

A Thought For Your Week

By Author unknown, 1872

"Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before You. Each man's life is but a breath! Selah."
Psalm 39:4-5

"So teach us to number our days—that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom!"
Psalm 90:12

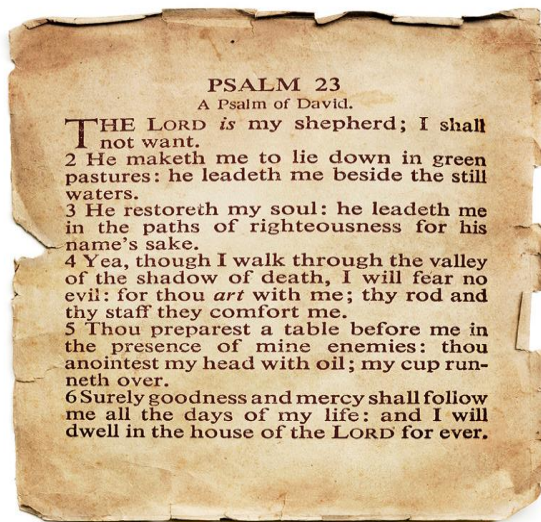
You alone, O Lord, can teach to profit—help me to number my days aright!

Surely my days are few and fleeting and uncertain! Days past are gone beyond recall—and my future days I cannot number. Let me then this day, and day by day, confide in You—and look to You for the very help and grace I need.

Surely it is the highest wisdom to renounce self, to cleave to Christ, and to keep the great end of my being in view—"to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." This is an object worth living for, and which may well engage all the powers of my mind.

Nor let me suppose that it is needful to turn aside from the occupations of my daily life to honor the God of my salvation; for He teaches me that whether I eat or drink, or whatever I do—I may do all to His glory. To this then may I apply my heart, with all diligence and constancy—constrained by the love of Him who gave Himself for me!

"Every day I will bless You—and I will praise Your name forever and ever!"
Psalm 145:2



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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

From Our Pastor

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof...” 1st Peter 5:2

“Justified By Works?”

Romans 4:2 – 3 “For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”

Matthew Poole, a biblical commentator in the 1600’s had this truth to say, *“The argument of the apostle might be thus formed: If Abraham had obtained justification by works, he should have had somewhat whereof he might glory before God: but he had nothing whereof to glory before God; therefore he was not justified by works.”* It is true that the greatest majority of those who identifies as Christin’s and even churches believes that works are a necessity to be saved but are they correct. Works in themselves are glory to the person doing them, however, if one believes works were in any part necessary to be saved then he *“...hath whereof to glory; but not before God.”* God does not count the works of a non-believer in Jesus Christ as to have any value to Him. The Apostle Paul wrote this about his beloved Nation of Israel about their unbelief. *“For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”* Romans 10:2. Having *“a zeal of God”* is not enough to get you to heaven, because it is *“not according to knowledge.”* of God’s word. When God is telling us about His salvation and He says, *“Not of works, lest any man should boast.”* Ephesians 2:9 If salvation is of grace, then there is not room for works, *“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”* Rom 11:6 Abraham had a lot of works in his life but not for his salvation, but because of his salvation. Abrahams works were because he *“believed God”* and that believing of the record of God is where his righteousness was accounted. Righteousness in the Lord is believing God and not by things we do. God very clearly explained people’s unrighteousness and depravity in Romans 3:9 – 20 without question or doubt. The problem with most people is that they do not believe God. Paul wrote of works again in Romans 3:26 - 27 *“To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.”* Boasting, which defines our works is excluded from salvation by Jesus Christ because He is our Saviour,

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our righteousness, our justification, therefore we must believe God when He says, if we believe in Him then we have eternal life. God went on to say, *“Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.”* 1 John 2:22 If people proclaim that Jesus Christ is not God’s salvation gift to us then they not only deny the gift of God’s Saviour but call God a liar because they have not believed God. *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”* 1 John 5:10 Anyone who believes that salvation includes personal works then they make God a liar and count the work of His Son Jesus worthless. Man cannot be his own savior no more than they can be their own doctor. We must be like Abraham and believe God, however, people will never believe God unless God quickens their dead spirit. People cannot quicken their spirit, they are incapable of repenting from their evil heart, and are incapable of coming to Christ on their own. Unless the Holy Spirit does all these things for them, they will never believe God and will die believing Satan’s lie. *“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”* 2 Thessalonians 2:10 – 12 Do you believe Satan’s lie or God’s truth, because if you are not believing God as Abraham then you are not righteous. *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.”* 1 John 5:10 Believing in His Son and not of our works.

Church Information and Happenings

Our Bible Conference is coming, September 13th & 14th We have five Preachers confirmed to speak as of today.

Pastor Ronnie Miller, Divide Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Tx.

Pastor Larry Wilson, Northside Baptist Church, Oakdale, La.

Pastor Robert Keller, Grace Bible Baptist Church Denham Springs, La.

Pastor Kelley Hinson, Landmark Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tx

Pastor Joey Newell, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Silsbee, Tx

Please be in continual prayer for our upcoming Conference.