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Schedule of Services

- 10:00 AM
Sunday
Worship
- 7:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible Study

Elders

- Mike Ernstberger
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- James Pigg
270-759-2145 Home
270-293-2319 Cell

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- Bobby Hall
- Jesse Vincent

Preacher

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Nance, and Ronnie Gootam
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SIN—WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

By Gary L. Hutchins

An old saying goes something like, “What you don’t know won’t hurt you.” There may be some truth to that, but it’s certainly not true in every case. Many people have eaten contaminated food, not knowing it was contaminated, and got sick as a result. In some cases people have died. Not knowing it was tainted did not keep them from being hurt.

All kinds of similar situations could be described to illustrate the point. Sometimes what you don’t know won’t hurt you, but a great many times what you don’t know can cause you great harm. If you knew the danger was there, lurking in the shadows, you could take steps to safeguard against it. Not knowing makes you all the more vulnerable.

Sin is a lot like that. The devil is very skillful at hiding the consequences of sin, especially the most serious consequences. Isaiah wrote, “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa.

5:20). If the full consequences of sin were apparent, when confronted with temptation virtually nobody would sin! But the devil presents temptation in a way that makes sin look good, pleasant, even wholesome. Not until the sucker is fully lured in does the ugliness of sin become visible. Even then, the full danger might not be apparent.

If a person could see up front the end result of getting started doing drugs, he’d never start. If he could see his fried brain, his wasted physical condition, his depraved morals, the pain and torment his habit would ultimately bring to his family and those who really care about him, he wouldn’t pop the first pill, smoke the first joint or take the first hit. The same could be said about the person who ends up addicted to alcohol, gambling, pornography or any other self-destructive, addictive lifestyle. It could also be said of somebody who heads down any of the side streets, off the main road of morality in general. At first it looks OK, but what you

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain members: Remember Faye Travis, Peggy Jarvis, Rex Enoch, Mary Crutchfield, Joanne Barnes, Maxine Pool, Hayes and Marjorie Grady, Jim Fielder, Griselda Adams, Larry Enoch, Carolyn Byars, Mary Lowrie, Jim Lowrie, and Mary Vincent.

Family and Friends: Helen Tidwell, Jenne Pool, Teresa Tacker, Betty Pond, Bryan White, Meredith Enoch, Kenneth Mizell, , Janice Canter, , Andrea Phillips, Donald and Dorothy Cook, Sandra Cook Downs, Kevin Smith, Walter Lee Steely, Carol Pigg and Dale Pentecost.

- **WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue meeting each Sunday morning at 10:00 am for worship and on Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Bible study. All other services are cancelled until further notice.
- **PANTRY ITEMS November 2020:** 1—Sweet Pickles 8—Green Beans; 115—Canned Meats; 22—Peas 29—Diced Tomatoes. Please bring any additional items you wish for the “blessing box” which is located next to the breezeway on the north side of the building.
- **See our Facebook page** for announcements, updates and articles. Access to past editions of this bulletin are available on our website at <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org>.
- **Mission Work:** Please continue to pray for the preachers this congregation is supporting in India and for Ronnie Gootan, David Nance, Mike Kiser, Arnold Gerson and Paul Jones in their respective works.
- **November 2020 Anniversaries:** 1st—Ann & David Thompson; 13th—Jane & Brent Morris; 17th—Debbie & Mike Ernstberger. **Birthdays:** 15th—Jonnie Hutchison; 23rd—Vickie Canter. If we have left anyone out please let us know.
- **We offer FREE BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES through the mail. Enroll on our website or send your name and return mailing address to the address on the first page of this bulletin. You may also call 270-978-7569 or you may email us at greenplain@greenplainchurchofchrist.org.**

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<http://gnttv.org/>

In Search of the Lord's Way
<http://searchtv.org/>



BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION

This Week: Who was the father of Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli?

Last Week: In the Old Testament, who was Laban?

Answer: Laban was the father of Rachel and Leah, the father-in-law of Jacob and brother to Rebekah (Gen. 24:29-60; 29:1ff; 30:1ff; 31:43-55).

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don't see can kill you!

As already stated, the devil is highly skilled at deluding folks. Even though a person sees the destruction those kinds of lifestyles have led to in others, he doesn't see the danger to his own life. He thinks it'll be OK for him; he can practice those things without consequence, he can get away with it. He sees, but he doesn't see.

The most serious consequence of sin

that people often don't see is how it affects them spiritually. They don't see how sin is eating them up inside, changing who they are, how they think. They don't realize how sin has separated them from God. Even worse, they don't see eternal damnation in Hell awaiting them at the end of their road of sin. How awful! It's not just what is easy to see about sin that's awful, but even worse is what you can't see...

