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From Where I Sit . . .

"PSALMS 51 – DAVID'S PENITENTIAL PSALM"

David, King of Israel, *"a man after God's own heart"* (I Sam. 13:14) – what a fitting description of this man whom Jehovah had personally chosen not only to be King of Israel, but the very seed line of whom the **"righteous Branch"** (Jer. 23:5-6) the Messiah Himself would come. The story of David the shepherd boy who became David the mighty King of Israel, is a character study in the depth and capacity for feeling within the human soul. His life's story and his works in the Psalms give us a glimpse at man in victory, as well as in defeat, yet one who sustains a childlike faith in God. We learn from David how to trust in God in **Psalms 23**, how to avoid the pitfalls of life – **Psalms 1**, and how to approach God in deep penitence when we fall into sin – **Psalms 51**.

It was in the midst of a very colorful part of Old Testament History that we come to the event that triggered the text of our study. David was in the heyday of prosperity and power. His armies and generals won victories for him, while he enjoyed the luxury of his palace. His servants devotedly obeyed, even when he required them to commit crimes. Sometime after his seven and one half year reign in Hebron (II Sam. 5:5), and following his capture of Jerusalem and uniting all of Israel under one kingship, David's soldiers under Joab went to battle to finish the job begun a few months earlier of putting down an Ammonite uprising (II Samuel 10-11:1). *"But David tarried still at Jerusalem"* (v. 1). The reader may rehearse the story more carefully in **II Samuel Chapter 11** of the ensuing adulterous union between David and Bathsheba, and the eventual plot to murder Uriah the Hittite in order to cover David's sin that led to a child being born.

When Nathan's rebuke, like lightning from a clear sky, smote him, *'Thou art the man!'* it was as though the whole fabric of his earthly bliss melted like a dream, leaving him alone with these two – conscious guilt and Divine displeasure. David had in an instant recognized the horribleness of his crimes. With a broken heart he cried out, *"I have sinned..."* (II Samuel 12:13). He had lost what the world could not give, and all the world cannot make up for. In a Psalm of deep penitence, he would later cry out for God to *"restore the joy of thy salvation"* (Psalms 51:12).

In **Psalms 51**, David captures the true significance of our Lord's words yet to be uttered from the Sermon on the Mount: *"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 5:3). We have here a man who is so spiritually impoverished and bankrupt, that he empties himself of foolish pride. David cries out from the depth of ruin and despair with a full realization that he cannot of himself bring about a reconciliation with God. He is indeed *"poor in spirit,"* which is where all true penitence and relief begin.

Note the penetrating depth of David's prayer for forgiveness. He begins by throwing himself totally on the mercy of the Lord without any efforts at excuse making. David does not plead innocence and ask God to vindicate him. Instead, he appeals to God's *"mercy," "steadfast love,"* and *"abundant mercy"* (v. 1). These three words describe the attitude that he yearns for God to have toward him. A guilty soul can only seek mercy.

Who could ever have felt a deeper, more heart-lifting joy than David who wrote in **Psalms 32: verses 1 and 2**, *"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."* Sweet and pleasant was the relief flooding a distraught soul when God's word of forgiveness came to David. Nathan said: *"Jehovah also hath put away thy sin"* (II Sam. 12:13). David knew a good and loving God. Indeed, great is our God. *"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart"* (Psalms 32:11). In the words of a great old invitation song, *"If you are tired of the load of your sin, let Jesus come in to your heart."*

. . . . Terry Broome



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

Rosa Myers will be seeing a heart surgeon this week. The doctors started her on heart medication. Please keep her in your prayers.

Stan Hastings continues to undergo his chemo treatments. Please pray for Stan and also for the treatments to be successful.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

- Wendy Baird**
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- Joan Jackson**
- LaRue Anderson**
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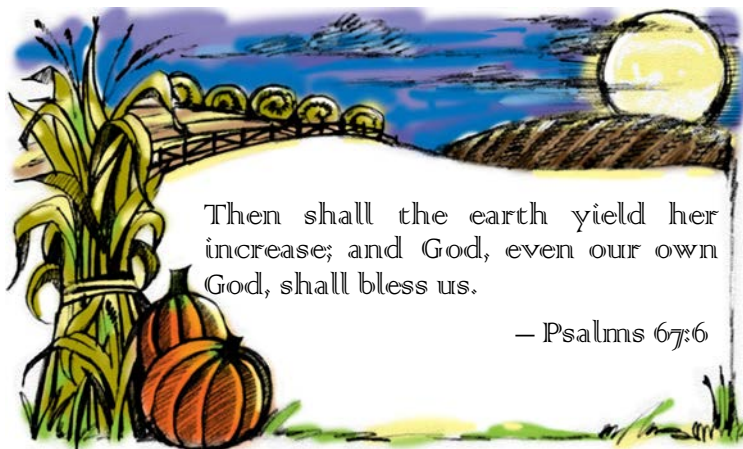
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AREA EVENTS

