

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire!



by Dawn Reed
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At this time of the year, I get so excited! A new year is before me, a new start! I'm seeking God's will on what I need to do over the next 12 months, what I need to study, what I need to read and share, etc. My calendar is a clean slate and I'm waiting for Him to fill it. For years, I've expected "new" things: a new ministry, new direction or mission trip. (I really do want to change the world!) I pray for days and watch expectantly for God to lead or move-and He does!

But this year, I realized that God doesn't always want me to do "new", but perhaps something "old" with a new spirit. (You may already know that but it was news to me.) If I put my responsibilities under the microscope of the Holy Spirit, He will lead me to know how to improve or re-charge each one. With our Wednesday Nite Kids that our team has been doing for years, what if along with teaching Bible stories to the youngsters, we made a point to encourage their

harried moms, dads or grandparents? What if we committed to pray for them more than we ever have before? For our Kidz Table (Bible crafts for kids who are visiting their family at the jail), what if we continue to do crafts, but also encouraged the adults who are also visiting family members? If I don't go halfway across the world on a mission trip, I can go across the road seeing my neighbors with new eyes. I can make it my mission to make sure they ALL know

Jesus. If I'm not writing a new book and trying to get it published, I can at least write a card of encouragement to someone who really needs it. I can serve wherever I'm serving, but with fresh wind, fresh fire! Now I'm looking at the new year with new eyes... fitting since it's "2020". Today, my focus is Psalm 51:12. In the NIV, it is: "Restore to me the joy of my salvation..." But my favorite translation is in the Message Bible: "...put a fresh wind in my sails!"

Church News

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Sunday, January 26th at 10:30am

Epperson Hosts Flutist David K

Epperson First Church of God on KY-89, Irvine Road, in Clark County, will be hosting flutist David K on Sunday, January 26, 2020 during the 10:30 morning service. Everyone is welcome!

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

JOHN 1:14

The **Word** became **flesh** and **made** his **dwelling** among us. We **have seen** his **glory**, the **glory** of the **one** and **only Son**, who **came from** the **Father**, **full** of **grace** and **truth**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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seeds of Hope



It was the middle of the night when the nurse entered my hospital room to take my "vital signs." With quiet confidence she went through her routine reading and recording various numbers. As she was about to leave my room she stopped and said, "I'm sorry that I had to awaken you." "Oh, you didn't awaken me," I replied. "Somehow I can't fall asleep tonight." "Well, have you been saying the Lord's prayer?" she asked. "You know you'll do much better praying the Lord's Prayer than counting all those sheep. And besides, sheep don't count anyway. Only the Lord does." As the door closed behind her, I began to recite the Lord's

Prayer. When I got to the phrase "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" a sense of peace swept over me. As I reflected on those two words - "Your will" - God spoke to me and said, "You know, I never said that you would be spared from the pain and suffering of life. Only that I would be with you and guard you in and through your life's journey and 'deliver you from the snare of the fowler.'" In His will we are always safe and secure. Often the "snares" of the "fowler" appear when we least expect them. He would encourage us to doubt God's capabilities or care, His concern or compassion. Certainly he would be delighted if we came to the conclusion that our problems are beyond God's power. Surely he would want us to believe that God has favorites and we are just beyond His grace. But not so! God will protect His own!

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Drawing a Line Within Our Service to God

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Sadly, it appears to me that many claiming to be Christians are doing the least of what one might do to project some resemblance of Christianity. I ask: 'Is this a safe way to live life?'

Many are, in a small way, living a life within a condition or tenets, meaning to hold to a principal, doctrine or a belief held as a truth by an individual or group in matters of religion, relative to their eternal salvation.

Or simply, how little can I claim and do that the Lord will let me into his Heaven someday. So, when they think that they have it all figured out, they will draw a line concerning their responsibility to God. So, in doing so, men formulate their own doctrines. So man will point to Acts 10:35 where it says, "But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Then, they will offer their formulas for how much reverence and work can we and still be accepted of him. Jesus says in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Men may say, 'How many of them, Lord?'

Then in Matthew 5:19-20, Jesus said to the unbelieving Jews, "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Then some might say, 'Well, this was spoken of the Jews in Jesus' day.' But Friends, the principle remains the same throughout the Bible. Luke 6:46 says, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

Then, in Matthew 15:8-9, Jesus says, "This

people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Did you ever realize, parents, that you are teaching your children, the way you are living?

I ask, 'How far can one go in failure to keep the commandments of Jesus?' One example is found in Number 15:30-36. A man who plainly heard the commandment of God, not to do any work on the Sabbath Day, went out pre-assuming that the Lord wouldn't mind him gathering a little fire wood to get a jump toward the next day. But, when seen by others and reported to Moses, God ordered his execution by stoning. Then in Hebrews 10:28-29, it is written, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" The next verse declares that God will have his day of revenge upon all who will not keep and abide within the commandments of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

In John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

There are many things one could mention that would be examples of not keeping the commandments of the Lord. But, for time and space, I will only mention one. The next time that you absence yourself from the meeting of the church on the Lord's Day and are out galling about, partaking of the world, you are breaking the commandment, NOT to forsake the keeping of the Lord's Day for the purpose of worship. What will Jesus say? What happened to the gatherer of sticks?

Closing: If you are living life in a reckless fashion, you are standing in great danger of losing your soul. It is not worth it!

Call or visit us soon.
Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local

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...A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood...

PSALM 90:4,5



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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezra in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Daniel 4, who had the vision of a tree growing higher and higher until it could be seen by everyone? Silas, Josiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon
3. Which book could be summarized, "God, why don't you stop bad things from happening"?

Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi

4. What hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment something can be done? 1st, 3rd, 11th, 12th

5. Which king of Israel set up two golden calves as gods, one in Bethel, the other in Dan? Zimri, Jeroboam, Baasha, Ahab, Ziah

6. From Judges 6, where did Gideon encounter an angel? Prison, Oak Tree, Temple, Well

Answers on bottom of page 12
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"One must maintain a little bit of summer, even in the middle of winter."
— Henry David Thoreau