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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, cousin Kayla, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina and Kirk, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King - Son David – and family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, David Henderson and Wife, Hailey Renee McManus, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Roselyn Pardillo and Family, Brother Dan and Sunny Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

Words Of Encouragement For The Believer

By Jerry Dodson, Sr.

Please let me tell you something. You might as well, cause I'm going to tell you anyway. Permit me to share my most favoritest scripture of the entire Bible. Not good English but it sure gets the point across. It is found in the book of Isaiah and Isaiah lived some 700 years before Christ came into the world. Read it carefully as I provide the verse for you. Listen to God's word.

Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

God has no one above Him. He answers to no one. He does as He pleases. In other words, God is Sovereign. As I said before, God is speaking to His chosen people thru the prophet Isaiah. Judah had been in Babylonian almost 70 years. The prophets Daniel and Jeremiah spoke of this.

But what had God done? He had created the heavens and the earth out of nothingness. He had done so in 6 literal days. He had delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. He had taken them through the Red Sea. The Egyptian army and its leader had been destroyed. He had given them water out of the rock which was Christ. He had given them manna. He had given them His word at Sinai. He had given them the tabernacle in the wilderness. He had led them through the desert into Canaan. He had caused their clothing and their shoes not wear out when they wandered in the wilderness those 40 years. He had done this and much more. Only God can do this.

They were on the threshold of going back to their homeland and they appear to be scared. If this is true, look at what faced them. Thus God speaks to His people thru His prophet. There is none like Him. He will do all His pleasure.

Often times I am faced with things that scare me. For example, I was scared when Jean died. I was scared when everything flooded. I did not know what to expect. I was scared when I resigned Denham after almost 23 years. I was scared to death when I moved to May, Texas. Oh I had moved before, that did not scare me. But this time I was by myself. You would have never known it if you had seen me but inside, I was scared. For the 1st time I had to do things myself. I have been scared since then, Lord will my retirement be sufficient? Lord, I have too much time on my hands. Lord, I have never not been without a wife before. That's the way I felt. Will I ever marry again? I have talked to my sons about this. Lord, that Corvette is too fast. On I could go. I know what fear is. You know what fear is. I am convinced that the Jews were afraid.

God wanted to encourage His people. I am so glad that I am numbered among the people of God, the

sheep of His pasture. How do I know that? I have entrusted myself to my Lord. He and what He did at Calvary is my only hope of redemption. I trust in no One nor in nothing else. God Himself has confirmed to me that I am a child of God. He has promised that He will not cast those who come to Him out. I believe that. God has encouraged me. You need encouragement. He has done much more than I ever dreamed He would do. He will encourage you also. He encouraged His people through the prophet Isaiah. That verse encourages me. God is God and there is none like Him. What an encouragement for the child of God. No wonder this is my most favorite scripture of the entire Bible. It portrays God as God. I like that. I need that. So do you.

Do not judge a minister . . .

By Thomas Brooks

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It is sad to see how many preachers in our days make it their business to enrich men's heads with lofty, empty, airy notions—instead of enriching their souls with holy truths.

Fix yourself under that man's ministry who makes it his business, his work—to enrich the soul, to win the soul, and to build up the soul; not to tickle the ear, or please the fancy. This age is full of such light, vain souls—who dislike everything but what is empty and airy.

Do not judge a minister . . .

by his voice, nor

by the multitude who follow him, nor

by his affected tone, nor

by his rhetoric and flashes of wit;

but by the holiness, heavenliness, and spiritualness of his teaching!

Many ministers are like empty orators, who have a flood of words—but a drop of matter!

Some preachers affect rhetorical strains; they seek abstrusities and love to hover and soar aloft in dark and cloudy expressions, and so shoot their arrows over their hearers' heads—instead of bettering their hearers' hearts.

Mirthful things in a sermon are only for men to gaze upon and admire.

He is the best preacher, not who tickles the ear—but who breaks the heart!

"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power!" 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Church News

- Do not forget our Bible Conference is Friday September 17 and Saturday September 18 We have 4 confirmations. Pastor Ronnie Miller, Pastor Joey Newell, Pastor Kelley Hinson, and Pastor Robert Keller.