

News and Notes

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Janice Ruffner - Wife of Roelf Ruffner, Columbia, TN preacher. Blood clots, Fibromyalgia, Lung problems.
Pat Miller - Wife of Jim Miller, Gray, Maine preacher. In therapy from auto accident.
Dennis Dillon - Preacher, Parkview church, Odessa, Texas - Esophageal Cancer.
Nancy Reed - Various health issues.
Patrick King - Hemiplegic Migraine.
Sandy Craig - Ongoing kidney problems.
Jo Ann McLerran - COPD.
Glenda Marble - Lexington, Okla. - Heart problems.
Debbie Post - Wife of Salisbury, Maryland preacher Doug Post - Cancer.
Sissy Craig - For spiritual and emotional strength.
Charles and Linda Pogue - Congestive heart failure.
Nancy Verkist - Ellensburg, Washington. Von Hippel Lindau disease.
Chuck Verkist - Ellensburg, Washington. Undergoing treatment for Prostate Cancer.
Don Smith - Faithful brother in Christ persecuted for teaching fellow inmates in an Ohio prison.


BROTHER DILLON PASSES - We received a phone call from Bill Prather in Odessa, Texas who informed us that brother Dennis Dillon passed away at 4 a.m. today (Jan. 11). Brother Dillon was a dear friend and brother in Christ and a faithful gospel preacher. He served the Parkview church in Odessa for the past 15 years and he will be greatly missed. A graveside service is pending. Please pray for his family.

PREACHING THIS WEEK - Patrick King will preach both times this Lord's Day.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - We have been in the book of Revelation for nine months and are about half way through it. Beginning the first Sunday in February, we will take a break from that study and Landry Brewer will teach the epistles of Paul to the church at Thessalinica.

KENYA REPORT - Recent contributors to the Kenya fund are the Bellview church of Christ, Pensacola, Fla.; Jess and Terry Whitlock, Denison, Texas; and the Morton Street church of Christ, Denison Texas.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Those Who Serve</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Morning, Jan. 14, 2018</p> <p>First Prayer - Patrick King Closing Prayer - Dylan Brewer Communion - Landry Brewer Offering - Jerry Brewer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Afternoon, Jan. 14, 2018</p> <p>First Prayer - Earl Reed Closing Prayer - Landry Brewer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Records - Jan. 7</p> <p>Bible Class.....13 Morning Worship.....17 Afternoon Worship.....16 Contribution.....\$149.00</p>
Weekly Meeting Times	
Sunday Morning Bible Classes.....9:30 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 Sunday Afternoon Worship.....5:00	



Sound Doctrine

“But speak thou the things that become sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1)

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Another “Omniscient” One Bypasses Hades

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Denominational preachers are either ignorant of the Scriptures, or dishonest in their preaching. This week, we witnessed that in a funeral sermon when a Pentecostal preacher referred to the deceased as “in heaven” and “looking down on us.” He is either grossly ignorant of God’s word, or he was blatantly dishonest in his remarks.

First, the dead do not go to either heaven or hell when they die. That was plainly taught by Jesus in Luke 16:19-31 in His account of the rich man and Lazarus. Both of them died and went to *hades*. The word, “hell” in that passage is *hades* in the Greek and does not refer to the place of eternal torment. It refers to the place where disembodied spirits of men go to await the resurrection and judgment.

Hades contains souls in two states that are divided by a “great gulf” over which none can pass from one to the other (Luke 16:26). Those two states are “Paradise” (referred to by Jesus as “Abraham’s bosom”) and “Torment” (referred to by Peter as “Tartarus” [2 Pet. 2:4]). In these states, in *hades*, both the righteous and wicked repose until the judgment. But denominational preachers, anxious to pronounce that the deceased are in heaven, simply ignore the Lord’s teaching. It is ironic that those same preachers accuse us of “judging” when we preach that those who do not obey the gospel are lost (Matt. 7:21), yet they always “judge” that the disobedient are “in heaven.”

