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Safer & Stronger Together:

A Day for "Us" and God



Date:

First Saturday of Normalcy
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.



By Dan Jenkins

The Richest Poor People in the World

So, who is the richest man in the world? The names of some of them are readily recognized in America—Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Mark Zuckerberg, Michael Bloomberg, the Koch brothers, the Walton family and the Mars Family. We may not know all of them, but who has not heard of Amazon, Microsoft, Walmart, Mars candy bars or Tesla?

It is hard to imagine Jeff Bezos, the richest man in the world and the founder of Amazon, increasing his personal wealth of \$40,000,000,000 last year. Now compare that with the people you know. It is important for us to see heaven’s list of the “Wealthiest People in America.” When God looks down on this land, who does He see as having great wealth?

Think of the value God places on the heroes of faith throughout the Bible. Hebrews chapter eleven lists so many who served God and lived by faith. How much do you think God values them? Some of them were rich but most of them were often just like we are—common people who are seeking to serve God.

God honored the faith of those who “... through faith subdued kingdoms...stopped the mouth of lions...quenched the violence of fire...became valiant in battle” (Heb. 11:33-34).

However, He also honored the faith of those who served Him without any earthly wealth. “Still others had trials of mocking and scourgings, yes of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented...They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth” (Heb. 11:35-38). Contrast these words describing the “poverty” in which they lived with the “luxury” of the wealthiest in America.

For your sake He became poor that you through His poverty might be rich

How does God see this contrast? What are His values? Our Lord looks at those whom the world would see being worthless and says of them, “Of whom the world was not worthy” (Heb. 11:38). We must never forget that the “wealthiest” are the “poorest” and the “poorest” are truly the “wealthiest.”

When your faith brought about the salvation of your soul, you obtained a value worth more than all that exists. “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul” (Matt. 16:26). The poorest Christian is wealthier than the richest man on the Forbes list of the richest.

Your worth is not decided by the values used by the ungodly. I recall one poor Man who had no place to “lay His head.” What was He worth? Now apply that to yourself.



By David Sproule

Three Things God Does Not Forget

One of the most frustrating things about growing older is forgetting things! If I don’t write a thought down quickly, it’s gone! Do you suppose God has a hard time remembering things?

When we think about God and His skills of remembering or forgetting things, one of our first thoughts is likely the comforting text quoted in Hebrews 8:12, “I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” We want God to forget our sins, and He has ensured us that such is possible!

But what if God was like us and His “forgetterer” worked better than His “rememberer”? While we are happy (and desirous) for God to forget our sins, aren’t you glad that His mind isn’t like ours and He does not (yeah, even can not) forget some key things!

The Bible teaches that God does not forget His promises to His people. Moses foretold of a day when the Jews would be scattered among the nations because they had turned their back on God (Deut. 4:25-28), but there was hope. When they remembered God and turned back to Him, He would be merciful to them because He will not “forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them” (4:29-31). When God makes a promise, He keeps it (Heb. 6:18). Even

Does God’s “forgetterer” work better than His “rememberer”?

when man is not faithful to Him, “He remains faithful” (2 Tim. 2:13). Thanks be to God that He doesn’t forget!

The Bible teaches that God does not forget the needs of His people. There are times when our “enemies” and “the wicked” and “trouble” seem to surround and overwhelm (Psalm 9), but there is hope. When God’s people continue to “put their trust” in Him through it all, “He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble” (9:10-12). A nearly worthless sparrow is “not...forgotten before God” (Luke 12:6), and neither are you! For He “knows” (and doesn’t forget) “the things you have need of before you ask Him” (Matt. 6:8)!

The Bible teaches that God does not forget the works of His people. While we may sometimes want credit, or at least acknowledgement, from man for some good deed that we have done, that “reward” should not be our aim (Matt. 6:1-21). “For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister” (Heb. 6:10). He remembers now our works of service toward others, and they will “follow” us into eternity (Rev. 14:13). He doesn’t forget them!

Aren’t you glad that while we are forgetful, God is not! He looks at His children and says, “I have formed you...you will not be forgotten by Me” (Isa. 44:21)!



