

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

September 6, 2015

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

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

Word Of The Week: Rest

"The patients who came to my office never seem rested" wrote Dr. Richard Swenson in his book *Margin*. "Many people I meet look haggard and worn-out." "Often-used expressions of our society include active, busy, driven, fatigued, tired, exhausted, weary, burned out, anxious, over loaded, or stressed. But seldom do you hear our society described as "well rested," observed Swenson.

Our word of the week is "rest."

I was thinking about the value of rest while flying back from our annual anniversary trip and blogging break. Norma Jean and I enjoyed the week as we divided it between time with family, especially grandson Miles and our vacationing in New Orleans. It was good to take a break from our weekly workload. From daily demands. Normal routines. And deadlines, pressures and pressing problems. In the spirit of Ecclesiastes 3, "there is a time to work, and a time to rest."

Rest is a Bible word and a Biblical concept. The Genesis account of creation offers this insight.

"And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made" (Gen. 2:2-3). Under the Old Law, the Sabbath was sanctified as a day of worship, as well as rest. In Exodus 35:2, Moses commanded, "Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh day shall be a holy day for you, a Sabbath of rest to the Lord."

In the New Testament, we see Jesus taking time off from his ministry to rest. His first miracle was while he attended a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. (John 2:1-10) Such celebrations in Bible times could last for a week. During the pressures of Jesus' ministry, He still found time to rest. To enjoy time alone. Or private time with his apostles. On one occasion Mark records: "And (Jesus) said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. (Mk. 6:31-32).

Dr. Swenson was right, "We are a tired generation. Our carburetors are set on high, and our gears are stuck in overdrive. Our lives are non-stop. We have leisure, but little rest. The pace, the noise, the expectations and the interruptions of modern life have not soothed the soul nor brought refreshment to the burdened spirit."

This reminds me of another kind of rest referred to in the Bible. It is used in a spiritual sense to speak of relief from the load of emotional cares, from the weight of guilt and the burden of sin. Jesus promised, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30).

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.

The Hebrew writer also uses the concept of the "Canaan rest," when Israel entered into the promised land and found God's rest from their wilderness wanderings. He uses that metaphor to speak of an eternal rest promised for God's faithful. The beloved John expressed it this way: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Rev. 14:13).

Take time to rest. Relax. And refresh your body, mind and emotions. But more importantly, may you find rest from the burden of sin. And enjoy the expectation of an eternal rest with the Lord in heaven!

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 9-6-2015

God's Senior Soldiers

Senior Soldiers have not been given a _____

_____ by _____ in this _____.

Senior Soldiers have always been _____ to do _____

_____ by _____.

Senior Soldiers have great _____ and

_____ with the _____, today.



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NICK ANGEL

Sunday PM Notes 9-6-2015

The End Of The Age
MATTHEW 24

Question: What exactly _____ the _____?

Answer:

Question: Have the _____ and _____ of this chapter _____ taken _____?

Answer:

Question: Based upon the evidence is Jesus predicting _____ or _____ in Matthew 24?

Answer:

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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.....139

Last Sunday PM Worship.....100

Last Wednesday Bible Study.....96

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-**Barbara Leonard**...really struggling with her health. Please be praying for her and let's see what we can do to assist her with food or other needs.

-**Ted Bennett (Jason's father)**...has been moved home, but is still recovering from health scare. Please continue to pray for him and the family.

-**Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)**... recovering from heart surgery and other serious health issues. Please pray for him, Kathy, & the doctors working with him.

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

-**Christian Shadburn**...20 yr. old Christian battling cancer.

-**Stephanie Still (Becky Waddell's cousin)**... dealing with numerous health issues.

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

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

-**Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)**... Battling Cancer.

-**Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother)** ... Battling leukemia..

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

-**Men and 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

Song Practice - *Tonight* at the Angel's house after evening service for song leaders and others wanting to learn new songs.

Men's Bible Class - September 12th at 7:30AM at Panera Bread. Our subject of study is "Do Things Well." Please read chapter 8.

Ladies Class -October 6th at 10AM here at the church house. Lesson 14.

Young People's Study - September 27th at the Angel's house right after our evening service.

Couples Class - September's date and location to be determined.

*****Save the Date!***Gospel Meeting with Abe Martin. September 20th-23rd.**

Area Gospel Meetings & Events

◎**Gospel Meeting at Chickasaw Drive in Huntingdon**...September 13-18 at 7:30PM nightly. Don McCaslin will be speaking.

◎**Gospel Meeting at Elliot Street in Humboldt**...September 20-25 at 7PM nightly. Bob Dickey will be doing the preaching.

Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Isaiah 36-44; II Kings 18-20; II Chronicles 29-32; Psalms 67, 68, 123; I Corinthians 8-12
Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! It's never too late to join your brothers and sisters of Pleasant Plains as we dive into God's Word. Read the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament or any combination of the three and glorify God in your study and growth in 2015!