

# The Encourager



September 27, 2020

## Welcome Guest

We are so glad you've come for worship today! Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

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#### Sunday Service's

Bible Study 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

Afternoon 2:00 pm

**Wednesday** 7:00 pm

#### Personal Bible Study

[SimpleBibleLessons.com](http://SimpleBibleLessons.com)

Online & In Home  
Correspondence

#### Food Pantry

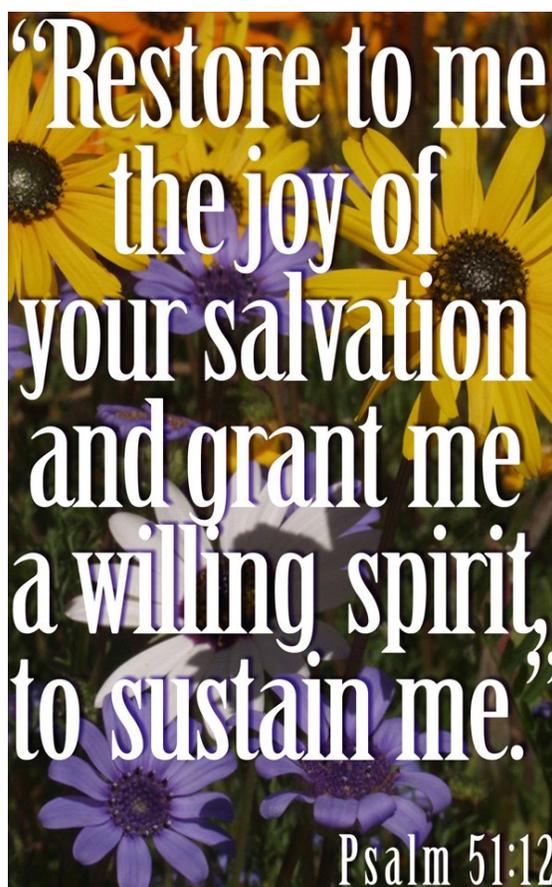
By Appointment

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# Remember In Prayer

Janet Jones	Missionaries
Joel Jones	<b>Our Nation</b>
Bobby Jo Henderson	Law-Enforcement
Carol Ritenour	Our Military
Victoria (Marian Lozier's 28 yr. Old granddaughter having seizures)	RSW Jail Ministry
Darrell Derflinger	<b><u>Those Battling Cancers</u></b>
Pat Derflinger	Debra Lawson
Mildred Bean	Aiden Thompson
Ruth Martin	Micah Brue
Kim Wines	Haywood Seal
Remi Wines	Shelly Long
Angela Hollins	Valerie Tewalt
Scott McCool	Ann Derflinger
Rick Steele	C.R. Newlin
Michael Michelucci	Priscilla L.
Mary Steele	Jeff Pingley
Linda York	Wendy Willoughby
Robert Robinson Jr.	Robert Jenkins
Dolores Williams	Kathy Ludwick
Doris & Donald Jones	Shirley Williams
	Phylcia Smoot



## Don't Forget Our Homebound

Hazel Clark  
 Nancy Barnes  
 Virginia Wright  
 Jim Durand

## September

Olivia Lichliter 9/23  
 Eliza Anderson 9/24  
 Mason Clark 9/28

## October

Susan Clark 10/6  
 Brooke Callaway 10/19  
 Tenia Smith 10/23  
 Marian Lozier 10/31



Rex & Cindy Callaway 9/30

## News and Notes

### Pantry Items

Ramens Noodles  
 Instant Mash Potatoes

Please see the sign-up sheet for help with cleaning the basement after the water damage from the storm 2 weeks ago.

Lesson Presented by Eugene Tewalt





# Train Yourself

Study Notes 4 of 4

Godly Dependency

September 30, 2020—7:00 pm

The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength” 2 Timothy 4:17

We now come to a great paradox in understanding the will of God. We are to train ourselves but not focus on ourselves. We are to train to be strong but rely on God to strengthen us. We are to train ourselves to be courageous and take a stand but do so in total surrender and humility to God’s will. This training of self is so we can stand alone in true faith but in actuality we never are alone because God is our everpresent Father, Jesus is our Friend who never leaves our side and the Holy Spirit indwells us. Even the church stands with us. Even the dead in the Lord, “being dead, still speaks” Hebrews 11:4. “We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses” who cheer us from the heavenly grandstands according to Hebrews 12:1. So, in training, we acknowledge that individual, personal training builds character, but too much independence will produce pride. So, we seek for a “Godly Dependence.”

