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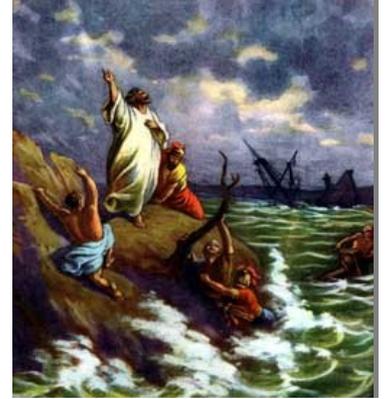
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## As They Were Told

Mike King



Paul was standing on the deck of a ship that would soon be destroyed and spoke to an approximate two hundred seventy-five people. His message was that an angel had told him that he was to be brought before Caesar. The natural conclusion was that he was not going to lose his life in the sea by ship wreck or any other means. He delivered good news that all on board would be saved from drowning as well. There is not a hint of doubt! He showed it by saying, *“it shall be even as it was told me”* (Acts 27:25).

Taking another glimpse at the context we find additional information informing us as to how the story ended. *“And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land”* (Acts 27:44).

Those who have confidence in God and His word do not respond surprised to this outcome. That is always the way that it has been and is, just as God said it would be. If that is the way it has always been and presently is, what would make us doubt that it shall always be?

A similar situation happened on the night of the Lord’s birth when the shepherds received a revelation from the angel of God. They were enlightened as to where the birth would occur, when, and information about the one being born (Lk. 2:11). Sure enough, when they went to that place, they found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger as predicted. Those men returned “glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, *AS IT WAS TOLD UNTO THEM*” (Lk. 2:20). The details were precise and not the slightest difference or disparity was found.

Naaman, the leper, would be another classic case. He was instructed by the prophet to *“Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again unto thee, and thou shalt be clean* (II Kgs. 5:10). He does go and is dipped in the Jordan seven times, according to the saying of the man of God. He was cleansed and his flesh became as a little child (II Kgs. 5:14).

We find today nothing but repeated assurance and confirmation that things shall be as they were told in God’s word. We can trust God and depend on His exciting message to guide us to eternal safety.

## “BUT I THOUGHT”

By Riley Nelson

When you talk to people about religion, many times the words you here are, “Well I think”. Before you say this you might want to see what God has to say about mans thoughts compared to His. From the beginning of time we see that someone has always wanted to change what God says. In the garden of Eden, God had instructed man not to partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil less they die (Gen. 3:3). When Satan approached Eve he told her that was not the truth, and she believed him. This belief led to man being removed from the Garden of Eden and death entering into the world. Many other instances show that man many times has not been satisfied with what God says.

One of the most known occurrences is that of Naaman recorded in 2 Kings 5. Naaman was the captain of the host of the Syrian army. He suffered from the disease of Leprosy. He was told by one of his wife’s servants about a prophet in Israel who could help him with his cure. The king of Syria sent letters with Naaman to the king of Israel stating that the king was to cure Naaman of his leprosy. The king of Israel was distraught, how could he cure anyone of such a disease. When Elisha the prophet heard of the letter he sent word to the king asking why he was upset, send the man to him and he would show him there was a prophet in Israel.

The account then tells how Naaman arrived at the house of the prophet, and instead of a great welcome for this mighty man, a messenger comes out to talk to the man. Notice what the message for Naaman was, “*Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean*”(2 Kings 5:10). Naaman was furious. What kind of treatment was this for such a one as he? This was not what he had thought should happen. The Bible records, “*But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage* (2 Kings 5:11,12). He was willing to turn his back on the cure for his disease, because things were not as he thought they should be. Fortunately one of his servants made him stop and think about what he was doing. He decided to do as he was told and he was healed, just as God said he would be healed.

Today many are just like Naaman. God has given man the Bible to read and study in order to know what man is to do for his salvation. Just as Naaman needed to follow exactly what God said, so must man today. In the New Testament we are taught to have faith in Jesus as the Son of God (Heb. 11:6), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess the name of Jesus as the Son of God (Romans 10:10), to be baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38) and to live a faithful life (Rev 2:10). Like Naaman, some want to do different things but it must be realized that God means what He says.

### YOUTH NEWS

- Junior Bible Bowl will be held Saturday, March 26, at the Hwy 15 Church of Christ in Pontotoc.
- This month’s Youth Devo will be held March 27th following evening services at the fellowship building. The *Weaver’s* will be hosting.
- West Main Church of Christ will host a Christian Leadership Training Day for 7th-12th grade guys and girls Saturday, April 9th from 9:00-2:00

### WHAT SPILLS OUT?

Christian personality is hidden deep inside us. It is unseen, like soup carried in a tureen high over a waiters head. No one knows what’s inside - unless the waiter is bumped and he trips! Just so, people don’t know what’s inside us until we’ve been “bumped.” But if Christ is living inside, what spills out is the fruit of the Spirit.

