



Life Lines

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STOP & THINK!

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Neatly out of the way, tucked over by the margin in most of our Bibles, is a word we scarcely notice and usually leave unspoken in our public reading of the Scriptures. Selah is a strange little word appearing over seventy times in the book of Psalms. Most seem to think it is a musical term signifying a pause, crescendo, or musical interlude. In his commentary on the book of Psalms, Eddie Cloer said, "Even though the word's meaning is obscure, it must be a musical term meaning something like, 'Pause and think about this thought.'" (Truth for Today, 59)

We live in a world plagued by thoughtless behavior – a society governed by the flesh and ruled by fear. We are conditioned to trust our instincts and follow our passions. We have found it easier to let someone else do our thinking for us. But, who we are is determined by what we think. (Proverbs 23:7) So, do we really want someone other than Jesus setting the course of our life? If not, then we will need to pause and think about the really important issues of life. Where Selah is found in Psalms, look for a thought in the context that is worthy of pause and reflection.

For example, in Psalm 39, Selah follows David's observation that "every man is a mere breath." (11) Shouldn't the brevity of life cause us

to stop and think? The writer of Hebrews said, ". . . *it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes the judgment . . .*" (9:27) One of the world's greatest thinkers struggled with the meaning of life in view of impending death and concluded that the whole duty of man is to ". . . *fear God and keep His commandments.*" (Ecclesiastes 12:13) Too many are living without giving serious thought to eternity.

Another thoughtful consideration highlighted by Selah's admonition to "pause and think" is found in Psalm 32 where David described the burden of his sin, saying, "*For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me: My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.*" (4) The world tells us not to worry about any consequences that might be connected to our actions. Instead, we are told to do whatever feels good. When it comes to living a life of sin, it never hurts to think. After all, "*There is a way which seems right to man, but its end is the way of death.*" (Proverbs 14:12)

Serious thoughts about sin lead to serious thoughts about God. Perhaps, that is the way the 32nd Psalm goes on to tell how David received forgiveness from the guilt of his sin. (5) David acknowledged his sin and confessed his transgression to the Lord. The resulting peace that flooded his soul produced thanksgiving and praise. (1-2) Then, at the end of verse five, is that funny little word Selah. How often we should stop and think about the

undeserved forgiveness we enjoy in Christ! Such reflection motivates us in the direction of spiritual growth so that we may produce fruit to His glory. (II Peter 1:8-9)

Selah!

Sheep Don't Wallow

There was a lamb and its mother. The lamb passed a pigpen each morning on the way to the pasture with its mother. Watching the pigs wallow in the mud seemed like such fun, and on an especially hot day the lamb asked his mother if he could jump the fence and wallow in the cool mud? She replied, "No."

Then the lamb asked, "Why not?"

The mother just replied, "Sheep don't wallow!"

This didn't satisfy the lamb. He felt she was just over-restrictive. So as soon as the mother was out of sight, the lamb jumped the fence and ran to the pigpen. He was soon feeling the cool mud on his feet, his legs and soon, his stomach. After a few moments he decided he had better get back to his mother, but he couldn't. He was stuck. Mud and wool don't mix. His pleasure had become his prison. He cried out and was rescued by the kindly farmer. When cleaned and returned to the field, the mother said, "Remember, sheep don't wallow." Sin is like that. It looks so nice, we may think we can escape when we wish, but it is not so. Pleasures often become prisons.

From Glad Tidings/Good Things

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him; a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.” (Proverbs 6:16-19 NKJV)

In our Wednesday night ladies’ class, Charlene has had us memorize these seven things that God hates. She made it easier by having us start with our eyes, going to our feet.

God hates all sin but He included these in Proverbs as a warning. These are sins between man and man that will cause harm.

“He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (Psalms 34:12-16)

God does not like sin. We are cautioned about sin throughout the Bible. When we think of sin, we usually think of robbery or murder. It is easier to control the urge to murder, rob or physically hurt someone. However, sins of the heart or mind are much more difficult to control. We can easily fall into lying, envying and gossiping that cause us to sin and bring harm upon others. These are an abomination to the Lord, just as murder is.

So much can be destroyed, beyond repair, by gossip and slander. Do not sow discord among the brethren or be a false witness who speaks lies. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Christ is our great example.

We will never be sinless, but we can strive not to be an abomination to the Lord.

“The yoke of the Lord Jesus will never fit a stiff neck.”

Remember Our Sick

James Chadwick - pneumonia

Frank Colvin – swimming-pool accident, age 23, in Baptist rehab. Can move his legs some.

Melvin Davis – chemo again.

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

Gwen Milligan – Leukemia with pneumonia.

Gary Sheen – fracture from a fall, in St. Mary’s Rehab.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Evelyn Burton**
Robert Lee

Russellville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Joyce Austin

Helen Brown

Evelyn Driver

Lorene McNutt

Stella Manor: **Louise Killer**

Janice Brashear

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Yvonne Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Iris Bates, Bob/Carolyn Bennett, Susie Boley, Shirley Chisum, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Arlis Dotson, Charles Ensey, Sarah Ensey, Larry & Rhonda Freeman, Carol Graham, Sue Griffin, Rose Lee, Janette Litch, Daniel Loper, Cindy Martin, Linda Melton, Helen Moore, Julie Moss, 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.

MY PART

God didn’t put me on this earth to have an easy time.
He put me here to fight a fight, to hold a battle line.

He put me here to help the weak and myself grow strong.
He put me here to lend a hand and help the world along.

He put me here to say a word of encouragement and cheer;
He put me here to sing a song for someone else to hear.

He didn’t put me here to whine, stick out my lips and pout.

He put me here to do His work and Satan’s evil rout.

He didn’t put me here to seek rewards and starry crowns.

He put me here to do my part and see that love abounds.

So I’ll just seek to do my part as I travel through these lands,
And I will strive to do His will and leave all in His hands.

Bulletin Digest, Abilene, Texas

“Fight the good fight, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”
(I Timothy 6:12)

Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us.

To rise to the top you must first get to the bottom of things.

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 Lawn Care

Saturday, August 22nd

Alan Boatright

Marion Helton

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, 7 PM

August 13th,

Host: Merrell Shoptaw

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, 7 PM

August 20th

Hostess: Roxanna

Shoptaw

"In Search of the Lord's Way"

Now 24/7

The Search Program
can now be accessed
any time on website:

www.searchtv.org

Mack Lyon's weekly

lesson can be heard

and seen on

KARK, Channel 4

Sunday, 7:30 AM

5th Sunday Celebration!

August 30th, 6:00 PM
(Following evening services)

Potluck

Young Men Doing the
Services

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	Shirlie 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 16, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Lee Henson
Larry Mahan

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Marion Helton
Michael Robbins
Rex McDaniel
Rick Hollis

Scripture Reading

Brett Walters

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Jim Killer
Joe Miller

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

William Boley

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 19, 2009

Allen Veasman

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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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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