

Devotional Thought

SOMETHING BETTER

"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect"

-Hebrews 11:39-40

Abel doesn't seem to fit in the first half of Hebrews 11. He's the first "ancient" listed, but his story isn't like the other mentioned there:

Enoch went to heaven without dying.

Noah saved mankind.

Abraham started a people group.

Isaac was a noted patriarch.

Joseph rose to the top in Egypt.

Moses led the greatest exodus ever.

Clearly, their faith was rewarded. By faith, they did what God asked, and He poured out blessings on them. They saw God's promises fulfilled before their eyes.

But Abel? The second son of Adam and Even had faith, and what did he get for it? Murdered. That sounds more like the people in Hebrews 11:35-38, who found that trusting God doesn't always lead to immediate blessing. They faced "**mocking, imprisonment, and being sawn in two.**" Thanks, but no thanks," we might say. We would all prefer to be heroic Abraham instead of someone "**destitute, afflicted, and tormented**" as though described in Hebrews 11:37. Yet in God's plan, there are no guarantees of ease and fame even for the devout.

While we might experience some blessings in this life, we may also have to wait until "**something better,**" comes along — the completion of God's promises in glory. *Until then, let's keep living by*

**DID YOU THINK TO PRAY,
 THIS MORNING?**

July's Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

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| Kya Dykes(1) | Theresa Taylor(18) |
| Antoine Ward(2) | Roy Blake(19) |
| Shirley Stewart(7) | Byron Flakes(19) |
| Jamie Pruitt(7) | Paula LaCour(20) |
| Jasmine Hicks(7) | Kathy Matthews(21) |
| James Magee(9) | Michelle Bennett(21) |
| Merrick Price(9) | Joshua Pigott(22) |
| Troyneil Brown, Jr.(9) | Gail Mitchell(23) |
| Cathy Washington(12) | LaTonia Brooks(24) |
| Dominique Jackson(13) | Monica Dupree(27) |
| Dawn Lagarde(14) | Aaron Pigott(27) |
| Gweneil Goodby(15) | Gerald Barnes(27) |
| Angelique Price(15) | William Rabalias(27) |
| Seletra Sylve(17) | Cierra Clark(28) |
| Heaven Bulter(17) | Andria Newsom(29) |

ANNIVERSARIES

- Kevin & Jacqueline Smith(5)
 Ortman & Toya Townsend(12)
 Isreal & Michelle Bennett(16)
 Ivan & Cathy Washington(24)
 Kurt & Sandra Tyler(30)
 Tyrone & Jennifer Barthelemy(31)

Today's Lesson

FINDING YOUR WAY BACK HOME(Part 2)-A.M.

Genesis 35:1-7

WHEN IT DOESN'T GET BETTER -P.M.

Series On: "Facing Adversities"
 2 Corinthians 12:6-11

I would like to express my thanks to Bro. Preston Olive for delivering God's Word, during my absence.

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ORDER OF SERVICES

Sunday

- Bible Class9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship10:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

- Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

GOD'S SERVANTS

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Prayer Request

MEDICAL CONCERNS

Sis. Linda Green, Sis. Miranda Harris, Sis. Mona Ivery, Sis. Rowena Jones, Lelah Riley, Ms. Annie Kendall, Bro. Sidney Reed, Sr., Sis. Judy Fruge, Sis. Alicia Bacchus, Sis. Sylvia Jackson, Ms. Monica Perm, Ms. Eartha Love, Bro. Alvin Holder, Sis. Pearl Dardar, Mr. & Mrs. Every, Sis. Yvette Williams, Ms. Jacqueline Ray, Sis. Sylvia Jackson, Bro. Jeff Barnes, Sis. Lillian Johnson, Sis. Debra Jones, Mrs. Blossie Gray, Sis. Jewel King, Sis. LaTonya Wiggins, Sis. Jessie Jones, Ms. Clara Rollins, Eta White, Yumiko Miller.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Bro. Patrick Syke, Sis. Edna Powell, Bro. Kory Twaites, Sis. Crystal Riley, Sis. Portia Cooper, Sis. Kathy Matthews.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Bro. & Sis. William Rabalias, Tanya Odom & family, Bro. Shawn Jefferson, Bro. & Sis. Larry Howard & family.

TRAVELING GRACE

Sis. Brenda Owens, Bro. & Sis. Corey Dykes & family.

MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

Bro. Israel Bennett, Jr., Bro. Fredrick Brown, Jr.

From His Word

"For you were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light. For the fruit of the Spirit is all goodness and righteousness and truth. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And having no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
-Ephesians 5:8-11

Sunday, July 25, 2010

Family News

CHORAL MINISTRY

* The Choral Ministry will resume practice, this evening, 4:45 p.m. Members interested in being part of this ministry are encouraged to attend.

CARING HEART MINISTRY

* The Caring Heart Ministry will begin meeting, Tuesday, August 10th, 7:15 p.m.

SISTER'S MINISTRY

The Franklin Street Church of Christ Annual Ladies' Enrichment Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th.

Area-Wide Events

Vacation Bible School, @Belle Chasse Church of Christ, August 2-4, 7:00 p.m.

18th Annual Fun Day Activities, @Russell Rd. Church of Christ (Shreveport, La.), August 7th, 8:00 a.m.

Gospel Meeting, @Thayer Church of Christ (Bogue Chitto, MS.), August 15-19, guest speaker: Bro. Winfred Frazier. A Gospel Musical will be held, Saturday, August 14th, 5:00 p.m.

8th Annual Men's Seminar, @Mill St. Church of Christ (Lake Charles, L.A.), August 28th. Theme: "Run, Speak to the Young Man." The seminar is open to all men and boys.

Think About It

There are two great days in a person's life:
the day we were born
and
the day we discover why.

Greeters

Today

Sis. Dana Bridgewater & Sis. Jarmala Sanders

August 1st

Sis. Philomenia Hamilton & Sis. Hazel Williams

August 8th

Sis. Wanda Conner & Sis. Amy Conner

August 15th

Sis. Alicia Bacchus & Sis. Monica Ward

If you are interested in being a greeter, please contact the office.

Marriage Retreat

Franklin Street Marriage Ministry invites all couples to attend the
22nd Annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat, sponsored by the Highland Heights Church of Christ November 12-14, 2010, at the San Luis Resort (Galveston, Texas). Registration is \$455.00 per couple.

For additional info please contact the Franklin Street Marriage Coordinators:

Bro. & Sis. Israel Bennett
or
Bro. & Sis. Mark Hall

Membership Updates

If you have moved and/or changed your phone numbers within the past six months, please fill out and return a Membership Form, located in the foyer.