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Our sunroom is coming along nicely. The workers are putting up drywall inside and siding outside. But still

Spring Cleaning

there are many other things to be done that require a great amount of work. Soon there will be clean-up of drywall dust, scrap pieces of drywall and wood in order to paint.

Every year I do spring cleaning and I try to add something new to our house such as a deck, new landscaping or railing for the porch.

About the end of every spring; as soon as we had finished setting tobacco and the coal stove had been taken down Mom declared it was time for spring cleaning. Most homes in the 50s and 60s were heated with coal that left a thin residue called

soot on practically everything.

We donned buckets with hot sudsy water and began washing walls. Next came the light fixtures and windows. Each fixture was taken down, washed and replaced. and windows were shined and made to sparkle.

Walls were more difficult to wash in those days because most were papered with thin, cheap wallpaper; no vinyl coating or treated wallpaper like we have today.

Every year some of the wallpaper was replaced again by the same thin paper that was difficult to hang. I can hear Mom and Dad fussing and fuming just trying to hang the first row of over head wallpaper correctly. If the first row was wrong then the rest of the paper would not go on right. I've seen them take the paper down many times and re-coat it with wheat paste and try again.... finally, it was right. Whew! I was always glad when wallpapering was over.

Wall-to-wall carpet wasn't all that common in the early 50s, so we used linoleums. Throw rugs were either washed or taken outdoors where we hung them on the clothesline and beat the dust and dirt out of them with a broom or a wire beater.

One task I literally detested washing lace curtains. They were washed and dipped in heavy liquid starch and then stretched over curtain stretchers. The stretchers were long rectangular frames that collapsed and folded up much like the old style car-

penters' tapes. Perhaps they were made with 1x1's, and were scored with numbers, just like yardsticks, and there were hundreds of sharp little tacks all around the perimeter. If your curtains panel measured 36/72 inches, you would tack the freshly laundered curtain on the stretcher, pulling the edges to meet the measurements on the panel. Once secured on the tacks, the curtains would keep their shape and dry quickly.

The kitchen was the most labor intensive rooms. Walls were often greasy because there were no stove vent hoods. Pail after pail of spic and span was used to wash down the walls. Linoleums were washed, scrubbed and waxed.

We washed and dried all the dishes in the cupboards, and put them back in place after fresh shelving paper was put on each shelf. All the rooms had been cleaned, some papered, some painted but all were clean. No more black residue till next winter.

I admit I enjoy all the modern conveniences we have available today to clean with, including hundreds of cleaning products, polishes, and waxes. We have vacuum cleaners, dish washers, electric stoves and refrigerators and every other small appliance you can think of at our disposal. We are so fortunate .I know I don't work nearly as hard as my Mom and Dad did. They definitely saw many, many changes in appliances, farm machinery and cars in their time.

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Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering - do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty.

JEREMIAH 15:15,16

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Colossians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book may be summarized as, "The end of the world as we know it"?
3. From Acts 22, where was Paul brought up? Jerusalem, Derbe, Anathoth, Jericho
4. How many books of the Bible (KJV) begin with the letter "Z"?
5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to kill and a time to ...? Plant, Embrace, Heal, Rest
6. In James 3, what can no man tame? Evil, The tongue, Lions, Revenge

Bible Trivia Answers are at the bottom of Page 10

In An Hour That Ye Think Not
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In **Matthew 42-44**, this is written, "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

I have no illusion concerning the moods of most folks regarding the possibility that our Lord could return even today, for it seems by their actions that they do not believe that His coming may be soon. I ask, will this prevent His sudden return? I think not.

In **Revelation 14:14-16**, it is written: "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped." So when we compare the promise made unto us by our Lord Himself in **John 14:1-6** and **Acts 1:9-11** made by the angels, there can be no doubt concerning the certainty of our Lord's return.

Why then do men delay that which is inevitable? Because of the same thing that the people of Noah's day were not prepared for the flood, they were all full of unbelief. This is what our world is filled with today. Unbelieving men and women. It is written in **Matthew 24:37-39** concerning the unbelievers in Noah's Day, "And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," (verse 39). There may be some who believe that they see Jesus coming upon His throne, sitting in the clouds of Heaven, may respond, "Just what is this?" Another trick of the government? The reality of eternal failure may not fully be realized until the flames of Hell begins to burn and engulf the entire body, but this reality is too late to make a change. When God shut the door of the ark it did not raise too many eyebrows, but only until the waters became too great for their feet to feel solid earth they knew they were doomed without any hope at all, such as it will be at the judgment for all unbelievers, because the eternal fire of Gehenna will consume them and take them all away. But this does not have to be your outcome. If you will hear and obey the Lord your course of life will not be in vain.

Attend with us this next Lord's Day. We talk about such things in church.

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seeds of Hope

David had no fear of being honest. He faced life with an openness that allowed him to vent his feelings, state his fears, express his desires, and claim God's promises. "Keep me safe, O God!" is the way David begins Psalm 16. And then states immediately that he, at that moment, came to Him for refuge: "In you I take refuge." He did not say that he took refuge in God in the past or that he planned on taking refuge in God in the future. Indeed not. Something was threatening him at that very moment and he immediately went to God for help. Sometimes we wait before we go to God with our needs. We believe that we are capable of handling our fears and failures by ourselves. We

often think that we can cover up our mistakes and faults. But there is nothing in us or about us or has come from us that is beyond God's love, mercy and power. He knows who we are, sees us as we are and understands what we are going through and is waiting for our call for help. The word keep as used in this Psalm can also be interpreted to mean watch over - as a shepherd watches over his flock, or as a guard who keeps watch over the prisoners he is charged to control and contain. David knew the responsibilities of shepherds first-hand. If anything happened to the sheep, the shepherd would be held accountable. He also knew, as a king, that if prisoners escaped, an entire kingdom could be damaged or destroyed. David knew Who to trust!

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