

Words Of Life

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Knowing God
Text: "Acquaint now thyself
with him; and be at peace."
Job 23:21

Mankind throughout the centuries has had a longing to know God, and sometimes we, as people of 20th century America, seem to be farther away from really knowing Him. But certainly, to know God is to love and serve Him.

Recently there was a survey made of college students concerning their idea of God. The question was asked: "How do you think of God?" 32% of the students thought of God as a personality, 41% said that God was merely an orderly force of the universe, 25% thought that God did not exist, and 1 student simply stated, "I wish I knew."

Long ago Job exclaimed, "Oh, that I knew where I might find him." We usually think of Job as an honorable and upright man. But Job, at one time in his life was searching for God, just as millions of honorable and upright men of our day and age are seeking to find Him.

In our quest for God we shouldn't feel ashamed because we have a fog of doubt in our minds as to whether he really exists or not. We will all have our doubts at times if we are true Christians, because true faith implies doubt. The fight of faith has to be won over and over again. But we learn by this struggle with God through doubt that we are up against something to overcome. We are struggling with God. The more sincerely and desperately a man struggles the more he finds that God is inescapable.

To know God, we can rely upon our power of reason, if someone asked you this question how would you answer? The question is as

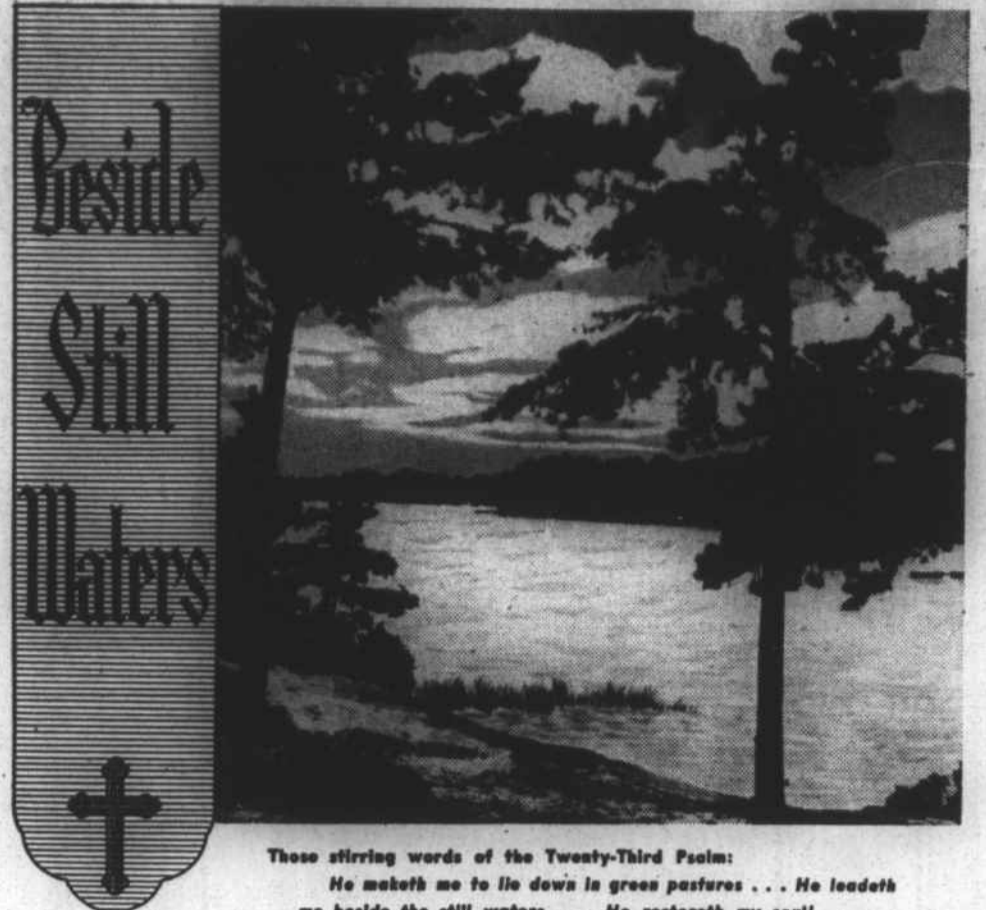
follows: "If someone proved to you that Jesus Christ did not exist, would you still believe in Him?" Think before you answer yes. Because if someone could really prove to you that Christ doesn't exist, then it would be all right to disbelieve in Him. But that is just the point. No one can prove that He doesn't exist. On the other hand we can't prove that Christ does exist if we think that "seeing is believing." But by faith and only by faith do we live our Christian lives from day to day.

We know God through His gifts of appreciation. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans: "For the invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made." We only need to look at the beauty of nature around us, to listen to the beautiful music of our symphony orchestras and our hymns, to see life in the beauty of birth to realize and to firmly believe that God does exist.

