

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What two cities are mentioned in verse 1?
2. As a result of Israel and Judea's sins, their cities had been burned and laid to waste. Although their sins were scarlet, what did God offer to change their sins to be like?
3. Isaiah was a prophet during the reign of five kings. Who were four kings of Judah that Isaiah faithfully served under?
4. What happened to the water in Nimrim?
5. Who does the king warn the people not to be persuaded by?

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY



A.M. Jamie Cobb
"Off Track"
(Galatians 5:7-9)

P.M. Jamie Cobb
"Perfect Salvation"
(Hebrews 2:9-10)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

Bro Cobb

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)

Schedule of Services

Sunday:
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



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Trusting in God's Time!

Amid hardships, we tend to feel our prayers and cries to God aren't being heard because we may not see an immediate change in our situations. This is a misconception of how our relationship with God should be. We are to put all our trust into God's hands, after all, "God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything." 1 John 3:20. And just because we do not see an immediate change does not mean God never heard you, because He has! The following 7 Bible verses are just a few words from God that reassure us that God's timing is always perfect, even when we cannot see it!

1. He Is Patient- 2 Peter 3:8-9

"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

What we may comprehend as seeing a slow response is due to God not listening to us, we are not taking time to be patient. God is patient with us and we in return should be patient with him. It is very easy to compare ourselves to others and wonder why something has come through for them but it has yet to happen for us. We need to understand that there is a purpose and reason for something not happening or not changing. It is us that needs to be doing the changing, starting with being patient.

2. God Directs- Proverbs 16:9

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

We are all guilty of pre-planning out our future, sometimes it is good but many times it is not. When we create a long-term plan in our hearts, we then quickly find ourselves disappointed and even lost. But if we confide in the Lord and let Him bring us to where we need to be, there is not any room for these hurt feelings and the steps we took to get to these great moments in our lives are enjoyed throughout our journey.

3. His Timing- Ecclesiastes 3:1

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"

God never promised us that our life on earth would be easy, but He did say that there is a time and season for everything. If you continue reading through verse 8 you will see how many things that we consider good end up countering with something we consider bad, but God has told us there is a purpose for it all.

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Pray for our Family

Terry Peavler is continuing chemo treatment. Results from heart monitor came back great. Will have a recheck in 6 months.

Cliff Redmond is home from the hospital recovering. Needs prayers for strength and improved health.

Lydia Walden is still in severe back pain and dealing with doctors.

Emileigh Marsh is home from the hospital but still needs to work on getting her body stronger.

Brother Phillips has asked for prayers for the **Thompson family** as they need peace in their lives.

Sandra Collins has asked for prayers on behalf of **Blanche Joseph and Family**, as well as **Evelyn Taylor** recovering from knee replacement surgery. Also, for **Odell Ross and family**.

Brian Hudson had a workplace accident that resulted in a mild concussion and stitches. Please pray for his recovery.

Ernest Johnson is home recovering from his second hip surgery. Please keep him and Tiffany in prayer.

Martha Polk (friend of the Cobbs) awaiting results from recent scan. Please pray for no cancer!

Sherry Phillips, please keep her in prayer for her health and spiritual growth.

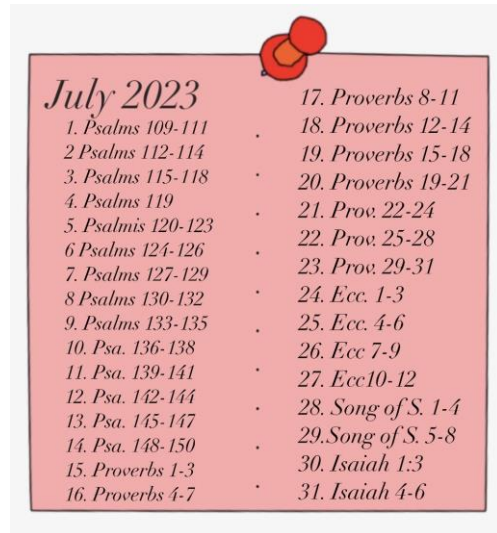
Rex McCracken (Shannon's uncle) Cancer may have returned.

Please keep all the missionaries, preachers and teachers across the globe that are working hard spreading the gospel.

Please remember: Johnny Atkinson, Cedric Rucker, Larry Moore, Donald Jones, Charles Smith, Andrescia Frank, Curtis Williams, Gov. Clements, Donald Jones, Chloe Phillips, Erin LeDoux (COBB), Krystal Spearman, Cliff Redmond, Sandra Collins, Ira Goode, Sandra Frasier, Tywana Williams, Karen Gentry, Yvonne Warner, Pattie Yazell, Andrea Rucker, Jackie Crawford, Michael Howsley, Lydia Walden, Emileigh Marsh, Linda Allee, Susan Wyche, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr and ALL the first responders and police.



Sunday morning class study (Romans Chapter 2)



Bible Trivia Answers

1. **Isaiah 1:10**
2. **Isaiah 1:18**
3. **Isaiah 1:1**
4. **Isaiah 15:6**
5. **Isaiah 36:18**

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4. *Live for Today-Proverbs 27:1*

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.”

Recognizing that each day we rise from our beds we have only God to thank for it. We do not know what tomorrow will bring so we should celebrate each day and live by honoring God in the gift of life we often take for granted. Our lives can change in a blink of an eye which gives us an even more powerful purpose to live for today and not brag about anything that may come tomorrow because we may not see tomorrow. God has given us today and we should rejoice in these moments, not future ones.

5. Hope and A Future- Jeremiah 29:11-12

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

God has created a plan for each one of us but the way we go about trusting His plan can dictate our overall happiness. When we pray, we open the communication line between God and ourselves. It allows us to go to Him before seeking help anywhere else and it shows our submission to Him and His plan for us. The plans He has for us always exceeds our wildest expectations because it aligns with what we are meant to be doing, not what we expect we should be doing.

6. Wait Quietly- Lamentations 3: 25-26

“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”

The last thing we think of doing in bad situations is waiting. We tend to act hastily without thinking or fleeing the issue to avoid certain emotions or the reality of our choices. We also do not often do this quietly either. When we put our hope in the Lord, we find that we can stand quietly and still, giving it over to God since He is in control in the first place. God is always good and has given us the gift of salvation through his son, Jesus Christ. So, we should stand still in the middle of the storm and know God is there and is in control.

7. Submit to Him- Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

God had created each of us for a purpose and many of us do not know what that purpose is, but if we allow God's word to speak to us, follow His commands, and allow less of ourselves, we will find that path will lead us down a purposeful path. So do not rely on yourself, rely on God!

The only way we can trust in God's timing is through spending more time with Him, allowing His word to shape our hearts and to bend our knees before Him. As our relationship with Him progresses the ability to be patient, still, and obedient only become necessities for this relationship.

If you find yourself today not liking the situation you are in or where certain events in your life have taken you, I encourage you to dive into scripture and let God do the talking. You may see that the valley you are facing today bring you tomorrow to the top of a mountain!

Nick Lincoln