

October 30, 2022

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Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Keith Newby

Opening Prayer
Tripp Yancey (A.M.)
Young Men(P.M.)

Closing Prayer
John. Hopper (A.M.)
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Dale Vandygriff

Count and Usher
Rickey Cissom & Jimmy Vandgriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Tripp Yancey (11/02/22)

OUR RECORD

October 23, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 76
Sunday Morning Worship: 99
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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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“IF I AM AUTHORIZED...”

Mark Lindley

Last week I took my car to a shop to have some work done. After explaining to the auto mechanic the problem I was having with my car, he speculated as to what might have been causing the problem. He said that if he had guessed correctly, a certain mechanical procedure would have to be done to correct the problem. He said, “If I am authorized to do it, I will take care of it for you.” As he spoke, I thought about the words: “if I am authorized.”

The man implied by his statement that he recognized the need for authority. This is a common-sense principle that we use every day. If a mechanic is asked to service a car, he is NOT authorized to overhaul the engine. If a patient says to a dentist, “I have come for a checkup,” the dentist is NOT authorized to sedate the patient and do a root canal. If a carpenter is hired to build some kitchen cabinets, he is NOT authorized to build the cabinets *and* add on a new bathroom. These simple illustrations show that people who think rationally, recognize and follow the principle of authority every day.

It would be a wonderful thing if all would follow the only-if-I-am-authorized rule in spiritual matters. If every religious person would allow the Scriptures alone to be the standard of authority, many practices and innovations in worship would be abandoned. For example, there would be no instrumental music in worship services, no christening of babies, no celebrating Christmas and Easter as religious days, no eating the Lord's supper at weddings. No, these things would not be allowed for the same reason the mechanic who has been asked to service a car does not overhaul the engine—there is no authority for these things! Let's follow the principle of authority in secular and spiritual matters. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17).

Why Does God Let It Happen? By Bill Jackson (Deceased)

It has long been acknowledged that the problem of suffering is that which atheists and infidels use as their "proof" that God does not exist. Just a few weeks ago, one of our national newscasts had a segment dealing with tragedies and catastrophic illness or accidents as being the reason why some have given up their belief in God. Some on that program, said that dealing with such unpleasantness caused them to cease to believe in God. Their wonder was, "Why did God let this happen?"

The basis of this is highly selfish on man's part, for it says this: "I only believe in God if He performs according to my expectations." In the Old Testament, Naaman was on the verge of rejecting the healing God had for him because of his own expectations as to how God would act (2 Kings 5:11,12). What kind of audacity is this that puts man in the position of being the creature that replies to the Creator, and refuses to believe unless the Creator performs to the whim and fancy of man? Does the creature thus reply to the Creator (Romans 9:20)?

There are two or three considerations in this general area:

(1) Man was made a creature of free will action. This means that man has the freedom to do wrong, if he chooses. It means, then, that he can be guided by evil motives and even make a move against me or my family; he can bring great hurt and sorrow to me, if he so desires. It is not that God is guiding him; rather he is not letting God guide him and that's why his sinfulness has touched me. The drunken driver runs over and kills a little child. It happens because we have freedom of will.

(2) Men can suffer because they violate the natural laws God has made. They may do this intentionally, or they may do this accidental. In either case, the hurt and sorrow can be brought upon men because of it. A man working 150 feet in the air can make an error of judgment and fall to his death. It was not that God caused it to be, but through accidental circumstance, a natural law of God was breached and sorrow is the result.

3) Men can suffer because they violate man-made laws, brought into being within the will of God. We think now of civil powers, ordained of God (Romans 13), and in violation of these one might well suffer heavy penalty, even to be put to death. There is hurt to him, and hurt to his family. Why did God let it happen? Again, God did not cause it; man has freedom of will and can use it to his own hurt, and hurt to those around him.

(4) Men can suffer simply due to the imperfection in this world, brought to such a state because of sin. The whole of creation has been given life, and some of that, having good purpose in some cases, can have an evil product when it touches a man. Hence, the matter of disease, infection, illness.

There are those circumstances of an accidental nature that happen when natural laws react in an unusual fashion. That is one price we pay in living in a sinful world, and a world made so by man's misbehavior!

In sum, an imperfect world is a reality.

God uses it as a training ground, suiting man for eternity with Him. Rather than giving up faith in seeing imperfection, we should be thankful that some suffering is in the world. If it were not, then Christ would not have suffered for us, and then where would we be?

Again, we say, man proves his own basic selfishness when he overlooks the world made so by his own sin, overlooks purposes that can be served in man facing suffering in this life, overlooks the price to be paid in having freedom of will, overlooks what is involved in living by God's natural laws- and then declares, "I will not believe in God unless He acts as I want Him to!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAPMAN'S
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& HOTDOG ROAST
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For

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&

Britt Lindley

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

SICK SUNDAY: Patti Hall, Wilma Wood

HOSPITAL: David Smith (Oxford), Dan Jones (Tupelo/ICU)

SURGERY: Wayne Vandygriff, Cheryl Chapman, Pat Shackelford

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Theo Smith, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Joanie Kate, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

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