

Tidings From Timothy

I Believe you will find the lessons today both interesting and challenging. This morning we look into “3 Foolish Ideas” and tonight is the youth service. Let’s all sing, pray, and give today in such a way as to please the Lord.

Pantry and Clothing: We now have plenty of hangers and the shelves are up in the pantry. All we need are some people to organize both rooms downstairs. If you have previously volunteered for this ministry then all things are ready for you. All you have to do is bring a sweater, it’s cold downstairs!

Youth Opportunity: The West End church of Christ in Livingston, TN is hosting a Bible Bowl on March 5. It would be great for us to get a team or two together for this event.

Nursing Home Service: Today is our day to conduct services at the local nursing home. They always look forward to our visit.

In Need of Prayer: Martha Pettet has still been having medical tests. Laura Key is now out of the hospital. Your prayers are requested for Zaylen Connour, cousin to Lisa Warren. She is a premie baby and weighed less than 2 pounds.

“Understandest Thou What Thou Singest?”

Continued from last week...

A prophet whose pillow was a stone is mentioned in “Mansion Over the Hilltop.” This “prophet” was Jacob who was fleeing from the wrath of Easu and pillowed his head on a stone at Luz (or Bethel), a place he passed through on his way to another land (Genesis 28:10-19).

In “Wonderful Love Of Jesus” we sing of raising “lays to Jesus in praise.” “Lay” is an archaic term for a song, thus, this hymn speaks of our attempts to praise Christ with spiritual songs.

When we sing “Ivory Palaces” we sing in the second verse that “aloes had a part” in Jesus’ life. Aloes, a perfume made from the oil

of a tree, was provided by Nicodemus to prepare the body of Jesus for burial (John 19:39) and thus it symbolizes the sorrow surrounding His death.

“What is an “Ebenezer” (“Oh Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”)? The word means “the stone of help” and it refers to a stone Samuel erected as a memorial of God’s miraculous help to Israel in routing the Philistines (I Samuel 7:10-12).

In “Give Me The Bible” we sing of the “glory gilding Jordan’s wave” (some misread it as “gliding” instead of “gilding”). That which is gilded is overlaid with gold. “Jordan’s waves” is a figurative reference to death; as Israel had to literally cross the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land, so we must all die to gain Heaven. Death holds men in fear, but the promises and comforts of God’s Word make even death attractive as though gilded for the faithful saint.

If you won a “Guerdon” (Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere”), would you know what you had won? “Guerdon” simply means a reward and refers to the promise of God to reward His children in Heaven, that poetic “Beautiful Isle Of Somewhere.”

“This Midnight And on Olive’s Brow” has two expressions that some may miss. First, “Olive’s Brow” does not refer to the forehead of Popeye’s sweetheart! Just east of Jerusalem, across the Kidron Valley, is the Mount of Olives (“Olivet”) upon whose side (“brow”) is the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus retired there with His apostles and prayed His prayers of agony on the eve of the Crucifixion (John 18:1; Matthew 26:36). Second, the last verse of the song speaks of the “ether(not either) plains,” which is a figurative reference to the vast regions of space or Heaven.

What is “Ebon Pinion” in “Night, With Ebon Pinion”? “Ebon” refers to the color black (as “ebony”). A “pinion” is the wing of a bird. The setting of this song is the betrayal and crucifixion of Christ. This series of events was so dark and somber that it was thought a great black bird, bearing doom, had cast its shadow over the Lord as He knelt in Gethsemane, was betrayed, tried and finally crucified.

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What must I do?

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16 (cont. on p.4)
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Mike Starnes 01/23
 Trent Lyon 01/24
 Brittney White 01/24
 Daniel Parsley 01/25
 Natasha Warren 01/26
 Tara Harlan 01/27
 Connie McHenry 01/27
 Keaton Rich 01/27
 Larry Copas 01/28
 Calvin Shaw 01/28
 Ramsey Kate Bartley 01/30
 Jarad Bartley 01/30

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Lord's Supper Reading:

Matthew 26:26-28, "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

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 Roger Deckard.....487-8544
 Steve Carter.....487-8746

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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