

GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING US

God's Grace - Ephesians 2:8
 God's Love and Mercy - Ephesians 2:4
 Christ's Blood Shed – Romans 5:9-11
 The Gospel – Romans 1:16

Our Response of Faith:

Believe - Acts 16:31; Mark 16:15-16
 Repentance – Luke 13:3
 Confession – Romans 10:10
 Be baptized for remission of sins –
 Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21
 Be faithful, committed, walk in light –
 Revelation 2:10; I John 1:7-10

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 that Howard Hughes' wealth could never equal.

Just to mention a few of those rich legacies: First of all, my parents shared with me in a very beautiful way their unwavering faith (trust) in God. In spite of nine mouths to feed and nine bodies to clothe in the depths of our nation's greatest depression, both of them always had a song in their hearts and on their lips. Somehow, they could see the rainbow beyond every cloud. Folks, that's a legacy that no amount of money could ever buy.

Then there was the legacy of personal accountability. Early in life, I figured out that it was useless for me to try to convince my parents that my misdeeds were the fault of someone else. "Every tub must sit on its own bottom," was a household saying at our house.

I only wish that my parents were still around so I could thank them for giving me my portion of goods that fell to me.

How Did You Get That?

A little girl once asked her mother, who had a withered hand, how it came to be deformed. She replied that it had occurred when she had rescued that little girl from a fire in her crib. "It was for you, my child," she said, "that this poor hand suffered."

To some it might have appeared unsightly, but from that time on to that loving daughter it was a beloved token of her mother's love.

Christ "endured the cross, despising the shame" (Hebrews 12:2), but Christ made it a thing of glory (1 Corinthians 1:18). Even in heaven the words of praise are, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" (Revelation 5:12)

- Mark Posey



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We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that – if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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My Portion of Goods

by Brad Brumley

The parable of God's love to fallen man (commonly referred to as the "Parable of the Prodigal Son") found recorded in Luke, chapter 15, became a part of my storehouse (?) of Bible knowledge when I was but a young lad. I saw absolutely no relevance of it to my life: after all, had my father given me the entire estate, I couldn't have purchased a bus ticket to Tremont! (That was the next bus stop, going west from our town: it was about 10 miles down the road.)

But now that I've been around more than 50 years since first learning of the way things end up for rich (?) kids what take their inheritance and waste it on "wine, women and song," that beautiful parable has taken on a whole new meaning for me.

At the age of 17 (by two weeks) I left the protective love and care of my parents to enter college. Little did I realize at the time what a rich "portion of 'good'" I was taking with me into that "far country"—after all, Henderson, TN and Freed-Hardeman College were not one mile closer to Fulton, MS than our space shuttles travel on their missions!

As I reflect upon that journey into a "far country," I was submerged in self-pity. Instead of being grateful for the "riches" that I was carrying with me, I was feeling sorry for myself—perhaps a mite bitter. I was carrying with me exactly two changes of garments, a couple of bed sheets and a few other bare necessities. Oh yes, I had two one-dollar bills—they were to last until Thanksgiving.

But looking back after fifty years, my perspective has made a 180° turn. I now realize, to some extent at least, just what a "rich" kid I was. Oh, those "riches" wouldn't buy clothes, cokes, and tickets to the PTA-operated movie house: but they had a purchasing power (back page)

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NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jennifer Hatcher knee surgery Wednesday; Carolyn Russell recovering from the 3rd surgery on her arm; continue to remember Sue Bunnell; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Laura Brooks; Jackie Coop; Joey Palmore; Becky Bush; Lisa Schuler's sister Linda; Lisa Schuler's dad Vincent Ward at home; continue to pray for Heather Seng (Lisa & Malon Schuler's daughter) as she awaits for a liver transplant; Isaiah Richardson (Bessie Brooks' great-grandson); Don Waddell is doing better; Chase Burd (Marie Burd's grandson); Dixie Napier's son Randy is undergoing treatments; John Carter at home; Merida Brooks (Bessie Brooks' sister-in-law); Helen Edwards; Mary Thompson; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Bradley Bogue having treatments for lung cancer; Rhealyn Denison recuperating from surgery on her legs; our local schools, students & staff, first responders

IN THE HOSPITAL

Becky Hatcher was discharged from TJ Samson Hosp. on Friday after being there for one month. She moved to the Medical Center at Caverna in a swing bed/physical therapy. She is in Room 118 and visitors are welcome. She will be out for about 4 hrs. on Tues., Thurs., and Saturdays as she will be taken to the Pavilion for dialysis.

