

November 6, 2022

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Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer
J C Newby (A.M.)
Tim McMillin (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Bo Chapman (A.M.)
Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Bryan Davis

Count and Usher
Terry & Chase Chapman

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (11/09/22)

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Sunday Bible Study: 67
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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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DOES PRAYER REALLY WORK? By Mark Lindley

One of the great privileges of the Christian life is the opportunity to approach the heavenly Father in prayer. God's people are encouraged to draw near to the Father's heavenly throne with boldness, seeking help in time of need. Sometimes, Christians get discouraged and may wonder if prayer really works. One might say, "I prayed that God would heal my loved-one, but now my loved-one is dead. Why did my prayer not work?" I suppose we all struggle with the question, "Why?" The answer to the question is not always easy to understand, and, frankly, in some instances we may never find an answer that satisfies.

Nevertheless, Christians can know with all certainty that God hears and answers prayer. Biblical proof of this is James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." This passage declares that "prayer...availeth much." In other words, prayer not only works, but it also works powerfully and accomplishes much! This should settle the issue for everyone who believes the Bible—God really hears and answers prayer. Prayer works!

But notice the kind of prayer that works. The verse cited from James chapter 5 indicates that an "effectual fervent" prayer is the kind that works. The term "effectual fervent" means "powerful or energetic." Prayer that avails is not merely uttering words in a cold, routine manner. It is not simply "saying" a prayer, but rather it is "praying" a prayer with sincerity, eagerness, and faith. The one praying pours out his heart to God.

Another characteristic of prayer that works is that it is prayed by "a righteous man." A righteous man is one who is just and holy, one who is a faithful child of God. God does not promise to honor the prayers of those living in rebellion to his will (Psalm 66:18), but the prayers of his righteous children avail much.

God does not always answer prayers with a "yes." However, God's people have assurance that God hears; He cares; and He answers according to his divine will.

In view of these thoughts, how comforting it is when a righteous child of God says, "I'll be praying for you." No wonder Paul encouraged, "Brethren, pray for us" (II Thessalonians 3:1).

Standing in the Path of Danger

By: Justin Paschall

In 1969, in Pass Christian, Mississippi, a group of people were preparing to have a "hurricane party" in the face of a storm named Camille. Were they ignorant of the dangers? Could they have been overconfident? Did they let their egos and pride influence their decision? We'll never know.

What we do know is that the wind was howling outside the posh Richelieu Apartments when Police Chief Jerry Peralta pulled up sometime after dark. Facing the Beach less than 250 feet from the surf, the apartments were directly in the line of danger. A man with a drink in his hand came out to the second floor balcony and waved. Peralta yelled up, "You all need to clear out of here as quickly as you can. The storm's getting worse." But as others joined the man on the balcony, they just laughed at Peralta's order to leave. "This is my land," one of them yelled back. "If you want me off, you'll have to arrest me."

Peralta didn't arrest anyone, but he wasn't able to persuade them to leave either. He wrote down the names of the next of kin of the twenty or so people who gathered there to party through the storm. They laughed as he took their names. They had been warned, but they had no intention of leaving.

It was 10:15 p.m. when the front wall of the storm came ashore. Scientists clocked Camille's wind speed at more than 205 miles-per-hour, the strongest on record. Raindrops hit with the force of bullets, and waves off the Gulf Coast crested between twenty-two and twenty-eight feet high.

News reports later showed that the worst damage came at the little settlement of motels, go-go bars, and gambling houses known as Pass Christian, Mississippi, where some twenty people were killed at a hurricane party in the Richelieu Apartments. Nothing was left of that three-story structure but the foundation; the only survivor was a five-year-old boy found clinging to a mattress the following day.

It is my fear that sometimes we treat sin with same amount of gumption as these individuals did with the storm. We know sin's destructive power; we know the dangers that surround it; we know the destroyed lives that can be left in its wake. And yet sometimes we still choose to stand in the path of sin. Let's be like the man of which the psalmist spoke. "Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night" (Psalms 1:1-2).

Let's be like that man, and let's avoid the impending danger of sin!

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&

Britt Lindley

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

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HOSPITAL: Dan Jones (Tupelo/ICU), Louise Pannell (Corinth)

SURGERY RECOVERY: David Smith

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•**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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