Reason and appreciation are helpful in knowing God, but to truly know Him the word Faith is our golden key. If we really want to know what God is like, then why don't we simply look at Christ? Because it was Christ who reflected God here on this earth. I like to think of Christ as all man in the truest sense of the term. I believe he possessed all the muscle and sinew of some of our strong men today. I believe that Christ smiled very frequently and possessed humor to the extent that He would have enjoyed a good, clean joke. But most of all I believe that Jesus Christ possessed humility, something that is very essential in the life of any Christian.

Then the best of reason, appreciation, and faith assures us, not only of a knowledge of God, but of a power by which any life can be made triumphant.

SUNDAY IS A HOLIDAY AND A HOLY DAY



These stirring words of the Twenty-Third Psalm:
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures . . . He leadeth me beside the still waters . . . He restoreth my soul!

The psalmist must have known the turmoil of life, even though he lived three thousand years ago. At least he had experienced the peace which comes upon a man when he escapes the bustling world and rests in the quiet stillness of nature's scene. And he caught its spiritual meaning!

A man's soul, like his body, needs to be restored. Just as sleep and recreation rebuild our physical strength, prayer and worship re-vitalize our spiritual being.

Thoughtfully, our forefathers taught us to spend part of each day in spiritual pursuits. Wisely, they set aside one day of the week for worship.

The Church provides opportunity for Sunday worship, and guidance in every-day devotion to God.

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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chap.	Verses
Sunday	Psalms	23	1-6
Monday	Acts	8	30-38
Tuesday	Genesis	9	8-17
Wednesday	I Peter	5	4-11
Thursday	Deuteronomy	31	6-8
Friday	Isaiah	26	1-4
Saturday	Romans	14	16-19

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Soil Conservation News

By John S. Smith
Clinton Mills, who now lives in Akron, but who owns a farm on Hanging Dog Creek, made arrangements to have seven hundred thirty feet of drainage ditches dug recently. Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service surveyed the ditches, to insure the proper depth and grade on the completed ditch bottoms.

A local heavy equipment operator was engaged to dig the ditches, since it would be a considerable undertaking with pick and shovel. Last week the digging was completed, and the tile will be laid by Goffery Graves. It was necessary to run the ditch through a field of corn which was planted this spring but only a very small number of stalks which were bearing ears of corn were destroyed in the process. Due to the wetness of the field, most of the corn plants were either dead, or at best, very stunted and yellow. There would have been a very small amount of

corn harvested whether the ditch was dug or not.

This field has been ditched years ago and the ditches filled with pine poles. For a number of years, the field could be cultivated since the poles furnished good drainage as long as they were sound. The poles have recently rotted completely, allowing the ditch to fall in. When this happened, the field became flooded and useless for cultivation.

Next year, Clinton should be able to plant his entire field in corn with a reasonable assurance that he can produce good crop of corn. He will be another among many farmers in Cherokee County who has found out that it is a waste of time and effort to try to farm a field which is subject to drowning. Dozens of satisfied farmers will tell you that lime, fertilizer, or any other effort on wet ground is wasted. The first need for such land is adequate drainage. After that, lime, fertilizer, and seed can be applied with good results.

Among The Sick

Patients admitted to Providence Hospital, Mrs. Ethel Hembree, Rt. 3, Murphy; baby Randall Lee Curtis, Rt. 3, Murphy; Mr. Howell Pendergrass, Marble; Mrs. Cornelia Lunsford, Rt. 1, Murphy; Mr. Willis Loudermilk, Andrews; Mrs. Mae Ledford, Rt. 3, Hayesville; Mrs. Laura Franklin, Rt. 2, Hayesville; Mrs. Mae Hunt, Andrews; James Hogsd, Warner; Mr. Jack Brown, Rt. 4, Murphy; Jerome Williams, Murphy; Mrs. Lena Edwards, Murphy; Mr. Harold Hogsd, Andrews; Mr. Fred Hampton, Rt. 3, Murphy; Mrs. Nora Abbot, Washington, D. C.; Miss Dale Dillard, Rt. 4, Murphy; Mr. Huey Hughes, Rt. 2 Murphy; and Baby Sandra Gail Byers, Rt. 4, Murphy.

Murphy Births

WRIGHT
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Howard Wright of Rt. 3, Murphy announce the birth of a son, August 17, at Providence Hospital. Mrs. Wright is the former Miss Carolyn Seabolt.

MORROW
Mr. and Mrs. Atle Morrow of Murphy announce the birth of a son, August 18, at Providence Hospital. Mrs. Morrow is the former Miss Barbara Sue McClure.

JACQUES
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jacques of Murphy announce the birth of a son, Paul James August 15, at Providence Hospital. Mrs. Jacques is the former Miss Janet Lucille Poulin.

A Backward Glance

30 Years Ago
August 21, 1931.

Mrs. R. S. Parker and daughters, Grace and Elizabeth, are visiting relatives and friends in Hickory.

Messrs. R. A. Dewar and son, Harry, and G. Wayne Walker were business visitors in Waynesville and Black Mountain on last Thursday.