By Josh Blackmer

No Love for This World

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15). When we read this we begin thinking, “What does this love include?” There are certainly things in this world that I love. How could God create a beautiful planet and tell us not to love it? There are people in this world, even those who are not members of the Lord’s church, who I love dearly. There are innocent objects in this world that hold a sentimental value to me. What does it mean to not have love for this world or things in this world?

It is helpful to see how John uses this word “world” in his writings. It can refer to various things. This is highlighted in his gospel account. “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him” (John 1:10). Here it refers to both the created world and a group of people in the world. Even in this context it is clear that the whole world did not reject Him (John 1:12-13). So, the world here refers to the “cosmos” of people that rejected Him. Two different contexts in the same verse.

In the first letter of John, we see the word used twenty-three times in the small book. We see it being used as the source of evil. “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh

and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world” (1 John 2:16). False prophets are in the world (1 John 4:1). The evil one is in the world (1 John 2:14; 4:4; 5:19). Still, Christ died for the whole world (1 John 2:2; 4:9, 14). The world is portrayed as this corrupted creation, perverse to its original design, but God sent His Son to redeem those that would come out of the world. We are to be as Christ was in this world. We are in it physically but spiritually abiding in or in communion with God (1 John 4:16-17).

What does that mean for my love for things in the world?

What does that mean for my love for things in the world? Our chief attention and affection should be reserved for God and those things that are from above (Matt. 22:37; 6:33). It is possible to love His creation. We can have an affinity for the simple pleasures that are afforded to us. We are commanded to love our neighbors even if they don’t agree with us religiously, politically, socially, or even morally. However, our love for this love stops at whatever is corrupted or torn out of its original use. In general, that includes the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). Anything that is out of step with God’s purpose or intent is perverse and corrupted (Eph. 4:22). We need to evaluate things that we love under the microscope of its purpose and end. May we never live on the edge of what is acceptable but flee the immoral (1 Cor. 6:18).

Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

“I am not the man that I should be!”

Self-evaluation is critical for every human being. More than that, balanced self-evaluation is a skill vitally needed today. We are (and probably should be) our own worst critics. But, at the same time, we may give ourselves “a free pass” too often. How do we find the balance?

Unfortunately, especially for the many people that it affects, I am not the man that I should be. Likewise, I am all too aware of my failings and know that I am not the husband or the father that I should be. The Lord knows more than anyone that I am not the Christian that I should be. But, does this mean that I just stop being a Christian, or a father, or a husband...or a man?

No! Balanced self-evaluation means that I honestly, carefully and even severely examine myself and identify my shortcomings in all areas (2 Cor. 13:5). Then, I talk to God about them (Phil. 4:6), ask for His help (Matt. 7:7), and do my best to improve and grow to the level of God’s expectations and not man’s or even my own (Jas. 4:6-8). With God, I can be what He wants me to be! – DS



With vehement cries and tears

A verse that grips me every time I read it is a text that refers to “the days” of Jesus in “His flesh,” and focuses on those moments when “He suffered” so tremendously for us (Heb. 5:7-9). The scene portrayed in the following words may be that of the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:33-36), or while He was hanging on the cross (Mark 15:33-37), or it may be an expression that is intended to encapsulate the entirety of His final hours. Focus your mind on Jesus and slowly meditate on each of these words from Hebrews 5:7 (divided here into independent thoughts):

He offered up prayers and supplications. With vehement cries and tears. To Him who was able to save Him from death. And was heard. Because of His godly fear.