“...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh” ~Mt. 12:34

**PRAYER LIST**

**Joey Black**, has been diagnosed with a mass on his brain. The family has requested prayers on his behalf.

**Bob Clement**, brother-in-law of *Richard Jennings* will have quadruple bypass surgery Friday, in Tupelo.

**Brian Camp**, relative of *Bobby & Dixie White*, has been diagnosed with West Nile Virus.



**Continual Prayer**

**Ed Walker, Randy Stewart, David Harendt, Jim Dickerson, Jean Drummond, Marshal Kell, Ernest Foley, John Sanford, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Bill King, Terry Young**

**Shut-Ins**

**Lessie Bryant, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden**

**Military List:**

**David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole**

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to *Bobby and Dixie White* in the death of their brother-in-law **Len Collett**, who passed away Wednesday, March 9th in Canada. Funeral services were held Mon., the 14th in Canada.

We express our sympathy to *Bill Russell* and family in the death of his mother, **Faye Russell** who passed away this past week at the age of 109. Funeral services were held Saturday in Oxford.

**SAGE ADVICE**

Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- March 17.....Patricia Crow
- March 17.....Laura Mae Harris
- March 19.....Dan Cobb
- March 19.....Clay Jennings
- March 21.....Bill Botts

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- March 24.....J.D. & Sue Stroud

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Church at New Albany,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to try out for your internship position. I greatly appreciate your hospitality and kindness as I went through the interview process. I pray that your summer goes well and you continue to grow as a congregation both in spirit and number, as you reach out to the community. Thanks again for all you do.

In His service, *Carter Hoover*

Dear Friends,

There could never be enough words to express our thankfulness for your love and kindness over the last several months. You have been so wonderful in helping bear the daily burdens of life as we cared for our mother. We appreciate all the cards, food, prayers and encouragement. Please continue to remember us as we deal with the loss of our mother and grandmother. We Love You All!

*Paige, Phil, Phillip and Audrey Anna Young*

**PM FELLOWSHIP**

There will be a fellowship supper following evening services Sunday evening, March 20th. Please bring your favorite finger foods and desserts. Adult III class will be in charge of set-up and clean-up.

\* Check the bulletin board for Area Events

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	116
Sunday A.M .....	140
Sunday P.M .....	94
Wednesday .....	92
Contribution .....	\$3,020.60
Budget .....	\$3,455.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer.....	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer.....	Dillon Clayton
P.M. Prayer.....	J.L. Eaton
Closing .....	Ronnie Griggs
Wed.3/23.....	Randy Wall
Wed. 3/23.....	Phil Young
Usher & Lock.....	Roger Clayton
Greeters.....	H & D Crowe



**PANTRY ITEM:**  
**Canned meat**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings.....	534-6671
Troy Robertson.....	534-3491

## DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer.....	816-5887
Harold Russell.....	534-4648
Randy Wall.....	316-9255

## MINISTER

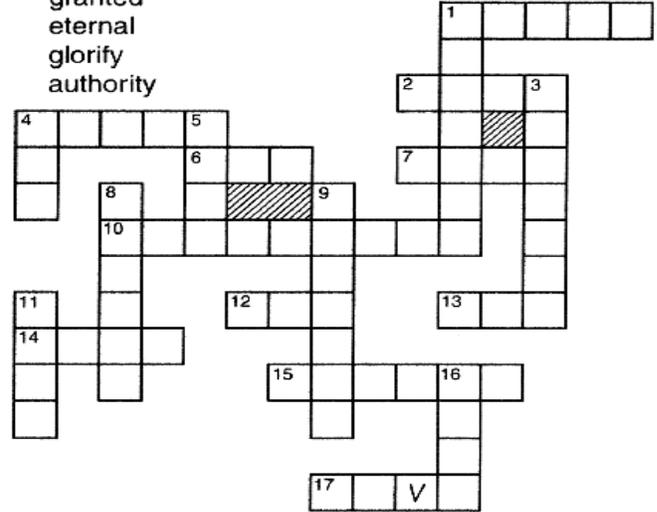
Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office.....	534-4649

## Jesus prayed to God.

To find His prayer, fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle. Then transfer them to the numbered lines.

all  
may  
Son  
Him  
life  
come  
time  
give  
over  
your  
that  
might  
given  
Father  
people

granted  
eternal  
glorify  
authority



“(8) \_\_\_\_\_, the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ has (2) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1D) \_\_\_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (12) \_\_\_\_\_,  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Son (4Down) \_\_\_\_\_ glorify You.  
For You (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (13) \_\_\_\_\_  
(15) \_\_\_\_\_ that He (4Across) \_\_\_\_\_  
(17) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to all  
those You have (1A) \_\_\_\_\_ Him.”

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