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By Dan Jenkins

Camels, Needle's Eye, Rich Men and Heaven

Who has not heard that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into heaven? These words illustrate how often we read the Bible and fail to notice what the text says but simply state our preconceived conclusions about what a verse says. Read the opening sentence again. This is *not* what Jesus taught.

As a child, I heard about the "needle's eye" in the walls of Jerusalem as a passage for camels to enter the city. This idea says that these heavily laden beasts of burdens had a special gate through which they were to pass, but in order to enter, their merchandise had to be removed from their backs. The conclusion was that for a rich man to enter heaven he must divest himself of his riches before he entered heaven. Great story, but this is not what Jesus said.

That this is not what Jesus said is readily seen when one looks at all three gospel accounts. It is remarkable that Luke uses a different Greek word for needle, and the one he used was the surgical needle. Jesus was not talking about the "needle's eye" in a city's wall but was talking about an actual needle! I do not know the origin of the "small gate story in a wall," but it has so often been repeated many believed it. The story did not originate with Jesus!

Imagine the folly of taking hundreds of pounds of merchandise from the back of a camel, taking the camel into the city, dragging the burden through the small gate and then reloading it onto the camel. Now imagine the chaos when a caravan of camels arrived at the city—it just does not make sense. A child could immediately see this problem and that it was not what Jesus said. Read the passage carefully. He was talking about an event which was impossible with humans (Matt. 19:24-26; Mark 10:25-27; Luke 18:25-27).

The eye of the needle story shows we must read the Bible carefully

Read all the accounts to see that Jesus was not talking about all rich men but of those who *trusted* in their riches (Mark 10:24). There is a difference between being rich and trusting in them. Paul's words about the love of money being the root of all evil indicates that even a man who had little money could still love riches (1 Tim. 6:8-10).

Finally, read Jesus' words carefully. He is not discussing entering into heaven but entering into the church. He does not say enter into heaven but enter into the kingdom/the church. Think of how many righteous men in the Bible were rich—Abraham, Job, Joseph, David, Solomon, Daniel, Joseph of Arimathea, Zacchaeus and others. When a rich man truly repents before becoming a Christian, his riches become a blessing for him to use.

Let's read the Bible more carefully.



By David Sproule

Biblical Faith in God Involves Obedience to God (Part 4 of 4)

Faith in God is one of the greatest blessings on this earth! Faith in Jesus Christ will change your life forever! God longs for us to believe in Him! "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6). Faith is essential in order to be "saved" (Acts 16:31), to be "justified" (Rom. 5:1), to have "everlasting life" (John 3:16), to "become children of God" (John 1:12) and to avoid "the lake [of] fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8). We must never, ever discount the importance of and essentiality of faith!

At the same time, we must be equally passionate to speak "the whole counsel of God" (cf. Acts 20:27) on the matter of salvation! We must be willing to accept whatever the Scripture teaches, including that faith alone will not save. As we conclude this series of articles, consider for a moment some clear Biblical examples of those who believed in Jesus but were clearly not saved.

In John 8, Jesus was teaching in the treasury of the temple (8:20). "As He spoke" plainly about who He was and about His relationship with His Father, "many believed in Him" (8:30). Underscore that—"many believed." "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed in Him..." What will He say to

these believers? In verse 42, "Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father...'" IF? Does that mean that God was NOT the Father of these believers? Read verse 44. "You are of your father the devil." Here were believers in Jesus who were clearly not saved. True, Biblical faith involves obedience.

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In John 12, Jesus was teaching in Jerusalem just days before His crucifixion. Verses 37-40 show how many of the Jews, although witnesses of His miraculous signs, "did not believe in Him." But then read the contrast in verse 42. "Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him." Wonderful! So these believers must have been saved! Right? Keep reading. "...But because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (12:42-43). Here were believers in Jesus who were clearly not saved. True, Biblical faith involves obedience.

In James 2, we read about another group who "believe" and even "tremble" in the depth of their faith. Are they saved? No! Not at all! These are "demons" (2:19).

It is clear that faith alone will not save, for all of these examples in John 8, John 12 and James 2 would have been saved. But true, Biblical faith does save because it is only satisfied when it has obeyed the fullness of the will of God. Thank God for the clarity of truth and the ability to follow it!



