

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Hope is Not in the Kingdom of Man

by Joe D. Chase

Jeremiah remained faithful to God in a time of persecution when kings and his own people hated him. In prison for being loyal to God he wrote, "Oh that my head were waters, my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"

His culture left God in the ways they treated each other. "Let everyone beware of his neighbor, put no trust in any brother, for every brother is a deceiver, and every neighbor goes about as a slanderer. Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity."

The same is happening in society today. Not long ago it was one side speaking against the conditions of the world and now it seems the worm has turned and the shoe is on the other foot. Either side you're on brings sorrow, hurt, confusion, violence and corruption.

We are living in dark days where the devil has free course. But, that has been true for over 2,000 years. Satan has influenced and damaged our country. He has swayed minds to depart from Bible principles to cleave to a way that seems right but leads to death. We abandoned God's way over the past few generations. We left Him out of our families and denied His definition of a family. We have embraced so many sinful ideals and practices that it seems there can be no hope for our country.

Jeremiah had knowledge we need to remember today, hope for God's people does not rest in the kingdom of men. It doesn't abide in any political party or any one nation. Here are some words that should lift your head and heart as we press on to the high calling of Jesus Christ. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

If Jeremiah could utter these words, certainly we can find hope to continue being God's chosen race and royal priesthood in this world.

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Family News

- Memorial contributions for Katherine Phipps, Toni Lawrence, and Audrey Eddings. Made by Eula Fulbright, Joe and Holly Cooper, and Shelby and Ramona Qualls.
- Earl Stephens will be having neck surgery on February 11. Please keep Earl, Bill, and Lavonia in your prayers along with their family.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

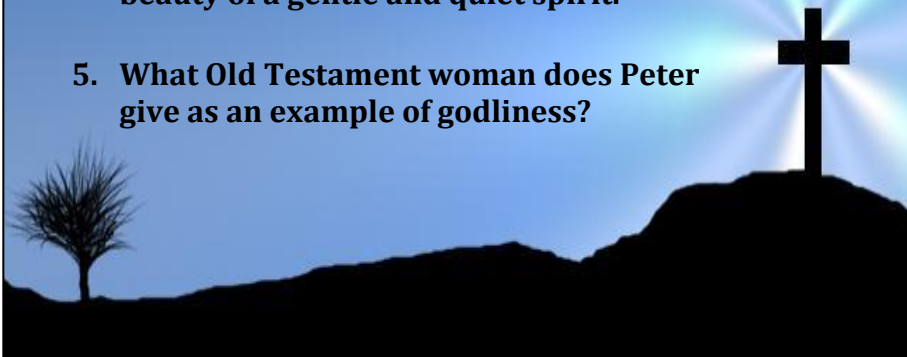
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OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

Bible Quiz: 1 Peter 3:1-6

1. “ _____, be submissive to your own _____,”
2. Is it possible for someone to won to Christ by observing Christian behavior?
3. “Do not let your adornment be merely _____ arranging the _____, wearing _____, or putting on fine _____”
4. The true adornment of a Christian woman should be the hidden person of the _____, with the _____ beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit.
5. What Old Testament woman does Peter give as an example of godliness?



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin		Richard Gunter

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1 st	Joyce Newbrey 5 th	Aaron Young 8 th
Cindy Phillips 11 th	Brighton Beebe 11 th	Dewey Brightwell 13 th
Davy Wyatt 14 th	Harris Wyatt 14 th	David Lawrence 19 th
Kaleb Moser 25 th	Chipper Lamb 27 th	

February Anniversaries

Acy & Iris Beebe 13th
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14th

Matthew 5:11-12, “Blessed are you when *people* insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”