

HERITAGE *Herald*

August 23, 2020



THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

It has begun to cool off this week. On Thursday morning the temperature was 50 degrees in the morning and in the afternoon it was in the 70's.

It is the kind of weather that causes you to sense that



summer is beginning to wane for us here in the Southern Tier of New York.

My wife Linda seems to gain a little more of her strength every day. She had two good doctor

visits this week. They were both follow-up visits: one with the heart surgeon and the other with the gallbladder surgeon. Also, she had x-rays and blood work done.

A Word of Comfort: *Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:* (Isaiah 55:6).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 24 - HBTS Fall Semester begins - Monday evenings: *Hebrew Language IV* (4-7 PM) and *Angelology* (7:30-9:30 PM)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
SUNDAY MORNING - 11 AM
SUNDAY EVENING - 6 PM
WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK - 7 PM

for the discerning



ENCOURAGEMENT IN FAITH

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

The Bible is very clear; in order to please God, one must have a Bible faith. Bible faith means a faith that comes from the words of God. The Apostle Paul reveals, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17)*. It is simply a faith that takes God at His word. A faithful person is one who receives God's word by believing and observes God's word by believing.

The measure of one's faith is usually the measure of how well or acceptable he observes what he believes regarding that which God has revealed to him from the Scriptures. Many Christians have been discouraged because of their personal evaluation regarding the weakness of their faith. As a result, many beat themselves up for it and tend to live their Christian life in a weak state, not allowing themselves the help of God to strengthen them because they seem so unworthy.

The Christian needs only to read the book of Judges to find godly people who were weak in their personal faith as God unfolds their accounts. Yet one notes how God used men like Barak, Gideon, and Samson. These were men that all had faith issues in their lives: Barak, who needed the strength of Deborah's faith to accomplish his task; Gideon, who needed sign after sign in order to believe God was really with him in his task; and Sampson, who was more worldly than faithful, whose eye was always wandering, but who at the end of his life, called upon God by faith to glorify God in the end, finishing his task victoriously.

We can evaluate the commonalties of these men. First, each had his own personal problems in faith, causing one to surmise they were weak in their faith. Secondly, regardless of the measure of their faith, they attempted by faith to do what God had asked them to do. Thirdly, even though these men struggled internally with their particular faith issues, they accomplished what God asked them to do; they were willing to let God use them. And fourthly, all three of these men are mentioned in God's Hall of Faith: *And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson...* (Hebrews 11:32).

Beloved, the most important evaluation of the believer's faith is God's evaluation. Let each of us be encouraged that even though we may judge ourselves to be weak in faith, God can use us, if we will let Him.

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MonthlyMemoryVerse

be strong in the Lord

**“Finally, my brethren,
be strong in the Lord,
and in the power
of His might.”
Ephesians 6:10**

Notable Historic QUOTE:



**“What is right and what
is practicable are two
different things.”**

*- James Buchanan (1791-1868)
15th President of the United States*

The Stirring of God

2 Peter 3:1ff

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*



How does God stir His children today? The answer is clearly stated: by His Words.

Note the areas of stirring in Peter's epistle:

vs. 1: Stir = to awake, to arise, to raise, to stir up

vs. 2: Mindful = to remember the words of God

- I. PRESENT: False Teachers (vs. 3)
 - A. They walk falsely
 - B. They walk after their own lust
 - C. They cast doubt upon His coming (vs. 4)
 - D. They are ignorant (unaware) (vs. 5)
- II. PAST: The Old World Perished (vs. 5-6)
 - A. The heavens of old were different (vs. 5)
 - B. The earth of old was different (vs. 5)
 - C. Perished (vs. 6)
- III. FUTURE: The Present World Kept in Store (vs. 7)
 - A. Reserved for the judgment of ungodly men
 - B. Don't get into a "time thing" (vs. 8)
 - C. The Lord's promise (vs. 9)
 - D. A fiery destruction (vs. 10)
- IV. PRACTICAL: The application (vs. 11)
 - A. Manner (appropriateness) of holy behavior
 - B. Manner of godliness (devoutness), faithfulness

If God's Word does not cause a stirring, you have a sin problem. Will you take care of it?



"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
Deuteronomy 29:2

current schedule:*

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MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020**

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**all classes at HBC unless otherwise noted.*

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A Primer of Baptist History	Colossians & Philemon	Daniel	The Doctrine of Heaven's Music
The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts	En Epheso	Genesis	Geocentricity
If Any Man Be in Christ	I Will Build My Church	Jonah	The Lord God Hath Spoken
Peter	Proverbs	Psalms 1 - 41	Psalm 119
Spiritual Gifts	I & II Thessalonians	Titus	Revelation