Second, that Pentecostal preacher claimed the deceased was deity. For departed souls to “look down on us” from “heaven” they would have to be omniscient, and that ability belongs *only* to Almighty God. No departed soul has any knowledge of what occurs on earth. Solomon examined earthly life in Ecclesiastes, referring to it as, “under the sun,” a phrase that is found about 31 times in that book. Of man’s knowledge of earthly pursuits

after he dies, he wrote, “For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in anything that is done under the sun” (Eccl. 9:5-6). The dead have no more knowledge of life on earth and to say they are “looking down on us” amounts to blasphemy by ascribing deity to deceased humanity.

So, according to denominational *modus operandi*, another person has become omniscient and bypassed hades—a teaching that Pentecostal preacher could *never* find in the word of God if his life depended on it.

The Progressiveness Of Sin

Benard Oko Kagaga

One sin leads to another if not repented of, until one is overwhelmed (2 Sam. 11:12-15). One sin makes it easier to commit another one. David is a great example for us today (Rom. 15:4) and we need to learn from that so that we may be pleasing to God (Heb. 11:6).

It was the right time for the “kings go forth to battle” (v.1) but David failed to go [Sinned] and he did not repent of his sins of failing in his duty. Though he was a great king he was still a man and subjected to weakness and sin, but the solution for that was to repent of his sin which he did not do.

Failure to repent David made some steps ahead to other sins, he had a lust, toward Bathsheba “...and...he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon... sent and enquired after the woman... Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite... sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her... And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.” (vv. 2-5). Bathsheba was very beautiful to him, he did not criticize Bathsheba, he did not repent of the sin of the lust, he took another step by sending for her (vv. 3, 4), he spent a night with her and she conceived (v 5). Men David knew the right thing to be done, no doubt on that, but he did not do it (Deut. 23:2; Jas. 4:17).

As the writer has said before that one sin unrepented of leads to another sin. Craftiness of David came out (vv. 6-8). Instead of repenting he started his fake plans (v. 6) by awarding Uriah with food to trap him (v. 8) whereby he did not succeed for God’s plan cannot be thwarted by man (vv. 9, 11) whatsoever. As you know we are fighting a spiritual warfare, whereby our adversary is every using any chance you may offer in your life, David gave another opportunity for the Devil to use him and he offered another fake reward of rest to Uriah “... Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let

thee depart...” (v. 12). He “he made him [Uriah] drunk” (v. 13) but this is one of the things Lord forbids. “Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!” (Habk. 2:15). Was David unaware of this? No, he knew it but because he gave his life unto the hands of Satan, he was working for the king of darkness and he sinned more. Still God’s way cannot be thwarted by man whatsoever “...but went not down to his house.” (v. 13d). Come on man and repent of your sins before it’s too late, for your sins will take you unto “a far country” (Lk. 15:13) of sin.

The murder plan came unto the mind the king (vv. 14-17) and sad enough an innocent man before the eyes of God, Uriah carried his death letter “David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.” (v. 14) to Joab who was involved in the sin by David (vv. 15-17). David encouraged Joab “Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.” (v. 25) even though they were all sinners. David’s plan was evil before God “But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD” (v. 27), that is to say what he was doing in this was not according to the will of God for we can only be pleasing to God if we have a saving faith (Heb. 11:6) and that “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Rom. 10:17).

Men, nothing is hidden from God’s eye “For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.” (Lk. 8:17). What is secret to man is not secret to God. The sin was revealed (12:1-14) for God is all knowing (vv. 1-4) and brought things to light that moved the king to pronounce his death sentence (v. 5). He gave his own fine (v. 6). Look, God showed His foreknowledge to king David (vv. 7-9) and God gave him His command of wrath upon him (vv. 10-12). Come out man and repent of your sins for David repented of his sins (vv. 13-15).

David was a great king. He was humble yet strong. He was wise yet sometime unwise, He was good yet he sinned greatly on some occasions. He was strong enough to kill a lion and a bear yet not strong enough to keep from wanting Uriah’s wife. He was strong enough to kill Goliath yet not strong enough to keep from killing Uriah an innocent man. He was strong enough to spare Saul’s life (1 Sam. 22:9-10) yet not strong enough to refuse to number the children of Israel (1 Chron. 21:1-4). Let not your sins take you unto “a far country” (Lk. 15:13).

How Long?

How long can one miss work until he is no longer an employee? A year or more? How long can one fail to come to worship until he is no longer a faithful member of Christ’s body? If you have been absent for more than a year, don’t fool yourself. You are not a faithful child of God. You are lost.