By Josh Blackmer

But God

There is a formula in some passages of the Bible. Something terrible, grave, sad, or otherwise unfavorable state is mentioned. Then, the words “but God” come into focus as we continue reading. These words usher in a solution, reprieve, or change to what was once unbearable. We can read this example from the Psalms, “My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” (73:26). The psalmist highlights the frailty of the human condition in contrast to the resolve that we can have because of who God is.

In Romans, Paul wrote, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (5:8). The circumstances were dire. We, the “helpless” and “ungodly,” were in need of someone to die on our behalf (Rom. 5:6). “One would hardly die for a righteous man,” so we were doomed in our sins (Rom. 5:7). Then, God steps in. He did not demand that we were lovable before He loved us and sacrificed for us. That is how awesome the love of God is. We need to remember “among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us” (Eph. 2:3-4).

His greatness did not end there. If the Christ, the perfect sacrifice, was to only die, we would still be subject to death and not victors through Him (1 Cor. 15:55-57). That is why when Peter preached the gospel on the day of Pentecost he said, “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power” (Acts 2:24). They needed to know that this “Man” that “godless men” nailed to the tree out of envy was God’s “predetermined” plan, not theirs (Acts 2:23). We need to know with assurance that Christ has dominion over death to be able to grant us that same victory. “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:57).

He has done marvelous things!

As we walk in Christ and live with the confidence of that victory, we should think on these things. “Just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts” (1 Thess. 2:4). While this is a slight deviation from the formula, it brings our lives into focus. All that God has done has made it possible for us to be stewards of that message, the gospel. What we speak and what we share isn’t to please men but God. We shouldn’t be afraid of what people will think or say if we share His message. We should be more worried what God thinks if we don’t. “So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth” (1 Cor. 3:7).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

Soils are changing, but the seed is not!

We are living in interesting times. Cultural trends seem to be shifting further and further away from clear Biblical truth. We are told that we are living in “post-truth” times. As a result, “soils” around us are changing. Many hearts that were once “good soil” now seem to be “thorny”; many “thorny” soils now seem “stony”; and many “stony” soils now seem to be “wayside” hearts (cf. Luke 8:11-15). It doesn’t seem like there is as much “good soil” around as there used to be.

So, what does that mean for us? Does that mean we should give up on sowing the seed of the gospel (Luke 8:11)? Absolutely not! Does that mean that we should try to make some adjustments to the seed to make it more palatable to the various soils we find today? No way!

We must be even more committed to the pure, unadulterated gospel of Christ (Gal. 1:6-9). We must be even more committed to Jesus as the only way to salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). We must be even more committed to lovingly sharing the good news with all soils of our day! – DS



Lumping people

Folks, our world (and that includes some of us) has a “lumping” problem! And, for the sake of Christ, it needs to stop! We must stop lumping people into indiscriminate categories and then making baseless judgments about a person or persons in “that category.” This happens when people/we say, “Black people are _____. White people are _____. Men are _____. Women are _____. Kids are _____. Cops are _____. Lawyers are _____. Democrats are _____. Republicans are _____.”

Lumping people violates God’s clear instructions to abandon hate (Gal. 5:19-21; 1 John 3:15), to resist partiality (Jas. 2:1-9; 3:17-18), and to show agape love for all people (Matt. 5:44; 22:39; 1 John 3:18). Lumping people violates the nature of God, for He didn’t do that with the Samaritan woman (John 4), the murderer Saul (1 Tim. 1:12-16), or with us (Rom. 5:8; John 3:16; Heb. 2:9). Lumping people violates “The Golden Rule” (Luke 6:31).

Every person is made in the image of God! Let us treat each and every one that way! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	at home and undergoing rehab
Dan Fuller	at home and undergoing rehab on his hip
Terri Hahn	in ICU at Gardens Medical Center, not doing very well
Richard Haines	MorseLife Rehab, recovering from hip surgery
Cornelius Henderson	recovering from surgery on his nose
Chuck Norton	St. Mary's (room 3308), recovering from hip surgery
Connye Plouffe	hospitalized again this week, now at home
Carolyn Preston	dealing with a very serious ear infection
Willie Smith	hospitalized last weekend, now at home
Linda Studer	monthly chemo treatments
Sadie Tennant	La Posada Rehab Center (room 2074)
Henry Williams	hospitalized with an infection and dehydration