### SOME GODLY EXAMPLES

- Abraham – the father of the faithful, Romans 4
- • David – a man after God’s own heart, Psalm 51
- • Daniel – the man of prayer and commitment, Daniel 6
- • The Ethiopian – a seeker willing to learn, Acts 8
- • The Bereans – noble searchers for truth, Acts 17
- • Apostle Paul – found strength in weakness, 2 Corinthians 12

### BENEFITS OF DEPENDENCE

1. God has the greatest <sup>A</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ . Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:11; Ephesians 1:19-20
2. It is a guard against <sup>B</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ . Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 3:5-6
3. It is the key to <sup>C</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ . 2 Peter 1:3-8

### FIVE STEPS TO TRAIN YOURSELF TO DEPEND UPON GOD

1. It starts with your acknowledgment of <sup>D</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Timothy 1:12-17; 1 Corinthians 15:9-10
2. Lean heavily on the “connector” of <sup>E</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ . Ephesians 3:14-20
3. A mark of maturity is when you learn to <sup>F</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and <sup>G</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on your own. Hebrews 5:11-14
4. Understand these five differences:
  - The difference of knowing <sup>H</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and knowing Christ <sup>I</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - The difference of seeing Christianity as a <sup>J</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ versus a <sup>K</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ . • The difference between the <sup>L</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law and the <sup>M</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law. •
  - The difference between breaking God’s <sup>N</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and breaking God’s <sup>O</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - The difference of obeying God’s commands out of <sup>P</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ versus <sup>Q</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. And finally, remember to always draw <sup>R</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to God & God will draw <sup>S</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to you. James 4:6-8



## ***Train Yourself***

*Daily Devotionals or Bible Studies*

***September 2020***

For this week, focus on the following Bible characters. How did they exhibit a “godly dependency” in their lives? What indications are there of them training themselves? What can you learn from their pursuit and practice of godliness?

1. Abraham – the father of the faithful – Romans 4
  
2. David – a man after God’s own heart – Psalm 51
  
3. Daniel – the man of prayer and commitment – Daniel 6
  
4. The Ethiopian – a seeker willing to learn – Acts 8
  
5. The Apostle Paul – found strength in his weaknesses – 2 Corinthians 12



The following was given to me by a young lady at church. a corner of the article noted it was inscribed by "Alice." It is so well written about our society it has done its job and I hope Alice (bless you & your stuff, are happy!).

*"Every fall I start stirring in my stuff.*

*There is closet stuff, drawer stuff, attic stuff, and basement stuff. I separate the good stuff from the bad stuff, then I stuff the bad stuff anywhere the stuff is not too crowded until I decide if I will need the bad stuff.*

*When the Lord calls me home, my children will want the good stuff, but the bad stuff, stuffed wherever there is room among all the other stuff will be stuffed in bags and taken to the dump where all the other people's stuff has been taken. Whenever we have company they always bring bags and bags of stuff. When I visit my son, he always moves his stuff so I will have room for my stuff. Their stuff and my stuff---It would be so much easier to use their stuff and leave my stuff at home with the rest of my stuff. This fall I had an extra closet built so I would have a place for all stuff too good*

*to throw away and too bad to keep with my good stuff. You may have this problem, but I seem to spend a lot of time with stuff, food stuff, cleaning stuff, medicine stuff, clothes stuff and outside stuff. Whatever would life be like if we didn't have all this stuff?*

*Now there is all that stuff we use to make us smell better that we do. There is the stuff to make our hair look good. Stuff to make us look younger. Stuff to make us look healthier. Stuff to hold us in, and stuff to fill us out. There is stuff to read, stuff to play with, stuff to entertain us, and stuff to eat, we stuff ourselves with the food stuff.*

*Well, our lives are filled with stuff...good stuff, bad stuff, little stuff, big stuff, useful stuff, junky stuff, and everyone's stuff. Now when we leave all our stuff and go to heaven, whatever happens to our stuff won't matter. We will still have...good stuff God has prepared for us in heaven."*

