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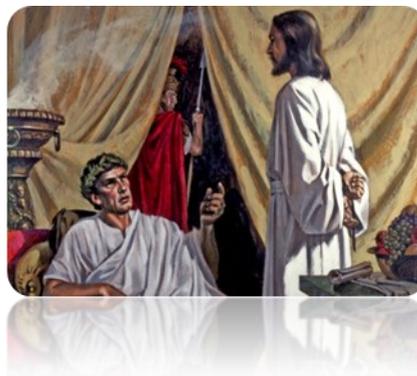
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## Blasphemy- For Jesus A Double Jeopardy

Mike King



The term “blasphemy” appears repeatedly in the Bible. The sword of accusation was two-sided in nature as it was wielded upon Jesus. Jesus was charged by the Jews of blasphemy because He claimed to be the Son of God and being a prophet (Matt. 26:65; Jn. 10:33).

Jesus also was victim to the charge when refusing to worship an emperor and appearing to be disrespectful of political rulers. Jesus taught His followers to “*render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s*” (Matt. 22:19-21). When one denied to worship and bow down to an emperor, he was considered as blasphemous or disrespectful to their god/man ruler. Jesus appeared before Pilate to defend Himself. The Jews said, “*If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar’s friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar*” (Jn. 19:12).

Stephen was also accused of speaking blasphemous words against Moses and God. He simply shared some Jewish history and showed Christ to be the fulfillment of it. His words cost him his life (Acts 6:11).

Webster’s Unabridged Dict. Defines blasphemy as: “An indignity offered to God in words, writing, or signs; impiously irreverent words or signs addressed to, or used in reference to God; speaking evil of God; also, the act of claiming the attributes or prerogatives of deity. When used generally in statutes or at common law, blasphemy is the use of irreverent words or signs in reference to the Supreme Being...”

In the U.S., laws against blasphemy remained on the books from the founding days. Chapter 272 of the Massachusetts General Laws stated: “Section 36. Whosoever willfully blasphemes the holy name of God by denying, cursing..., reproaching God, His creation, government or final judging of the world, or by cursing..., Jesus Christ or the Holy Ghost, or by cursing or ..., reproaching or exposing to contempt and ridicule, the holy word of God contained in the holy scriptures shall be punished by imprisonment in jail for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, and may also be bound to good behavior.” In 1952, the U.S. Supreme Court declared laws against blasphemy unconstitutional. The last tried case was in 1928. We could use this law today!

Jesus or Stephen would have never done disrespect to God. How about us and our speech and treatment of holy things today? Could we be guilty?

## The Day of Little Things

It is the little things in life which make life so awesome. The seemingly insignificant sand which grain at a time makes up the uncounted thousands of miles of seashore. The oceans, the lakes, the rivers and the smallest streams flow into one another by billions upon billions of water by the drop. There are millions of galaxies throughout our own, but they each are made up of one star at a time. A picket fence is simple enough, but without the individual staves there would be no fence at all. Towering skyscrapers one brick at a time compose the mighty structures which strain our eyes as we peer upward at their heavenward reach.

A tear is a little thing, and yet by the millions they flow down the cheeks of a broken-hearted humanity. A smile is but a little thing, and yet it can assist an entire effort or anoint with the oil of gladness a life which needs to be assured by seasonal encouragement. A watch without its parts would not run, would not tick; and the trans-Atlantic cable is designed of near innumerable strands carrying a message to the other side of the sea.

Little things: the clasped hands and the arm about a fearful shoulder; a word of kindness and a token of concern say much. Andrew, one humble disciple, brought Simon Peter to the Lord, and when Pentecost was "fully come," he, by the Spirit, became a total tower of power! Give God your best. You will never regret it. Today, you can pray at a lonely bedside; can greet with an august of love; can open the way for a struggling pilgrim you may never see again. But most of all, you can lead a lost soul to Jesus the Savior and Lord of our lives. "Oh, God, Thy sea is so great—our boat is so small!" Let us never underestimate the day of little things!

~ Stanley E. Sayers, Gospel Advocate,

**BIBLE QUIZ:** After seeing the destruction of Jericho and Ai, the inhabitants of which city pretended to be travelers from a far off land to make a covenant of peace with the Israelites? \_\_\_\_\_

Joshua 9:3-6



### Church Attendance -- Is it Necessary?

Some today seem to believe that it is good to attend, but if there is something else of interest to do, church attendance is of lesser importance. The fact is, it is not only good to assemble, it is sinful not to do so. Clearly the Lord considered assembling together for worship and fellowship as a vital part of the Christian's life. It was important enough to the Lord that He commanded Christians to meet regularly to engage in worship: *"Not forsaking our own assembling together as is the habit of some; but encouraging one another; and all the more; as you see the day drawing near."* (Heb. 10:25)

