

The Bible Always Works

Technology is fun. When it works, it's great! You love it, and you don't even think about "how" or "why" it works. You just appreciate it! BUT, when technology doesn't work, it's NOT great and you DON'T love it! And you have to try to figure out "how" and "why" it isn't working! Sometimes stuff works; sometimes it doesn't. That reality alone can be frustrating!

But, that's one thing that makes the Bible so wonderful! The Bible always works! It doesn't change. It doesn't need to be updated. It doesn't crash. It doesn't have a battery that dies. It doesn't have any circuits that short out. You don't have to check to see if it's plugged in. You don't have to reboot it. It just always works! Verses always say the same thing! Verses don't move to different places! Once you know Bible truth, it is always Bible truth!

I am thankful for tech guys who know how to fix tech stuff! Bless your hearts for your patience! But, I am more thankful for a Book on which I can ALWAYS rely, no matter what! Aren't you!

~David Sproule

*Every number has a name!
Every name has a story!
Every story matters to God.*

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God The Righteous Judge

There are many of us who have an affinity for TV lawyer shows. Guys like Perry Mason, Ben Matlock, and Jack McCoy made us feel like we were in the room with them as they pressed the witnesses and got to the truth of the matter. Sometimes even getting confessions from the guilty on the stand. In the book of Micah, the reader is invited into the court room as God brings a charge against Judah.

“Hear now what the Lord is saying” (Mic. 6:1). God begins by calling his witnesses to the stand (6:1-2). In this case, He calls the mountains, hills, foundations of the earth. God had told them before they went into the Promised Land that “heaven and earth” witnessed against them as He told them what would happen if they provoked Him to anger (Deut. 4:26). Then, taking the place of the plaintiff, God asks the question, “What have I done to you?” (Mic. 6:3). He then proceeds to give evidence of keeping His side of the covenant relationship. “I brought you up from the land of Egypt and ransomed you from the house of slavery” (Mic. 6:4-5). It is after this that God answers as a defendant for them. “With what shall I come to the Lord and bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my firstborn for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul” (Mic. 6:6-7)? Finally, God provides the answer as a judge. “He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mic. 6:8)?

This court scene that is laid out before us in this chapter is unlike our judgement. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). On that day, it will not be heaven and nature that is called as witness against us. It will be the words of Christ (John 12:48-50). In Revelation chapter six, there are six seals that are opened. The sixth seal is that of judgement and destruction. The question is asked after seeing this great calamity unfold, “Who is able to stand?” (Rev. 6:17). That is, who will be left after such great destruction? In chapter seven, we receive that answer beginning in verse nine. There is a great multitude from every nation and every tongue around the throne of God worshipping Him. John describes these worshippers. “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:14). The day of our judgment is coming. Let us keep our robes white and persevere through this life to be able to stand before the God, the righteous Judge. ~Josh Blackmer

Keep These Dates in Mind	May Birthdays and Anniversaries		
May 2 - Sunday, regularly scheduled services, NO POTLUCK, plus 5:00 brainstorming session May 5 - Wednesday, first day of the lectureship May 6, 7, 8 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, lectureship continues May 9 - last day of lectureship, including POTLUCK May 13 - Thursday, homeschool testing at the church building	Mike Manning 5/1 Lynette Jones 5/4 Gerald Funnell 5/5 Bill Lafferty 5/8 Tom Gritzan 5/17 Katie Botts 5/18 Mary Hill 5/21 Kurtis Rau 5/26	Bible Studies	
	Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - Judges Sunday p - Romans Wed p - John	Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room	Ladies Class Thursday 10:00 a
Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Lafferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce Michael Stimson, Jim Preston			



In Our Prayers

Wanda Danley's brother, Larry Marquez, is back in the hospital after another seizure. The VA denied hospice care for him, and the hospital in his home town is unable to do any more for him, so he is currently in Portland. Please do keep him and the family in your prayers.

Pat Lindsay's hemoglobin count dipped seriously low this last week and she had to have a transfusion to increase the count. The doctors will monitor her medicine to try to keep this from happening again.

We are planning a **Bible Seminar May 5-9** at our building. Please spread the word and plan on attending.

Meeting tonight at 5:00p. The purpose of this meeting is to brainstorm ideas and suggestions about possible ministries that we might get involved with to both strengthen the body and reach out to the community.

Our Ministries

Mountain States Children's Home

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)

Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit

Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

The Bible Shows Us What We Can Be

God pictures His revealed word, the Bible, as a mirror for our souls. He does this to reveal us to ourselves. He tells us that as we look into that mirror. *"But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit"* (2 Cor. 3:18). That is, with the "eye of faith" we see the Lord, and we then become like He is. The apostle Paul also shows this purpose in the revealed word of God, as he writes, *"For now we see in a mirror, darkly, but then face to face: now I know in part, but then shall I know fully even as I was fully known"* (1 Cor. 13:12). Partial revelation could give only a partial picture of a person's spiritual condition. But, the revealed word of God fully reveals us, as we look into that *"mirror...face to face..."* Just as you see yourself "face to face" in your mirror at home, that clearly can you see your spiritual condition when you look into God's word.

A look in the mirror would serve no purpose unless changes were possible. A dirty face can be washed. And the sinner can be washed from his sins, also! *"Jesus Christ...loosed us from our sins by his blood"* (Rev. 1:5). Nothing else can cleanse us from sin. No other cleansing agent will work. *"The blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). When God looked upon this sinful world, He saw something worth saving: man who was made in His own image, but now marred by sin. *"But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Rom 5:8). That is the reason the apostle Paul writes, *"For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory"* (Eph. 2:8-9). We cannot save ourselves, neither can our own works or goodness save us. Only the blood of Christ can take away our sin.

Just looking into a mirror doesn't cleanse the face. And just studying the Bible doesn't bring the cleansing power of Christ's blood. Note again, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves"* (James 1:2). Jesus still asks, *"And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* (Luke 6:46). There is something for us to do, in order to be made clean. If we would be clean, we will *"purify our souls in our obedience to the truth"* (1 Peter 1:22). *"But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a bearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing"* (James 1:25). It is when we do His will that the blood of Jesus cleanses. The apostle Paul shows how and when we are saved by the grace of God. *"For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God...But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ Jesus died for us...Or are you ignorant that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism unto death; that like Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life."* When we trust Him enough to do what He said, we will be cleansed by His blood.~ Exerted, Clem Thurman

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:56-58)