NOTE: My garage is cluttered with "I may need that stuff for some reason some day." There is always a need for stuff if not used may call for a visit to the nearest hardware store; and their stuff then costs more! Mine is free or so I think! The dictionary gives us the definition of stuff as: an unlimited amount of materials needed for the various activities and needs and emergencies that could come our way during one's life time. (Ole English and circa 1840)

*Matthew 6:19-"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,...but lay up treasures in heaven,"*



*"Then it struck me—nobody originally on the Paleo Diet lived past 35."*



*"We're under attack, but it doesn't seem serious."*



# Ignoring God's Voice

Hebrews 4: 12– 16

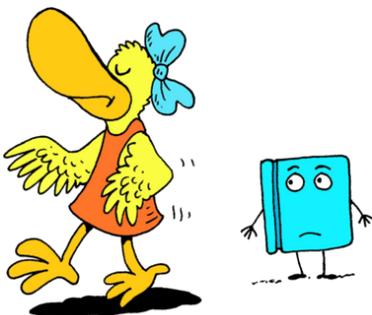


BELIEVE IT OR NOT, many people who attend church choose to ignore God's truth because they don't like hearing sermons that convict or demand a change. But we tend to be guilty of doing the same thing when we pick and choose what to read in the Bible.

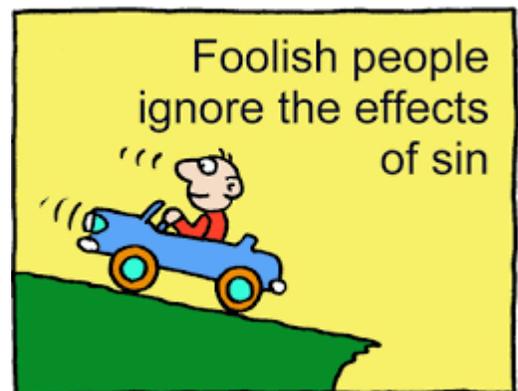
When you open God's Word, do you read only verses that encourage, comfort, or promise blessings? Are you reluctant to tackle the more difficult passages, which prick your conscience and call for obedience? Do you avoid sections that make you feel guilty about the way you are living?

If you find yourself reacting strongly to a passage of Scripture or a sermon, then you ought to take an honest look at yourself. God's Word is meant to cut into the deepest recesses of our soul and spirit. But the hope is that we then run to Jesus, our High Priest, in confession and repentance in order to receive forgiveness and cleansing.

Christ sympathizes with our weaknesses and invites us to draw near to God to receive grace and help. The convicting passage of Scripture may cause momentary discomfort, but those who listen and take their burden to Jesus find sweet relief.



Only a bird-brain  
would ignore God's Word



# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

## Hebrews

### The Glorious Jesus

Intro- Once the author describes Jesus' position above the angels, he explains why, for a time He was positioned below the angels.

#### I. Devices

Hook \_\_\_\_\_

Billboarding \_\_\_\_\_

#### II. Salvation: A warning- 2:1-4

Vs. 1- Pay Attention \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 2- Why Pay Attention \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 3- How will they escape? \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. Man's Position- 2:5-8

Vs. 5- Man will inherit, not the angels. \_\_\_\_\_

Vs.6-8A- Man will be in charge \_\_\_\_\_

Vs.8B- All things are subject to man. \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. Jesus' Position- 2:9-18

Why did Jesus take a low position? \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 9- We don't yet see man's glory. \_\_\_\_\_

-Discussion about the subject of death \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 10-15- Mentions 3 things about suffering:

**Suffering was according to God’s will**

Vs. 10- \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 11- \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 12- Pr. 22:22 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 13- Isa. 8:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_

**The Results of Suffering.**

Vs. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

Explains the nature of Satan’s power

Power over death \_\_\_\_\_

B. Jesus’ death \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 15- Several things happen because of Jesus’ death

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The “Suffering Messiah” is the correct view of the Jewish Messiah.

Vs. 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Summary**

Jesus was both higher and lower than the angels. \_\_\_\_\_

According to God’s plan. \_\_\_\_\_

Produced results. \_\_\_\_\_

According to Jewish religion \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Lessons.**

Pay Attention \_\_\_\_\_

Fear Not \_\_\_\_\_

Trust Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

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