Jesus died for us. Jesus suffered physically for us. But this text takes us to another level. Jesus was torn up emotionally by what was happening to Him! And He endured all of that for us! This sure makes our responsibility to “obey Him” (5:9) something for which I should be eager and about which I should never complain! – DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Karen Bibbee	undergoing chemo & radiation for lung cancer
Chuck Clark	recovering at home from the infection in his finger
Betty Davis	recovering at home
Annie Faison	fell a couple weeks ago and is not doing well
Joe Holland	now back at Brookdale
Dan Johnson	in Heartland Health Care for rehab
John Loftis	dealing with severe back pain
Connye Plouffe	Martin Nursing & Restorative Care Center (room 204-A)
Betty Sanders	is doing better and is now at home
Dorothy Savage	recovering at home
Linda Studer	recovering from her latest chemo treatment

Long-Term Health Issues

Lillian Bankston dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Daniel Johnson
Karen Bibbee	Don & Betty Matter
Hattie Daniels	Deidra Miley
Josie Dawson	Harriet Morris
Annie Faison	Leigh Puckett
Dianne Frye	Les Sawyer
Margie Hardin	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Patricia Ventress
Joe Holland	



David Thorpe, upon the passing of Marie, on Thursday, May 7. Keep David and the family in your prayers.

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

JoAnn Campbell	Tasha Ellis' mother, unusual weakness and exhaustion
Lucious Davis	Tonya Ross' father, diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer
Ron Fernander	Turkessa Staley's father, Lakeside Health Center
Monica Pacheco	Joyce Parker's daughter, radiation for breast cancer
Doug Philips	Jacqui Jenkins' brother, stage 4 cancer in his spine
Monicia Sims	Jimmie Banks' sister, diagnosed with COVID-19

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

All Events Are Subject to Change.

Sunday, May 10

- ♦ **ALL SERVICES WILL BE ONLINE ONLY.** Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live."
 - 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- ♦ **Communion:** You can pick up the Lord's Supper from church on Friday, if you need it. Please come in the morning (9:00-11:00 a.m.) or afternoon (1:00-3:00 p.m.). Call ahead and it will be ready for you.

Wednesday, May 13

- ♦ **ONLINE Midweek Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. Go to www.pblcoc.org and click on "Watch Our Services Live." A link to the handout/chart is available in your Family News email or email the office (office@pblcoc.org)

Sunday, May 24

- ♦ **POSTPONED (TBA): Promotion Sunday** at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ **POSTPONED (TBA): High School Graduates' Luncheon** after morning worship in the Family Room.

Saturday, May 30

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Sunday, May 31

- ♦ **Fifth Sunday Night Finger Foods** after evening worship in the Family Room. Bring finger foods and drinks to share.

Saturday, June 6

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Wednesday, June 10

- ♦ **"Kick Start Your Summer" Series** at 7:00 p.m. Jr. High, Sr. High and adults will meet in the Auditorium. Terry Casey (West Broward) will be speaking on *"Comfort in the Loss of a Loved One."*

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Saturday, May 30

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.

Tuesday, June 2

- ♦ **Young Adult Ladies' Prayer Night** at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 5

- ♦ **Sr. High & YA Ladies' Hangout** at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks, drinks and your Bible. See Michelle Franck for more details.

Saturday, June 6

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. All members are encouraged to come and help prepare decorations. See Josh Blackmer for details.
- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. See Ivan Villard for details.

Saturday, June 13

- ♦ **VBS Work Day** from 9:00 a.m. until noon.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday, May 10

- ♦ **Sunday Morning Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).

8:45 a.m.	Grades 5 & Under Bible Classes
9:15 a.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Class

Wednesday, May 13

- ♦ **Wednesday Bible Classes.** Please join your class early so that we can start lessons on time. For details on how to join the online class, contact Jeff Goodale or Kevin Weeks (Grades 5 & Under) or Josh Blackmer (Jr. & Sr. High).

6:30 p.m.	Grades 5 & Under Bible Classes
7:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Class

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The Plague of Profanity

by Wayne Jackson



Are you as sick of hearing it as I am? We are exposed to it at the supermarket, over the back fence, and at ball games. It fills our novels, movies, and is profuse on television. What is this mysterious influence? Profanity!

We hear it—not just from sailors (“cuss like a sailor”), or from the French (“pardon my ‘French’”)—but from all strata of society. It used to be the case that a gentleman would never use profanity in the presence of a woman—and deep down he knew he shouldn’t use it anywhere. Now, women can swear with the best (or worst) of ‘em. Small children, who have not learned to discuss much of anything yet—on an intellectual basis—can spew forth a blue streak. It almost seems as if some of their first words are of the four-letter variety.