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston	dialysis treatments
Charles Norton	dialysis treatments
Patricia Ventress	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joe Holland
Hattie Daniels	Daniel Johnson
Sandra Daniels	Don & Betty Matter
Josie Dawson	Deidra Miley
Annie Faison	Harriet Morris
Margie Hardin	Leigh Puckett
Janet Hickerson	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Bernardo Burdeos	Lovella Rogers' father, improving and now out of hospital
Barbara Coe	Linda Coe's mother, not doing well since strokes in Dec.
Oscar Trevino	Flo Aristy's father, not doing well
Carol Wineinger	Cherylann Wineinger's mother, having more health issues

**Remember
Our Mission Works**

Pacific Islands
Robert & Mary Martin
Wayne & Kristi Parker
Joey & Tammy Treat

Africa
Tamuka Arunashe
Nnanna Aforji

Montgomery, Alabama
Apologetics Press

Coral Springs, Florida
Mauricio Yegros

Bahamas
Tavaro & Shameika Hanna



Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 23

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes** begin at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **House-to-House/Heart-to-Heart Labeling** after evening worship in the Family Room. Everyone is encouraged to stay and help out.

Monday, June 24

- ◆ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

Tuesday, June 25

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Room.

Wednesday, June 26

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Mike Baker (Concord Street) will be speaking on *“Aliens in a Facebook World.”*

Thursday, June 27

- ◆ **Family Group 3 Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Micky Affron.

Sunday, June 30

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.
- ◆ **Single Ladies’ Luncheon** after morning worship at Duffy’s on Northlake Blvd. See Joan Holloway to RSVP or for more details.
- ◆ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods, desserts and drinks to share.

Wednesday, July 3

- ◆ **“Kick Start Your Summer” Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Ben Griffin (Suncoast) will be speaking on *“Aliens in a %#!\$@ World.”*

Sunday, July 7

- ◆ **PBL Family Photos Updated.** If your photo needs to be updated or if you have been personally contacted, please have your photo taken after morning worship or before evening worship by Mike Erickson in the Family Room.
- ◆ **Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit** at 2:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, June 23

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes** begin at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.

Tuesday, July 2

- ◆ **Young Adult Ladies’ Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jessica Ramirez. Please bring sides, desserts and drinks. See Cindy Nelson or Jessica Ramirez for more details.

Friday, July 5

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies’ Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.

Saturday, July 13

- ◆ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Robert Lupo and Heath Johnson. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Tuesday, July 16

- ◆ **Young Adult Uptown Art Event.** See Ivan Villard for



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, June 23

- ◆ **New 10-Week Classes** begin at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and adults.
- ◆ **Jr. High Family Devo** after evening worship. Please bring a drink, dessert or chips.
- ◆ **Sr. High Devo** after evening worship at the home of David & Traci Sproule. Please bring drinks, chips or desserts.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 26-29

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp for Young Men & Women.** Keep the campers in your prayers.

Sunday, June 30

- ◆ **Leadership Training Camp Lessons Presented** by the young men and women. There will be a separate class for the ladies.

Friday, July 5

- ◆ **Sr. High & Young Adult Ladies’ Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Rachel, Julie or Brittany for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 a Andres & Angelica Fernandez	2 ☆ Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night a Richard & Debi Watson b Misty Hayes	3 ☆ "Kick Start Your Summer" Series with Ben Griffin b Cornelius Henderson	4 b Andrea Henderson b Charles Norton	5 ☆ Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout b Rachel Byerly b Debora Lynch b Jim Rogers b Amy West	6 a Derrick & Stahia Banks a David & Carol Hardman b Jeff Goodale
7 ☆ PBL Family Photos Updated ☆ Renova/North Lake Nursing Home Visit a Jon & Jenny Jordan a Ted & Laura Schuemann	8 a Jimmie & Adrienne Banks a Paul & Lisa Metzkes	9	10 b John Loftis b Mary Reeves b Sarah Smedley	11 b Cheryl Floyd b Karen Friesner	12	13 ☆ PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting ☆ Young Adult Devo b Novel Brown b Sam Simpkins
14 ☆ EDP Meeting ☆ Youth & Family Singing b Kasandra Jones b Christopher Thompson	15 a Robert & Norma Mariano	16 ☆ Young Adult Uptown Art Event b Bonnie Arthur b Hattie Daniels b Jim Davis b Astrid Menendez	17	18 a Chuck & Marisa Reeves b Carolina Beliech b Marian Holland	19 a David & Traci Sproule b Jeff Leslie	20 b Gorman Ericksen
21 a Kirk & Mendy Crews b Sandy Mann	22	23 b Sarah Collier b Tina Wagner	24 b Dan Jenkins	25	26 b Marsha Beasley b Eva Fulton	27 b Willie Cox
Jenkins Week at CFBC (21st-27th)						
28 a David & Skye Brown b Joy Cantrell	29	30 b Victor Colage	31 a John & Lottie Patrick b Janet Hickerson b Robert Mariano			
Upward Bound at CFBC (July 28th-31st)						

