

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)
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Johnny Downs
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PREACHER

Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

Bible Class: 9:30
AM Worship: 10:15
PM Worship: 1:00

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Will resume in
the fall

A Message To Our Visitors

It is our privilege to have you visiting with us today. Please know that you are our honored guest. Please let us get to know you, and fill out an attendance card so we can have record of you being here. Please return to be with us again at your earliest opportunity. If you have questions or would like to study the Bible with us, please let us know. Thanks again for visiting with us, and may God continue to bless you according to His divine purpose.

THOSE TO SERVE

Announcements:

Bill Vincent

Lead Singing:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Gerald Rule

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Luke Puckett
Wesley Tucker
Johnny Downs

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Josh and Jennifer

Greeters (West)

Kyle and Tiffany

WELCOME

AM: Faith to Knock
Down Walls

Scripture reading:

Joshua 6:1-7

PM: What Does the
Scripture Say

Scripture reading:

Galatians 4:27-31

SOME MARKS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

By: Virgil Hale

Malachi 3:16 reads, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." In this text there are three characteristics given concerning the people of God that I want us to study, and then we will observe the blessing that followed. There are great lessons in this text for all of God's people today.

In the first place it says that they "feared the Lord." This in and of itself does not make one a child of God. It is said of Cornelius that he "feared God with all his house..." (Acts 10:2) and that he was "a just man and one that feareth God..." (verse 22). At the time, Cornelius was not a Christian, and he had to obey the Gospel in order to become a child of God. The kind of fear under consideration is not a fear that causes one to shudder at the very thought of God, but it is a reverential awe and respect for God and His will. In speaking of God David wrote, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name" (Psa. 111:9). The writer of the Hebrew letter said that we are to "serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Heb. 12:28). It is evident that most people have little or no respect for God or His Word. According to Solomon, the whole duty of man is to "Fear God and keep his commandments" (Eccl. 12:13). Peter made this statement at the house of Cornelius, "...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34-35). There is no way that one can be a faithful child of God if he has no reverence and respect for God and His will.

Secondly, it is said in our text that these people of God "spake often one to another." This implies that they had fellowship one with another, that they cooperated one with the other, that they were mutually helpful to each other. The word fellowship carries with it the idea of joint participation. We are told, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (Heb. 10:24). Paul wrote that we are "workers together with him..." 2 Cor. 6:1) and that "we are laborers together with God" (1 Cor. 3:9). The Psalmist wrote, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psa. 133:1). Some things might be pleasant that are not good for us, and some things might be good for us that are not pleasant, but unity is both good and pleasant. Christians are to "Be kindly affectioned one to

another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another" (Rom. 12:10). Paul wrote, "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Phil. 2:2-3). Love for one another lets the world know that we belong to Christ (John 13:34-35). The early church certainly fit this pattern (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37).

Thirdly, it is said of God's people that they "thought upon his name." This implies that they meditated upon God and His will, and that they were devout worshipers of Him. Do you enjoy studying God's Word, and are you a faithful worshiper of God? The "Blessed" man of Psalms chapter 1, is one whose "delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his Law doth he meditate day and night." Paul wrote, "Study to shew thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). What do you think about most? We are products of our thinking (Prov. 23:7; Rom. 12:1-2). We cannot rise above our thinking!

Finally, notice the results of the preceding, "and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them..." Rest assured that God does not forget His people. Paul spoke of people "whose names are written in the book of life" (Phil. 4:3). We need to remember that God has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). Because of that promise we can "boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (verse 6). Rest assured "our labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Heb. 6:10). Do we really believe these promises? I hope that we do, because God cannot lie (Tit. 1:2; Heb. 6:18). May we strive to have the characteristics that we have discussed in our lives, and heaven will someday be our eternal home.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Hyland and Norma (12th)
- ⇒ Harold Darnell (15th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Isaiah
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 2 (**Johnny Downs**) meets today
- ⇒ **Team workgroups:** To find out which team you are on, see the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to services.
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** July 11th at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Singing and Fellowship:** July 22 at 6:00pm
- ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck:** July 30th
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Dish soap
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Joanne Hutchison (recovering from surgery)
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson (Having tests run)
- ⇒ Kim Scott
- ⇒ Kristen Scott
- ⇒ Sue Owczyk (Peggy N. sister)
- ⇒ Trish Puckett (recovering from knee surgery)
- ⇒ Sonny McManus (Member at Seven Oaks, has colon cancer)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Dennis Thomas (Judy Black's cousin, has throat cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Dean Chadwick (Tammy's mother)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Continue to remember all those who have lost loved ones this year

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe the Word
(John 8:24)

Repent
(Luke 13:3)

Confess Christ
(Rom 10:10)
(Acts 8:37)