Agnes Seaton is in the Medical Center in Bowling Green

PRAY FOR MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
The Barnabas Journey - Ed Bass
House To House/Heart To Heart local mailing
Manna Project

HIGHLAND RIDGE Glasgow

Wanda Proffitt

NHC Glasgow

Jean Turner

Marilyn Hogan for comfort care

BARREN COUNTY HEALTHCARE Glasgow

Ruth Bradford

SHANTI NIKETAN HOSPICE HOME Glasgow

Ann Schuler

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

We are in the winter quarter on the theme "One-Book Chapters" We are currently on lesson 10, "Demetrius and Diotrephes" 3 John 9-14. This morning Darrell Wallace will be the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

Darrell Wallace at 11 am and Danny McCain at 5 pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00

Wayne is scheduled to teach this week in our study in the book of *James*.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are sponsoring "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Prayers for this work as we sow the seed of the gospel

RECOMMENDED TV PROGRAMS

"*Light of the World*" Lehman Ave. Church of Christ in Bowling Green Viewed on SCRTC cable channel 7 from 6:30-7:00 am

"*In Search of the Lord's Way*" with Phil Sanders carried by WNKY TV on channel 7 on SCRTC cable - Sun 7-7:30 am

GBN seen on our local SCRTC cable on 113

FREED-HARDEMAN 87th ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP

Feb. 5-9, 2023 "*For Such a Time As This*" *Restoring God's People in Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther* Darrell Wallace will be attending representing *World English Institute*

EQUIPPED - PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY: Studies in the book of James

April 20-23 at the Lehman Ave. church of Christ in Bowling Green, KY

TEST YOUR BIBLE IQ

What NT man fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 11:12? *(con't to next page)*

Answer to our last question:
Jeremiah Jeremiah 42 & 43

Feeling All Alone

by Gabe Bruyere

Have you ever felt alone? Of course you have. All of us have felt alone at least once in our lives. Maybe you got lost in the store when you were a little kid, and though there were people all around, you didn't see your family...you felt alone, and scared. Maybe, like me, you have been lost in the woods...turned around, without a map, feeling alone and scared.

Elijah can relate...he felt alone. In 1 Kings 17, Elijah is sent to confront the worst leader in the northern kingdom's history: King Ahab. As God's prophet, Elijah tells Ahab there will be no rain until he, Elijah, says so. As Elijah leaves, he is fleeing for his life. Jezebel, Ahab's wife, has tried to eradicate the worship of God, replacing it with the idols Baal and Asherah. Elijah is directed by God to live in the wilderness where he remains for a long time. Even after a great victory on Mount Carmel, Elijah felt alone, as he calls out to God, saying, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life to take it away," (1 Kings 19:10). Elijah felt alone...we might say he WAS alone...at least, that's what it looks like.

God let Elijah know he was not as alone as he felt. In 1 Kings 19:18, God says there are 7,000 men who are still faithful to God, in Israel. The faithful remnant, we call these folks. It might seem like there is no one who wants to serve God, but that

is just a misperception. There are those who want to align themselves with God's will. But more importantly, God reminds Elijah who else is with him. In verses 11-13, God passes by Elijah, causing a strong wind, breaking mountains, an earthquake, a fire, and finally a gentle blowing sound. Elijah would never be alone, because for as long as Elijah served God, God was with him.

Sometimes we feel alone when standing for truth. Denominations seem to have more people. Other religions grow aggressively. The media portrays God's standards as old-fashioned and backward. It seems the world reviles and hates God's holy people. But we are not truly alone. There is the faithful remnant; many Christians we have never met around the world, also aligning themselves with God. But most important of all, God Himself is on our side, with us, accompanying us on our journey.

Be encouraged...you are not alone, even when it feels that way from time to time.

Psalms 145:3-5

Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
And His greatness is unsearchable.
One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate