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*And through those painful middle years
I soon would come to know
The kind of pain that hurts the most
Is the kind that doesn't show*

*Now children do get older
But a child they still remain
Childish fears of darkness
Give way to worldly pain*

*Maybe it's the sadness
When you lose someone you know
Maybe it's the grief that comes
From reaping what you sow*

*But it really doesn't matter
What fears the day may bring
When you're safe and snug in a mother's hug
You can face most anything*

*Now I still look out those windows
At storm clouds in the sky
At hopes and fears and joys and tears
Of many years gone by*

*And I thank God for the blessing
Of allowing me to be
The one who gives the comfort
When my children come to me*

*Cause it really doesn't matter
What fears the day may bring
When you're safe and snug in a mother's hug
You can face most anything.*

—Susan Brewer

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

COME VISIT WITH US

Sunday Servies

*Bible Classes 10:00 am
AM Worship 10:45 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm*



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

CLASS 10:00 AM

"Study of Mark"

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:50 AM

"What Godly Mothers Deserve"

SUNDAY WORSIP 6:00 PM

***"The Overtaken"*
*Galatians 6:1-2***

Wednesday 7:00 PM

"A Study of Ruth"



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IS YOUR LIFE MEANINGLEISSERT? *By Jonnie Hutchison*

I suppose that each of us would like to believe that the life we are each living has real meaning. That whatever we accomplish in life is beneficial to others and that others see and appreciate our contribution to society no matter how large or small it may be.

When God created man and placed him in the garden of Eden he commanded him to "dress it and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). God expected man to accomplish something worthwhile and meaningful with his life. He also gave man instructions regarding a certain tree in the garden—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—commanding him not to partake of its fruit (Gen. 2:16-17). It's obvious that God desired man to use his life to follow God's will for man's own good. Sadly, man chose not to obey God's command and suffered the conse-

quences. Whatever man had accomplished to that point in dressing and keeping the garden was meaningless because part of his punishment for choosing to disobey God was separation from the garden (Gen. 3:23-24).

Does a life lived without God have any lasting meaning? Consider the record of the rich man in Luke 16:19ff. Here was a man who wore the best and most expensive clothing and who "faired sumptuously every day." He had everything he needed and more but he lived his life without God. We are not told of all his accomplishments in life. We do not know all that he contributed to his society. He may have accomplished many great things in the eyes of his fellowman. What we do know is that he died and was buried and found himself in torments in

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NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Green Plain Members: Maxine Pool, Jim Fielder (Spring Creek), Hayes Grady, Marie and Roy Wyatt, Jackie and Don Spiceland, Dave and Ann Thompson, Joan Lathrop, and Wanda Barrett.

Family and Friends: Jerry Lovett, Teresa Tacker, Dale Pentecost, Brett Wyatt, Kim Burrows, Nat Evans, Lucetria Hutchison, Ted Clark, Larry and Rose Wyatt, Tonya Morris, Teri Mercer, Patrice Wyatt, and Jackie Herndon. Please let us know of others who may need to be added to these lists or the name of those who have improved and may be removed.

SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL STUDIES continues each Monday through May 19th. Time is 7—9 pm in the annex.

PANTRY ITEMS May 2025: 4-Peanut Butter; 11-Green Beans; 18-Pepper; 25-Pork-n-Beans.

May 2025 ANNIVERSERIES: None. **BIRTHDAYS:** 27-Ann Thompson; 29-Mary Vincent.

THOSE TO SERVE MAY 2025

Announcements: Chad Canter

Preside at Lord’s Table AM: Roy Wyatt & Junior Morris

Preside at Lord’s Table PM: 4-Roy; 11-Junior; 18-Roy; 25-junior

Opening Prayer AM: 4-James ; 11-Jonnie; 18-Jimmy; 25-Mike

Closing Prayer AM: 4-Bobby; 11-Dave; 18-Jesse; 25-Russell

Lead Singing: AM-Perry; PM-Mike; Wed-Chad

Count Contribution: Roy & Junior

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hades. At that point what did his previous life mean to him? Of what value to him was his wealth and accomplishments in his life? There are only two things mentioned that greatly concerned this rich man in hades. First, he asked for Abraham to send the beggar Lazarus to dip his finger in water so that he could cool his tormented tongue. Second, he expressed his concern for his brothers who were still living asking Abraham to send Lazarus back from the dead to warn them to change their lives so that they might not come to where the rich man was. Neither of these requests could be fulfilled. The fact is that without God, the rich man’s life and accomplishments

were ultimately meaningless for he lived his life without God.

What about your life dear reader? Are you living your life without God? If so, then whatever you may be accomplishing in your life is ultimately meaningless for you will find yourself in the same position as the rich man who lifted up his eyes being in torment.

Only submission to God will give your life real and lasting meaning. The Bible puts it this way in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all, For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”*



A Mother’s Hug

*A child sits at
his window
Watching storm
clouds in the
sky
Knowing that
he’s frightened
Not really know-*

ing why

*Maybe it’s the thunder
Could be it’s the rain*

Maybe it’s the lightning
Mirrored on the window pane

*But it really doesn’t matter
What fears the day may bring
If you’re safe and snug in a
mother’s hug
You can face most anything*

*So soon the smiles of childhood
Turn Into teenage frowns
It seems so much of growing up
Consists of falling down*

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