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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS
Sunday October 4, 2020
Feeding the 5000 **Mt 14:13-21; Mk 6:32-44; Lk 9:11-17; Jn 6:5-14**
God always cares about our physical needs.
Wednesday October 7, 2020
Jesus Walks on the Water
Mat 14:22-33; Mark 6:46-51; John 6:16-21 Jesus has control over the entire universe.

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN
Divine Love: John 3:16
God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:..... Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:..... Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism:..... Acts 22:16
Christian's Love:..... Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work: James 2:24
Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:· Revelation 2:10

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Happenings in God's Family

Heat

So far, it has been a relatively mild summer (in my opinion). East Texas has not had the scorching weather of Central and West Texas. My mother reported to me temperatures as high as 108 this summer where she lives, but as I am writing this in the middle of August, there is still time for it to get hotter. September can be brutal in Northeast Texas.

Heat, however, can be a valuable thing when used properly. I like to eat a hot meal occasionally. Without heat, all my meals would be cold, and my coffee. Heat is especially useful in the wintertime so that we can maintain a comfortable body temperature when it is cold outside. And just about all metal devices we use are the product of directed heat.

As a metaphor, heat occurs when we either place ourselves or find ourselves in difficult circumstances. Gavin and I have been getting ready for football season by walking and jogging in the afternoon sun. It is hot, but we want to be acclimatized to the weather in which we will be working/playing. This exposure (in a controlled way) is good for us physically and morally. It teaches us patience, hard work, discipline, and self-control.

The Bible speaks about the heat Christians undergo so that they may be improved. Peter wrote, "that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7). God wants our faith to be genuine, and passing through fiery trials proves it to be so. We have had quite our share of trials this past summer. Has our faith held up?

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

October 4, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Scott Hobson	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Ben Dooley	Blake Tyndell
Dave Conley	Monty Crawford
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Mike Raney
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
October 11, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Scott Hobson	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Ben Dooley	Blake Tyndell
Dave Conley	Monty Crawford
Lord's Table	
Jody Thomas	Mike Raney
Thomas McGee	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas Visitors Cards: XXXXXX	
<i>If for some reason you cannot serve, please call Mike Raney-903-559-4141, or John D. Thomas-903-490-5572</i>	

Please Pray for these in need.
 Don Grider Clara Inman
 James Love Faith Salfen
 Robin Upson Winnie Tucker
 Juanita Higginbotham
 Charles Lansford Blake Drinkard
 Keith & Helen Clark
 Meg Shelton Marie McPherson
 Helen Frances Davis
 J.L. & Jaunice Foster
 Billy Johnson
 Amanda Georgakis and family
 Callie Perkins' and
 Danielle Tyndell's aunt (& doctors)

OUR FAITH IN ACTION
SUNDAY, September 27, 2020
AM Worship ----- 65
PM Worship ----- na
Contribution----- \$2,305.00
Average to Date ----- \$3,052.49
Budget ----- \$3,100.00
Calling all Elders and Deacons!
October 5, 2020, at 6 pm elders and deacons meeting at the building in the multi-purpose room.

Dear Church Family,
 Jesus said that he came to give us life and that more abundantly.
 We experience the more abundantly part in your outpouring of love as shown by your prayers, concern, food and general helpfulness.
 The dinner on Sunday for our large family was absolutely the most abundant. We love you and are so thankful that you love us.
 Sylvia, Ernest, & the Shelton family

“For Such a Time as This”

I was just reading the last chapter of a 20 year-old lesson book by Willard Conchin with this title. He asked the question “Is the church prepared for ‘such a time as this?’” After discussing the scope of the work of the church as well as its organization, he concluded the answer, chapter, and book with a summary of seven challenges to the church. The final one was worded this way: “Hostile attitudes against the church and religion in general.”

Brother Conchin correctly observed what was going on 20 years ago (and 20 years before that!) as he spoke of some having bold plans to inhibit free exercise of religion. While there are many things going on in the world about which we might or even should be concerned on some level, we should remain steadfast in our boldness of doing what is right and good! In other words, we can't let ourselves be distracted from doing the work of God. The apostle Paul said as much in 1 Corinthians 15:58. There's too much at stake (Neh 6:3; Mat 5:13,14).

Zeal and urgency should characterize our daily lives, just as Peter cautioned us all about “diligence,” “being sober,” and “vigilant.” We understand the enemy is real and does seek to destroy us. However, we also ought to understand the effectual nature of God's power and might as He provides deliverance and abundant salvation for His people.

Many-times-over in history, God's people faced difficulties and seemingly insurmountable obstacles. History itself testifies as to God's participation in man's activities (Rom 1:20; 15:4) . Whether we look at wars, diseases, or natural disasters, God brings about amazing results no matter what men may do to one another. Scripture likewise tells how God used specific people (of the faith-Heb 11:6) for his purposes. Our conviction of truth and our resolve of will must not waver easily as we weather the storms of life. Else, we will be those pictured in scripture as “tossed about by winds of doctrine.” and “unstable in all [our] ways”

Like Esther and so many others in Scripture, we must consider as best we can in the midst of living our own lives if we--with our convictions, talents, position, and will- are not placed providentially by God “for such a time as this” to withstand or undo what ungodly men will do. There certainly is a lot to be done even if it's not a great or national deed. There are people to reach and teach, people to encourage, and people to help all around us. Our reservations must be overcome by our fear of the anger of the Lord (Heb 12:28,29; Exodus 4:13)! May all our inward debates be resolved by accurate Biblical theology. I hope we do not delude ourselves into thinking we are small or insignificant, for surely we discern our own value in Christ (1 Jn 3:1). jp



Canned chili or stew