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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"A Warning from the Past"
Hebrews 3:7-19

PM: Brian Mitchell
"The Role of Preachers"
1 Corinthians 3:5-9

A Warning from the Past

As one studies the book of Hebrews one of the things he will be impressed with is the superiority of Jesus. Specifically, we see the superiority of Jesus over one of the most influential individuals in the OT, that being Moses. Moses was the: author of the first five books of the Bible—The Torah. He was the deliverer of God's people from Egyptian bondage and the giver of God's law to the people. Yet, in spite of all these great accomplishments, the Hebrew writer's intention was to demonstrate that Jesus was greater and thus worthy of more loyalty and obedience.

Why is Jesus greater or better than Moses? He is greater, not just because he was more faithful in His service to God, but because of who He was and what He did. Jesus is greater, because He is the builder of a greater house (the Church) and as such He is head over the house. Moses, however, was a servant in the house and the things he did were in preparation for the coming of Jesus. Jesus is greater because He is the giver of a greater rest. Moses was to lead the people of God to the Promised Land where they would receive rest, but it was an earthly rest. It was Jesus that made possible through His death on the cross, a heavenly and eternal rest.

That brings us to the second warning in the Book of Hebrews—a warning against departing from the living God through unbelief. In Heb.3:6, we find that we are the house of Christ, which is the Church of which Christ is the Head. Those in Christ are now members of the Household of God and together with the faithful saints of old (including Moses) we are now fellow-citizens in the spiritual house or commonwealth of Israel. However, our status as members of the house is conditional, to remain in the house we must "hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of hope to the end."

Thus, the need for the constant warnings or admonitions found throughout the book. The first showed the danger or drifting and now we shall consider the danger departing. To warn against the danger of departing from God and the consequences that would come with such a departure the Hebrew writer appeals to an example from the past in Heb.3:7-19. These stories of the past recorded in the OT are not just there for our reading entertainment, they are there because they teach us lessons that we need to learn.

In this case they teach us the very real danger of falling away from God through unbelief, so that we might avoid a similar fate that was realized by the Israelites in the wilderness. In "our efforts" to remain steadfast we must then encourage one another to remain strong in our faith and obedience. Trusting in God until the end of our lives and then receiving the reward of faithfulness.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 100
Sunday AM: 150
Sunday PM: 68
Wednesday PM: 66
Contribution: \$5953
Budget: \$4831

Think on This...

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Sharon Simmons: 02.28
Iverne Glass: 02.29
Chris Weaver: 03.01
Leslie Fehr: 03.02

Serving This Week

Announcements: Leonard Fulbright (AM)
Larry Dowdy (PM/Wed)

SUNDAY

Greeters: Jeff & Ashlee Garland

Ushers: Leonard Fulbright/Troy Bryan

A/V: Scott Spraggs

Nursery: Christi Crowden

Lead Singing: Dale Gilliland

Head Lord's Table: Steve Simmons

Scripture: Phil Swiney

Prayers:

AM: Bill Welshans/Cody Naramore

PM: Eric Craft/Nate Crowden

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Nick Brown

Devo: Scott Watson

Prayer: Gary Ridenour

Elder Chair: Gary Ridenour

Communion to Shut-Ins: Nick Brown

Worship Organizer: Scott Spraggs

Remember in Prayer

- **Chris Weaver** is in serious condition at St Francis. She has been diagnosed with severe sepsis and congestive heart failure and has a variety of other underlying health issues that will complicate the healing process. Please pray for her to respond well to the treatments being given. She is not able to have visitors at this time.
- **Lane Crowden** had surgery on Wednesday to repair a broken collar bone. The surgery went well and he is recovering. He expects to begin physical therapy next week.
- Marcia Ridenour's dad, **Bill Dillman**, is struggling with some ongoing health issues and will have an MRI this week.
- Wally and Sharon Eck have requested prayers for a friend, **Shannon Birk**, who is having long-term Covid issues and they have not found a solution.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Donny Holley and his family in the death of his father, **Charles Holley**, who passed away on Monday in Metropolis, Illinois. There is no service planned at this time.

Daily Bible Reading

February 26: Numbers 7

February 27: Numbers 8-10

February 28: Numbers 11-13

March 1: Numbers 14-15, Psalm 90

March 2: Numbers 16-17

March 3: Numbers 18-20

March 4: Numbers 21-22

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Ron Anderson

Ginger Avery

Esther Beck

Mark Blaylock

Lee Brooks

Dalton Bryan

Reita Conley

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Newt & Kay Gilliland

Jalonda Harris

Allen & Juanita Hedge

Betty Jones

Sid Naramore

Carolyn Neese

Wanda Raper

Susan Seabaugh

Steve Simmons

Lee Simpson

Don Tawney

Chris Weaver

News & Notes

- **Paragould Children's Homes** item of the week: **Large Freezer Bags**
- Shawn Myers and the security team would like to thank all those who came last Sunday to play a role in the training. It was very helpful and much appreciated.
- New serving lists are posted and have been emailed. Please check for when you are scheduled and make arrangements if there is a conflict.
- A potluck lunch is scheduled for **Sunday, March 12** after morning services. Please mark your calendars and make plans to stay for a good time of fellowship with our family.

Scholarship Opportunities

- **Sarah's Gift Scholarship** is open to any graduating senior attending college or technical school. Applications are available in the office and must be postmarked by **April 15**.
- **Curtis James Memorial Scholarship** is available to any student enrolled at a college or university affiliated with the churches of Christ. Applications are available in the office and should be returned by **May 1** to the office.

Upcoming Area Events

- **March 3-5: Green Forest Seminar** with Joe Wells with the theme, "Come Together"
- **March 5-8: Bernie Gospel Meeting** with Bryan McAlister. The theme is "The Most Needed Week of Your Life"
- **March 19-22:** Brian Mitchell will be holding a gospel meeting at the **Wetaug, Illinois** congregation

****Info is posted for each of these meetings****

Youth Corner

- Please keep the youth and families who are traveling to CYC this weekend in your prayers...for safety and for growth!
- **March 10-11: Inspiration 2023** in Dexter. **Lonnie Jones** will be speaking and the theme is "Spiritual Campers in a Physical Campground". Information is posted and each individual attending needs to use the QR code to register by **February 27**. Please also sign up on the bulletin board so we can make our plans.