

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

August 28, 2016

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

## Fixing Our Eyes On Jesus

Helen Lemmel was a gifted British-born concert soloist and music teacher at Moody Bible Institute who wrote the words and music *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. In part the hymn implores:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Lemmel's inspiration for the hymn came from the writing of author and artist, Lilius Trotter, who gave up wealth, influence and her love of art for serving as a missionary to Muslims in Algeria for 38 years. In her tract, *Which Passion Will Prevail*, she spoke her inner conflict, the pressure to follow her heart and the importance of a clear focus on Christ and His glory. Trotter wrote, "Turn your soul's vision to Jesus, and look at Him, and a strange dimness will come over all that is apart from Him." The lyrics of Lemmel's hymn and the motivation of Trotter's choice remind us of the admonition of the Hebrew writer.

*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Heb. 12:2)

During his ministry Jesus said that he would be lifted up like Moses lifted up the serpent of brass in the wilderness. Those bitten by snakes lived if they looked upon the serpent. In the same way, fixing our eyes on Jesus heals us from the snake bite of sin. But here's the irony. On the Friday Jesus was crucified those who looked on him did not see Him for what he really was. They saw a Jewish peasant. An imposter. A trouble maker. A threat to their way of life. They did not see Him as their Redeemer, Savior, and the Sacrificial Lamb for their sins.

Sunday, however, proved to be a different story. The witnesses of the resurrection saw His glory and might. They saw Him who was declared to be the Son of God with power (Rom 1:4). When we fix our eyes on Jesus we see the Author and Originator of our Faith. He is the Perfecter of our Faith. He lived a life of faith in communion with the Father and in obedience to His eternal plan. We see Jesus' unselfish motivation for going to the cross. He endured the indignity of the cross, suffered its shame, and even counted its scorn as joy. How could that awful death by crucifixion provide any joy? Because Jesus found joy in glorifying God, fulfilling the Father's plan, becoming the only hope to fallen humanity.

Fixing our eyes on Jesus supplies us with the strength, courage and will to run the Christian race. Jesus successfully ran the race. He finished. He won. And so can we. Fixing our eyes on Jesus expands our vision from the mundane matters of this world to heavenly heights. To God's throne. And to Jesus' rule. Fixing our eyes on Jesus encourages us to throw off the encumbrance of sin and offers us eternal hope of a better day.

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

**-Ken Weliever, [thepreachersword.com](http://thepreachersword.com)**

**We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.**



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 8-28-2016

What Would You  
sell Your Soul For?  
Hebrews 12:15-17

\_\_\_\_\_ sold his soul for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ sold his soul for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ sold his soul for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ sold their souls for \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ sold his soul for \_\_\_\_\_.



Speaker:  
**AUSTIN LEWIS**  
Sunday PM Notes 8-28-2016  
**LEARNING STAYING  
POWER FROM JOB**  
**JOB 1 & 2**

**STAYING POWER THROUGH -----**

**JOB IS -----**

**JOB'S ----- : -----**

**JOB'S -----**

**JOB UNDERSTOOD -----**

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**STAYING POWER THROUGH -----**

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**STAYING POWER THROUGH -----**

**JOB IS -----**

**JOB'S PROBLEM ----- : -----**

**JOB'S -----**

**JOB UNDERSTOOD -----**

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### Times of Worship & Bible Study

**Sunday:**  
**9:30 AM Bible Study**  
**10:30 AM Worship Service:** You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.  
**5:00 PM Worship Service**  
**Wednesday:**  
**7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship**

### Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....122  
Last Sunday PM Worship.....90  
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....105

## In Our Prayers

### RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-**Chad Edwards (friend of Anita Wagster)**...diagnosed with cancer and the prognosis is not good. She would appreciate the prayers of the church.

-**Mary Tole**...will be having a procedure to remember a mass from her pancreas on September 1st. She has asked that we remember her in our prayers.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

-**Our expecting mother:** Melody Brown.

-**Our Shut-In Members**...Marvin and Becky Berry, Norma Griggs, & Barbara Leonard.

-**Christian Benson**...battling leukemia.

-**Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)**...continuing cancer treatments.

-**Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)**...undergoing cancer treatments.

-**Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)** ... still struggling with his health.

-**Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan**... young man struggling with his health.

-**Robin Hill**..... battling cancer.

-**Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)**..Battling Melanoma.

-**Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)**... Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-**Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.**

-**Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.**

\*\*\*If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.\*\*\*

## Pleasant Plains News

### Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Men's Bible Class - No regular September class. Max Dawson will lead the men in a day of study on September 17th as a part of our special study with him that will begin the following day.**

✓**Ladies Class - September 6th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson12 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - TONIGHT** at the Angel's house following evening service, "The Big Picture" Lesson 12 will be reviewed.

### Area Gospel Meetings

☉ **Please be making plans to be in attendance for our special study with Max Dawson that will be September 17-21.**

## Daily Bible Reading For This Week: I Samuel 26 - II Samuel 2

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**