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Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
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Evil Begets Stupidity

Jared Jackson

CBS News recently aired a story (Source: CBSNews.com) that profiled how Iceland has virtually eliminated Down Syndrome from their population. Well, that's quite a medical accomplishment. How did they do it? Share the secret with the world. We'd love to know. Or maybe we wouldn't. As you watch the heart-warming video segment (after all, they've conquered this terrible birth defect...for the babies), you learn that they really haven't eliminated the genetic cause of Down Syndrome. Actually, they're just eliminating the victims by aborting 100% of prenatal babies diagnosed with the genetic disorder, in spite of the fact that screening results are only 85% accurate. That this is actually being reported as a success in eliminating a disease is pure idiocy at best crafted by shallow (nice word) people...in reality, Nazi-like social engineering. Why not finish the job and eliminate those now living with Down Syndrome, as did Hitler with some 70,000+ men, women and children with mental handicaps? It's like saying we have 100% success rate teaching children to swim, because those who can't dog paddle we let down. Hitler may be dead, but the disciples of Goebbels are still hard at work crafting their social engineering propaganda. But this passes without virtually any critical thought in today's mainstream media. One wonders if the reporter actually has the capacity to reason. I'll leave that conclusion to others, but she should be grateful her news story isn't the criteria by which we determine whether someone is mentally fit to live. By the way, in the United States 67% of women who receive a positive diagnosis for Down Syndrome screening choose to "cure" their child with abortion. Elective abortion continues to be the worst scourge in our society... despite what the liberal media and those under their influence say.

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Looking to God

Jonathan Burns

Recently the entire United States was looking to the skies. Everyone was trying to get a glimpse of the eclipse that was taking away the light from the sun. According to some reports over a million-people traveled to Nashville to see this great display of God's creation. This one-day event brought so much attention that the Tennessee State Troopers created a video to help people to prepare for the extra people, traffic, and headaches caused by the influx of people into Tennessee.

David wrote these words: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge" (Psalm 19:1-2). What a blessing it is to be able to see that this world speaks to the glory of God and His handywork. Here are four reasons that we should look to God every day.

God Is Omnipotent

The book of Genesis begins with these words: "In the beginning God created..." God is the only one who has complete power over the earth (Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 11:3). After He created the "heavens and the earth," He spoke "light" into existence (Genesis 1:3). After creating light, He created the firmament, and everything we know, just by the power of His word. God is also the only one who has complete power over the spiritual realm. Jesus cast out devils during His earthy ministry (Matthew 8:16, 9:32-33). James tells us that the demons believed in God and that they are aware of His omnipotence because they trembled of what He could do (James 2:19). God carries the power to create and shape everything we can imagine.

God is Omniscient

Mankind is very smart. You can look at Astronomy and see how scientists can calculate events like the eclipse. God is filled with all knowledge. The word "omniscient" is just a fancy way of saying that God is all knowing. This means that God knows everything including the past, present, and future. There is nothing of which God is not aware. "...God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things" (1 John

3:20). The beauty in the omniscience of God is that He is prepared for anything that can happen.

God is Omnipresent

David wrote in the psalms about the grand knowledge of God and how God knows everything about mankind. In Psalm 139, David acknowledges that God is present everywhere by asking this rhetorical question: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" (Psalm 139:7). He illustrates the answer by showing that if we go to the highest point in the heavens, God is there. If we go to the uttermost parts of the sea, God is there. If we are in darkness, God is there.

God Is Eternal

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalms 90:1-2). How wonderful is it to know that before this world was ever formed that God was in existence? This gives us hope because God loved this world so much that he set forth a plan before the foundation of the world was ever laid (Ephesians 1:4, 1 Peter 1:20). Jesus told His disciples that he was going to prepare eternity for His followers (John 14:1-4). God's Word will always direct our paths toward eternity.

Remember, nothing can take away the light from the Son (John 8:12) and we must not allow anything to take away the light that the Christian shines (Matthew 5:14-16). We are to be the "light" of the world and we should work daily to be more like the Son.