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
June 16

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Lucille Black; Ms. Nancy Bodin & Ryan; Miss LaDon Cruz; Mr. Johnny Mark Davis; Mr. Collin Kato; Ernest & Dishuan Gamble; Mr. & Mrs. Spencer & Peggy Lyda; and Ms. Shirley A. Lynch & Riley Manuel.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Patricia Kato, Jr., Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Elzie Kato, Mantua, NJ; Mr. Scott Kelley & Colton, Tamarac, FL; Mr. Freddie King, Orlando, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Ivan & Lenis Villard, Daytona Beach, FL; and Ms. Enid Youngman, Stuart, FL.



Wedding
Announcement



Directory Changes

Glenn & Ashley Gerber have moved to Las Vegas.

Congratulations to **Bethany Bertram & Caleb Boggs** who were married on Thursday, June 20.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
This Week

Sunday (June 23rd)

Namdidie & Ekaette Ikon (Ann.)
Les Sawyer

Thursday (June 27th)

Joe & Marian Holland (Ann.)

Monday (June 24th)

Morris McDaniel

Friday (June 28th)

Cam Crotts
Cheryl Milton

Tuesday (June 25th)

Tom & Rose Martens (Ann.)

Saturday (June 29th)

Steven Livergood
Dorothy Savage

Thank You notes

I am so grateful for all of those who have helped me and my mom and dad with packing and moving our things out of our house. I love this church, and I am thankful to be a part of such a loving family.

Love,
Trudie Holland

Those to Serve

If you cannot serve, please call Mike Ellis at 775-3533.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at 9:50 a.m.

If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at 5:50 p.m.

Sunday Morning, June 23

Lead Singing Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading..... Dick Kelley
Presiding at Table Willie Smith
Serve at Table:
Henry Bass Rick Price
Ed Buonadonna David Thorpe
Cam Crotts Simon Tyson
Andres Fernandez Marty Williams
Alternates:
Richard Lerro Joe Maloney
Closing Prayer David Holaday

Sunday Evening, June 23

Lead Singing Stephen Beliech
Opening Prayer Jimmie Banks
Scripture Reading..... Kevin Weeks
Presiding at Table..... Ken Tipton
Harrison Crotts
Devin Eutsey
Jeff Goodale
Closing Prayer Bob Higbee
Wednesday Evening, June 26
Lead Singing Max Fonrose
Invitation..... Lawrence Richardson
Family Prayer Jerry Hopkins

Our Record

Attendance	June 16	May Avg.
Sun. Bible Study	185	231
Sun. A.M. Worship	319	321
Sun. P.M. Worship	159	136
Wed. Bible Study	234	168
Contribution	\$13,438	\$13,728
2019 Weekly Budget: \$15,190		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: -\$6,678		

Ushers for this week: Paul Metzkes (Head Usher); Namdidie Ikon & Jim Rogers

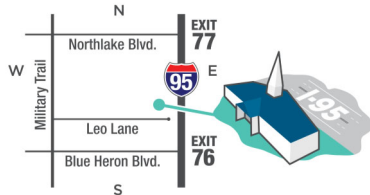
Safety Team for this week: David Lord & L.H. Richardson



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Speaking where the Bible speaks, Silent where the Bible is silent.



Service Schedule

Sunday:

Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible classes 7:00 p.m.

Front Cover: Richard & Debi Watson (with granddaughters, Jane & Joy)

New Bible Classes (JUNE 23 – AUG. 21)

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 A.M.

First, Second & Third John	David Sproule (Auditorium)
The Mission of the Local Church	Josh Blackmer & Ivan Villard (Adult 1)
Young Adults: The Bible & Science	Nate Nelson & Taylor Reeves (Adult 3)
Sr. High: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus	Robert Lupo
Jr. High: The Life of Christ	Chris Thompson

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 7:00 P.M.

Isaiah (Part 1)	Dan Jenkins (Auditorium)
Hope: The Anchor of the Soul	Lawrence Richardson (Adult 1)
Ladies: A Song in My Heart	Traci Sproule (Adult 2)
Sr. High: Respectful Attitudes	
Jr. High: Bible Characters	