

Homemade Hollow and Wiener Stew



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"Get your shoes on! I'll be there in two minutes and can take you to Homemade Hollow!" I had called my sister from the car. It might not sound

exciting to you, but she was thrilled. Just a few weeks after our sweet mother had gone to heaven, we were going through her things. We cried, laughed, and told stories throughout the weekend. At some point, Homemade Hollow came up. That just so happens to be where our grandmother, Bonnie, grew up: in McVeigh, Kentucky during the 1920's. Her father, Reece Moneyhun, was a supervisor at the coal mine there. His wife, Luda, often made wiener stew and had friends over to play Rook way back then. I don't know if you've ever had wiener stew but it was the most practical meal to share in these parts a hundred years ago. Potatoes, tomatoes, and onions all came from the garden and then the cheapest meat to add was "tube steak". (My mom made it sometimes but it was not my favorite.) I'd heard the story of Homemade Hollow many times before, but it was new to my sister. She had no idea that

a big part of our family history was only a few miles away! When I got to my mom's, I collected my sister along with her husband, one of my brothers and his small deaf dog that sometimes bites. We crowded into my husband's Corolla for the short trek. Three miles up the road we found the sign for Homemade Hollow and stepped back in time. The house where our great-grandparents had lived was still standing. (My mother had shown it to me a few years ago.) From the Corolla, we soaked up the scene, pondering life there during the 1920's. I pictured their garden that had grown the potatoes, tomatoes, and onions for the stew. These days, there are lots of ways to find your roots and your heritage. If you know your lineage, good for you. You may have it all down on paper. But, if you had a dysfunctional family, you might not know who was related or where the thunder you're from. Your family tree may be a mess. To be

honest, you may have been searching for who you are your whole life. That's a difficult place to be. Besides the ones at Homemade Hollow, I don't know all my ancestors or which country they came from. There are a few things I do know: 1. God had His eye on me even before I was born. (You, too!) Psalm 139:13 and 15 reminds us all: "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb . . . Your eyes saw my unformed body . . ." 2. In 1971, I was adopted. Into the family of God. He welcomed me with open arms and has never left me though I have deserved it at times. He longs to spend time with me, and you, too. He wants to bless us and has a plan for our lives—a good one. One day, I will get to see my mother again in heaven, along with some grandparents and great-grandparents. I can picture us sitting around a table and playing Rook...but NOT eating wiener stew!



The road to spiritual, mental and physical healing is often long and difficult. Sometimes it takes us through long periods of dark days and long nights when it seems as though we are left to survive on our own. We struggle and strain and worry and work but it seems as though we will be left to our own abilities. There is great advice in today's verse: "When I said, 'My foot is slipping,' Your love, O Lord, supported me." Before the Psalmist fell, he recognized that he was facing a situation, having to solve a problem or make a decision that could have been disastrous to his well-being. So, he did not wait until calling on God was too late - that his

testimony and witness to the grace of God would be too late - he outmaneuvered Satan. When he realized that his foot was slipping he called on God and God's love supported him! He did not need to ask for forgiveness - he asked God to intervene immediately and sustain him. As Paul brought his second letter to Timothy to a close, he must have had this verse in mind. "Timothy," he wrote, "the Lord stood at my side and gave me the strength that I needed, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and that all the Gentiles might hear it." Paul recognized how important it was for him to depend on God's strength and not his own. He knew that the battle was not his but the Lord's. So, rather than let his witness be destroyed, He called on God. Sower Ministries.org 243

The Alarming Facts in Revelation 12

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Within these 17 verses of Revelation 12, there are many alarming events to which a great deal of the world's population may not be aware of. And, to add, Satan loves it that way! But, in writing this article, I want to stand in opposition to him as I have attempted to do for nearly 50 years. Within the early verses of this chapter, we see The Church which was in the mind of God (called a woman) from the beginning. Also, standing in total opposition to The Church, he (that) possessed great powers was the devil himself. Somehow, and no one knows but the Lord, Satan was lifted up with pride. Isaiah 14:12-17 tells us all about his evil ambition. He wanted to be like God himself. Then, there was a war in Heaven fought between Michael the Archangel, and Michael and his army prevailed over him and cast him out and his now-called demons with him. Also, the Epistle of Jude 15:6-9 tells us of this battle. Then in Revelation 12:12, we are told that he was cast out of Heaven and down to the earth, saying, he has "great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Then, the devil looked at all the world and its creation and was over-awed by it, so this must have been the reason for his jealousy. Then, we don't know how long the Garden or Paradise of God existed before Satan entered into its paradise. So, this battle took place some time between Creation and the sinful fall of man. Satan, who is very subtle and a deceiver; is sharp as he was able to cause one-third of the Heavenly angels to choose to be on his side. But, it is the losing side, and it continues to be even as we speak. Notice, Satan looked upon the animal kingdom to begin his assault once again upon God, but the lower animal kingdom could not be of any use to him. Then, he looks to God's greatest creation, the man and woman, who were the perfect picture (image and likeness) of God himself. Using the same tactics (the lust of the eyes and the lust of the flesh, plus the lust of pride of life), he was able to induce the weaker of the two (Eve) into disobeying him and to pluck and to eat of the only tree withheld from them. This sin entered into this world by the cunning, convincing of the devil himself. So, he has not stopped in his attempted overthrow of God's authority. Even in Genesis 3:5, God promised to finally overthrow Satan and his henchmen. It was Satan who caused the overthrow of the anti-deluvian world because of their great sin. Sodom and Gomorrah were soon to follow. But it is in our present-day knowledge that we clearly see the overthrow of Israel in AD 70 because of their rejection of Christ, the only hope of their salvation. Friends, right today we are living in the last days and time of opportunity to obey and serve the Lord. Galatians 4:4, says "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, ⁵To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons (the gentiles into his family)." So, during this time, Christ came, lived, taught and died for our sins but was raised again for our justification. But while he was here, he built and established his church for the redemption of the world. So, in this chapter of Revelation 12:5-6, Satan has been trying to destroy the church; even when Jesus was born unto this present day he is still doing his evil work. But, thanks be unto God for we can see security and hope for the obedient one day. Verses 10-11 say so. So today, the devil is still doing his evil work through many processes by wars, disasters, starvation, even coronavirus, which is a product of a seemingly Godless nation. Even the threat of nuclear war from the Far East threatens the whole world. And, it is not going to get any better. **2 Timothy 3:13** says "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." This is all the work of the devil and he will rapidly increase because "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (**Revelation 12:12**) to destroy as many as he can, simply because he hates God, Christ Jesus, and every soul of man because you were and are still "the apple of his eye." (**Zechariah 2:8**) So, today, please consider this, "What has the devil done for you that is good?" Has he promised you eternal life? A future home in Heaven? Christ has promised this to his followers by sealing it with his shed blood. You have everything to gain in Christ, but choosing to listen to the devil will bring you eternal destruction in a Lake of Fire. Alarming? Yes, indeed! Attend with us as we struggle to get to Heaven. *Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local*

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. During a famine, who set out with another man to find grass to feed his horses and mules? Abishag, Ahab, Abner, Agrippa
3. From Exodus 34, who was frightened of a man who came down a moun-

tain with a shining face? Laban, Stephen, Aaron, Cornelius

4. At what city's public bonfire were books worth thousands of dollars burned? Ephesus, Derbe, Perga, Lystra
5. From Acts 5, who fell dead after lying about a property deal? Nehemiah, Shimei, Levi, Ananias
6. Where did Lot meet angels? City gate, Field, Temple, Oak tree

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-5
For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

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