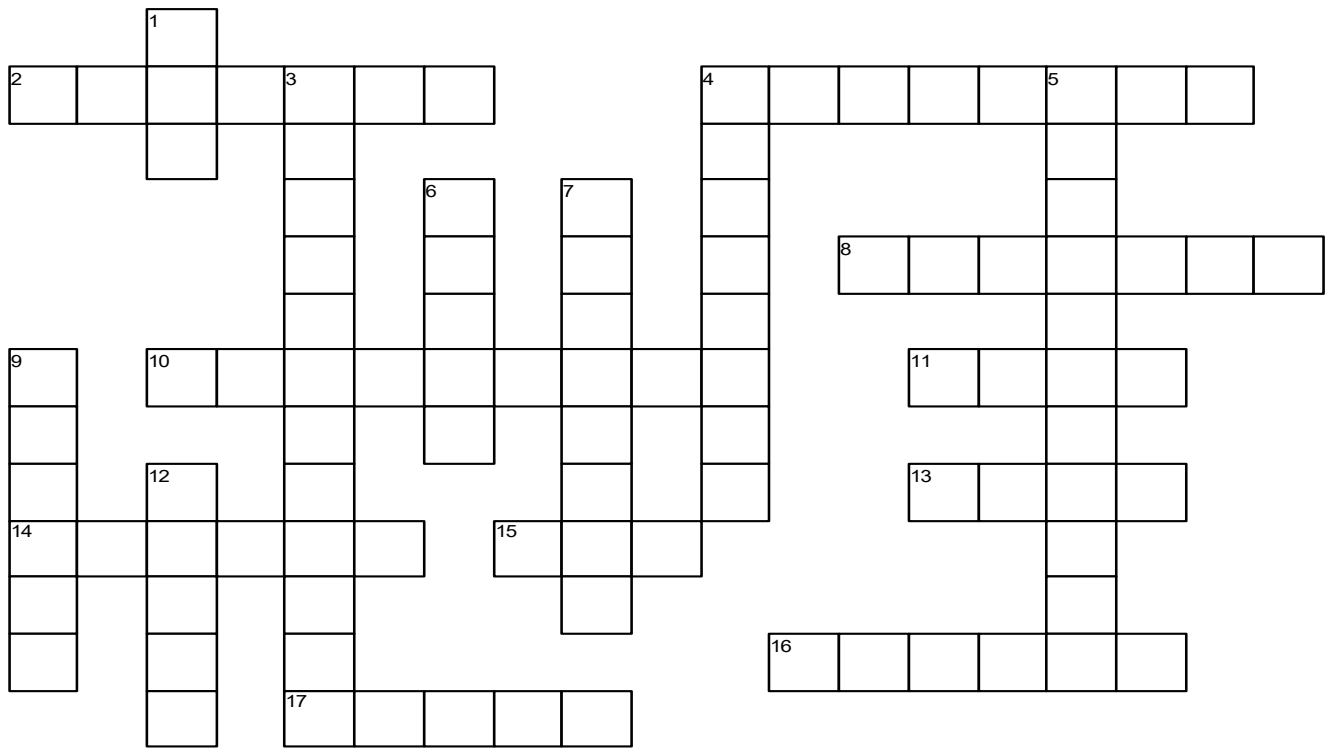
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

Remain Faithful
(Rev 2:10)
(Acts 8:12-24)

Heaven can be your home if you obey God!
(Heb 5:8-9)

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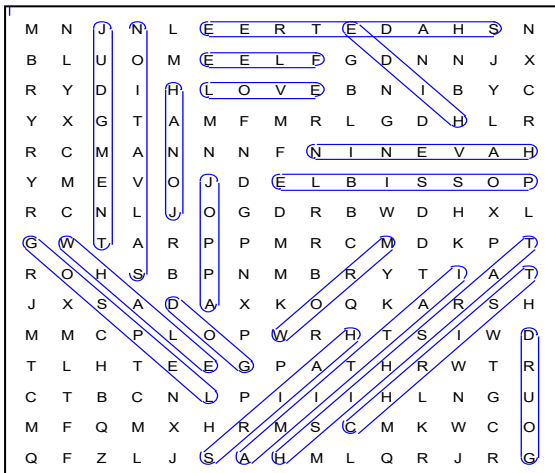
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ACROSS

DOWN

- 2 Name of the city whose wall fell down
- 4 What seven priests bore
- 8 What faith comes by
- 10 What God says "is mine" and how He will repay
- 11 Abraham moved with godly this
- 13 What defense did Jericho have around the city
- 14 Where our reward is reserved
- 15 It is impossible for God to do this
- 16 What Abraham did by faith (Heb 11:8)
- 17 How many days they were to march around Jericho

- 1 This was carried in front of the rear guards
- 3 What we are to keep
- 4 Total number of times they marched around Jericho
- 5 What God promised before the world began (2 words)
- 6 What we are to cast on God
- 7 What faith can move
- 9 Lead Israel into the promised land
- 12 What the Israelites had that made the wall fall down



Bible question: What insect is held up as an example to the lazy man? (hint: sluggard)

Last week's question and answer: Whose donkey spoke to him?
 Answer: Balaam (Numbers 22:28)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones