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READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

*A Chapter
A Day*

This Week's Reading:

1 Peter 4 -

2 Peter 3

*What a Great
Lectureship Weekend!*

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By Dan Jenkins

God Is Good, All the Time—All the Time God Is Good

I am not sure the first time I heard the saying, “God is good all the time and all the time God is good.” Recently, I have been thinking about these words, and they have become even more meaningful to me. May I share with you some of the ways I have been using this phrase and how it has helped me?

God Is Faithful, All the Time—All the Time, God Is Faithful

Throughout the Bible, there is the assurance that we can trust every promise, every assurance and every word God has said. For example, when God promised to protect us from being tempted above that which we are able to bear and then promised to provide a way of escape in every temptation, it is tied to the words, “God is faithful” (1 Cor. 10:13). You can trust God because it is impossible for Him to lie (Tit. 1:2). You can always trust God.

God Is Merciful, All the Time—All the Time, God Is Merciful

Think about these words from Moses: “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” (Deut. 7:9). How long is a thousand generations? If we think of a generation being thirty years, then God’s mercy is always here—even for 30,000 years! To sense the magnitude of this poetic expression of a

thousand generations, remember that from Adam to the birth of Jesus there are only sixty generations! All the time, God is merciful.

God Is _____ All the Time—All the Time, God Is _____

As you deal with situations in your life, fill in the blanks above with your own thoughts about any of the attributes of God. God is holy, pure, gracious, good, compassionate, loving, caring, listening, forgiving, almighty, knowing, present, near, watching, helping, etc. The list is endless because there is no exception to His abiding nature. His eyes are always over us, and His ears are always open. His arms are always outstretched. They embrace us, and His tender hands caress us. While He has the whole world in His hands, the truth is that He has me and you individually in His hands, even when in those darkest hours we forget it.

The attributes of God are not finite and capable of being limited by time. They cannot be limited by any measurement. God is infinite and every attribute of His nature is infinite. We speak of the fact that God is omniscient (all-knowing), that He is omnipotent (all-powerful), and omnipresent (always present in every place). Every attribute of God is timeless. He never changes for He cannot be limited. So, when you read of the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and all those in the Bible, add your name to that list, for God is always God!

**He is the God of
Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob— add your
name to that list
for God is eternal**



By David Sproule

Parents, Affirm the Masculinity and Femininity of Your Kids!

The devil is trying to deceive you! And he is using the world—with its lusts, its pride, its alures, its lies, its shiny things, its “highly educated professionals,” its pressures, its “know better” celebrities, its “medical experts,” etc.—to convince you that right is wrong, that wrong is right, that up is down, that down is up, that feelings are safe, that absolute truth is non-existent, and that you are a fool to go against the tide of society.

Just as true today are Isaiah’s words from 2,700 years ago, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!” (Isa. 5:20-21).

Parents, you are being sold a bill of goods regarding your children and their “gender identity.” Gender is NOT difficult (or fluid). There are boys, and there are girls. That is it. That is what God made, and that has not changed since the beginning (Gen. 1:26-28; Matt. 19:4). A boy is a boy. A girl is a girl. Why is this all of sudden difficult to understand? We grew up with stories about “Jack and Jill,” and understood them as clearly as the true story about “Adam and Eve.”

In an article on *The Free Press* (thefp.com) on October

30, 2023, the chief psychiatrist in the department of adolescent psychiatry at Finland’s Tampere University Hospital, who oversaw “the establishment of a gender identity service for minors” starting in 2011, came out and said what every rational person knows to be true—“There is no solid evidence supporting the medical transitioning of young people.”

In this article, in which she lays out her extensive experience and observations of the “gender transitioning” trend of the last decade, Dr. Riittakerttu Kaltiala referenced the “findings and recommendations regarding youth gender transition” that Finland’s national medical body released in June 2020. “The report warned that young people, whose brains were still maturing, lacked the ability to properly ‘assess the consequences’ of making decisions they would have to live with for the ‘rest of their lives.’” Imagine that!

But, there are “older” and “wiser” (NOT!) persons who are “helping” young people down this destructive path, erroneously thinking that they can change something that is embedded (and unchangeable) in their DNA.

Parents, wake up! Stand up! Speak up! Affirm the wonderful masculinity of your sons (created by God). Affirm the wonderful femininity of your daughters (created by God). Help them to know who they are in God’s eyes and to long to be exactly who God designed them to be — HIS boys and girls!

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in their DNA**



By Robert Lupo

Distractions Flying Overhead

Yesterday, I was doing some yard work in North Alabama and two fighter jets flew overhead. I watched them the entire time they were in view. In my head, I was thinking, what are they doing all the way out here? Could they be responding to some foreign threat? The answer, though, was a lot less exciting. We aren't too far from an Airforce base, and they're probably just doing a training exercise.

These days, we probably find ourselves making many dramatic assumptions. There are two wars involving nuclear powers going on and the United States is heavily involved in both. Every time our government promises more money to these efforts, we wonder how close we are to entering the wars ourselves. If we are not careful, this amount of worry can lead us to sin.

In Matthew 6:25, Jesus spoke one of His most famous sayings, "...do not worry about your life." But doesn't everyone worry? Worrying is a natural reaction to help us stay focused on the things that matter to us. We have families to provide for, work to do, and obligations to uphold, and God expects us to do these things (cf. 1 Tim. 5:8). So, what is Jesus talking about here?

The word being translated "worry" is the Greek word

merimnao. This word means "to be apprehensive, have anxiety, be anxious, be (unduly) concerned." So, what Jesus has in mind is not the legitimate concerns we have that motivate us to meet our responsibilities. He is talking about the worrying that lingers despite the promises God has made to us.

God has promised us that He will take care of our needs. Look back at Matthew 6. Jesus points out everyday things that people worry about (what we eat, what we drink, what we wear) and tells us that God has already taken care of them. He says, "For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (6:32-33). God has more important things for us to do. If we are busy worrying about the things God is going to take care of, we will be of no use to Him.

The world is fighting for our attention. While we certainly need to be aware of possible threats to our families, we cannot allow the temporary fears of this world to distract us from our eternal purpose. When the media inundates us with wars and rumors of wars, Jesus says, "See that you are not troubled..." (Matt. 24:6). We have work to do (Matt. 28:19-20) and our mission to proclaim the gospel does not end until Jesus returns (1 Cor. 11:26). So, don't worry about the jets flying overhead. Stay focused and see how God might use you today.

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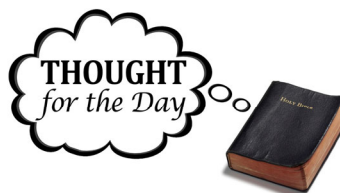
Articles Published in PBL Family News Emails Last Week

What did Jesus shed His blood "for"?

Do you know the reason that Jesus shed His blood? Of course, you do. What if someone tried to convince you that Jesus shed His blood "because sins had already been forgiven"? Would that make sense to you? No! You know that Jesus shed His blood "for" (i.e., in order that) "the remission of sins" might be obtained (Matt. 26:28).

That same terminology is used in a command to mankind in Acts 2:38. Whatever the expression meant in Matthew 26:28 is what it must mean in Acts 2:38. Peter said, "Repent and baptized for the remission of sins." Some have tried to argue that "for" means "because sins have already been forgiven." It cannot mean that in this verse any more than it would mean that in Matthew 26:28.

Jesus shed His blood in order that forgiveness of sins might be obtained, and sinners must repent and be baptized in order that forgiveness of sins might be obtained. The meaning of that expression is identical in these verses, which ties the blood of Jesus to the essentiality of baptism to be forgiven of sins. — DS



You are not an underdog – stop living like it!

Sometimes there are Christians, for one reason or another, who act like the devil is so powerful and the world is so strong that Christians are just barely going to overcome and win, and that it might be a "close finish." Such could NOT be further from the truth!

Our God is eternal! The devil is NOT! Our God is all-powerful! The devil is NOT! It does NOT matter how imposing or threatening things may seem, such as "death...life...principalities...rulers...powers...present things...future things...insurmountable things...anything else in all creation." Make your list of things that makes you feel like an underdog as a Christian (like these from Romans 8:38-39), and then remember the verse right before this list. "Yet in ALL these things we are MORE than conquerors through HIM who loved us" (8:37).

This verse does NOT say that we are conquerors. That would be great. No! This verse says that we are "MORE than conquerors"! You are NOT an underdog! You are "overwhelmingly" (NASB) victorious, because our "God...is greater" (1 John 4:4; cf. 5:4-5; 2 Cor. 2:14; Rev. 12:11). — DS

Keep in Your Prayers



Pray for These PBL Members

Linda Coe	recovering from knee replacement surgery
Doris Friedly	recovering at home from a stroke
Ophelia Holmes	still awaiting results for tests on her lungs
Lynne Jorgensen	procedure to insert a stent in her esophagus on Nov. 9
John Loftis	fractured his left shoulder and dealing with a lot of pain
Norma Mariano	recovering from shunt surgery
John Patrick	recovering from hip surgery
Winifred Patterson	dealing with a lot of pain and is not doing well
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing medical tests
Amy West	JFK Rehab (room 5205), expects to go home on Monday



Andres Fernandez, upon the passing of his brother, **Jesus Fernandez**.

Our missionaries, Robert & Mary Martin, upon the passing of **their daughter, Maria Martin**, on Tuesday, November 7.

