

## A CRY FOR HELP

To whom do we turn when the going is rough and calamity seems to surround us? The Psalmist realized and accepted the very thing that the majority rejects today – **help** comes from Jehovah God!

Many people today (including our elected officials) are taking every opportunity to trample under foot God and His word. The faithful of God who exalt His truths are mocked and ridiculed. It is today as it was during the days of Isaiah when God’s prophet said, *“For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Jehovah; that say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits”* (Isa. 30:9-10).

Instead of reverence for God, the majority of folks today revel in worldly wisdom and earthly pride. The apostle Paul pointed out the folly of such thinking to the Corinthians in saying: *“For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the discernment of the discerning will I bring to nought. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God’s good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe. Seeing that Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumblingblock, and unto Gentiles foolishness; but unto them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men”* (1 Cor. 1:18-25). The wisdom of the world will lead to the ruin of a person or a nation!

**The Psalmist cried for help because “the godly man ceaseth” (Psa. 12:1).** It does no good to appeal to the masses because the majority has never been fit to follow!

Godliness will never win a popularity contest in this world. The warning that should be heeded is this: *“thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil ...”* (Exo. 23:2)! Godly people who prefer the *“straitened and narrow”* path to the *“wide and broad”* way are not found on every street corner. It does seem in so many instances that the godly man has ceased to exist. A cry for help needs to go forth for men who will stand in the gap (cf. Ezek. 22:30). We need people who are willing to be *“the salt of the earth”* and *“the light of the world”* (Matt. 5:13-16). Without such godly people, the ungodly will flourish and prosper. May soldiers of the cross rise up to do battle against the wickedness that is choking the life from our nation.

**The Psalmist cried for help “for the faithful fail...” (12:1).** The devil is always seeking to sidetrack and devour (1 Pet. 5:8) those who are *“walking in the light”* (1 John 1:7). The call of the world beckoned Demas and he forsook Paul (2 Tim. 4:10). When faced with adverse circumstances, there is always the temptation to conform to the ways of the world (cf. Rom. 12:1) and to neglect that which is above (Col. 3:2). It is time to petition God that the faithful few not stumble or fail! The righteous must not become *“weary in well-doing”* (Gal. 6:9; cf. 2 Thess. 3:13). There is a battle to be fought and a race to run. As Paul says, *“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord”* (1 Cor. 15:58)!

**The Psalmist stated that God will “cut off falsehood, a flattering lip and a double heart” (12:2-3).** Our prayers should be that such will occur once again in this land in which we live. The Psalmist describes the arrogant and boastful attitude of people during his day as follows: *“Who have said, with our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us”* (Psa. 12:4)?

Those today who are obsessed with humanism and are lovers of immorality will continue to do all within their power to destroy Christianity. It is a sad and terrible testimony to the depths to which this nation has plunged that

any so-called religion is exalted above Christianity. But those who attack and mock the Lord and His church will not succeed!

May people today once again recognize where our help lies! When we come to the end of our lives, we should want to say as did the apostle Paul: *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing”* (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

**Marvin L. Weir from *Bonham Beacon***

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## WORLD’S BEST BOOK

This book contains the mind of God, the state of men, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter.

Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the ways of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure.

It is given to you in life, will be open in the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

**Author Unknown**

## ANNIVERSARY

John and Debra Gragg, 11-16.

## ILL

**Sunday:** Millie Robertson; Janice Carter.

**Wednesday:** Linda Thomas.

Elizabeth Ray, Clara Scott's sister, was dismissed from St. Joseph's Hospital and is in the nursing home. John Shafer is in the hospital for treatment of diverticulitis in Kearney, NE. Sandra Campbell, Julia Thrasher's sister, is hospitalized and scheduled for surgery in Denver, Colorado this week.

**Those battling cancer:** Ledgia Campbell, David Cole, Shauna Heck, Betty James and Cleo Stone. Please remember these in your prayers.

## HOME BOUND

Kathleen Camp is in Room 101 at the Royal Terrace Nursing Home in Olathe. Barbara James' Aunt, Evelyn Marquardt is at Sharon Lane in Shawnee. Please remember these in your prayers and visitation.

## OUT OF TOWN

John and Debra Gragg are vacationing in Branson, MO this weekend. Cleo Stone is vacationing in Arkansas with his son Steve for a couple of weeks. Leah S. Thrasher is visiting relatives in Owensville, MO this weekend and is expected to return on Sunday afternoon. Chris Edwards was in Chicago on business last week.

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday AM, 59; Sunday PM, 36; Wednesday PM, 34.

## IN THE TOILET

My son Zachary, 4, came screaming out of the bathroom to tell me he'd dropped his toothbrush in the toilet. So I fished it out and threw it in the garbage. Zachary stood there thinking for a moment, then ran to my bathroom and came out with my toothbrush. He held it up and said with a charming little smile, "We better throw this one out too then—it fell in the toilet a few days ago."

## Those To Serve

November 15, 2009

**BUILDING AND COMMUNION..... Parish**

### MORNING WORSHIP

**ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Joel Nelson**  
**SONG LEADER..... Trent Thrasher**  
**OPENING PRAYER ..... John Cody Carter**  
**PRESIDE..... Stanley Anderson**  
**ASSIST..... John Dodson**  
**ASSIST..... John James**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... Chris Edwards**

### EVENING WORSHIP

**OPENING PRAYER ..... George Thomas**  
**CLOSING PRAYER..... Jared Nelson**  
**LORD'S SUPPER..... Stanley Anderson**

### WEDNESDAY 18th

**SONG LEADER..... Joel Nelson**  
**INVITATION ..... Jared Nelson**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

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