

## Tidings From Timothy

**M**Y family and I will be gone today on a little mini-vacation. In my absence, welcome Paul Wilmoth as our visiting preacher. Paul is the associate minister for the Northeast church of Christ in Cookeville, TN and a widely read author of Bible articles.

**Nursing Home:** service is at 2pm today.

**Advertisements:** for our upcoming Gospel Meeting are on the desk in the foyer.

**Library Additions:** **Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman** by Anne Ortlund and **Balance: A Tried and Tested Formula for Church Growth** by Ira North have been added and are ready to check out.

### In Need of Prayer

Olene McPherson is now in the nursing home. Michael Bartley is in the hospital in Glasgow. Melba Hagan is in the local hospital. Please pray also for TJ and Morgan Comer, Mary Kerr, and Floyd Smith.

### Birthdays

Heather Gerald	26 <sup>th</sup>
Jeff Gerald	26 <sup>th</sup>
Sue Ann Walker	30 <sup>th</sup>
MacShane Bartley	27 <sup>th</sup>



## Does God hear a sinner's prayer?

**Answer:** Does God hear a sinner's prayer for what? You see, there are many things that we may pray about, and

God knows when every person on this earth is praying, whether they are Christian or not. The question is perhaps better asked, "Will God give spiritual blessings to an unrighteous man?"

Since all spiritual blessings are in Christ (Eph. 1:3), I would have to say no, keeping in mind that there are some things that God gives all people simply to invite them into Christ, the Bible for example.

In looking at it a different way, though, consider the prayer of a man who has never known Christ. In what way is this man's prayer heard? I know that God realizes that the man is praying, but the question is, "What is he accomplishing by praying?"

Let's pretend that an alien sinner (a sinner who has never known Christ) prays for salvation. The modern-day concept is that if he "trusts in Jesus to save him" then God will hear his prayer and save him, but is this what the Bible says? Consider the case of Paul in Acts 9. Paul saw the Lord Jesus and then prayed (Acts 9:11). Now Paul was a sinner, he had seen the Lord, and now he was praying. Was he then saved? No! He was still a sinner until the blood of Christ washed away his sins (Acts 22:16), and that happened *after* he had been praying. The point is that prayer is not a substitute for obeying the gospel. It is a great privilege to pray to God, but we must make sure that we can pray to Him as our true Father and Savior. How can we say, "Our Father who art in heaven..." unless we have believed and obeyed the gospel to become his child? As a child of God, we can pray to him in times of sin as we turn from the sin. This is how Simon the Sorcerer was instructed in Acts 8.

What Must I do to be saved?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **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**

### Study the Bible?

God speaks to us today through the Holy Word of God - The Bible (Hebrews 1:1-2). The Scriptures instruct us in the way God requires His people to live (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The Bible is powerful and able to save us (Romans 1:16; James 1:21-25), if we will hear, learn and obey it.

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**Proverbs 1:7 - 9** <sup>7</sup>The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but* fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup>My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: <sup>9</sup>For they *shall be* an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

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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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