

THE COLDWATER CONTENDER

"...ye should earnestly contend for the faith..." (Jude 3)
December 25, 2016

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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:

Andy Johnson

Scripture Reading:

Bradley Smith

Lord's Table

Bill Vincent
David Dodd
Josh Price
Hyland Darnell

Closing Prayer:

Hyland Darnell

Greeters (East)

Vicki and Debbie

Greeters (West)

Jill and Kayla

LESSONS

AM: Thinking

Scripture reading:

James 4:10-17

PM:

Scripture reading:

TAKING WORSHIP SERIOUSLY

By: Jonnie Hutchison

Faithful followers of God have always taken worship seriously. Consider Abraham who was commanded by God to take his only son Isaac up to Mount Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice in worship to God. When Abraham and Isaac and those traveling with them arrived near the designated place where Isaac was to be offered the Bible tells us that Abraham said, "...Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." The record indicates that Abraham made preparation for offering his only son Isaac as a sacrifice even to the point of picking up the knife to take Isaac's life whereupon an angel stopped him. (Genesis 22:5ff). Do you think that Abraham took his worship to God seriously? To willingly offer his only son as a sacrifice in worship to God shows just how serious Abraham was about his worship.

David is another Bible character who took his worship to God seriously. The Psalms reveal this attitude of David toward worship. David wrote, "But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple." (Psalm 5:7). By inspiration David also penned the words of Psalm 29:2, "Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Again he writes, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (Psalm 95:6). These verses express the seriousness with which David entered into his worship to God.

Consider the three captive Hebrew youths who took their worship to God so seriously that they refused to bow down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar set up under the threat "and whosoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." (Daniel 3:5-6). Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego exhibited their strong faith in the one true and living God by limiting their worship to Him only. Their lives were preserved even though King Nebuchadnezzar carried out his threat to cast them in the fiery furnace at the urging of the Chaldeans. To be willing to place their lives in jeopardy shows just how seriously they were about their worship to God.

Jesus was offered all the kingdoms of the world if he would only fall down and worship the devil. The answer of the Lord shows the seriousness of the

worship we offer to God. His reply to the temptation of the devil was, "...Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (Matthew 5:8-10).

How serious are YOU about worshipping God? Far too many folks are not nearly serious enough. When one offers as worship to God that which He has not authorized then that person does not take worship seriously enough. The record of Nadab and Abihu in Leviticus 10:1-3 emphasizes this very truth. These two priests of Israel offered to God in their worship that which "He commanded them not" and as a result were consumed by fire from the Lord. When Moses explained to Aaron why his sons had died he stated what the Lord spoke, "by those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy: And before all the people I must be glorified." The implication is that when we offer to God today as worship that for which we have no authority we do not regard Him as holy nor do we glorify Him as we should. In other words we do not take worship seriously enough.

How serious are you about worshipping God? Far too many Christians today show they do not take worship as seriously as they should by willingly forsaking the worship assembly. The Hebrew writer warned his readers, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25 NKJV). In spite of efforts to explain this passage away it still stands as an indictment against all who could be at worship but choose to be somewhere else. Forsaking the worship assembly is actually a symptom of a weak or non-existent faith. Those who willfully forsake worship to God are in real spiritual trouble and their non-attendance is a symptom of that.

So, how serious are you about worshipping God? Do you have a "ho—hum" attitude toward worship? Or is it something that you take very seriously? It is a fact clearly implied by the teaching of scripture that one who refuses to take worship to God seriously while here on this earth will not be allowed to enter into heaven where worship will be a continual part of ones existence. Can you truly say with David, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

⇒ Byron and Phyllis

Announcements

- ⇒ **Reading plan:** 2Corinthians
- ⇒ **Team workgroup:** Team 4 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 **Monthly Men's Class:** Jan 3rd at 6:30pm
- ⇒ **Fellowship:** New Years Eve fellowship at 6:00pm
- ⇒ **Pantry item** for this week is: Tissues
- ⇒ **Work teams:** A list of your NEW teams is posted on the bulletin board.
- ⇒ **Sick:** If you know someone who is sick, please get this information to your team leader or Luke.

Prayer/Sick List

- ⇒ Hazel Brandon
- ⇒ Mae Downs
- ⇒ Helen Tidwell
- ⇒ Hyland Darnell
- ⇒ Norma Darnell
- ⇒ Shirley Rule
- ⇒ Vicki Wilson
- ⇒ Kristin Sims
- ⇒ Kim Scott (continuing treatments)
- ⇒ Paul Brandon (Hazel's brother in-law)
- ⇒ 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)
- ⇒ Billy Irvan
- ⇒ Debbie Edwards
- ⇒ Trudy Smith
- ⇒ James McAbee
- ⇒ Lashell Jones
- ⇒ Michael Inman (Tonya Jones' stepdad)
- ⇒ Caleb Teasly (Kevin's cousin's son)
- ⇒ Bob Austin (having tests run for issues with his lungs)
- ⇒ Romona White (Mitchell's roommate's mother has 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)

