

MARKET STREET

"And this is the message we have received of Him, and declare unto you..." (1 John 1:5)



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Lessons From An Airport Customs Sign

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When returning from a trip to the Philippines a few years back, I saw an interesting sign at the Los Angeles airport customs gate that read: "Claim it, Dump it or Pay the Price."

Airport security in our country is at an all-time high. Our government is determined to protect this nation from smuggling, illegal drugs, disease, unlawful immigration, terrorism and crime. As you take the long walk through the airport terminal you know that you are about to undergo a diligent inspection and you are warned: "Claim it, dump it or pay the price!" Consider the spiritual lessons learned from the Airport Custom Sign.

Claim it

Airport officials are making it clear by this sign, that if you are carrying any goods that need to be declared or taxed, or if you have anything illegal, it is better for you to claim it now, than to hide it and get caught. You would be wise to do the same with your soul. One day you will undergo a spiritual inspection that will determine your eternal fate. "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:10). Right now you are taking that long walk up to the judgment seat. Every day you are getting closer and closer. And as you walk, God is warning you to claim it. We all have sins that we need to claim, or confess (Romans 3:23). We must confess our sins and repent (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; 1 John 1:9). The soul that tries to hide and deny his sins will face severe judgment. "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13). Confess your trespasses to one another (James 5:16). Have you sinned against your parents, spouse, brethren, self, or God? Claim it, make things right and find forgiveness.

Dump it

Get rid of everything that is illegal. A criminal cannot expect to get away with carrying firearms or illegal drugs through airport customs. The government is giving a final warning before the security inspection, saying that you had better get rid of anything illegal. They are sending the message:

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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we will not allow you to bring anything harmful into our county. Likewise God is warning you right now as you approach the judgment day. He will not allow you or anyone to bring sin into heaven (Isaiah 59:1-3). This is your last opportunity. God says dump it. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). God promises to dump your sins overboard if you repent and obey his will. He will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19). Stop sinning and find newness of life (Romans 6:1-4).

Or, Pay the Price!

The airport customs sign finally warns you, get right or you will be caught and forced to pay a severe penalty. Too many souls think they will be able to get away with sin (Proverbs 1:20-33; Isaiah 2). No sinner shall escape the judgment seat of God. "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape" (Proverbs 19:5). "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). The blessing for all of us is that Jesus paid the price for our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19). Though we are guilty and deserving of punishment we can be free (Romans 6:23). Why would you face God on the day of judgment unprepared? If you do so you will have to pay the unthinkable price of sin. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). Claim it, dump it, or pay the price!

~via *Port Royal Church Bulletin*; Spring Hill, Tennessee.



Jesus and Mountains

Jordan Shouse

Something interesting we find in the gospels are the different notable occasions that took place on a mountain. The "Sermon on the Mount" of Matthew 5-7 was a message given by Jesus on a mountain (Matthew 5:1). When He chose His apostles He was on a mountain (Mark 3:13). Jesus spent an evening in prayer on a mountain

(Matt. 14:23). When Jesus was transfigured, displaying His glory before Peter, James, and John, He was on a mountain (Matthew 17:1). When Jesus was giving a difficult teaching concerning the fate of Jerusalem, He and His apostles were sitting on a mountain, almost as if looking over the city as a visual illustration of His message (Mark 13:3). This would be the same setting Jesus would choose for a time of prayer and reflection before His arrest and crucifixion (Mark 14:26). It was on a hill outside of Jerusalem, Calvary, where the Son of God, the One who spoke the mountains into existence, was slain for the sins of the world.

It's interesting to me that the creator of the world made a habit of traveling up on the mountain. Memorable events in God's story took place on top of mountains. Abraham went to offer his son on a mountain in Moriah (Genesis 22). Moses received the 10 commandments on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19-20). Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18). Isaiah prophecies of a mighty mountain, exalted above all others, to which all the nations will come.

Many who have climbed mountains have expressed the feeling of being closer to God. It could be that the higher we ascend on earth's mountains, the further we distance ourselves from the world's distractions. Scaling those great heights we find ourselves surrounded by the grandeur of God's creation, hearing nothing but the beating of our heart and our heavy breaths, as we endure the steep climb. It is there we can better meet our God, not in some kind of mystical, emotional, supernatural sensation. Rather when we separate ourselves from the endless distractions of the world and surround ourselves with the beauty of God's creation, we allow for ourselves a moment of uninterrupted focus on the almighty.

We need more of this. Maybe not driving to a literal mountain and climbing it. But time in silence with God. Time away from the noise of everyday demands. Maybe a bench in a park. Maybe a hill overlooking your city. Maybe a trail you can walk, or sitting in the night's sky overlooking the stars. We need that kind of time in our life. Time where we can devote our thoughts and our words to Christ. Time when we can rearrange our hearts, our priorities to their proper focus - Christ's Kingdom (Matt. 6:33). Do you have a place you can go? Have you spent time alone with God lately? Make some time this week. Find a place where you can take in the splendor of God's creation, be reminded of God's power and majesty - a place where you can purely focus on your God. Climb your mountain.

~via *Family Matters*; Columbia, Tennessee.

God's Providence

Leon Mauldin

Many people consider God's dealings with man and this universe to be comparable to someone's just winding up a watch, and then letting it run; just setting a thing in motion, and then backing off merely to observe what happens. But hear the words of the prophet Hanani: "For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." (2 Chronicles 16:9). The principle is thus set forth that when one has the kind of heart God desires, that God is eager to bestow His blessings upon him according to his needs.