On Monday evening, August 8th, Sara Ruth Posey entertained at her home, "Sunshine Knoll". The house was decorated with cutflowers. The hostess assisted in entertaining by her mother, who presided at the punch bowl. The following were present. Misses Grace Willis Bell, Woodfin Posey, Mary and Margaret Witherspoon, Grace Barnett, Mary Weaver, Mary Jo and Polly Davis, Louise and Frances Ellington and Grace Parker, and Messrs. Bill and Buster Bayless, Jerry Davidson, William Thompson, Marshall Bell, Jim McCombs, Buel Adams, James Mallonee, Charles Dickey, Paul Howell, J. H. Brendle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Haney held a family reunion Saturday at their home, picnic style, out in the meadow near the house. They are the proud parents of eleven children. Messrs. Frank Ellis and Robert Wells spent the weekend in Asheville.

Mr. Lucius Cope of Sylva was a visitor in town Wednesday.

20 Years Ago
August 28, 1941
Miss Kathleen Roberts spent last week-end in Greensboro she was accompanied home by little Don Pike who will visit here for a month.

H. E. Bishop spent several days last week in Knoxville. Mrs. Katie G. Hale and son, Harry Hale, of Belle, W. Va., Arrived Monday to visit here with their daughter and sister Mrs. Richard Meroney.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Butt, of Lumpkin Ga. and Mrs. Ida Butt, of Butler, Ga., visited here last week with Mrs. Frank Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akin left Wednesday for a vacation in the eastern part of the state. Miss Sara Ruth Posey left Tuesday for Louisville, Ky., where she will attend a convention.

Miss Ann Wakefield visited this week in Andrews, with

relatives.

Miss Ruby Townsend, Miss Clara Mae Townsend, and J. C. Townsend visited in Chattanooga Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Franklin, Miss Elizabeth Franklin and Miss Kate Gray spent Monday in Asheville.

10 Years Ago
August 23, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gentry of Murphy announce the birth of a daughter, Frances Elizabeth, August 18, at Petrie Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo C. Bryant, Jr., of N. Augusts, Ga., announce the birth of a son, James McCurdy, at University Hospital in Augusta, July 19. Mrs. Bryant is the former Miss Martha Faust, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McCurdy who lived in Murphy several years ago.

Billy Savage of Norfolk, Va. visited Mrs. C. W. Savage last week.

Mrs. Sarah Mayfield of Ocala Fla., and Barnesville, Ga., has arrived to spend the summer in the home of Mrs. J. B. Gray.

Miss Elsie Nunn of Winston-Salem is visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnnie Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hall and daughter Diane, of Royal Oak, Mich., visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyatt a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mauney and daughter have returned to their home in Raleigh after a two week's visit with Mrs. Tom Mauney.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Noland of Chicago were guests of Miss Ella McCombs last week. Roy and Tommy Crawford of Franklin are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford and Mrs. Ellen Crawford.

License To Wed

Thomas Graham Truett, 26 Rt. 2, Culberson and Helen Jane McMillan, 23, of Murphy. Charles Jerry Curtis, 21, Forest Park, Ga., and Judy Pauline Bandy, 19, of Atlanta, Ga.

Area Men In Service

Heilronn, Germany (AHTNC) Charles H. Panter, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Panter of Murphy, recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 4th Armored Division.

Specialist Panter, a jeep driver in Company A of the division's 54th Infantry in Heilbronn, entered the Army in January, 1961 and arrived overseas last September. He attended Murphy High School.

South Atlantic (FHTNC)-- Serving aboard the dock landing ship USS Spiegel Grove operating off the coast of South Africa, is Jack P. Sutton seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Sutton of Murphy, N. C.

The ship is participating in a goodwill cruise in Atlantic waters as a part of the President's People - to - People program.

On July 29, the ship concluded a ten - day visit to Capetown, Republic of South Africa. The visit marked the half-way point in the six month cruise, during which more than 20 tons of medical supplies and food and hundreds of books have been given to citizens of nine countries.

So far, the ship and crew have visited Gambia, the Republic of South Africa, Malagasy Republic, Zanzibar, Kenya and Saudi Arabia.

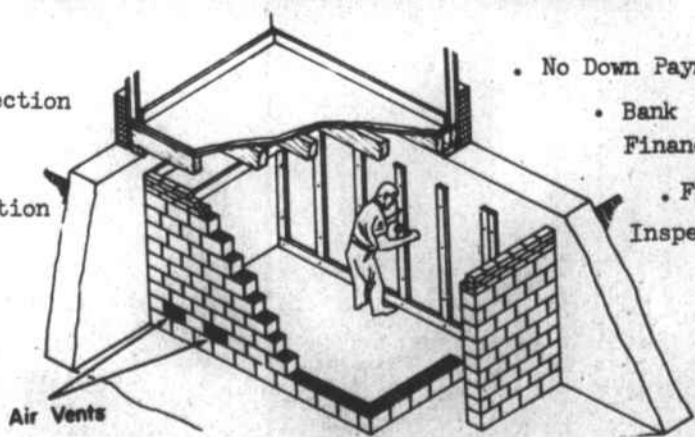
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