Ongoing Health Issues

Robin Landen	multiple health issues
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Joel Ramirez	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues
Henry Williams	dialysis treatments

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Joan Holloway
Lillian Bankston	Inell Ingram
Judy Carmack	Daniel Johnson
Josie Dawson	Betty Matter
Zula Garrett	Joyce Parker
Terri Hahn	Leigh Puckett
Margie Hardin	Maurine Reed
Loretta Holaday	Ricky Smedley

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Myrick Bassie	Yolanda Stewart's father, suffering serious health issues
Don Fields	Trish Clark's brother, oral surgery, having a difficult time
Nathaniel King	Mary A. Jackson's brother, under Hospice Care in Ohio
Ignacio Ramirez	Joel Ramirez's father, dealing with cancer
Quinntel Smith, Jr.	Willie & Giselle's grandson, having mouth surgery soon
Peter Villa	Natalie Perez's father, hospitalized with pneumonia
Donna Williams	Linda Coe's sister, recovering from major surgery





Church Family Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 12

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, November 13

- ♦ **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.
- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, November 14

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

Saturday, November 18

- ♦ **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, November 19

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium. **All members are encouraged to be here at 5:50 p.m.** to see the young boys lead a short devotional before evening worship begins.

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

- ♦ **No Tuesday Morning Bible Study.**

Wednesday, November 22

- ♦ **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ Young Adults

Sunday, November 12

- ♦ **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 13

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Saturday, November 18

- ♦ **Young Adult Devo** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Brandon Widner. See Ivan Villard for details.

Monday, December 4

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.



Palm Beach Lakes Youth

Sunday November 12

- ♦ **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- ♦ **Youth & Family Singing** after evening worship in the Family Room. Every member is invited to stay and sing for about 35 minutes.

Monday, November 13

- ♦ **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. Bring your Bible, a chair, some meat to grill, a drink and your own plate/utensils. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Wednesday, November 15

- ♦ **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible Study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 19. There will be snacks and drinks. All teens are encouraged to come and help! See Robert Lupo for more details.

A Chapter A Day

Keeps me on the Lord's way

READING THROUGH THE *New Testament* IN A YEAR

For the Month of *November*

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

Members Traveling
this week



Thank You
for worshipping with us

Sunday,
November 5

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, November 12th
Todd & Caila Juckett (Ann.)
Dee Catanzaro

Monday, November 13th
Lance & Brenda Collier (Ann.)

Wednesday, November 15th
Ola Hankins
Lovella Rogers

Thursday, November 16th
Katie Goodale

Friday, November 17th
Cristian & Lisa Suarez (Ann.)
Kelly Sproule

Saturday, November 18th
Diane Leslie
Natalie Reeves

LOCAL VISITORS: Mrs. Mimi Bauer; Mr. Charles Davidson; Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Kim Hutchison; Mr. Don McClintock; Miss Victoria Michwanazi; Mrs. Liz Otero; Ms. Lizzie Rozier; Mr. Arpit Samson; Ms. Alyiah Sutherland; and Mr. Garfield Walks.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Jordan Bretherick, Florence, AL; Mr. & Mrs. Chet & Brenda Brown, Elko New Market, MN; Mr. Jerry Cole, Okeechobee, FL; Miss LaDon Cruz, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. Eric Garner, Chattanooga, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Elizabeth Hill, Orange Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Eric & Jana Lyons, Wetumpka, FL; Mr. Dale Manor, Searcy, AR; Ms. Francine Vassell, Winter Park, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Al & Rhonda Washington, Austin, TX; and Mrs. Dawn Young, Elk River, MN.

News & Notes

The **Monday Night** and **Tuesday Morning Bible Classes** are back! Class begins Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Both classes will meet in the Family Room. All members are welcome to attend! See Dan Jenkins for more details.



Shepherds Praying

Write your prayer request on your attendance card or give it to an elder or preacher.

Sundays in November
at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3.

Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
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, November 12

Sermon (Part 1)
Singing Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer Douglas Alvarenga
Singing
Lord's Supper Phil Porter
Contribution
Scripture Reading Tim Cox
Singing
Sermon (Part 2)
Singing
Closing Prayer Robert Mariano

Serve at Table:

Troy Alberga	Steward Lynch
Victor Colage	Tim Mahlbacher
Ryan Hankins	Taylor Reeves
Sylvester Jackson	Nahum Villard
Richard Kelley	Tyler Williams

Sunday Evening, November 12

Singing Ivan Villard
Opening Prayer Ricky Smith
Scripture Reading Willie Smith
Singing
Lord's Supper Stephen Beliech
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer Richard Watson

Serve at Table:

Silas Balfour Nicholas Pietro

Audio this week: David Brown
Computer this week: Cris Cuevas
Video this week: Edward Gager

Wednesday Evening, November 15

Singing Graysen Hayes
Invitation Kane Campbell
Family Prayer Victor Colage

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 5	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	251	173
Sun. AM Worship	251	257
Sun. PM Worship	129	121
Wed. Bible Study	132	128
Contribution	\$19,827	\$17,072

2023 Weekly Budget: \$16,450

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: \$25,630

Service Coordinators:
Eugene Williams

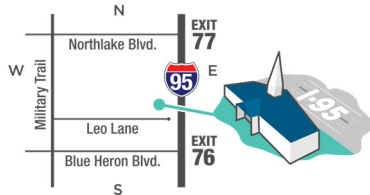
Ushers for this week: Rick Hall & Namdidie Ikon
Safety Team for this week: Seth Watson



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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.



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Psalm 27:4



One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
**that I may dwell in the house of
the LORD all the days of my life,**
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.