

**June 18, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Keith Newby (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Bo Chapman, Casey Harris

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom and Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Jill and Hannah Loveless

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (06/21/17)

OUR RECORD

June 11, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 147

Sunday Morning Worship: 132

Sunday Evening Worship: 134

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 105

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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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ROCKY SOIL AND FALLING FROM GRACE

Mark Lindley

The New Testament abounds with warnings about falling from grace. Although many believe that it is impossible for a child of God to fall from grace, the Scriptures teach otherwise.

On the occasion of Luke chapter 8, Jesus gave the "Parable of the Sower." In this powerful parable, the Lord told of a sower who went forth sowing seed. Later, Jesus explained that the "seed" is God's Word (Luke 8:11). The sower, therefore, represents one who goes forth teaching the Word. The different types of soil—wayside, thorny, rocky, and good ground—represent different reactions of people to the teaching of God's Word.

Some of the seed fell on rocky soil. Jesus stated: "And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture" (Luke 8:6).

Notice that the plant of which Jesus spoke "sprung up," but later "withered away." The seed produced a real, living plant that "sprung up." The problem is that the plant "withered away." These words show that the one under consideration received the Word, was saved, but later fell away. Only living plants can wither away. Dead plants have no life. A living plant that withers away is the Lord's description of one who was saved, but who later fell away.

After Jesus gave the parable, He later explained it. Consider His explanation of the seed that fell upon the rocky soil: "They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13). Notice carefully that the rocky soil represents those who receive the Word; believe for a while; but, fall away.

Some might argue that the rocky soil represents those who only "appear" to believe. However, Jesus did not say that the rocky-soil hearers "appeared" to believe. Rather, Jesus said that such hearers "believe" for a while and then "fall away." The hearers do not "pretend" to believe. They actually believe, but later fall away. Yes, a child of God can fall away!

Yet, despite the clear teachings of Jesus, some still maintain, "Once saved, always saved." Preachers sometimes judge deceased persons as saved, when the deceased may have lived in open rebellion to God for decades prior to death. And what evidence do such preachers have to support their judgements? The evidence is often that someone said the deceased prayed "The Sinner's Prayer" forty years before death. Armed with such "evidence," some preachers offer reassurance to families of the deceased. However, the words of a preacher do not change the life one has lived, nor do they change the teachings of Jesus. This is very sad, but true.

God forbid that I become a rocky-soil hearer and turn away from God, but if I were to make that choice I would not want a preacher to attempt to preach me into heaven. Heaven is promised to the faithful, not to those who fall away. Obey the Lord and be faithful to Him!

Eastern Airlines Flight 401 By Steve Higginbotham

On the evening of December 29, 1972, Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing 101 people. Any time a passenger plane crashes, it grabs our attention because so many lives are affected by the tragedy. But what makes this crash even more tragic is that it was completely avoidable.

While preparing to land in Miami, FL, the co-pilot noticed that a light bulb on the instrument panel wasn't working, and he tried to replace it. Unsuccessful at his attempts to remove the burnt out bulb, the airplane was placed on auto-pilot and the pilot, himself, left his seat to assist him. However, somehow in the process, the auto-pilot was accidentally disengaged and while the pilot and co-pilot worked at replacing a burnt out light bulb, the plane slowly descended, and crashed.

Think of it.. 101 people died because more attention was given to a burnt out light bulb than flying and landing the airplane. Sad indeed, but every day, mistakes more monumental than this take place. In fact, someone reading this article right now may unwittingly be in a "descent" that will lead to his destruction if he continues to devote his attention to things of lesser importance.

Do you think people will some day meet God unprepared because they gave their attention to lesser things? Jobs, family, entertainment, social status, schooling, pleasure, wealth, etc. all have their place, but not at the expense of a "safe landing."

Friends, don't get so caught up with the distractions of this world (Matthew 13:22), that you fail to "land safely." Give it some thought.

A Father's Greatest Responsibility By Joe Chesser

A man can be a great leader and at the same time be a lousy father. A man can be an outstanding prophet, priest, or king, and still be a failure as a parent. It's such a common problem that there are jokes floating around about preachers' kids and elders' kids. To me, that's tragic. But, even more significant, God thinks it's tragic, too.

Eli was a priest serving the Lord at Shiloh. As faithful as he was in performing his duties to God and the people, his performance as a parent was awful. It was said of his two sons that they were wicked and that "they had no regard for the Lord" (1 Sam. 2:12). They had the nerve to take the fat portions of the sacrifices that belonged to God and keep them for themselves. Eli didn't stop them, even though "the sin of the young men was very great in the Lord's sight, for they were treating the Lord's offering with contempt" (1 Sam. 2:17). Eli neglected his greatest responsibility – to correct his sons and teach them to be obedient to the Lord and to himself. Finally, the Lord sent a man of God to Eli with a prophecy of his accountability: "Why do you honor your sons more than me ... ?" (1 Sam. 2:29). Eli was faithful in performing the duties of a priest, but was unfaithful in his greatest responsibility – teaching his children to be faithful to God.

Unfortunately, Eli's example was not unique. Samuel, the prophet who grew up under the mentorship of Eli, turned out the same way. He was personally faithful as a servant of the Lord, anointing both Saul and David as kings, but his sons were very wicked. In fact, it was because his sons were so corrupt that Israel sought to have king (1Sam. 8).

Even David, the best king Israel ever had, would not have won "Father of the Year." In 1 Kings 1:6 it says of David regarding his rebellious son Adonijah, "His father had never interfered with him by asking 'Why do you behave as you do?'" As a result, Adonijah set himself up as king over Israel when he thought David was too old to do anything about it.

The New Testament teaches that a part of the qualifications of a man who is to be appointed as an Elders of the church is that he must have proven that he can "manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect" (1 Tim. 3:4). In a similar way, deacons are also to be able to manage their families well (1 Tim. 3:12). It is the responsibility of fathers to teach and train their children in the ways of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).

In this brief study it is clear what God views as one of the greatest responsibilities of fatherhood – to teach and train their children in the ways of God and to expect obedience and respect. Children are not obedient and respectful because they are commanded to be, but because a loving and caring father has consistently trained them in God's ways and demonstrated that kind of life before them day after day.

What greater privilege and responsibility does a father have?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Father's Day!

**REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME CHANGE:
2:00PM**

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•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Everett Hurt, Connie Koon

•**HOSPITAL:** Michael Kubenthiran (Robin Chapman's Nephew – car wreck/severe leg injuries) Please send cards: 2618 Sunlight Drive, Arlington, TX 76006. Becky Jefferies (Tupelo/ICU)

•**SURGERY:** Tracie Gross (Back)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney,, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, 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:** **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: *Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*). **Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: *Tishomingo Living Center, 1410 West Quitman Street, Iuka, MS 38852*)