

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAN 3, 2010 SICK

LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS: Gertrude Hall, Bertharine Burton, Maudie Jones
(Ridgeview Rm 110)

HOME: Flora Millwood, Ruby Harrison, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham,
Audie Estus, Paul Mays, H.C. Brown, Frances Vinson, Stephen & Eli Phillips,
Mitchell Davidson

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Tommy Hollingsworth, David Ray, Amanda
Rutledge, Kimberly Wilcox, Pat Cush, Emmitt Pendley, Fritz Pendley, Jerusha
Key, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing, Irene
Palmer, Vera Fike, Sue Hinds, Virginia Nicholas, Harold Walton, Kenneth Wright,
Paul Lockhart, Larry Drummond, Jim Murrell, Tabitha Walker, Mary Burford

AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED?"

PM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "DAY OF PUNISHMENT"

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO LESLIE EARNEST DUE TO THE DEATH OF HER
GRANDFATHER, DEWEESE WRIGHT. SERVICES WERE THURSDAY**

**THERE WILL BE A NEW CLASS FOR YOUNG ADULTS STARTING THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY. BRUCE WINDHAM WILL BE TEACHING**

SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

SEE DAVID FOR TAPES

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 5: Willie Nelson

7: Francis Vinson

8: Henry McDonald

**REMEMBER GBN ON INSPIRATION NETWORK ON DIRECTV AND DISH SUNDAY
MORNINGS AT 6 AM**

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
924-2376
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

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Danny Busby 387-0213
Jason Windham 384-1184
Randy Wood 221-2508

MINISTER:

Ben Wright

WHAT DOES IT PROFIT A MAN?

(Matthew 16:24-26)

- I. Does the Bible teach that man has a _____?
- A. The Bible _____ teaches that man has a soul.
- B. There is no other _____ said to be made in the image of God as man has been said to be (Genesis 1:27).
- C. Man's physical body shall be laid to rest and turn dust, but the soul shall _____ on (Genesis 35:18).

- D. We are to fear the one who can destroy both _____ and _____, not just the body (Matthew 10:28).
- E. Souls will one day be united with the our _____ bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-58).

II. Why is the soul so _____?

- A. We have mentioned one reason already.
1. It is the soul which separates us from the _____.
 2. We are made in the image of God, thus we have an _____ spirit.
 3. It is that which _____ men from animals (Psalm 8:3-8).
- B. It is also valuable because we have complete _____ over it.
1. We cannot stop the _____ process or death.
 2. We can change the _____ of our soul at any time or stage in life.
 3. With the _____, we can change our attitude, our outlook and our eternal destination (Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:21-22; Colossians 3:12-15).
- C. The soul is also valuable because it is _____.
1. Nothing else that we _____ will last eternally.
 2. The soul _____ to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7).

III. What will I _____ for my soul?

- A. The word exchange means to “_____ or _____.”
- B. Man’s answer seems to be: for _____ and _____.
1. For some the price is _____ (1 Timothy 6:10).
 2. For some it is the lust of the _____ (Proverbs 5:1-14).
 3. For others it is _____ and _____.
 4. Some trade their souls for their _____.
 5. Even others trade their souls for _____ activities
- C. Ask yourself this question: For what am I _____ my soul?

The Bible: Full of Contradictions, or Amazing Unity? (Pt. 1)

Ben Wright

The Bible has been and will always be attacked by those who do not want to submit themselves to the will of God. One of the ways in which the Bible is attacked is to claim that it contains numerous contradictions. When one who has submitted him/herself comes to study God’s word, he or she sees amazing unity instead of contradictions. One of the great proofs of inspiration is the fact that the Bible has a unified theme from beginning to end: the redemption of mankind through the sacrifice of the Son of God.

The alleged contradictions include matters of numbers, matters of science, matters of history and matters of doctrine. If one believes that the Bible is the inspired, infallible word of God that it claims to be (2 Ti. 3:15-16), then that person, when confronted with an alleged contradiction, will look for a way to explain the apparent contradiction in a satisfactory way. Wayne Jackson

wrote, "When one is confronted with an alleged contradiction, he must ask himself these questions: (1) Is the same thing or person under consideration? (2) Is the same time period in view? (3) Is the language that seems to be self-contradictory employed in the same sense" (Jackson, 2003). If one truly wants to clear up any type of apparent discrepancies then these questions will always be answered correctly.

For instance, someone might say, "Ben is old." Someone else might say, "Ben is young." Can both of these statements be true? The answer is maybe. A child looks at someone who is an adult as being old. An elderly person looks at someone who is in his mid-thirties as being young. Not only that, there might be two different people named Ben under consideration. One Ben may be ninety years old while the other Ben may be ten years old. Also, it may be that Ben is young at heart but old in age. These are pointed out to show that a matter can be cleared up if all possible means of harmony are used. If they are used and shown to be faulty, then one may truly say there is a contradiction. This same type illustration was used in Jackson's article to prove this very point. However, the fact remains that, as Haley wrote years ago, "every difficulty and discrepancy in the scriptures is, and will yet be seen to be, capable of a fair and reasonable solution (Haley, pg. x).

Friends, when the Bible is studied by an open and objective mind, the fact remains that the Bible shows unfailing unity from Testament to Testament. Consider the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. One first reads of this in Genesis 3:15, where we read that He will be of the seed of woman. As progression is made through the first book of the Bible, a promise to Abraham is found that, through him, all the nations of the earth were to be blessed (Gen. 12:1-3). Later in the Old Testament it is found that to David a promise of One who would sit on his throne was made by God (2 Sam. 7:12ff). Further still, one reads that Bethlehem will be the place of birth for the Messiah (Mic. 5:2).

Other prophecies could be pointed out, but notice how all of these are fulfilled. Jesus was born of a woman (Gal. 4:4). He was a descendant of both Abraham and David (Mat. 1:2, 6). Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem (Mat. 2:1). This points to the unity of the Bible.