### Bible Verse To Remember

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9 KJV

### Story: "The church"

Once a little boy who had lost a hand visited a Bible class. The teacher dealt well with the situation until the end of the class. She put her hands together for a familiar finger play and said, "Let's make the church." In this children's finger play, the hand and fingers first form a church building, then a steeple on the building, and finally the people in the building. She suddenly realized that the little boy could not participate. As she wondered what to do, a girl in the class moved over to the boy, put one of her hands with his, and said, "Let's make the church together." Though each of us is part of an independent, autonomous congregation, we still need to join hands and "make the church together." ~ David L. Roper



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## PRAYER LIST



**Harvey Lovelady's**, father of *Nicki Weaver*, surgery was postponed until April due to a certain medication he is taking for his heart.

**Judy Ward**, sister of *Paul Ormon* is in the Ripley Hospital suffering from MS. She is not doing well.

**Timmy Bolden**, friend of *Paul Ormon* is suffering from lung and esophageal cancer.

**Betty Young** remains in room 203 of the local hospital recovering from hip surgery.

**Richard Adams** is recovering from kidney stone surgery.

**Natalie Griffin**, newborn great-granddaughter of *Janice Griffin* remains at Le Bonheur in Memphis with many health problems.

**Perry Jones** is having tests run this week.

### Sympathy:



We extend our sympathy to *Linda Griggs* and family in the death of her sister **Evelyn Aycock** who passed away this past week. Graveside services will be held later this week in Jonesboro, Ark.

### Continue to remember:

Roger Clayton, Terry Young (nephew of Terry Young), Tatarin Wilson, Lacy Wilson, William Wilson, Sunny Gay, David Crossings, Andy Ulmer, B. A. Stubblefield, Whit Robertson, Grace Lyon, Harold Reeves, Sheila Thomas, Yolanda Stubblefield, Barbara Davis, Nancy Petrowski, Justin Forsyth, Preeble Foster, Donna Hanes, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Terry & Betty Young

### Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Teresa Clark, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Betty Lang, Charlene Coker, Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb

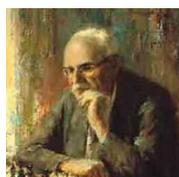
### Military List:

Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



**I've Learned...**

He who angers you controls you.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 05..... Paige Young  
February 09..... Marie Beard

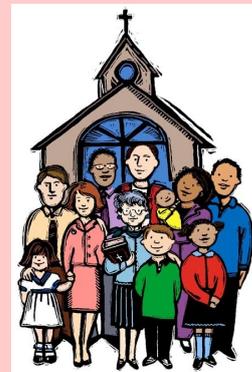
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 12..... Mike & Sheila King  
February 14..... Andy & Sharon Clemmer



## FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

### February 22, 2015



**9:30 am— Bible Class**

**10:30am — Worship**

**Noon Meal**

**1:30pm— Worship**

### EVENTS:

- Area Wide Youth Meeting Feb. 8th at the Gloster St. congregation.
- Senior Bible Bowl Feb. 15 @ Hwy 15 Pontotoc congregation.
- FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY Feb. 22nd!

**Christ Living in Me...  
To Be Seen in 2015!**



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday School.....9:30  
Morning Worship.....10:30  
Evening Worship.....6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

**MINISTER**

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**DEACONS**

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Roger Clayton ..... 538-8195  
Brad Pounders.....316-7931  
Harold Russell..... 507-1180  
Randy Wall ..... 316-9255  
Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

**TO SERVE**

Scripture.....Dean Dillard  
A.M. Prayer.....Paul Ormon  
Closing Prayer.....Bill Lyon  
P.M. Prayer .....Jason Jennings  
Closing .....Jerry Grimmett  
Wed.2/11.....Richard Jennings  
Wed.2/11.....Richard Adams  
Usher & Lock ....Harold Russell  
Greeter.....G & K Clayton

**OUR RECORD**

Sunday School.....107  
Sunday A.M.....129  
Sunday P. M.....99  
Wednesday.....99  
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**PANTRY ITEMS**

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**Drinking From My Saucer**

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now,  
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.  
And as I go along life's journey I'm reaping better than I sow  
And I'm drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

Ain't got a lot of riches and sometimes the going is tough,  
But I've got my family and friends that love me  
And that makes me rich enough.  
I just thank God for His blessings and the mercies He's bestowed;  
I'm drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

O, remember times when things went wrong.  
My faith got a little bit thin,  
But all at once the dark clouds broke and the sun  
peeped through again.  
So Lord help me not to gripe about the tough rows I've hoed.  
I'm drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.

And if God gives me the strength and courage  
When the way grows steep and rough,  
I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.  
And may I never be too busy to help another to bear his load,  
Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer cause my cup has overflowed.  
~ author unknown ~

