

**Wanderings from the Woods & Water by Jay Bicknell**  
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# Hay of Panic

I find myself in a panic making sure I've got enough hay for the winter. I am constantly going over numbers of rolls and square bales in my head. Having enough hay to get cattle through the winter is the goal.

In Kentucky, you never know how bad winter will be. You never know how early the bad weather will hit. You never know if it's going to be a late spring. We might have two or three years of mild winters before a bad one hits. You never know when a bad winter is going to hit, but you can guarantee at some point a bad one will hit.

It pays to always be prepared with the unpredictable weather in Kentucky. If you own livestock you should be in a panic during hay time. Not having enough hay to make it through the winter can be very costly! A wise farmer is always prepared for the winter.

You are probably wondering where I am going with this. Well I was putting up some hay the other day and the Good Lord give me this column; How being prepared is a must!

You see, if you don't know Jesus, I hope you are in a panic! We don't know the time Jesus is coming back, but we'd better be prepared. We are not promised tomorrow, so we'd better be prepared. Not being prepared will be very costly for eternity. The

only way to be prepared is to know Jesus!

**The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins Matthew 25:1-13**

*"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

*2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.*

*6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming;[a] go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.*

*11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'*

*13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour[b] in which the Son of Man is coming."*

## Procrastination is our Enemy by BOB CASEY, preacher

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The definition of this word simply means, "to put off doing something that needs doing, until a future time." So procrastination belongs to the future. Sadly, most of the folks in this world are under the perception, "I will do it tomorrow."

I have talked with a great number of people concerning their status with the Lord, who have said, "No, I am not saved at this time, but I aim to take care of that before I die." This is most likely the thinking of many people, saying, "I aim to, I hope to," but many let the swift moving hands of time fly by and they end life in an unsaved state. So many good intentions are never carried out to any results of salvation.

Is there an example of this in the New Testament? Yes, there is, in Luke 16:19-31. There was a certain (true story) rich man, and he was a Jew, thereby being properly taught by his father regarding how he should treat his fellow man. Notice, he had been fortunate in this life. He lived good, wore the best of clothing, partook of the finest food, and he most likely did this for many years. So, his opportunity to help the poor is told in the next verse of this scripture; most likely there were many. And there may have been times that he did not feed him (the beggar Lazarus), but only the remaining scraps after the table was cleared. And, as it was and still is today, the day of death came around for this beggar, but notice his outcome, he had a heavenly escort to conduct him to a place of tranquility (Abraham's bosom). He truly in death was in comfort.

But, not so, with the rich man. His day of death came around, and by this story, he had procrastinated and put off any provision to obtain it, that of course was the same desire of Lazarus. Did he not know?

Yes, because he once was a good Jewish boy, properly taught by his father. So, what happened to him? Most likely, the most important thing slipped away from him. We are warned in 2 Timothy 2:4, not to become too involved with the things of this world. In Luke 21, 34-36, read this warning. This was first given to the Jews but is very applicable for us today!

Notice in our chosen text, that the rich man did not fare so well in death. He was down in the pit and had to look up to see what he saw, Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. Oh, but he had no such luxury, for he was in pain, tormented by fire all over. Also, he who never had to beg was now begging, saying, "Send Lazarus, let him dip his finger in water and just let one drop fall into my mouth." But it was not going to be forthcoming, for he has put off his day of preparation to make ready for death. He was told it would happen because, God has fixed a great gulf, or chasm, between you and Lazarus. He can't see or meet God. It is not so with you, so you will never leave your place.

And, as you now remember, your five brothers, even if Lazarus were sent back to plead with them your request, they wouldn't believe him. It remains, they have the Old Testament scriptures. Let them read and obey. They, if they will do this, they can avoid this place. You had the same opportunity, but look where you are. You didn't aim to come here, but you put off living right and now just look at what your reward is.

Friends, we will never know just how many times this story has been replayed in many lives, but let me say this, I don't want you to be one of them. But, you will, if you put off your good intentions until it is too late. Did you know that the Bible doesn't teach death-bed repentance and forgiveness to the unrepented?

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Sincerely, Bob Casey

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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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Saturday, August 12th @ 6:00pm

### Gospel Singing at House of Prayer

There will be a Gospel Singing at House of Prayer, 535 Dark Hollow Road in Irvine, on Saturday, August 12, 2017, starting at 6:00 p.m. Featured singers will be

Rhythm Rain from Danville, along with the local Praise Singers.

Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Saturday, August 5th @ 6:00pm

### Pine Hill Baptist gospel singing

Pine Hill Baptist Church is having a gospel singing on Saturday, August 5, starting at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be

the Jack Cornett Singers from London, Ky.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served after the singing.



1. Is the book of Galatians in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From which book's 10:35 does Jesus say the scripture cannot be broken? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus climbed what type tree? Fig, Carob, Syca-

more, Cedar

4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven

5. In Mark 3:17, who were called "The Sons of Thunder"? James/John, Thomas/Judas, Peter/Andrew, Philip/Matthew

6. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee

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### Peter Speaks in Solomon's Colonnade (Acts 3:17-21)

17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

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### Seeds of Hope



Our minds want to wander. What they settle on in their journey from one destination to another is intriguing and telling. The Bible says, "Old men dream dreams and young men see visions." But it does not tell what the dreams or visions are. It depends on the individual.

One day a psalmist unveiled both his dream and his vision: "Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

We often hear phrases about "spending quality time with loved ones" or "living a quality life." But unless we define quality in scriptural terms, "quality" may not be what "quality" is.

Our psalmist wants us to know that even standing at the edge of the temple is better than being inside the tent of a wicked person. Why is this so? It is because of God Himself! Simply being in His presence is a reward.

For the psalmist it is not the beauty of the place but the beauty of a Person. "God is a sun and a shield," he declares, referring to the absolute glory of God as a person and protector of those who serve Him. With His love upon us and His glory around us, we can be assured that He will not withhold any good things from us if we walk with Him and live lives that are blameless - or lives of integrity.

But along our way in this walk with Him, He will give us "grace and glory." Glory refers to His "grace" that He gives to those who are His own. It is His grace that saves us with the faith He gives us because of His love for us.

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...For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.

Matthew 12:50

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