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

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Lessons From Harvey

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The floods in southeast Texas have really been on my mind the last few days. I am actually from Texas. While I was raised by grandparents in Nacogdoches Texas, 90% of my family lives in the Houston area. I also trained to become an evangelist in Beaumont Texas.

In addition to my family, millions of people in southeast Texas have been hit hard by the effects of Hurricane Harvey. My aunt (who works in Harris County) finally was able to make it back home Monday. She was stuck at work for two full days! Since her car is almost under water, she decided to take a chance and walk home yesterday morning. Thankfully, a nice couple picked her up and drove her as far as they could. Once they reached a severely flooded area, she hopped out of the car and walked the rest of the way.

Several people in Houston, Beaumont, and Port Arthur are trapped in their homes. They have been waiting for days to be rescued. Due to constant rain and flooding, so many have lost their homes, cars, businesses, and some cases, even their lives!

Storms have a way of teaching us several lessons in life. Here are some I have been reminded of over the past few days.

Material possessions are temporary. They can be here today and gone tomorrow! This time last month, many people in southeast Texas were living comfortably in their homes. They had their cars to take them where they wanted to go. They had a nice bed to sleep in and a stove to cook their food on. Now, they don't. They have been forced from their homes; their cars are under water; and they are currently sleeping in a shelter somewhere. The words of Jesus in Matthew 6:19 still hold true 2,000 years later! This is why we must always store up treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:20-21). Those treasures can never be destroyed.

There is only so much we can control. Storms have a way of reminding us of this. So often we think we have full control in our lives. That is faulty thinking! One thing we can never control is the weather. Sometimes

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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in life, we are hit with catastrophes beyond our control. We can prepare for things the best we can, but the rest is in God's hands.

There are still a lot of good people in the world. You wouldn't know it if you had been watching the news prior to Harvey. Before Harvey, all we could hear on the news was people talking about racism and division. If you didn't know any better, you might think that America was full of people who couldn't stand one another! It took a storm, for people to stop talking about racism. Now the only thing that matters is human life. People of all races throughout southeast Texas are helping one another. Many are risking their lives and sacrificing their possessions to help others survive. That is the way people are supposed to be towards one another. We all need to love our neighbor and treat others like we want to be treated (Luke 10:30-37; Matthew 7:12).

Our problems must be put into perspective. So often, I act as though my problems are the worst in the world. If something small isn't going my way, I complain and act as though it is the end of the world. This storm has reminded me of just how wrong I am. Now, I truly realize that my problems are minor compared to the problems of those in Texas at this time. I still have my home. I am not living in a shelter right now. I still have my car. My wife and children have soft beds to sleep in tonight. I am so blessed compared to so many suffering right now. In the big scheme of things, my problems are very small.

Prayer is important. Do you want to know what you can do right now for the people suffering from Hurricane Harvey? You can take a couple of minutes and pray for them right now. God always hears the prayers of His people and He is well able to help those in need (James 5:16b). The people in Texas being hurt by this storm need your prayers desperately.

Storms come and go in life. Soon this storm will be over, but God and His word will still remain (Hebrews 13:8; 1 Peter 1:23-25). When we always keep our minds focused on that, no matter what storms comes our way, we will be able to endure them and come out stronger than before.

~via *With God's Word*; Columbia, Tennessee.

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The Value of Humility

Eddie J. Caskey

Without doubt, self-reliance is one of the most esteemed traits in our culture. It is also true that, in some areas of our lives, such independence and self-sufficiency may be necessary. When it comes to our relationship with God, however, such qualities can actually be a hindrance to our spiritual growth and maturity. Humility is paramount in this relationship. Without humility, no one will enjoy eternity in Heaven. As the Psalmist reminds us, God "will save the humble people, but will bring down haughty looks" (Psalm 18:27).

We may find great comfort in trusting our own intellect and advice concerning a myriad of subjects, but the scriptures admonish us to "5Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). The reason is simple: "8For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts'" (Isaiah 55:8-9). Since God's wisdom and virtue is so much higher than our own, it would be foolish to not lean upon it.

The value of humility is seen in the fact that humility brings wisdom and honor. "When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom" (Proverbs 11:2). It is a wise man that will not tout his own ways, but rather give himself to the teachings of the Lord. It is the height of foolishness to believe that we have all the answers to every question. Also, "A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor" (Proverbs 29:23). Here, a much nobler character is ascribed to the one with humility. The humble will not allow his pride to become an embarrassment. Instead, his wisdom, brought about through humility, becomes a crown of honor upon his head. Therefore, as a Christian, do not "set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion" (Romans 12:16b).

Humility also brings great blessings from the Lord. In James 4:6 we are told, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." In verse 10 of the same chapter we are exhorted that if we humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, He will lift us up. So let each of us endeavor to humble ourselves as dear children. For, "whoever humbles himself as this little child is the

greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:4).

God's holy word is clear regarding the value of humility. Let us willingly set aside pride, arrogance, and self-will. By so doing, we may address the problems, situations, and misunderstandings of life with the proper spirit of humility. in!

~via *Melrose Drive Memo*; Richardson, Texas.



"Do I Have To?"

Buc Chumbley

At the very heart of worship in ancient Israel, was the offering (sacrifice). To every Israelite, the sacrifice symbolized communion with God.

