

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

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

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SUNDAY SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Class: 7:00pm

LADIES CLASS

Tuesday 10:00am

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:

Kevin Smith

Lead Singing:

Josh Price

Opening Prayer:

Bill Vincent

Scripture Reading:

Nathia Whitley

Lord's Table

Richard Price
Gerald Rule
Mitchell Smith
Kyle Hobbs

Closing Prayer:

Johnny Downs

Greeters (East)

Josh and Jennifer

Greeters (West)

Andy and Maddie

LESSONS

AM: Reflection

Scripture reading:

James 1:21-27

PM: Winning the
War

Scripture reading:

Romans 12:17-21

HERE, THERE, SOMEWHERE

By: Alan Adams

Time and space make us naturally talk in terms of now, then and when; and in terms of here, there, where, somewhere, everywhere, and nowhere. While still “in” our bodies, these terms work pretty well; but, what of the day when we will be “outside” our bodies? It’s clear that a person can exist “whether in the body...or whether out of the body” (2 Corinthians 12:2). A man “at home in the body” is “absent from the Lord” (5:6). Another way to describe being “in the body” is being “in this tabernacle” (v. 4). Death happens when “the earthly house of our tabernacle [is] dissolved” (v. 1). Peter knew that great changes were about to happen to him. He said, “Shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me” (2 Peter 1:14). In the meantime, he resolved, “As long as I am in this tabernacle, [I will] stir you up by putting you in remembrance” (v. 14). The day came; Peter left his tabernacle. Where did he go? Where is he? A man dies; or, his body is dissolved; or, he is out of his body. But, he, the man his spirit being out of his body, is yet, somewhere. Where? The short answer is: At death, the spirit of every person leaves the body and goes to Hades. But, all Hadean occupancy is not equal. Christ, after his death, was in “hades” (Acts 2:31); yet, before he died, he told the penitent thief, “Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43). Was Jesus both in Hades and in Paradise? That’s not so complicated. We’re in Tennessee, but we’re also in Manchester. What about the other thief? He died. He left his body. Where did his spirit go? The short answer? He went to Hades; but he surely didn’t go to Paradise. He is in “prison” (1 Peter 3:19). He was “cast into hell” (2 Peter 2:4); that is — Peter here uses a verb form of the word “tartarus” — he was “imprisoned.” We could also say, that the other thief, like the rich man in Luke 16, went to “torment.” So, like Jesus and the penitent thief, the impenitent thief went to Hades, but in Hades, he’s not in paradise, rather prison? Yes. And, again that’s not complicated. I visited a woman who is in Tennessee, just like I am; but she’s in jail, and I’m not.

All the dead, from Adam to this very present, are in Hades. Those who died as faithful children of God are in Paradise. Those who otherwise died are in torment or Prison. At the resurrection, Hades will be emptied, and all disembodied souls will be raised and given what Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:44, calls “a spiritual body.” The righteous spirits will leave Paradise; the wicked spirits will leave Prison (tartarus). Then, after the judgment, the righteous will dwell in Heaven and the wicked will exist in Hell forever.

Because the Bible’s primary emphasis is on judgment and eternity, it gives us scant information about Hades. Just think, Lazarus the brother of Mary and Martha died but was brought back from Hades; likewise with Tabitha the beloved sister in Christ at Joppa. What a trip: Departing earth via death, entering Hades, and then having one’s disembodied spirit reinhabit his abandoned tabernacle. Think of all the experiences we’re prone to excitedly relate. Surely the silence of the Bible on the experiences of such people as Lazarus and Tabitha, who had been to the spirit-land and back is significant. Reports of people who “died” and “came back,” telling about bright lights at the end of a tunnel are suspect and of no value to us.

It is important to know that it “is appointed unto men once to die.” Death is both permanent as to the end of our sojourn on earth, and as to the end of any opportunity to edit the record of one’s life. Death is not an additional opportunity to reflect, repent, and be saved. Death has the effect of settling our “place” in eternity. Judas died and went “to his own place” (Acts 1:25). So, shall it be with us all. In death our spirits will enter Hades where a “fixed” “gulf” will separate those in paradise from those in torment. So, asking, “Are you ready to go” is not a trite question.

—Via Main Street Monitor

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Shirley Rule (7th)

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** Zechariah
 - ⇒ **Team: 1** 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:** Has started back on Tuesdays at 10am
 - ⇒ **Monthly Men's Class:** Will be held on Monday Nov 02 at 6:30pm here at the building. Topic is "Icebreakers".
 - ⇒ **Thanksgiving Potluck:** Nov 22 after AM service.
 - ⇒ **5th Sunday Potluck and singing:** Nov 29th
 - ⇒ **Visit:** We will visit Dexter as a congregation on Nov 29. They start at 5:00pm
 - ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Crackers
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Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Tonya Jones
- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Johnny Downs
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell (had knee replacement surgery on the 28th)
- ⇒ Norma Darnell (Has found out she has Parkinson's disease)
- ⇒ Shirley Rule (Continuing to improve)
- ⇒ Jonnie Hutchison (Amber's father is having eye trouble)
- ⇒ 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 (Rachel was placed in a nursing home)
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Maria's sister-continuing to recover from heart surgery.
- ⇒ Mary Wallace (cancer)
- ⇒ 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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www.coldwatercoc.org.
You will find bulletins,
sermon outlines, and
other helpful links and
material.



MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Zec 1:2-3 "The LORD has been very angry with your fathers. (3) Therefore say to them, "Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

GREEK WORD OF THE WEEK

Word: orgizō (ὀργίζω)

Pronounced: or-gid'-zo

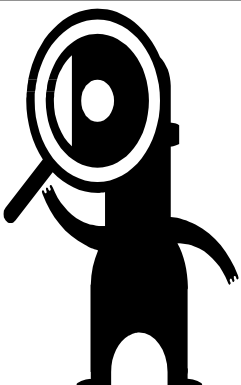
Translated into the word we use today: **Angry or Wrath**

Meaning: according to Strong is: to provoke or enrage, that is, (passively) become exasperated: - be angry (wrath). Thayer says this 1) to provoke, to arouse to anger, 2) to be provoked to anger, be angry, be wrath

Supporting verse: Mat 18:34-35 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. (35) "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Most of the time when we think of God, we think of the great God of love, which He is. We think of all the great things He has done for us such as giving us life (Genesis 2:7), giving us great things (James 1:17), and sending His son to die for us so that we can have forgiveness of our sins (John 3:16). There are so many other things that God has done for us and continues to do on a daily bases that show His goodness, and we need not forget this. But this does not give us the right to overlook the wrath of God. Notice back in Zechariah 1:2, that "the Lord has been VERY ANGRY with our fathers". Notice again that God was very angry. We must also understand the anger and wrath of God and the punishments it leads to along with the love of God and the reward that it leads us to. In Hebrews 10, after it talks about forsaking the assembly and sinning willfully, it says in verse 31, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Why is it fearful? Why should we be afraid? Because God is a God of anger, wrath and punishment. We don't want to be on the "bad side" of God. We should never anger God and have Him upset with us and our actions. We can avoid falling into the wrath and anger of God by living a life that is pleasing to Him. Do the things that He tells us to do, and we will be pleasing to Him.



Bible question: What king was captured by Saul and cut into pieces by Samuel?

Last week's question and answer: Who was filled with the Spirit of God to do all manner of workmanship in constructing the tabernacle?

Answer: Bezalel (Exodus 31:1-6)

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