

July 21, 2024

Announcements

David Smith

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Ross Shackelford (A.M.)
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Andy Reese (A.M.)
Reed Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (07/24/24)

OUR RECORD

June 14, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 97
Sunday Morning Worship: 116
Sunday Evening Worship: 84
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

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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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IS HEAVEN A REAL PLACE?

Mark Lindley

It has been the topic of countless sermons and the basis for innumerable songs. Infinite numbers of books and limitless lines of poetry have been written on this subject. But is it real? Is heaven a real place or just a myth invented by man? For those who believe the Bible, the question is easy to answer. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

Twice in this passage Jesus refers to heaven as a "place." It is interesting to consider how the word that is translated "place" is used elsewhere in Scripture. For example, the Samaritan woman of John chapter 4 said to Jesus, "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship" (verse 20). Notice that the lady correctly referred to Jerusalem as a "place." The word she used in referring to Jerusalem is the same word that Jesus used in reference to heaven. The point is that heaven is a real place, just as Jerusalem is a real place. Heaven is just as real as any city in which we might live or locate on a map.

It should be understood, of course, that heaven is a different kind of place. Heaven is a spiritual place, unlike this earth that is temporal, subject to death and decay (1 Peter 1:3-4). Nevertheless, heaven is a place...a place that is real.

In fact, the reality of heaven is tied to the reality of Jesus Himself. Observe this connection: "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). If we accept that Jesus is a real being, should we not also be willing to accept that Jesus "came down from heaven"? It would be highly inconsistent to accept that Jesus is a real being, while rejecting Jesus' claim that He came from heaven. Yes, heaven is as real as the Lord Himself.

It is exceptionally important for us to believe in heaven. When the disciples were distressed and anxious, how did Jesus calm their restless hearts? He said, "Let not your heart be troubled," and then He spoke to them about heaven. When we are trying to cope with fear, sorrow, sickness, or pain a strong belief in heaven should inspire us to press on and to prepare ourselves for that happy land of rest.

Handling Disagreements

Anyone can be involved in an argument. Paul and Barnabas are reminders that even faithful brethren are not immune from having disagreements (Acts 15:35-41). Occasionally, our disagreements get out of hand and we end up saying things we later regret. So what are some safeguards we can use in handling disagreements in a Christian way? Here are a few suggestions with the help of the book of Proverbs:

Be friendly. Try not to be adversarial in your point of view. "He that hath friends must show himself friendly" and "A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 18:24; 17:17).

Ever use kindness. Cordiality goes a long way towards maintaining tranquility. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15:1).

Let up some. Most disagreements would remain friendly if we would just back off a little. ". . .but he that refraineth his lips is wise" (Prov. 10:19).

Overcome with good. Oftentimes in the heat of an argument we lash out in retaliation. "Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me" (Prov. 24:29).

Value their opinion. Listen attentively to what others have to say. "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him" (Prov. 18:13).

Introduce soothing words. You can get your point across in a nice way. "Pleasant words are as honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Prov. 16:24).

Never engage irate behavior. If a disagreement becomes ugly - conversation over! "Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee" (Prov. 4:24).

Grow taller. The desire to win an argument often escalates it. Bigger people will refuse. ". . . Therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with" (Prov. 17:14).

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL SKATING

***JULY 21ST - 4 TO 6 PM
SKATERZ***

***2219 East Chambers Drive,
Booneville, MS***

Snack Bar will be open for food & drinks to purchase. Any questions – contact Bobby & Angela Bridges or Devin & Kristen McVey

YOUTH NIGHT

AUGUST 25TH AT 5 PM

Fellowship Meal will follow.

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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: Larry & Wilma Wood, Robin Chapman

SURGERY: Cameron Jumper

HOSPITAL: Sarina Tigrett - Parents: Kane & Anna (LeBonhuer- heart. 6 months old)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, 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, Tish 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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