to be servants is evident in the portrayal of judgment in Matthew 25:31-46. In that scene the Lord is reminding those who walked the earth that walking among them had been the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, the naked and the prisoners. In short, there had been those in need. The scene shows that those commended by the Lord are those who served. Others, like that rich man in Luke 16:19-31, did not see that every day the opportunities to serve presented themselves. We can serve in so many ways. Our efforts are not limited to aiding those mentioned in the judgment scene of Matthew 25. With the daily abundance of opportunities to serve God by serving others, what will we do today to render service to our fellow man?

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Question 3: "What will I do today to lead others to Christ?"

The great commission of Matthew

28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16 is not limited to a select few. God did not commit the spreading of the Gospel to a chosen number who might happen to speak well, or who might be more outgoing, or who might be better able to remember Bible passages than some others. Paul told Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (II Timothy 2:2). The only qualification in this verse regarding the type of person who is to be teaching is that they be faithful to God. Each of us has the ability to lead souls to Christ. God commanded Christians to be evangelistic. I John 5:3 says that "his commandments are not grievous." The word "grievous" means "weighty or heavy." God has not commanded us to do anything of which we are not capable. Is there something we can do today to lead a soul to Christ? Will we do it?

Starting the day with these three questions sets our agenda for our waking hours. Today you and I will be confronted by Satan's attacks and we will need to overcome. Today you and I will walk among hurting men and women who need to know that someone cares about them. Today you and I will come in contact with fainting and scattered sheep who need to be led to the Shepherd of souls (Matthew 9:36-38; I Peter 2:25). How will we use this day in God's service?

The Deceitfulness of Sin

Tim Dooley

So, what sins tempt you? Alcohol? The tongue? Pornography? The love of money? Gambling? What makes these things so enticing?

Is it the throwing up and hangovers that come from a bottle? The divided homes that come from angry words, severed friendships because of violated confidences due to gossip, or the loss of respect because of foul language? The mental health and family issues that destroy lives and families because of the scourge of pornography? Is it the loss of family because of a father that is never around since he is more attentive to his career than to his wife and family? Is it the neglect of family and wastefulness of precious resources associated with gambling that makes it so enticing?

No! No one gives into sin because of the ugly reality associated with the wiles of the devil. He makes sin look attractive. He promises a good time, love, pleasure, friendship, power, wealth, prestige, and all this life has to offer. The problem?

He is a liar! In John 8:44 Jesus says to the Israelites of His day, "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

A lie is defined as "an intentionally false statement: ...used with reference to a situation involving deception or founded on a mistaken impression. You see a lie does not have to be a "whopper," or something that bears absolutely no truth at all. People tell "half truths" and "little white lies" all the time. We just mislead, misdirect, or "forget" some integral aspect to a story or statement. And we fall for it all the time. But a lie is a lie is a LIE!

So here is the truth about sin. Satan makes it look good, feel good, taste good and makes false promises and misleading statements about the outcome of sin. Consider his deception in the Garden of Eden. God had indicated that in the day that they would eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they would surely die (Genesis 2:17). Satan told Eve that was not the case (Genesis 3:4). Then he lied about God's purpose behind the command (v 5). Then notice the impression of the sin Satan was tempting her with... the tree was good for food,... it was pleasant to the eyes,... it was desirable to make one wise (v 6).

How sad indeed that Satan was able to deceive Eve with half-truths and bring about their death, shame, and the ever-increasing evil and influence of Satan in this world. Why didn't Satan tell her what would really happen if she ate the fruit? Because had he told her the truth, she never would have done so.

Satan tempted Jesus the same way in the desert (Matthew 4). And why? Because sin is pleasurable on the front end. As someone once said, if sin felt like hitting yourself in the head with a hammer, no one would do it! Sin offers an adrenaline rush, instantaneous pleasure and satisfaction, the promise of a better temporal life. Sin feels good!

How sad that so many are caught up by the deceitfulness of sin. "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful (Matthew 13:22). "...Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" (Ephesians 4:22). "...Exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13).

Dear friends, open your eyes to the realities of sin. It separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Sin deceives and kills (Romans 7:11). Sin brings death (James 1:15). Because we have all given in to the deceitfulness of sin and continue to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), God, in His great love, sent His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:3). Because of what He did for us on the cross, we must do something in order to be freed from the shackles of sin: repent (Acts 17:30), confess His name (Matthew 10:32-33), be baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21), and be faithful (Revelation 2:10)!

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13).

THE STORMS OF LIFE

by Roy A. Crutcher

For affliction does not come from the dust, neither does trouble sprout from the ground, For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward." Job 5:6-7 (NAS) Man lives in a world filled with troubles, as is indicated in the above passage. Because man lives in a trouble-filled world, he will naturally encounter troubles, obstacles, etc., of various kinds from time to time. Even Christians are not immune to such problems. As Christians we do have some special blessings from God. Likewise, God cares for His own in a special way. Unfortunately, though, we are not immune to all the problems of life. And when problems arise in our lives, we usually tend to think that our troubles are worse than anyone else's. But as Christians, we are admonished to "think so as to have sound judgment." [Rom 12:3]. Sound judgment tells us that usually there is always someone worse off that we are. I am reminded of the poem that tells of the man who complained because he had no shoes until he saw a man who had no feet. Several examples are mentioned in the poem, each concluding with, "Lord forgive me when I whine." I read some time back of some devastating cyclones which had hit India. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lost everything. One brother lost his wife, two children and his parents. Another lost his wife, four children, five grandchildren, his mother - a total of 31 family members [16 were members of the Lord's church]. This kind of devastation puts us in mind of Job as described in chapter one. But Job survived, and so can we. Regardless of the extremity of any problems you might be facing, rather than feeling sorry for yourself, just remember a few basic facts: [1] Others have worse problems [2] Things could be worse [3] Usually the good in our lives outweighs the bad [4] Count the blessings that you do have. In every tragedy you can look at what you've lost and be hateful, or you can look at what you have left and be grateful. May God help us to have a grateful, trusting disposition regardless of our station in life.

THIS SUNDAY - June 1, 2014

Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital
Nursing Home at 2 PM
&

Visitation Group:

Will meet Sunday Night after services
in the Fellowship Hall.
Bring finger food or desserts.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leroy Derrick.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Guy Stroupe, Fagen Carpenter, Mickey Chandler
•**HAVING TEST:** Will Morgan
•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Cindy Pruitt, Bettye Melton, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell)
•**SURGERY:** Colton Morrison
•**TREATMENTS:** Bobbie Nunnally
•**REHAB:** W.M. Chapman (Room 206 -Tippah County Nursing Home), Lee Bonds (Ola Wade's Sister), Ed Cissom

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** *Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister)*, Kelly Fryar (treatments), Beth Kuykendall (cancer), William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Zak Muzzallo (Erik Longoira's Friend), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer.

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*) *Golden Living:* Nina Thomason (*Mailing: Golden Living, 101 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*) (Pat Wade's Mother).

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