

News & Notes

Sunday, September 8, 2008

Remember in Prayer: Juanita Akin; Daryl Alberson; Arland Anderson; Tommy Alberson; Mary Bailey; Johnny Carr; Mary Childers; Vikie Cobb; Melba Cox; Lettie Mae Hunt; Charles Johnson; Dot Ketchum; Dawn Givens; Lettie Mae Hunt; Christie Hurt; Wayne Kidd; Earl Liming; James Luna; John and Deliah Mann; Diane Mize; Alva Powell; Ann Ray; Jerry Ray; Katherine Shaw; Chris Spence; Jamie Spence; Calvin Uersery; Joan Wilderson; Alvie Williford;

Pantry item for the month of September is dryer sheets.

Ashland Events: Today: Elder's meeting at 4:00 PM.

Area Events: Today: Area wide singing at the North Green Street church of Christ in Tupelo; September 27: Second annual SLCC Day at Sardis Lake Christian Camp;

Sermon in Preview:

AM: How to Guard Against Satan

PM: Satan's Tackle Box

For the Record (September 7, 2008):

Attendance: 81 Contribution: \$1678.00 Budget: \$1452.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Shepherds:

Barney King
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Romans 11:33

ASHLAND ANNOUNCER

Increasing in the Knowledge of God



Bible Facts About Eternal Life

Mark Lindley

One of the most beautiful concepts of Scripture is the idea of eternal life. Man has a natural tendency to want to live. We try to eat right, exercise, take medicines, etcetera because we want to prolong our lives upon this earth. However, in spite of efforts to extend our lives, if the Lord doesn't come first, we will all die physically (Hebrews 9:27).

Nevertheless, followers of Christ have the assurance that beyond physical death there is eternal life. Jesus declared, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:26). The following are facts that we should know about eternal life.

1. One can be assured of eternal life. John affirms that we can "know" we have eternal life: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye **may know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1John 5:13).
2. Eternal life is a "promise:" "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life" (1John 2:25).
3. Christians can live "in hope" of eternal life. Paul wrote that we live "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2).
4. Eternal life is to be enjoyed in its fullness "in the world to come." "There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or

lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and **in the world to come** eternal life" (Mark 10:29-30).

5. Eternal life will be entered after the judgment: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46).

Now, let's put it all together. While it is true that one can "know" he has eternal life, according to scripture, eternal life is "a promise." Thus, the Christian lives in anticipation of receiving the "promise." This promise is not to be realized in the here and now, but, according to Jesus, "in the world to come." This is the Christian's "hope" (see Titus 1:2).

This promise is given to those who are "faithful unto death" (Revelation 2:10), to those who "sow to the Spirit that they might reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8), to those whose names will not be "blotted out of the book of life" (Exodus 32:32; Revelation 3:5), to those who "fight the good fight, finish the course, and keep the faith" (2Timothy 4:6-8).

Don't be misled by the false teaching that "if you get it, you can never lose it." The fact that we can "know" we have eternal life, does not cancel the necessity of being faithful to the Lord that we might receive the "promise" of eternal life "in the world to come." The Lord will keep His promise and commitment to us. The question is, will we keep our promise and commitment to Him? Some may reject it, but the Christian will rejoice in the promise of eternal life!

Attacks on the Home

Max Patterson

The home is a divine institution. In fact, it is the first divine institution. The government, and the church, God's other divine institutions, came along later. The home is a safe haven where security and love provide a place of peace and rest. It is an educational center because we are to teach and train our children.

It is a unit of society that gives stability to society.

Now for the past several years a concerted effort has been put forth to destroy the home. This attack has come from many quarters, but nowhere more viciously than from the various feminist movements. If you doubt this, please read the following:

"We must destroy love. Love promotes vulnerability, dependence, possessiveness, susceptibility to pain, and prevents the full development of women's human potential by directing all her energies outward in the interest of others." This is a quotation from the Women's Liberation Movement.

The founder of N.O.W. [National Organization for Women] signed the Humanist Manifesto II which says, "no deity will save us, we must save ourselves. Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful."

In the declaration of feminism, *The Document*, it is stated, "Marriage has existed for the benefit of men and has been a legally sanctioned method of control over women." It is further stated, "The end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of women. Therefore, it is important for us to encourage women to leave their husbands and not to live 'individually' with men." The work goes on to say that we must work to destroy marriage.

These quotations could be multiplied by the hundreds. However, this is sufficient to show that there has been a concerted drive in the past to destroy the home. Although there are some now regretting the stance they took in the 1970s, there are others who are just as militant as ever. Satan does not ever really give up.

The Home Is God's First Divine Institution

I am certain in my own mind that the home will not be destroyed. However, if we are not careful, many individual units may continue to be destroyed, or severely damaged.

Let us not think that Satan has let up. I can assure you he has not. Let us be aware of the dangers that threaten us, and take those actions that will make the home strong. With God on our side we will survive.