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HE IS SUFFICIENT BEYOND COMPARISON

Mike King



The masterful writer of Hebrews put things into perspective about the Lord in Hebrews 4:16, *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”*

What is the extent of His workings among us today? Do we visualize Jesus as a long forgotten and departed entity? The Bible depicts Him as a living, thriving influence walking among us today. Jesus is busy carrying all of our sorrows, tears, and hurts of our lives up to the wonderful God of heaven. God’s role in our lives was described by *W.A. Criswell* in saying, “We in our times may also come with our ailing bodies, fevered minds, sin-sick souls, and in faith touch the border of his garment and be made whole again.”

There have been constant manifestations of His wonders spanning the centuries just as He did as He walked the Palestinian roads many centuries ago. There have been countless millions laboring under crushed hearts and oppressed spirits who have responded to His invite to, *“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Mt. 11:28). Think of the many souls burdened by sin who have been relieved to hear Him say, *“Be thou clean”* (Mk 1:41). The multitude of bereaved must not be overlooked with the consolation of Jesus. He said, *“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live”* (Jn. 11:25). The Lord spoke comfort to those who were His dispirited disciples who were near to Him as they were trembling in the upper room just prior to His being mercilessly captured in the Garden of Gethsemane and just hours before His crucifixion. His words of consolation must have been invaluable, *“Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”* (Jn. 14:27).

When we have an awareness of the above mentioned attributes of our Lord, we can respond to the Hebrew writer’s invite to *“come boldly”* unto the throne of grace! Paul was distraught by his thorn in the flesh and besought God three times to remove it, but the response was, *“My grace is sufficient for thee”* (II Cor. 12:9). Regardless of our lot in life or the condition of our spiritual status, we need to understand that Jesus has always belonged to the sinner and remains there consistently in time of need!



PRAYER LIST

Laura Mae Harris, fell this past week and broke her hip. She is in room 233 of the local hospital and was scheduled for surgery Mon.

Juerhee Beard, mother of *Dalton Beard*, has been diagnosed with myocystic melanoma, which means the melanoma has attached to the bones. Her address is 17991 Hwy 4 East, Ripley, MS 38663

Bill Lyon, was released from the Tupelo hospital after having a procedure to stop bleeding ulcers. He is weak but slowly improving. Please remember him.

Ruston Adams, underwent surgery to repair his wrist (three pins put in) that was broken several weeks ago.

Joe Downs, grandfather of *Alyce Jennings* is in room 593 of the tupelo hospital with kidney problems.

Jean Drummond, was unable to have knee surgery because her heart is too weak. She may have to wear a brace.

Continual Prayer

Harold Vaughn, Johnny Garrett, Brooks Russell, Altha Rogers, Jack Dunlap, Tauso Branch, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Ruby Gaines, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Dick Young, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden

Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- June 20. Cindy Ashmore
- June 22. Luke Jennings
- June 23. Andrea Hill
- June 24. Erica Crotts
- June 24. Sharon Clemmer
- June 25. Sharon Peeler
- June 26. Shelby Carpenter
- June 27. J. L. Eaton
- June 29. Deborah Griffin
- June 29. Kaye Parks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 20. Dean & Viva Dillard
- June 30. Phil & Paige Young



BAPTISIM

We rejoice that *David Clayton* made the decision to put on Christ in baptism Sunday morning, June 10th. Please let our new brother in Christ know how proud we are of him. June the 10th was also *David's* 10th Birthday.

IT'S A BOY!



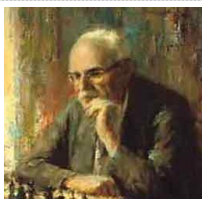
Congratulations to *Mike and Sheila King* on the birth of their new grandson, *Miles Emmett Koester*. *Miles* was born Sun. June 10th, weighing 7lbs. 9oz. and was 20in. long. Proud parents *Robby and Salena* (the *Kings'* youngest daughter) *Koester* of Madison, Ala.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to *Richard Jennings* and family in the death of his mother *Anna Jennings Davis*, who passed away Sun. June 10th, at the age of 93. Funeral services were held Wed. June 13, at the *Glenfield Funeral Home* in New Albany.



"I BELIEVE"
...that you should count your life
by smiles not tears.



“YA KNOW?”

I moved to Georgia, from Greenville, SC. On at least one occasion, the Greenville County, SC Department of Social Services sent the following letter to a deceased individual - - that’s right, dead.

Your food stamps will be stopped effective March, 1992, because we received notice that you passes away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.