(Jonathan Burns is a 2013 graduate of Memphis School of Preaching. He is married to Kelley and they have a 2 year old son, Charlie. Jonathan preaches for the East Hill Church of Christ in Pulaski,, Tennessee where he also directs the Annual Truth in Love Lectureship each May.)

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If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of September 10, 2017

BIBLE STUDY: 230
 A.M. WORSHIP: 305
 P.M. WORSHIP: 210
 CONTRIBUTION: \$17,966.00

OUR SICK

Patty Smith, sister of Joyce Phillips, has moved to Grace Rehab in Germantown.

Robert R. Taylor, Jr., Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, Jackson, TN.

Jerry Wright, recovering from a cracked bone in his shoulder he received in a car accident.

ILL AT HOME: Joe Baxter and Marv Sowell.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry Albert & Ruth House
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 Hazel Eskew Helen Palazola
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REQUESTED PRAYERS: Michael Callahan and Andrew Knipple

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND: Donations may be made through Forest Hill Church of Christ. Please earmark your checks for flood relief. Total amount raised is \$6,770.00.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

HEARTS AND HANDS REORGANIZATION LUNCHEON following the morning service Sunday, September 17. Zones 1 and 2 are responsible for set up and clean up. Zone 6 is responsible for drink preparation.

FLU SHOTS will be available for \$30. Medicare is accepted. Please see bulletin board for sign-up sheet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULT DEVOTIONAL at the home of Jason and Leah White, Saturday, September 23. This will be the last devotional for the year.

JC ACTIVITY Sunday, September 24 after morning service in the break room of the education building. This will be hosted by Danny and Melinda Braddock.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, September 24.

PARENTING SEMINAR Saturday, September 30 8:30-11:30 a.m. Child care is provided. Please see bulletin board for sign-up sheet.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary Alice and Bob Bergstrom on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Fiona Vickery.

June Faulkner on the birth of a great-grandson, Mason Boone Moore. Brittany and David Moore are the parents.

Forest Hill Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, visits, text messages, and food during my recent hospital stay and pacemaker procedure.

The kindness you have expressed to me is appreciated.

In Christian love, Jim Woody

Last week's solution:
Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. Proverbs 20:11

CORNERSTONE
 Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.
 NDA EH UTROHGB MIH TROHF RODBAA, NDA SIDA, OOLK WON WTOUDA VNHEEA, NDA TLLE EHT TSSRA, FI UTOH EB LEB A OT URNMEB TMHE: NDA EH SIDA UTON MIH, OS SLLHA YTH DEES EB. NDA EH VLIEEEDB NI EHT ROLD; NDA EH UTONEDC TI OT MIH ROF UTSSSRONIHGEE.

Living With Regret

It is nearly impossible to live a life here on earth without any regret about one's past. We make mistakes, we offend God and our fellow man, and we do sin. But though one has regrets he still can be forgiven. It is regret or sorrow over our actions that leads us to repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). Recently while waiting to get my hair cut I began perusing a magazine and noticed an article written by a staff writer who had interviewed four centenarians. The question posed by the writer, "what was the secret to living to 100 years of age?" Each individual responded differently but this response got my attention, "I haven't given much thought to regrets. When I get through living, I may do it then." This is not sound reasoning. Dear friend, if one refuses to acknowledge his sins in this life and does not obey the gospel of Christ, such a person will live with an eternity of regret. The rich man in torment was conscious of his past life and as he suffered in that place his memory haunted him. No, you do not want to wait until you are through living on earth to think about what you did wrong.

Thankfully the apostle Paul did not live this way. The man who persecuted Christians to the point of death came to understand how wrong he had been. He repented and was baptized and his sins were washed away in the blood of Jesus (Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3,4). What if he had died in his previous condition? To this moment he would be living in torment with regret. However, the apostle stated, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13,14).

Are you living with regret? If so, acknowledge such to God and to your fellows. Receive God's forgiveness and press on like Paul. If you do this you will not spend eternity living with regret.

Barry

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