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Forgotten Facts

by George Slover

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat, both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.” (II Peter 3:9,10)

Here Peter speaks of the certainty of the day of the Lord, when all men will be judged and the earth destroyed. Certain scoffers had ridiculed the idea of such a day. (vs.4) They reasoned that since all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation, no such catastrophic event would happen. Thus, Peter wishes to remind his readers two forgotten facts!

Fact #1 - God once destroyed this world with a flood. He is keeping this present world for another day of judgment. (vs.7) Such judgment will be comprehensive. Not only will man be judged, but also the fundamental elements or building blocks of this world will “melt” or be unloosed or untied.

Fact #2 - Some had forgotten that God is not bound by time (vs.8). The very reason this world still stands is because of God’s patience. He is giving us one more day to get right with Him. But, mark it down, that day will come and

the Lord will keep his promise. (vs.10)

“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness? “ (vs.11) Today, may be your last day! Are you ready to meet God?

The Pursuit of God

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“One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.” (Psalms 27:4)

Here the Psalmist suggests a focus and a single mind. “One thing” implies the steadfast eye and a single purpose. This resolve influences everything else. It suggests that there is no other pursuit that will compare with this one thing! This goal is loftier than the pursuit of gold and silver! (Matthew 6:19,20)

Next, this great prize will not be found without effort. It must be sought! The Psalmist states that he is willing to make the sacrifice to find it. God commands, “seek my face”! The Psalmist answers, “Your face Lord I will seek.” (vs.8) Furthermore, the poet implores, “Teach me, your way, Oh Lord”. The writer is willing to make diligent effort to find his prize.

Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

No dates to announce at this time.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

Next, the Psalmist's seeks 1) to "dwell in the house of the Lord", 2) "to behold his beauty", and 3) "to inquire in his temple". Here he expresses his desire: 1) to worship God, 2) to see all that about God that is awesome and gracious, and 3) to know his will. The three may also be summarized as "fellowship". This sweet communion with God is the Psalmist's single pursuit. As a favorite hymn states "I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy, you alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye."

Finally, he has assurance that his pursuit will result in God's protection in troubling times, "for he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret place of his tabernacle." In verse 10, "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me." When his world falls apart he knows that God will be his helper.

Therefore, he exhorts us to "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he will strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord."

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson continues to struggle with debilitating back pain and may be having surgery soon.

Doug Adair is struggling with back pain and is undergoing tests to find a course of treatment.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing cancer treatments.

Nancy Richardson is doing better but still dealing with breathing problems.

Ron Stanberry passed away. Please pray for Sue and check on her.

Karen Hallmark has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes.

Morgan O'Hair (I don't have any current updates)

Dinah Williams continues to be homebound due to mobility issues.

Bobbie Gibbons continues to be limited by balance and breathing issues. She could use encouragement.

Tyler Hairston has cancer.

Don and Alene Simmons are both suffering from pain and mobility limitations. Don had surgery this past week.

Dorothy Steadman is continuing to recover from her recent stroke. She is staying with Pam.

Faye Estes has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Please arrange visits through Elaine.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

"praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"

(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord's body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord's will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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