

IMPORTANT INFO

- We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!
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Bible Farewells

None of us is upon the earth for very long: "For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath: We bring our years to an end as a sigh. The days of our years are threescore and ten, Or even by reason of strength fourscore years; Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; For it is soon gone, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:9-10). In comparison to the centuries that have come and gone we should echo these words: "Oh remember how short my time is" (Psalm 89:47). As God's servant, Moses, stood on that mountain viewing the "Promised Land," and realized that he would soon be with God in that verdant land, it must have seemed just a fleeting moment since he had left Midian.

An unknown author, speaking of meeting the Lord face to face one day, pondered what to say: If I really trust Him, Shall I ever fret? If I do expect Him, Can I ever regret? If by faith I see Him, Shall I doubt His aid? If I really

love Him, Can I be afraid? What shall I say?

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes of the vanity of worldly gain and glory, and of the necessity of spiritual emphasis, lest we have deep regrets. Paul made it clear to the Ephesian elders as he bade them farewell that God's word must be honored in life, if we would meet Him favorably in death (Acts 20:32). To the church in Corinth, he wrote, "Your labor is not vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). In the first and last chapters of Philipians, the apostle let it be known that the purpose of life is to glorify Christ, therefore think on purity, justice, nobility and truth. In order for the "henceforth" of 2 Tim. 4:8 to be of any value for us, we must faithfully fight in the Lord's army and persevere. Tennyson shared these brilliant lines: Sunset and evening star And one clear call for me, And may there be no sadness of farewell When I put out to sea.

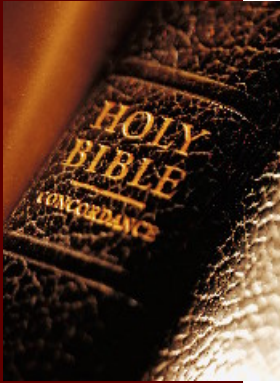
The prophet Jeremiah once told a false prophet that he would die that very year, and Daniel also warned Belshazzar of his sudden departure from this world. The door was forever shut to those unprepared folk in Matt. 25:10, as it shall be for millions on that final Judgment Day! There is a "sin unto death" (1 Jno. 5:16), and some are living in danger of eternal separation from God (Mk. 3:29). What a contrast for those who live and die in Christ (Rev. 14:13; 1 John 3:1-3). Infidels may cry on that occasion, as did Robert Ingersoll: "Oh God (if there be a God), save my soul (if I have a soul), from hell (if there be a hell)." But devoted saints of the Almighty will "meet the Lord in the air" for a grand and eternal reunion (1 Thessalonians 4).

Why Some Will Miss Heaven:

The power of sinful pride: Sin is deceitful (Heb. 3:13) and deadly (Rom. 6:23). It

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Bible Studies for the Week of October 8th, 2006



AM Sermon.....	Eddie Cloer
Scripture Reading	TBA
PM Sermon	Review of the Book of Romans
Scripture Reading	Romans
Sunday Class	Eddie Cloer
Wednesday Class	TBA
Ladies Bible Class	The Book of Titus
Nursing Home Bible Study.....	The Book of John

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causes many to refuse to come to Christ (John 5:4), rather than to seek truth ardently (Ezra 7:10). Stubborn refusal to let the Lord rule our lives (John 1:11) will make the anguish of hell even greater (Mk. 9: 43).

The Shame Of Bad Attitudes: Presumptuous behavior (Psalm 19:13) and arrogant disregard for God's commands (Luke 6:46) result in flagrant rebellion (Zech. 7:11,12) against the Creator Who made us for His glory (Isaiah 43:7).

Living And Dying Outside Of Christ: Poor decisions in life that cause

men to pursue ungodly lusts, rather than spiritual integrity (Rom. 13:14) will cause multitudes to be lost. Shallow preaching and softness toward error will doom and damn myriads who knew better, but just would not muster the courage to stand up for Jesus and His truth (Rom. 1:16; 2:16).

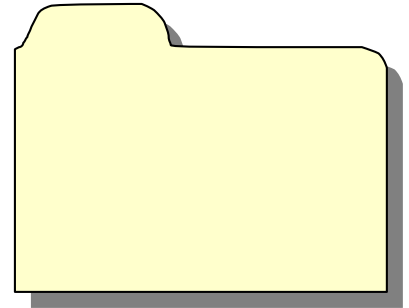
However, there are loyal hearts and true who intend to go to heaven, and daily press on in that glorious direction -- no matter the cost. In the final crescendo of the brilliant epistle of Jude we have one of the Bible's most eloquent farewells. Let us rejoice in

this noble reminder: "Now unto Him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of His glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen" (Jude 24,25).

