



Life Lines

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Genesis 47:13-27

Economic hard times fell on Egypt and the people turned to the government of Pharaoh to deal with it for them. Pharaoh nationalized the grain harvest and placed it in great storehouses. So, the people brought their money to Pharaoh, like a tax increase, and gave it willingly for grain to eat. When their money ran out, they were hungry again.

So when they went back to Pharaoh, they brought their livestock to barter for grain. Verse 17 says that lasted about a year. But the famine wasn't over.

The next year, the people came back to Pharaoh admitting, “. . . *there is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh.*” And so it came to pass!

What Can We Learn From This?

We can learn that turning to the government instead of to God to be our provider in hard times, only leads to slavery.

We can learn that the only reason government wants to be our pro-

vider is to also become our master!

But look at how that passage ends! Verse 27, *“Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. Then they gained possessions in it and multiplied greatly.”* God provided for His people, just as He always has! They didn't end up giving all their possessions to the government – it says they gained possessions!

Here is an ominous truth. We see the same thing happening today – the government wants to “share the wealth” once again, to take it from us and redistribute it back to us. It wants to take control of healthcare and other things, just as it has taken control of education, and ration it back to us. And when government rations it, then government decides who gets it, and how much, and what kind.

And of course, when we go along with it willingly, then we will wind up no differently than the people of Egypt did four thousand years ago – as slaves to our government, and as slaves to our leaders, however kind their intentions.

What president Obama's government is doing now is no different from what Pharaoh's government did then, and it will end the same.

Some have glowingly called Mr. Obama a “Messiah.” Is he? Is he a savior? Didn't the Egyptians say, after Pharaoh made them his slaves: *“You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh”*?

Well, I know the Messiah; the Messiah is a friend of mine. And Mr. Obama is no messiah! If Mr. Obama is a character from the Bible, then he is Pharaoh.

Prayer: “Lord You alone are worthy to be served, and we rely on You.” When Israel wanted a king, Samuel warned them: *‘In that day you will cry out because of your king . . . but the Lord will not answer you in that day.’* Even so, Lord, we pray for our nation, for your interdiction and blessing. We pray for revival, for we have sinned against You, and we repent. We pray for deliverance from those who would be our masters.”

It is in God we trust.

This came from a sermon some one sent to Dan Lightfoot, It was published in

“The Vision”

*West Side Church of Christ,
Russellville, Arkansas*

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

“God’s family is our spiritual family, the church. As part of it, we should have a faithful congregation with which to meet, study, worship, and work and fellowship. Like the early Christians who **‘were together and had all things in common’** (Acts 2:44), we should be able to expect our Christian brothers and sisters to be there for us, as we must be there for them. Within God’s spiritual family, every kind of physical family is represented. All families are needy in varying ways. They all need a strong network of Christians.

“Many faithful Christian parents have prodigal teen or adult children. A time may come when these parents must do what the father of the Bible prodigal did – wait. Marge M. Lewis in, *Hope of the Hurting Parent*, writes that when all else fails, we can only ‘give the child over to God.’ She says that God places only three requirements on hurting parents – forgiving, accepting and loving. God specializes in second chances, she reminds.

In *Parenting with Confidence*, by James Dobson, he writes, ‘Hardly a parent alive does not have some regrets and painful memories of failure as a mother or father. Children are infinitely complex, and we cannot be perfect parents any more than we can be perfect human beings. The Lord does not want you to suffer from guilt over events you can no longer influence. The past is past. Give the situation to God, once and for all time.’

“The need is so great to rescue our families. We need to make sure our grandchildren live in Bible families. Otherwise, God’s family could disappear from the earth.”

*Mary Stamps
Christian Woman 2003*

(This is not our Mary Stamps in Dover! It could have been, because she knows the importance of having a church family and a Christian family as much as the writer).

Remember Our Sick

James Chadwick – enlarged pulmonary artery, sees a specialist Aug. 18th.

Frank Colvin- age 23, swimming-pool accident. In Baptist Rehab, can move his legs some.

Melvin Davis – chemo again.

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

Roger Lay – diagnosed with cancer.

Gwen Milligan – Leukemia with pneumonia.

Gary Shinn – in St. Mary’s rehab, fractured tail-bone.

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, Troy & Rachel Curtis, Jeff Davis, Pauline Dale, Barbara Dawson, Arlis Dotson, Charles 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, 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.

How Did I Spend My 75 Years?

Melvin Newland

Statisticians tell us that the average life span is now around 75 years. If you are under 30 then you think that is a long time. If you are around my age, you are beginning to realize that is not really very long at all.

A few years ago, someone went to the trouble to research what people do with their time. If we live to be 75, most of us will have spent . . .

3 years, 24 hours a day, acquiring an education – grade school, high school, college.

7 years eating, 24 hours a day – some more, some less.

14 years, day and night, working.

5 years riding in automobiles or airplanes.

5 years talking with each other – again, some more and some less.

1 year sick or recovering from sickness.

24 years of our life sleeping.

3 years reading books, maga-zines and newspapers.

12 years amusing ourselves – watching TV, going to movies, fishing, etc.

That totals to 75 years. As I looked at these statistics I began thinking. Let us suppose that you spent every Sunday of your life, for 75 years – through infancy, child-hood, adulthood, old age – worship-ping during two church services each Lord’s day. Now if you did, how much time would you have spent worshipping God? The answer is 11 months.

Let’s double it because you have always attended two Bible classes a week. If you have never missed a Bible class in all your life, that still just totals 11 months.

Think about that – 5 years in autos and just 22 months in church! 12 years amusing ourselves in front of a TV, and just 22 months in church, if attended regularly. That tells us a little bit about the brevity of time and our priorities in life.

Glad Tidings/Good Things, Jackson, AL

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 29th
Rick Hollis
Larry Mahan

Dover Men's Devo

Thursday, 7 PM
September 10th,
Host: Allen Veasman

Dover Ladies Night

Thursday, 7 PM
September 17th
Hostess: Marilyn
Veasman

Mark Your Calendars

5th Sunday Celebration!

August 30th, 6:00 PM
(Following evening services)
Potluck
Young Men Doing the
Services

Dover Youth Night
Sunday, September 6th
Following Sunday PM
Services
Brent/Kelli Hottinger

Men's Business Meeting
(Second Monday)
September 14, 7 PM
Dover Church of Christ

"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

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 23, 2009

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Gary Williams
Earl Whitted

Communion

Podium: Sid Womack
Serve: Steve Pennington
William Boley
Alan Boatright
Allen Veasman

Scripture Reading

Blake Walters

Sunday P.M. Prayers

Earl Stamps
Donny Forehand

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.
Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.
Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Cara Williams

Communion to Shut-Ins

Alan Boatright

Greeters

Allen & Marilyn Veasman

Wednesday Night Devotional

August 26, 2009

Chris Moss

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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