



Life Lines

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“The Book” Something to Think About

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Within that awful volume lies the mystery of mysteries! And better had they ne'er been born, who read to doubt or read to scorn.

Sir Walter Scott – The Monastery I

Our society today is filled with folks who fit comfortably under the shelter of Sir Walter Scott's rebuff. Many care not at all for what the Sacred Volume says, and many more are they who find no fear in decrying or denying the Sacred Texts. Some are so embittered and rebellious as to say in their hearts. *“There is no God.”* (Psalm 14:1) The day will come, however, in the which these shall bow in great fear and agony of heart, only to hear the Master say, *“Depart, from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”* (Matthew 25:41)

When Sir Walter Scott was lying on his deathbed, he turned to his son-in-law, Lockhart, and said, “Give me the Book.”

Whereupon Lockhart questioned, “Which book?” as he was looking around at many shelves, containing numerous volumes.

Scott replied, “Which book?” there is but one book!”

Of course Scott was referring to the book of books, the Bible.

I wonder what book you and I will be most concerned about when we are lying upon our deathbed?

I do know which book we will be most concerned about on Judgment Day.

“The Book” is:

1. **God's Divine Revelation:**

The Bible is our chart and compass for life. It gives purpose and meaning to our lives. It is our road map from earth to Heaven. It gives hope after death. The Bible claims to be God's Word. Over 2,500 times Scriptures claims to be “God's Words.” Expressions such as, “The Lord said,” “God spake,” and “These are the words of the Lord,” are found at least 1,300 times in the Old Testament.

We would also point out that Jesus upheld the claims of the Old Testament writers. The Bible is God's revealed Will for us. We should treat it as such (II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:21; I Corinthians 2:10-13; Thessalonians 2:13-14.)

2. **The Bible is God's Full Revelation:**

Jesus made a promise to His apostles, He said, He said He would guide them into all truth. (John 16:13) This means, *“Into all parts of the truth.”*

Did he keep His promise? I believe He did!

3. **The Bible is God's Final Revelation:**

When the final book of the New Testament was written down, God's revealed will to man was complete. All who have claimed divine revelation after the first century are false prophets! (Jude 3-4) The authority of the Bible is final. The Bible should be the standard to which we turn to settle all religious and moral questions. There is no higher authority to which any of us can appeal. The Bible is God's final and complete Word.

4. **The Bible is God's Standard of Judgment:**

Those who lived during the time of the Patriarchal system will be judged under that system. Those who lived and died during the time when the Law of Moses was binding on the Jews will be judged by that law. We today live under the time of the New Testament system, and we will be judged by the New Testament. (John 12:48; Romans 2:16; II Corinthians 5:10)

Let us thank God for “**The Book**” - our **Bible**!

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Think About These Statements

Funny how:

. . . a \$20 bill looks so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the market.

. . . long it takes to serve God for an hour, but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.

. . . long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.

. . . we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

. . . we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.

. . . people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.

. . . it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.

. . . we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.

. . . it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.

. . . we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

. . . everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say or to do anything.

. . . you can send a thousand "jokes" through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

"It makes you think, doesn't it?"

From: Home Touch

Remember Our Sick

Shirley Chisum – Athel Hill's daughter, diagnosed with cancer.

Frank Colvin - critical, serious swimming-pool accident.

Jim Dempsey – friend of Leota Hickey, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Casey Elmore – hip surgery, St. Vincent's – complications.

Arlis Dotson – Kim M. and Joan V. friend, had a very serious accident to his arm, in much pain, and facing a long recovery.

Earl Stamps – pace-maker replacement surgery, July 20th, doing great.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:
Joyce Austin

Evelyn Driver

Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Betty Bailey, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, James & Shirlee Chadwick, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Larry & Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Joe Kline, Rose Lee, Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, Kristen Nordin, Mary Ann Rutherford, BJ/Don Sheeran, Christine Sheeran, Reddie Smith, Tanya Smith, Sherry Strick, Juanita Townsend and Judy Will.

Special Children: Zeke Church, Garrett Hogan, Tiffany Knight, Elysia Lee, Keith Martin, Zackary Shelton, Cody Tackett and Noah Williams.

Our Military: D. J. Bandy, Jr., Travis Coe, Byron Lee, April Morgan, Billy Joe Ralston and others serving our nation.

Do It With Class

Class is respect for others. It is a deep and genuine respect for every human being, regardless of his status in life.

Class is having manners. It is always saying "thank you" and "please." It is complimenting people for any and every task that was done well.

Class is treating every person as you want them to treat you in a similar situation.

Class never makes excuses for one's own shortcomings, but it always helps the other person to bounce back from mistakes.

Class never brags or boasts about one's own accomplishments, and never tears down or diminishes the achievements of another person.

Class does not depend on money, status, success or ancestry. The wealthy aristocrat may not even know the meaning of the word, yet the poorest man in town may radiate class in everything he does.

If you have Class everyone will know it and you will have self-respect. If you are without class – good luck - because no matter what you accomplish, it will never have meaning.

From Home Touch

God's Bank Account

I have just deposited
Love and Blessings
Into your bank account

And the best part is that
It will cost you nothing

I ask that you use it in abundance
Your pin number is: J E S U S

(Important Notice)

If you lose your pin number
You lose everything

Events

Dover Church of Christ Children's Church

Every Sunday
11:15 - 12:00 Noon
Ages 4 thru 8

Bible Story and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3
Nursery Class

Dover Church of Christ Vacation Bible School

July 27th thru 31st
From 6 PM to 8 PM
4 year olds thru
6th grade
Adult Class in the
auditorium.

Dover Lawn Care
Saturday, August 8th
Paul Helton
Michael Robbins

Dover Men's
Business Meeting
Monday
August 3rd, 7 PM

Mark Your Calendars

Back to School Party
Saturday, August 1st
At the Veasman's
6:00 PM

Younger Children only
For more info:
Keri Letson
Leigh Ann Forehand

Dover Youth Devo

Sunday, August 2nd
After evening services
Home of Micah and
Cara Williams

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, 7 PM
August 13th,
Host: Merrell Shoptaw

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, 7 PM
August 20th
Hostess: Roxanna
Shoptaw

August Birthdays

01 Jacob Boley
Connor Chance
02 Ana Marie Lawley
03 Frances Kennedy
Wes Walker
04 Carl Adkisson
05 Pauline Dale
06 Josh Pennington
10 Karen Womack
13 Blake Forehand
14 Russell Boley
Carolyn Clark
16 Noah Henson
19 Drew Walters
Creek Jackson
Tristan Stamps
21 Lois Boley
Donny Forehand
Merrell Shoptaw
25 Corey Hottinger
Jana Parker
27 Shirlye Chadwick
Lee Henson
28 Steve Pennington
29 Troy Curtis
31 Dennis Whiteside

If we missed your birthday,
Please let us know so it won't
happen again.

THOSE TO SERVE

August 02, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

William Boley
Tommy Oakes

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Drew Walters
Earl Stamps
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

Scripture Reading

Donny Forehand

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Steve Pennington
Rex McDaniel

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Singing Night

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Marion Helton

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 05, 2009

William Boley

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes
9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class
10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes
6:30 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156
Sid Womack 967-2367

Deacons:

Chris Besterfeldt
Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Chris Moss

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: JoAnn Killer
Sunday Church: Pat McAlister
Kaeli Miller

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