—Sunny Slope church of Christ

A LAWSUIT AGAINST GOD By Steve Higginbotham

Several years ago, Donald Drusky of Pennsylvania, named God as a defendant in a lawsuit. Mr. Drusky was suing God for failing to bring him justice in a thirty year battle with his former employee. Of course, his case was dismissed as "frivolous" by U.S. District Judge Norman Mordue, but isn't this sad? This man has spent the better part of his life in resentment and focusing on the inequities of his life.

While I don't know many who would go to these lengths, I do believe that many struggle with resentment and failing to move on through the problems of life. Maybe you struggle with harmonizing your family problems, your financial problems, or your health problems with a God who said he loves you and promised never to forsake you.

Sound familiar? If so, remember there are no victories without battles. Character is developed by trials. Trials drive us to our knees and remind us how vulnerable we are. They cause us to lift our eyes beyond the horizon of tomorrow.

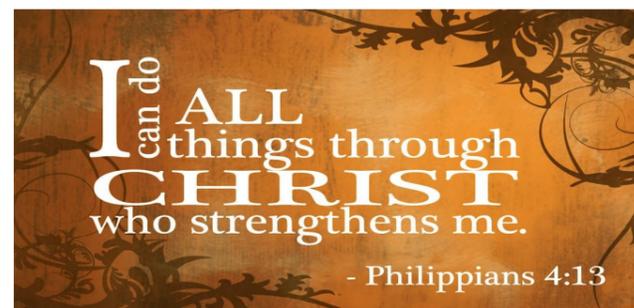
In that light, trials and the inequities of life can be viewed with some value. Grant it, that doesn't remove the pain from our experiences, but it does help give meaning and purpose to our painful experiences. I'll

never forget taking Kelli to the doctor for her first shot. She was so unsuspecting. While lying happily on my knees, the doctor stuck her with the needle. I'll never forget her look of shock and pain. As her father, it was difficult for me to allow her to experience this pain, but also as a father, I knew that this momentary pain was in her best interest. The best I could do was hold her in my arms and reassure her of my love.

I wonder if God feels like I did. Surely He hurts when we suffer. He takes no delight in seeing our shock and pain when life seems cruel to us. Instead, He, like any loving Father, loves us, and reassures us through his promises.

Don't give in to bitterness when you're hurt. Instead, just cling more tightly to your heavenly Father who loves you.

- From Karns church of Christ
Knoxville, TN





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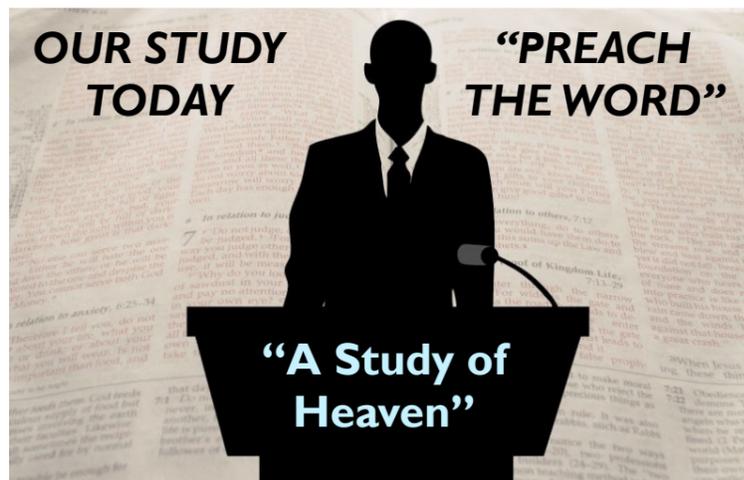
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SENIORS AND SIN *By Mike Mazzalongo*

In Genesis 27 we read the story of how Isaac's attempt to bless Esau (against God's will) was foiled by Rebekah's devious intervention. Isaac's disobedience and Rebekah's scheming demonstrate that even in old age, as they were, it is possible to fall into serious sin.

This being so, it would do well for senior saints to remember the following ideas concerning their own struggle with sinfulness;

1. **GOD IS YOUR SENIOR.** It is easy to get into the habit of thinking you're right about a lot of things because you are older and wiser. In many cases, this is true. However, elderly people are not above paying close attention to God's commands. Even though others are your juniors, God is still your Lord and you must obey Him.

2. **REPENT WHEN YOU HAVE TO.** Old age makes the bones brittle but do not let this happen to your spirit. Repent when you're wrong, continue to change what is not Christ-like about yourself. Old age is not an excuse for neglecting to say you're sorry to God or your fellow man.

3. **EVEN SENIORS CAN BE LOST.** Isaac risked losing his soul by being his foolish attempt to bless his favorite son over the one chosen by God. Age is no protection against the judgment of God who will condemn those who are unfaithful, whether they be young or old.

Old age brings wisdom and the satisfaction of a faithful life. Let's make sure that we don't allow Satan to trap us now that the prize is finally coming into view.