The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia states that the Levitical system was a "religious, educational system...intended to develop right concepts of sin, proper appreciation of the Holiness of God, correct ideas of how to approach God, a familiarity with the idea of sacrifice as the fundamental thing in redemption life, and service to God and man."

God no longer requires His people to sacrifice the flesh of dead animals. However, the principles of the ancient sacrificial system are still with us today. Romans 12:1-2 commands us to present our bodies to God as "living sacrifices." The sacrifice of ourselves is to be a continual daily sacrifice. We, God's royal Priests (1 Peter 2:9-10) are to "continually offer the sacrifices of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15).

When God saw the priests offering the lame and sick animals upon the altar, He became so disgusted with them, that he asked that the doors be shut and the flame extinguished so no further hypocritical sacrifice could be (Malachi 1:7-14).

God was seeking their hearts, not the flesh of a dead animal. He sought sincere obedience to His word, but was given only hypocritical service in return.

When we participate in the same worship activities week in and week out it becomes easy for us to develop a formalistic, mechanical service just as the Jews did with their sacrifices. And just as the unbelieving hearts

of the Levitical Priest were condemned for their futile sacrifices, we too will be rejected, if we present to God much less than what he demands and deserves. Ask yourself. Do you understand the difference between "Do I have to do it?" And, "Do I get to do it?"

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Donna Wright
Jo Dunnavant
Patsy Thomas
Linda Jones
Wayne Gooch

Gayle Ball
Doris Lovell
Cindy Glass
Ann Bush
Brooke Morris

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard
Janice Cagle
Priscilla Tucker
Jenny Pickens
Daniel Ogles
Linda Ordonez
Cindy Walker
Gene Carpenter
Betty Christopher
Al Pollard
Elizabeth Howard

Irene Inman
Jeanette Weir
Phillip Harwell
Ella Melvin
Everette "Bud" Dollar
Wayne Wooldridge
Brittany Bates Carter
Charles Burns
Una King Currier
Ava Brooke Campbell
Matt Poff

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Bobby McLemore; Huntsville Hospital - rm. 1756
Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

JoAnn Gilbert, rm. 112 Nelva Reed, rm. 61
Helen Trousdale, rm. 43 Dorothy Draper, rm. 73
Oneal Martin, rm. 81 Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Joyce Martin, rm. 73 Mable Crafts, rm. 39
Mattye Murray, rm. 2 Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur
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
Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home

Updates:

Helen Blankenship will be going back to the doctor this week for this week. She has continued to have the spells

with the heart flutters ...**Dale Adcock** had injection in her hip this past Wednesday...**Donna Wright** is doing better now after having trouble with her blood pressure last weekend. She will go to the doctor on Wednesday.

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 tonight.

SYMPATHY: We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Shirley Miller** and all the family in passing of Shirley's brother, **Thomas Lovell**, this past Friday. His body is at Spry Funeral Home. The visitation will be today beginning at 2:30 to 4:30. There will be a graveside at Antioch Cemetery... We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Jim Whitt** and all the family in passing of Jim's uncle, **Roger Whitt**, this past Friday. His body is at Limestone Chapel. The visitation will be today beginning at 12 noon and followed by the funeral at 3:00... We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Dale Adcock** in passing of her neice, **Cindy Seegrave**, this past Tuesday. They had private memorial on Thursday... We want to extend our deepest sympathy to **Ruby Dean Ezell** in passing of her cousin's wife, **Nanette Ausley**, last Friday. Her funeral was Tuesday morning at Limestone Chapel.

OUT OF TOWN: **The Ogles:** Mike & Nikki are back home after being in Auburn last weekend... **The Burns:** Tommy & Susan were out of town last weekend... **The Wheelers:** Mike & Anita were on vacation last weekend

GRENADATRIP: The plans were for me to in Grenada this week, but the Hurrricane Imra caused the flights to the Caribbean to be cancelled. The Lord willing, I will be making the trip October 20-30.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of Sept. 3rd

Sunday: Bible Classes 150
Morning Worship 187
Evening Worship 144

Wednesday: Bible Classes 104



Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, September 10th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
Song Leader Ashton Gatlin
Prayer..... A. J. Price
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Marty R. Adams
Assisting Dwaine Allfrey
Serving David Terry Landon Adams
..... Nathaniel Adams..... Larry Holt
Closing Prayer Mike Ogles

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Steve Usery
Song Leader Joel Hamm
Prayer..... Dan Reed
Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper Dwaine Allfrey
Closing Prayer Bonnie Sutton

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 10th:

Ushers..... Larry Mitchell/Marvin Putman
Work Sound System..... Terry Andrews

Wednesday, September 13th:

Song Leader Tommy Burns
Bible Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
..... Matthew Usery
Prayer..... Keith Hinkle
Invitation..... Arvid McGuire
Closing Prayer Hunter Cox

Sunday, September 17th:

Morning Worship

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Tommy Burns
Prayer..... Steve Usery
Preaching..... Buc Chumbley
Lord's Supper
Presiding..... Joel Hamm
Assisting Mike Ogles
Serving Heath Dollar Clayton Hamm
..... Charles Vaughn Kenneth Adams
Closing Prayer Arvid McGuire

Evening Worship

Announcements..... Tommy Coblentz
Song Leader Tony Thomas
Prayer..... A. J. Price
Preaching..... David Cox
Lord's Supper Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer Larry Holt

Other Assignments for Sunday, September 17th:

Ushers..... Ashton Gatlin/Steve Bradley
Work Sound System..... Nathaniel Adams