It was a matter of recent news interest when a young genius—ten-year-old Greg Smith who has just entered college—talked about his TV-viewing habits in an interview on CBS’s *60 Minutes*. “I have a rule,” he said, “that after three bad words, after three curse words, it turns off.” Many probably assessed him as some sort of little religious nut.

Following that rule will jettison a lot of TV. A recent study by the Parents Television Council found the use of profanity during the so-called “family hour” (8:00 to 9:00 Eastern time) is up fifty-eight percent from two years ago. And the nature of the language (e.g., sexual explicitness) is getting qualitatively worse.

The Bible is not silent on the proper use of human language. Paul wrote: “Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear” (Ephesians 4:29).

The term rendered “corrupt” is the Greek *sapros*, akin to *sepo* (“to rot”). It denotes that which provides no good service. Our words in the presence of others ought to be such as build men up, rather than debasing them (cf. Job 4:4).

Again, the inspired apostle wrote: “[B]ut now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful [‘filthy’ KJV] speaking out of your mouth” (Colossians 3:8). The term signifies that which is base, characterized by shame. As a result of their studies of the Greek papyri, Moulton and Milligan suggested that the word generally denotes “foul or filthy” language (1963, 14).

In connection with Colossians 3:8, the noted Scottish scholar, William Barclay wrote: “There can never have been a time in history when so much filthy language is used as it is today. And the tragedy is that today there are many people who have become so habituated to unclean talk that they are unaware that they are using it” (1957, 184). Take note of the fact that these comments were written forty-two years ago. If such was the case then, what is it now?

Profanity is such an invasive influence; it’s a mind-maggot. It gnaws its way into the recesses of one’s thinking, and, if harbored, will make its presence spontaneously felt at the slightest provocation. This is what happens when we allow ourselves to be unnecessarily and regularly exposed to its vileness. We may soon begin to “cuss” mentally even if we don’t verbalize profanity outright.

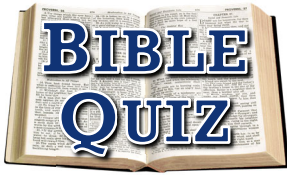
“But we can’t cut ourselves off from the whole of society,” someone complains. That is right, of course. But we can attempt to minimize our exposure.

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Where Is This Verse in the New Testament?

(Use Your Bible Concordance)

1. "...through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given..." _____
2. "...if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband" _____
3. "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men" _____
4. "...the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat..." _____
5. "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" _____
6. "...rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him" _____
7. "...but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" _____
8. "...desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" _____
9. "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ" _____
10. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" _____
11. "...you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night" _____
12. "...the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord" _____
13. "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" _____
14. "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus" _____
15. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" _____
16. "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" _____

Sunday Worship Services

All services this week will be streamed live on our website:
 Sunday (9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (7:00 p.m.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries *This Week*

Tuesday (May 12th)

Jean & Roselette Charles (Ann.)
Bree Solis

Wednesday (May 13th)

June Pack

Thursday (May 14th) cont.

Mattie Cox
Carolyn Cullom
Judy Lerro

Friday (May 15th)

Pete Brown

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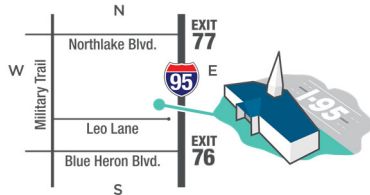
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Sun. Bible Study	NA	NA
Sun. A.M. Worship	NA	NA
Sun. P.M. Worship	NA	NA
Wed. Bible Study	NA	NA
Contribution	\$15,515	\$15,645
2020 Weekly Budget: \$14,944		
Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$4,510		



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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: **Ally & Troy Alberga**

What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you

(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you

(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you

(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you

(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you

(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you

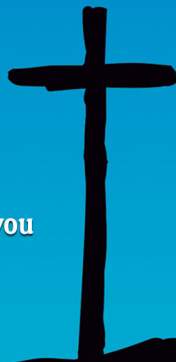
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you

(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven

(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)