

BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1.) In Luke, the woman cleans Jesus feet with what two things?
- 2.) God Told Moses not to come any closer to the burning bush until he did what?
- 3.) What instrument did David play?
- 4.) Who buried Moses?
- 5.) When Samuel picked David as king, God reminded us that while people look at the outward appearance, what does God look at?



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M.: Dale Foster  
“Lift Up Your Eyes”  
John 4:35

P.M. Cancelled

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

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Welcome Visitors

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

**SINGING:** Non-instrumental singing plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

**LORD’S SUPPER:** Each Sunday we observe the Lord’s Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

**CONTRIBUTION:** During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God’s Word. (I Cor. 16:2)

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Schedule of Services

Only online services are available, all Sunday night and Wednesday night service at the building are cancelled due to COVID-19.

**Sunday:**

Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening	6:00 p.m.

**Ladies Bible Class:** (Sept-May)

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday Bible Class** 7:00 p.m.



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**THREATS TO HUMAN EXISTENCE**

**Following our earthly parent’s expulsion from paradise, man has lived in a fallen world, and therefore is exposed and will be exposed to constant threats of harm and destruction.**

Threats to our safety are not new. From the days of paradise, men have feared the ravages of nature, fires, storms, earthquakes, volcanoes, floods, and famine. There was the bubonic plague that wiped out a significant part of Europe. Barbaric wars have decimated entire regions of populations. Early in this century, an influenza epidemic brought death to nearly every household in our nation. World War II, (the atomic bomb), wracked mass loss of life in Japan. Ethnic warfare is presently destroying and maiming untold thousands, and the threat of Aids is world wide and we are told it has not yet reached the toll it will eventually take on human lives.

In addition to these afore mentioned threats, scientists are now telling us about a shift in the polar ice cap, which could significantly affect agricultural production, that would bring on mass starvation. Then we have the environmentalists telling us that holes in the ozone layer may cause the sun to fry our flesh.

The Bible tells us that God knows, and He is in control. Also, He tells us in His word, He knows those that are His and His promises are our safety net, whatever comes, and I am certainly not going to worry over that which I have no control-for after all, it is a fact that everything on this earth will come to a violent end, but it will be done at the hand of the Lord and only when the Lord decides that the time has come. Recalling the statement of Peter in 2Peter 3:10, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in which the heavens shall pass away with great noise, the elements shall dissolve with the fervent heat, the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up”. Therefore, the wisest course of action that we can take is to prepare to meet our God, making our calling and election sure-and then inherit a home not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.  
Truman E. Spring



## Pray for our family

“Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

**Tammy Miles** is recovering from back surgery.

**Bobby Freeman** is still recovering from COVID 19 and receiving physical therapy.

**Myrtle Jones** received a good doctor’s report this week and she continues to have physical therapy.

**Betty Love** should start radiation later in may if all goes as planned.

**Sherlyn Cartwright** Has started radiation for an aggressive tumor. Scheduled for surgery when it stops growing.

**Lanellsia and Miciah** have been under the weather this past week.

### Bible Trivia Answers

- 1.) Her tears and hair. (Luke 7:44)
- 2.) Take off his sandals; (Exodus 3:5)
- 3.) Harp (1 Samuel 16:23)
- 4.) The Lord (Deuteronomy 34:6)
- 5.) The Heart (1 Samuel 16:7)

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING WORSHIP SERVICES

Following Governor Abbott’s order for re-opening Texas the worship service in person is at a limited capacity. Beginning this Sunday, May 3, we will have worship services at the building and Facebook live/online service.

If you are over the age of 65, or in a high-risk group, we encourage you to participate in our online services.

We ask that you follow the guidelines below while worshipping at the building:

- All attendees over the age of 10 will need to wear a face mask.
- The only exceptions for wearing the face mask will be when partaking of the Lord’s Supper and men that are publicly speaking while leading in our worship service.
- Enter and exit the building through the front door. This will help to minimize the touching of common items.
- For communion, we will have disposable cups. They will be available as you enter the building.
- Sit in alternate rows. Half of the auditorium rows will be closed.
- Individuals may sit with members of their household but must maintain 6 feet between members of different households.
- **There will no bible classes, evening worship, Tuesday ladies bible class or Wednesday night services at this time.**
- Please maintain social distancing while fellowshiping with other members.

We look forward to seeing each of you this Sunday. Please continue to pray that we all may come together soon with all of the saints here at 249 Church of Christ.

## Finding Joy

(James 1:2-4)

It is one thing to think about enduring persecution for a limited time with the hope of receiving a reward or the thought of accomplishing a goal. Jesus did the latter when he died willingly on the cross (Hebrews 12:2). It is quite another, however, to find joy in persecution as we are enduring it. This was what Paul had in mind when he wrote from Roman custody: “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4). It was also the point James made when he penned, “My brethren. Count it all joy when you fall into various trials” (1:2).

The word “count” (NKJV, ESV) in James 1:2 can be translated “consider” (NASB). According to Jim Samra, the term “has the notion of making a deliberate, conscious, and rational choice. It is not intuitive that trials should cause joy, so James asks his readers to make a deliberate effort to set aside their natural inclinations of fear, discouragement, and anger and choose to be joyful in the midst of trials” (James, 6). That we face various trials is obvious from both James’ writing and our own experiences. Some trials come in the form of open persecution (which seems to be what James had in view in vv. 2-4); others are disguised as internal temptations or struggles. Both must be handled properly. To do so, we must keep in mind how trials, when endured properly, can lead to a greater good and specifically, to the development of patience (v.3).

The patience of “steadfastness” that results from enduring persecution is more than the ability to wait calmly. Guy N. Woods explained: “It means not only to willingness to bear up under the manifold burdens of life, but also indicates the ability to use these burdens as instruments for good and greater glory...It denotes the ability to exhibit steadfastness and constancy in the face of the most formidable difficulty. It is this characteristic which, when found in the follower of the Lord, enables him not only to endure the trails of life bravely, but to face up to them and overcome them”, (A commentary on the Epistle of James 37).

When patience is understood in this light, it is little wonder James went on to say, “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (1:4).

A reminder from our study in Sunday morning Class.  
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