

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..."(Jude 3)
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ELDERS

Richard Price
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DEACONS

Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
Josh Price
Wesley Tucker

PREACHER

Luke Puckett

SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

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:
Bradley Smith

Opening Prayer:
Richard Price

Scripture Reading:
David Dodd

Lord's Table
Luke Puckett
Gerald Rule
Richard Price
Johnny Downs

Closing Prayer:
Josh Fulcher

Greeters (East)
Bill and Maria

Greeters (West)
Andy and Maddie

LESSONS

AM: Love Lifted Me
Scripture reading:
John 3:13-18

PM: The Cup of The
Lord or the Cup of
Demons?

Scripture reading:
1Corinthians 10:15-22

TRASH AND TREASURE

By: Alan Adams

One who strives with “his maker” is foolish; he is a “a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth” (Isaiah 45:9). A potsherd is a piece of broken pottery, like a piece of a red clay pot, which today we would discard. Way back when, though, people wrote on “sherds,” or “ostraca.” “

The potsherd was a writing medium for the poorer classes, being the cheapest writing material available—it was simply a matter of going along to the nearest rubbish heap and selecting one’s own ‘paper’ on which to write. Ostraca were there for the taking” [Wilson, Clifford. *New Light on New Testament Letters*. p. 35]. “The writings on many of these potsherds are Bible verses...it becomes clear that the gospel was in the hands of everyday people. Even the Christian who was poverty-stricken in Egypt could have part of the Word of God written down” (pp. 35-6). “On worthless castaway potsherds a poor man writes the imperishable words that are the heritage of the poor” (p. 34).

Imagine that. Something for some people destined for the trash pile, becomes for another something on which to write “the words of life.” We have God’s Word in Dickson Study Bibles, Thompson Chain Reference Bibles, Bibles bound in supple materials, and printed in a variety of fonts and on fine paper. We even have Bible on “smart phones.” But, do we treasure it? Do we study and meditate upon it? Do we bend our wills to bring our lives in harmony with it? Stand two pictures side-by-side: The picture of a poor Christian centuries ago, so desiring the Word that he would rummage for a piece of a pot on which to write Bible verses; and, the picture of Christians today, though surrounded with Bibles, yet willfully ignorant of their contents

and woefully lacking in desire to do what is taught therein. Come to think of it, for what good or use many make of their Bibles, they might just as well toss them out like so many “potsherds.”

On the other hand, did you ever think that your treasure might in reality be trash? There is “evil treasure” (Matthew 12:35). “Sin,” “for a season,” has “pleasures” “to enjoy” (Hebrews 11:25). There is a “reward” that ultimately is no reward (Matthew 6:2,5,16). There is profitless “profit” (Mark 8:36). And, there is the danger of “loving” that which “passeth away” (1 John 2:15-17).

What was once treasure to Paul—“what things were gain to me” (Philippians 3:7)—he had come to “count...as loss.” It is interesting to read (vv. 4-6) the list of things once valued by Paul, but now considered by him to be but mere “refuse [rubbish]” (v. 8). On the other hand, Paul knew the need for discipline in life, saying, “I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected” (1 Corinthians 9:27).

We need more precise thought in this matter of treasure and trash. Perhaps we need to expand our definition of “trashy” people.

—Via the Main Street Monitor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Esther and Lamentations
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 3 meets today
- ⇒ **Area events:** Please see bulletin board for more info. Several meetings, singings, and Bible schools are coming up in our area.
- ⇒ **New Personal invitation handouts** are available . Please make sure to take some and handout or leave with a tip, and invite someone to our service!
- ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30pm here at the building.
- ⇒ **Singing and fellowship:** 7-23 at 6:30 here at the building
- ⇒ **Workday:** 7-30 at 8am here at the building.
- ⇒ **5th Sunday:** 7-31 will be potluck and song service
- ⇒ **Visit:** Walnut Grove on August 14 at 6:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Peanut Butter

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Mary Vincent (having test run)
- ⇒ Virgil Hale
- ⇒ Debbie Smith (Kevin's sister-in-law-cancer)
- ⇒ Greg Black (Kathy Black's son)
- ⇒ Larry Pea (Cousin of Judy Black, has cancer)
- ⇒ Loretta Haley (cancer)
- ⇒ David Edwards (Josh Fulcher's uncle-cancer)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Jay Kolb (Friend of Bill and Maria has brain tumor)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son, 4 years old)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ 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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You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Esther 1:12 But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command brought by his eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, and his anger burned within him.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: orgē (ὀργή)

Pronounced: or-gay'

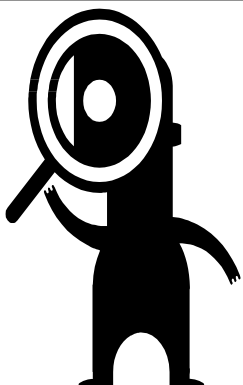
Translated into the word we use today: **ANGER**

Meaning: according to Strong is: From G3713; properly desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), that is, (by analogy) violent passion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by implication punishment: - anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath.

Supporting verse: Ephesians 4:26 "BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In they days of Esther, King Ahasuerus had a great 180 days long feast. At the end he wanted to show off the beautiful queen Vashti. So he sent for her, but she refused to come. This caused the king to become very furious and angry. The scripture says that "his anger burned within him." Anger is an emotion that sometimes gets the best of us. We must understand that being angry is not a sin. Eph 4:26 "Be angry and do not sin". Usually what happens is we let anger get the best of us, and what happens while we are angry, what we say or do, leads us to commit sin. That's why it is so important for us to control our anger. When we get angry, and we will, don't let it control us, let us control it. Calm ourselves down before we do or say anything. Going back to Ahasuerus he made a decree that lead to him putting away Vashti as queen. Notice what happens after he calmed down. Est 2:1 "After these things, when the wrath of King Ahasuerus subsided, he remembered Vashti, what she had done, and what had been decreed against her." This is how it works, usually when we are angry, we do or say something that later we regret and wished we hadn't done or said. Let us always have control over our anger.



Bible question: Whose last words were "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge?"

Last week's question and answer: What people burnt their children as an offering to the gods of Adramelech and Anammelech?

Answer: Sepharvites—(2Kings 17:31)

Those answering: Kay Robertson, Linda Jones, Peggy Newsome, Rachel Adams