How embarrassing! But before you come down too hard on this social services department, answer this question: how often do you say or do things without really considering the other person before you speak?

More times than we care to admit, self included, we make comments or pass judgments without knowing the background to situations. We would do wise to get to know the people involved before automatically jumping to a conclusion or make a flippant comment that hurts feelings or damages relationships.

I reckon we could solve a lot of problems by just getting to know one another better. Here are five such areas:

1. Shepherds need to know their sheep. If elders are to feed, protect, and care for the church (Acts 20:28; Tit. 1:9-11; I Pt. 5:2), doesn’t it make sense that they know her intimately?

2. Sheep need to know the shepherds. Elders hold the most difficult office in the world. It carries a heavier burden than the presidency of any republic, and a deeper responsibility than the crown of any monarchy. Theirs is the office, which watches over eternal souls. That office is often a lonely one. Elders need for us to know them. The Bible says, “*and we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you*” (I Thes. 5:12). How well do your elders know you, but in fairness, how well do you know them?

3. A husband needs to know his wife. You’ve heard it said before, “I married my best friend.” Such should certainly be the case. Yet, I wonder, how well do we really know our spouse? Do we jump to conclusions about her/him because we don’t really know them as well as we pretend? The Bible says, “*Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge...*” (I Pet. 3:7). That means to know your spouse.

4. Christians need to know one another. I don’t believe that we must know the most intimate thoughts of our brethren, but there needs to be a good balance of brethren knowing one another - - interests, likes, dislikes, strengths, weaknesses, etc. I wonder, how well do we really know one another, and how much do we want to get to know one another? If we are to work together in harmony (a running theme in Ephesians), then we must certainly know one another.

5. We all need to know God’s Word. How many silly mistakes and poor decisions would we avoid (like the letter above from social services) if we had a better knowledge of God’s Word? Peter tells us to “*...grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...*” (II Pet. 3:18).

By; Neil Richey, Daily Devotional Nuggett

FAMILY HAPPENINGS

- Several of our families will be traveling this weekend to attend the wedding of *Jessica Burkhart* and *Mitchell Keen* in Clarksville, TN.
- Congratulations to *Kim Clayton* for being chosen ‘Star Teacher’ at West Union Attendance Center for the 2011-2012 school year. We are proud of you *Kim*!
- Congratulations to Justin Dewberry for being chosen ‘Tree Farm Inspector of the Year’ for the Southeast Region. *Justin* and *Rebecca* enjoyed to a trip to Jacksonville, FL., where he was recognized.
- The West Union Baseball team will be working at Coffey’s Fish and Steak House Thursday night, June 21st. All tips will be given to the team. Please come and support *Caleb*, *Dillon* and *Hunter*.
- The Ladies Bible Class will meet Thurs. night, June 21st at the home of *Kim Clayton* at 6:30.
- There will be no youth activities next week. *Andy Brown* will be out of town.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	107
Sunday A.M.....	144
Sunday P.M.....	97
Wednesday.....	104
Contribution.....	\$3,187.65
Budget.....	\$3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Mark Jennings
A.M. Prayer.....	Brad Pounders
Closing Prayer.....	Gary Turner
P.M. Prayer.....	Troy Robertson
Closing.....	Burrell Walton
Wed 6/27.....	Ray Kennedy
Wed. 6/27.....	Burrell Walton
Usher & Lock.....	Bill Botts
Greeter.....	B. & A. Pounders



PANTRY ITEM

Crackers

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
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

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

From: Andy's Desk

The great Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius once said, "Look within, for within is the wellspring of virtue, which will not cease flowing, if you cease not from digging."

Similarly, James tells us in the bible that, "*if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.*" (James 1:23-24).

We all look in the mirror many times a day (some more than others), but how often do we pause to take a look into our spiritual mirror? I would say that most of us (including myself) do not spend nearly as much time reflecting on our lives as we should. It is crucial that we as Christians take time each day to examine our thoughts, motives, and priorities. Maybe we do not look into our spiritual mirror because we are afraid of what we might see - because we know we have fallen short of what God would have us to be, and our actions do not match the scriptures we hear and read. We need to be doers of the word and not merely hearers, but the only way we can do this is to truly examine ourselves, even if it is painful to see our reflection in the mirror. My hope is that we can turn our lives around and act upon God's word, being good and faithful servants, and that we might spend time each day looking at ourselves, constantly seeking new ways and opportunities in which we can enhance our Christian walk.



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