

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Fear!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Anthony Johnson (Carla’s brother), Robert Webster (Peggy’s nephew), Wayne and Cathy Ezell, Doris Fikes, Peggy Beebe, Ed Maxwell , Kenny Dearing, Abby and Steve, and Nate.

Response: Wilbert came forward Wednesday evening asking for prayers

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Beverly is at Cold Bay for a month, Joe will join her there on this next rotation home. Alice Stone is traveling to NYC for training and will be gone for five weeks.

Men’s Business Meeting: There will be a men’s business meeting today immediately after our morning services. All the men are invited to attend.

Radio Program: Listen to “Searching the Scriptures”, our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today’s Scripture: “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” **Matthew 10:28 (KJV)**

Today’s Wisdom: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” **Psalms 23:4 (KJV)**

Check the Website: It contains more detail and additional news.

Attendance Last Sunday: 56/47 Record: 96

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God’s Plan of Salvation

HearRomans 10:17
BelieveMark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess OurRomans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized..... Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life.....Romans 6:4

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Fear!

All of us are afraid of something. I remember as a boy, my brother, my friends, and I would take our horses and go camping. Sometimes we would just go out overnight, but other times we would be out for up to a week. One night, on an overnight camping trip, we were using a line cabin built by a farmer to let his ranch hands stay in when they were repairing fences. We made a corral for our horses with our lariats, cooked dinner and settled in for the night. As boys are apt to do, our conversation soon turned to ghosts, demons, vampires, serial killers, snakes, lions and bears.

We were camping next to the largest National wildlife refuge in Arkansas and there were populations of lions and bear there, as well as other things that went bump in the night. As we began to tell more and more scary stories, our horses became restless. A couple of us went outside to check the coral and being somewhat scared from our stories, we didn't do a very good job before hurrying back in. It wasn't long before the horses really started to act up. Their action caused us to barricade the door, we just knew that a bear or lion was going to break in on us at any minute. The horses finally broke out of the rope corral and ran off, stranding us there!. Of course there was no sleep that night. The next morning our parents came to check on us because the horses were home without us. As it turned out a bear had come around and spooked the horses enough to make them run home. It didn't matter how brave we tried to act, the fact was we were scared!

Jesus tells us that there is something for humans to fear. It is not anything on this earth though. What Jesus tells us to fear is the One who is able to destroy the soul and body in Hell. Read as He speaks: *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* **Matthew 10:28 (KJV)**

It is what led up to this statement that I want us to consider today. The context of this verse begins in Matthew 10:16 and continues to the end of the chapter in verse 42. Here Jesus tells His twelve apostles that they are going to face difficult times. Earlier in the chapter, Matthew tells us that Jesus sent them out to preach that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, and in sending them out He gave them the power to heal the sick, clean lepers, raise the dead and cast out demons.

By: Bill Beebe

But Jesus also told them *"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles"* .**Matthew 10:16-18 (KJV)** In sending them out, Jesus told them that they were going to be persecuted. He didn't say that they may be scourged, He said that they would be. He didn't say that they may be arrested, He told them that they would be. But He also told them not to be afraid of that.

Mark records Jesus saying that those who are His disciples will face persecutions. Notice: *"Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first."* **Mark 10:28-31 (KJV)** The context of this begins in Mark 10:17 when a young man ask Jesus what he has to do to have eternal life. We all know the story, Jesus tells him to obey the law of Moses, which the young man said that he had from his youth. Then Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing. That was to sell all that he had and give the funds to the poor. As it turns out, the one thing that this young man feared most was being without his material possessions. Jesus told His disciples that it was harder for a rich man to enter Heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle which caused Peter to make his statement about leaving all to follow Jesus. It was then that Jesus told them that whatever they gave up for the gospel wouldn't compare to what they would receive, but that they would also face persecutions. This message is pertinent for us today. If we stand up for the gospel and the truths contained in it, we will face persecution. You will be called narrow minded, you will be called a member of a cult, you will be ridiculed for maintaining the truths about baptism and freedom of choice. You may even be arrested for hate speech for insisting that homosexuality is a sin (Romans 1:24-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9).

It is not the persecutions we need to be afraid of. What we really need to fear is the One who can destroy our soul and body in Hell. However, we only need to fear Him if we are unwilling to conform our lives to His commandments. If you have done that, you can look forward to meeting Him with joy. Otherwise you will truly understand what real fear is at judgement.