Meridianville church of Christ invites you to join them for a Fall Gospel Meeting with Lonnie Jones!
 Sunday, October 25th – Wednesday, October 28th



Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

— Psalms 67:6

For Such A Time As This

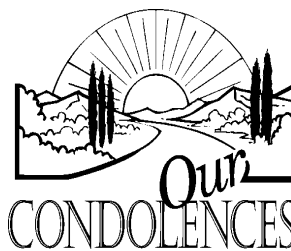
Esther could have died. Sure, all the Jews were scheduled to die anyway but Esther could have been the first one. She did something that was illegal and went, unsummoned, to the king. The punishment for doing so was a date with the royal executioner. And why would she do such a thing, take such a risk? Let's rewind a little bit. After finding out about an evil man's plot to kill all the Jews, a man named Mordecai grieved so publicly that Esther (his cousin) heard about it. She asks what's up and he tells her they're all going to die. He then asks her to go do something about it by talking to the king. Her reply is: I can't, that's illegal. Then Mordecai says: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13-14). That was enough of a push for Esther so she risks her life.

That was a bold message to give to a queen! But what does money, title, or position matter before God? No matter who you are you cannot remain silent. Mordecai tells her: it is your job to speak up. Cowardice has consequences. God will punish those who live by fear and reward those who live by faith. Mordecai then asks: why do you think you are where you are? Was it just by chance that you became queen? "From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live" (Acts 17:26). You are queen because God put you there! And it wasn't just by chance, you were placed where you are for a purpose. You were called to be God's instrument of justice in such a time as this.

We live in uncertain times. It is usually a risk to speak up for or about the Lord. Doing so could cost us friendships, closeness to family, maybe even our employment. But who knows if we haven't been placed in our situation for such a time as this? Perhaps you have been elevated in the workplace so you would be in a position to speak to your boss or a fellow employee about Christ. Perhaps God put that friend in your life for more than just a golf partner. I imagine the Lord also hoped that you would speak to him about what would lead to his salvation. Could salvation come from another place? Sure — but has not God raised YOU up for this purpose? Boldness in Christ will surely be rewarded. Being ashamed of His name... not so much. In case you were wondering, Esther spoke up in her time and the Jews were saved. Will we speak up in ours, in such a time as this? I think people could be saved today also if we do.

Doug Wells
Camden Avenue church of Christ
Parkersburg, WV

The Learning Center gratefully acknowledges a monetary donation in memory of Glenda Moore from Sam & Roxie Wright.



We regret to announce that Clyde Romy, brother-in-law of Marjorie Rice, passed away on October 15th. His funeral service was held on Tuesday in Ohio. Our love and sympathy are extended to Marjorie and her family.

The CIA group thanks you for taking the cards that were put out last Sunday. If everyone mailed their cards, we will have sent greetings to 80 individuals. We appreciate your efforts. May the good Lord bless you.

Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 1st. Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



Time and the Christian

God gives Christians grace and mercy in times of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

God sent Jesus to the world in the fullness of time. (Galatians 4:2)

We should bless the Lord at this present time and for evermore. (Psalms 115:18)

There is an appointed time for your death and judgement. No one can escape this appointment. (Hebrews 10:27)



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WORSHIP. Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
BIBLE STUDY. Sunday 9:00 A.M.
and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
LADIES BIBLE CLASS. Tuesday 10:00 A.M.

Those to Serve. . .

SUNDAY, October 25, 2020

Announcements: Buddy Holt

Song Leader: Mark Price

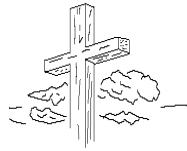
Prayer: Brad Laney

Serve at the Lord's Table:

Presiding: Robin Shelton

Speaker: Terry Broome

Closing Prayer: Rabon McCormack



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

Scripture: Tim Allen

Song Leader: Chad Brown

Prayer: Jim Brown

CONTACT ELDER: David Precise

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By Committee

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*The Word of God (the Bible) never changes.
If you go to worship to hear something other
than His Word,
You have gone for the wrong reason.
If you hear something other,
You are at the wrong place.*

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Begone unbelief,
My Savior is near,
And for my relief
Will surely appear;
By prayer let me wrestle,
And He will perform;
With Christ in the vessel,
I smile at the storm.

John Newton

For the LORD, the Most High, is
awesome,
a great king over all the earth.



PSALM 47:2, NRSV