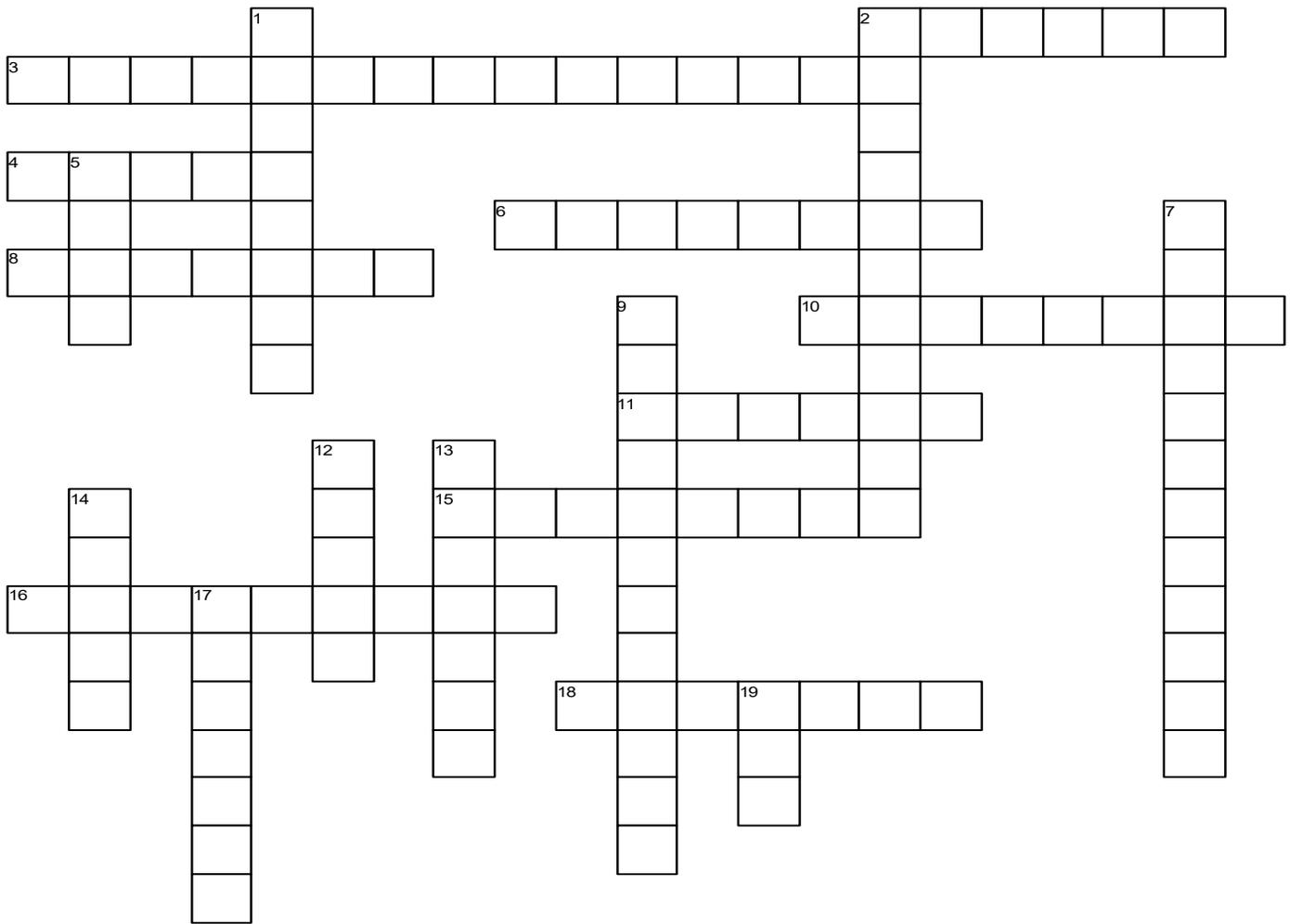
Be Baptized
(Acts 2:38)
(Acts 22:16)

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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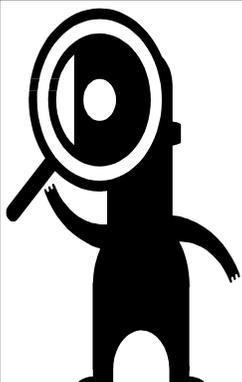
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ACROSS

- 2 first river that went out of Eden
- 3 forbidden tree in Eden
- 4 what is your life
- 6 third river that went out of Eden
- 8 what washes away our sins
- 10 all men will face this
- 11 What God is
- 15 what woman was made out of
- 16 who inherits eternal life
- 18 how we should think

DOWN

- 1 we can't change our stature by doing this
- 2 Christians will suffer this
- 5 name of first man
- 7 what should we seek first
- 9 what man was made out of
- 12 what we can cast on God
- 13 what man who is born of woman is full of
- 14 consider or reason
- 17 what does faith come by
- 19 name of first woman



Bible question: What king had twelve thousand horsemen?

Last week's question and answer: What king of Israel was imprisoned for defying Assyrian authority?

Answer: Hoshea (2Kings 17:4)

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