All men receive manifold blessings from God. He "giveth to all life, and breath, and all things" (Acts 17:26). "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust," (Matthew 5:45). At the same time, the one who chooses to become a child of God, and whose heart is submissive to Him, has special promises to be received and enjoyed. "Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his." (2 Timothy 2:19).

Consider some passages which contain promises of God's care for His children. In giving the Great Commission, Jesus assured His disciples, "And, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," (Matthew 28:20). The Hebrew Christians who were in danger of apostasy were admonished with God's promise, "For himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage was say, The Lord is my helper, I will not fear; What shall man do unto me?" (Hebrews 13:6).

While those who are not Christians are wrapped up in "the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things" (Mark 4:19), Christians are told, "But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things (essential of Life, L.M.) shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33). Strength to be a Christian, and to have the priorities of this letter passage, is supplied by God. "I can do all things in him that strengthens me". (Phil. 4:13). may we be of assistance to you, Reader Friend, that you might become a child of God, and receive all the blessings He provides for His children?

~via *Russellville Reminder*, Russellville, Alabama.

News & Notes...

THE SICK:

Paul Adcock	Anita Wheeler
Judy Vaughn	Kim Rogers
Mary Will Johnston	Cornelia Pepper
Patsy Thomas	Irene Inman
Doris Lovell	Reba Byram
Cindy Glass	Al Bush
Janet Jones	Everette "Bud" Dollar
Wayne Bolton	Wayne Gooch
Betty Christopher	Linda Jones
Ann Bush	Pamela Simon (Grenada)
Shaun Carruth	

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Ella Melvin
Gayle Ball	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Diane Kilpatrick
Wayne Wooldridge	Cindy Walker
Jenny Pickens	Gene Carpenter
Linda Ordonez	Charles Burns
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Shayna Tollison	Daniel Ogles
Anita Willis	Eli Williams

In The Hospital:

Tom Lovell; Athens-Limestone, ICU
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville
Ashley Sims; Cobb County Hospital - Atlanta, Georgia
Charlie Christopher; Athens-Limestone - rm. 255

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Nelva Reed, rm. 61	William Thomas, rm. 110-B
Judith Groce, rm. 10-B	Dorothy Draper, rm. 104
Matty Murray, rm. 2	Helen Trousdale, rm. 30
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Grady Tomerlin, rm. 38
Terry Camp, rm. 82	Mildred Frantz, rm. 31
Gayle Mills, rm. 15	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Joyce Martin, rm. 92	

Limestone Health Facility:

Jerry Gilbert, rm. 55 Gilbert Hardy, rm. 117

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
Gwen Bullock, at granddaughter's in Huntsville
Wynell Casteel, at home

Marjorie Dunnavant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville
 Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison
 Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle
 Essie Hardison, at home
 Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

OUT OF TOWN: *The Coblentz:* Tommy & Marcella have been out of town travelling in the northeast this past week...*Helen Blankenship* has been out of town on vacation this past week.

ANNIVERSARY: *Jerry and Joyce McGlocklin* will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 29th. It will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **Robert Donnell House**. The house is located at 601 South Clinton Street. You can R.S.V.P. *Kayla Clark* at 256-874-7510 or *Leigh Ann McGlocklin* at 256-232-7620.

DOOR TO DOOR: Yesterday morning a few of us went out knocking on doors and inviting people to join us at our services here at Market Street. We will plan to go out again on Saturday, November 19th.

NURSING HOME SINGING: Remember the singing at the Athens Rehabilitation and Senior Care on Tuesday afternoon at 5:30.

GOSPEL MEETINGS: The *Westview church* in Hartselle is beginning a gospel meeting on today and it will continue through Wednesday. *Ben Hall of Atlanta, Georgia* will be the speaker in this meeting.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group.

THE RECORD: *Attendance for the week of Oct. 16th*

Sunday:	Bible Classes	140
	Morning Worship	178
	Evening Worship	120
Wednesday:	Bible Classes	100

Bible Study



Remember Our Study Periods

Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Come Join Us As We Study Together

Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, October 23rd:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	Russell Melvin
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Keith Hinkle
Assisting	Marty Adams
Serving	Terry Andrews Marion Mitchell
.....	Charles Vaughn A. J. Price
Closing Prayer	Dwaine Allfrey

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Jerry McGlocklin
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Marcus Morris
Preaching.....	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Keith Hinkle
Closing Prayer	Mike Ogles

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 23rd:

Ushers.....	Keenon Currier/Heath Dollar
Work Sound System.....	Landon Adams

Wednesday, October 26th:

Song Leader	Tony Thomas
Bible Reading.....	Galatians 6:1-10
.....	Tommy Coblentz
Prayer.....	Dan Reed
Invitation	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Nathaniel Adams

Sunday, October 30th:

Morning Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Tommy Burns
Prayer.....	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	
Presiding.....	Kenneth Smith
Assisting	Jordan Lovell
Serving	James Johnson Steve Usery
.....	Danny Johnson Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer	Jerry McGlocklin

Evening Worship

Announcements.....	Marcus Morris
Song Leader	Hunter Cox
Prayer.....	A. J. Price
Preaching.....	David Cox
Lord's Supper	Kenneth Smith
Closing Prayer	Larry Mitchell

Other Assignments for Sunday, October 30th:

Ushers.....	Terry Andrews/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System.....	Marty Adams