By Johnny Ramsey in Gospel Minutes, Vol. 52, No. 39, Sept. 26, 2003.

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Contribution.....	\$1437.00
Budget.....	\$1743.39



Kevin’s Korner—Johnny Ramsey

Today (Friday) my mind is on a mentor of mine, brother Johnny Ramsey. He passed away last night (Thursday). It is reported that this past week he was, even in his delirious state, quoting scripture and exhorting young preachers to be faithful to the word. He was hard wired with the Bible.

I first came to know brother Johnny Ramsey as the full time preacher for the Southwest church of Christ in Austin. It was in the late 70s that he held this position. I was 8-10 years old during this time. The two things that impressed me most about brother Ramsey’s sermons was the amount of scripture that he used and that he memorized each one. I took notes and wrote down the scriptures that he quoted, trying to keep up. The other kids and I compared, after services, the number of scriptures he used in one sermon. It was sometimes in the hundreds. He impressed upon us the great

need to “speak as the oracles of God” and to give a “thus saith the Lord” for everything that we say in preaching the gospel.

Brother Ramsey did not compromise the gospel. He spoke plainly and clearly the simple truths of God’s word. It made some people mad, but that didn’t stop him. I remember him saying, “Have I become your enemy for telling you the truth?” His preaching laid the foundation for my becoming a Christian in later years and has greatly influence my preaching to this day.

The attendance at the congregation in those days varied between 350-450 on Sunday morning. I remember one particular month in which brother Ramsey exhorted the congregation to see if we couldn’t get attendance up to 500. He preached and exhorted, and admonished us to do this, and we did! It was quite a feeling of congregational accomplishment. But was brother Ramsey satisfied? He was glad, but he

preached on that Sunday that we ought to press for 1000, 2000, enough to knock the walls out of the back of the building and put seating in the balconies. It was a moment in time I will not forget and a great lesson. One can never do enough in service to the Lord.

While brother Ramsey was no longer around after I became a Christian, I still benefited from his preaching when he held gospel meetings and spoke on lectureships. I still have some of his tapes and continue to listen to them even today. His sermons are just as relevant, interesting, and forceful as they were in the 1970s; truth is always relevant.

I saw him for the last time this past April at the Southwest lectures. He even remembered who I was. He was thin and frail, but still preaching. He didn’t stop publicly preaching either, until a few months ago. Ever a champion of God’s word, he was, in a word, relentless.

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Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Trish Foster, Dustin Guess, Phil Newby, Jimmy Guess, Opal Hull, Charlene Pinkley, Eunice Whitely.
- Brother Johnny Ramsey passed away this past Thursday evening. Services will be held tomorrow in Garland, Texas.
- This morning we welcome Eddie Cloer to our services. He is the director for Truth For Today, an international work of evangelism that the congregation here supports. He will be speaking during the Bible class hour as well as presenting the morning lesson.
- Our monthly potluck will be held next Sunday afternoon after morning services. Please make your plans accordingly.
- Tonight after our evening services we will have a youth devotional downstairs here in the building. Please bring chips, drinks, desserts, and other good stuff!
- Our monthly men's breakfast will be this coming Saturday at 7:00 A.M. Please make your plans to be with us for this great time of fellowship.
- The month of October has five Sundays this year. That means we have a nursing home singing on October 29th. Please put this on your calendar and make your plans to be with us.
- Our pantry item is: Syrup.

God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

Welcome!

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Times for Worship and Study

Sunday Morning Bible Class:	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:.....	10:20 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	6:00 PM
Wed. Ladies Bible Class:	10:30 AM
Wed. Evening Bible Class:	7:00 PM

Serving Each Other

October 8th, 2006

October 15th, 2006

Sunday Morning

Songs:	Ken Smith	Bill Fort
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Bill Fort	Bruce Foster
Scripture Reading:	Perry Foster	Leon Duncan
Lord's Table	Leon Duncan	Dan Hand
	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
(assist)	Brandon Foster	John Gass
	Jerry Roller	Matt Morrell
Closing Prayer	Ken Smith	Glenn Williams

Sunday Evening

Songs:	Glenn Williams	Rusty Windle
Preaching:	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
Opening Prayer:	Glenn Williams	Ray Duncan
Scripture Reading:	Jack Gentry	Perry Foster
Lord's Table	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
	Perry Foster	Benjamin Windle
Closing Prayer	John Gass	Dan Hand

Wednesday

Songs:	Clay Bozarth	Glenn Quigley
Opening Prayer:	Dale Pinkley	Leon Duncan
Invitation:	Kevin Cauley	Rusty Windle
Closing Prayer:	Brandon Foster	George Eddings

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