

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
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Richard Price
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Johnny Downs
Josh Fulcher
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:

Josh Fulcher

Lead Singing:

Kevin Smith

Opening Prayer:

Wesley Tucker

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Bradley Smith
Bill Vincent
Kevin Smith
Luke Puckett

Closing Prayer:

Richard Jones

Greeters (East)

Johnny and Mae

Greeters (West)

Bill and Maria

LESSONS

AM: Be Our Guest

Scripture reading:

Luke 14:16-24

PM: Why Should I
Be A Christian?

Scripture reading:

Romans 8:1-8

BIBLE STUDY: TWO CHALLENGES

By: Victor M. Eskew

The Bible contains the mind of God revealed to us in words (I Cor. 2:9-13). It is not surprising that this book is very rich in information and deep in its insights. Why do we say this? Because God is an “all wise” God. Twice in Scripture, God is referred to as “the only wise God” (I Tim. 1:17; Jude 1:25). Not only is God’s wisdom far above man’s wisdom, but so is His foolishness. “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than man; and the weakness of God is stronger than man” (I Cor. 1:25).

There are many ways for a person to approach the study of God’s Word. The disciple can become familiar with books of the Bible, chapters of the Bible, individual verses of the Bible, various topics of Holy Writ, or some of the characters of the Bible. He can become well acquainted with the background information of the books of the Bible. Or, he may choose to examine certain words as they are used in various contexts of the Bible. What to study and how to study are overwhelming tasks.

One of the challenges of the student of God’s Word is to study as much of the Word of God as possible. Jesus said: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Man does not live by just some of the words of the Bible. Man lives by “every word” that springs from the mouth of God. Paul echoed the Lord’s words when he wrote: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (II Tim. 3:16). This verse contains a very important little word, the word “all.” The word “all” is defined as “the whole of” or “the whole number of.” There are 31,102 verses in the Bible. The apostle tells us that all of them are profitable. All of them are useful and advantageous to us.

The study of every book and every verse of the Bible is difficult. It is a monumental task. It cannot be done in one sitting or two. It cannot be done by just attending every Bible class and every worship service. It is a life-long pursuit that requires focused attention. Brother Guy N. Woods once said that if a person memorized three verses of the New Testament every day, he could memorize the New Testament in ten years. We could change that just a little. If a person would study three verses of the New Testament every day, he would study the entire New Testament in ten years. If a person would do this, he would go a long way in his study of all the Bible. This type of study requires three things: desire, diligence, and discipline.

A second difficulty that arises when studying the Bible is that we find a book or a topic that intrigues us.

Because we become so interested in it, we study it to the neglect of other books and topics. In essence, we neglect “every word of God” for a few of His words. We become proficient in a few scriptures rather than having good knowledge of “all scripture.”

One of the most challenging verses of the Bible for this writer and preacher is found in Acts 20:26-27. Paul told the elders of Ephesus: “Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” Paul’s duty was to declare all of God’s revelation to man. He said that he had fulfilled that obligation. In seeking to follow the example of Paul (I Cor. 11:1), it is imperative for a gospel preacher to cover as much of the Bible as possible in his preaching. He must look at the Old Testament and the New Testament. He must preach lessons about doctrine and Christian living. He must preach on issues that develop in the church and within our nation. He must cover the books of the Bible, topics in the Bible, verses of the Bible, and characters of the Bible. As he covers these various areas, he must also make certain that his lessons are relevant to the lives of those to whom he preaches. In essence, we are saying that his task is enormous in nature.

When we say that we are disciples of Christ, we are saying that we are people who sit at Jesus’ feet to learn of His teachings. To be disciples, we must study God’s Word (II Tim. 2:15). Though the task is great, we must seek to fulfill our responsibility. The following are some things that we can do to accomplish our goal of becoming knowledgeable of every word of God. First, we need to develop a desire for God’s Word. We must create within us a longing for truth. Second, we must develop good study habits. A regular place of study and a set time to study will help us to do this. Third, we need to learn some of the “how to’s” of Bible study. Bible study is more than just reading. We need to learn a few things about the rules, the tools, and the types of Bible study. Fourth, it is good to develop a plan in your Bible study. Remember, we want to study as much of the Bible as we possibly can.

Once we become diligent Bible students, we will be even more eager to study. Too, we will come away from every session, saying: “Wow?” to the wonders of God’s Word. We may develop the same spirit that the psalmist who said: “O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day” (Ps. 119:97). If done correctly, all Bible study will cause us to grow and to become more like our Lord Jesus Christ.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- ⇒ Carter Tucker (20th)
- ⇒ Johnny and Mae (24th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Haggai and Malachi
- ⇒ **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!
- ⇒ **Ladies Bible class:** Will start back up on 9/22 at 10am
- ⇒ **Chili Supper:** Oct 10th at Kevin and Tammy's house.
- ⇒ **Gospel Meeting:** Our gospel meeting is Oct 18-21 with Andy Brewer. Please keep this effort in mind.
- ⇒ **New Address:** Hyland and Norma Darnell 1407A Crystal Brook Lane Murray, KY 42071 (270) 761-2141
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Cereal

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Ima Barnes
- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Jana Ward (cancer)
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ Wanda Riley (Josh Fulcher's Aunt)
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Dorothy McNeely (Richard Adams' sister, has cancer)
- ⇒ Derek Adams (Richard Adams' grandson, has leukemia)
- ⇒ Richard & Rachel Guill
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Ricky Puckett (Luke's uncle)
- ⇒ Mike Smith (Chris's dad)
- ⇒ 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

Malachi 1:6 "A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: timē (τιμή)

Pronounced: tee-may'

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

Meaning: according to Strong is: a value, that is, money paid, or (concretely and collectively) valuables; by analogy esteem (especially of the highest degree), or the dignity itself: - honour, precious, price, some.

Supporting verse: Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

We read a lot about honor in the bible. We are to honor our father and mother (Eph 6:2). We are to honor our brethren (Rom 12:10). We are to honor widows (1Tim 5:3). We are to give double honor the elders who rule well (1Tim 5:17). Most importantly, we honor God. What is honor, and how do we honor God? Honor is high respect or to esteem above others. It is putting God first in our lives. We are commanded to do so. Matt 6:33 tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." If we want to honor God, our creator, then we put Him first in our lives. We lift Him up high, higher than anything else in our lives. Also, in doing this it means we must do His will, we must do all things that He has commanded us to. Christ says in John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments." We honor God by doing His will and letting our light shine so that others may see God and serve Him. We also honor God by worshiping Him. John 4:24 says that "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." What a great way for us to honor God. Worship Him, pay proper respect and reverence to Him, and do it in spirit and in truth. We are to honor a lot of things and people, but let God always be honored by us.



Bible question: Who built pagan temples to please all his foreign wives?

Last week's question and answer: Who was exiled on Patmos? **Answer:** John (Revelation 1:9)

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