



Welcome To The Killeen Church of Christ!

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

He Doesn't Quit

By Phil McIntosh

One of the realities of free will is: Where there is good, there will inevitably be evil. So long as beings retain the control over their own vessels and decisions they will ultimately, frequently, choose the unrighteous and dark option. The epitome of evil is the "great dragon" that John writes of in Revelation chapter twelve. John speaks of him as one whose mission it is to "deceive the whole world" (**Rev. 12:9**). Our Lord said the devil "*was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it*" (**Jn. 8:44b**). Being a murderer and liar is bad enough, but God informs us even further regarding him; warning us that he is prowling this earth, looking for someone's heart, mind, and soul he can devour (**1 Pet. 5:8**). He salivates at the prospect of slashing his claws and sinking his teeth into the heart of one who has given himself or herself to God (**Rev. 12:17**). Will he take aim at you? If he hasn't lately, he will.

How could one possibly know that? Other than the fact that the Bible tells us to be wary of him, there is an account recorded by the beloved physician which should create an impulse within us to erect a cautious guard around our hearts. In Luke's gospel account he describes for us the devil's temptation of Christ. Jesus was tempted with three separate types of temptation, which have been linked to John's writing of "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life" (**1 Jn. 2:16**). In each of these temptations Jesus responds by utilizing and prioritizing the word of His Father. Jesus said, "It is written," and thus repelled the attacks by Satan. However, that wasn't the end. Satan didn't quit. Luke continues and concludes the section with this remark:

"Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time." -Luke 4:13

Read that again and take special note: if the devil tempted the Lord and then (it is there implied) he planned to tempt Him again, can any of us think that **we** could somehow escape his gaze and attack? Not at all! Because he doesn't quit. Sometimes he might hit us with something big and other times he might slowly, but surely, chip away. He might take advantage of personal problems, stresses in life, changes to our lives, our relationships and friends, influences which we allow into our environment, and a host of other ways not understood to us or acknowledged and seek to do us harm. I am convinced that, until we die, if the devil can get at us, he will try.

As scary and somber as the **fact** that the devil is prowling this earth is, there is hope. There is hope because there is help. God took His time to purposefully comfort us, knowing the kind of danger we might encounter in life, by providing us with inspiration (both emotionally and literally in the God-breathed word) that our help is better than our attacker:

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." -1 John 4:4

Therefore, what the Bible is telling us is, as powerful and as influential as the devil might be, he's always going to be playing loser to God. The devil is always going to ultimately come up short.

Ok, you might say, but how do I ensure that it's not my heart he shreds? How do I ensure that it is not my soul he rips away from God? One answer is: in the same way the Lord did. In John, Jesus is recorded as saying, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (**Jn. 16:33**). If you and I imitate Jesus (**1 Cor. 11:1**) then we respond in the same way that He did- by appealing to the words of God the Father over all else, every time, and living only by them. If we do that we will overcome and, if we overcome, we are guaranteed a future with Them both in Heaven (**2 Pet. 1:8-11**). God has a place of security, where He will calm the storm and keep us safe. He wants us in that place with Him. He has thrown us a life-preserver and will reel us in to Him (**Jn. 3:16; Mk. 16:16; Rev. 2:10**). However, God will not put our arm around that life-saving device for us; we must make that decision. We must make the decision to take hold of it (in initial salvation of obeying the gospel) and to continue to keep our arms wrapped around it until we're safe in His presence (perseverance until death or the end of the world). We **can** overcome the fact that the devil doesn't quit tempting us in this life because, one day, Jesus will return to take His own to Heaven. On that day, the devil will be forced to quit, because we'll be in Heaven with our Lord and our Father, and he won't ever have access to us again. We can get there. We can win. We can have the upper hand. Because we're holding onto the hand of our Savior. If you're not, grasp it today and don't ever let go.

Will History Repeat Itself?

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

Some of the early church historians such as Eusebius, Josephus, and others wrote about the devastation brought upon Jerusalem by the Romans in the year of A.D. 70. They revealed a terrible period of pain, terror, death, and destruction that could easily be argued, that it was worse than any in human history. In their writings they estimated the number of those killed in only a few months was approximately 1.1 million, with another 97,000 being sold as prisoners (as Jesus stated in Luke 21:24) if that wasn't enough, Jerusalem had internal problems within the city. Josephus mentions three "armies" of zealots in the city that fought against one another for control and food. One report said the number of dead from the famine alone was more than 600,000, with many dead bodies not even able to be counted. Some have questioned how Jerusalem could suffer more destruction, death, and horror than those in some of the past history wars. Luke writes "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation" (Luke 19:41-44).

Jesus' prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem, was set for a time in the future after he ascended to heaven, but for many of his hearers on that day, the siege of Jerusalem would happen during their lifetime. His primary purposes for the predictions were to warn His followers when to flee Jerusalem, and add further proof for His divinity by providing an example of His ability to foresee the future. The historians recorded that when His followers saw "Jerusalem surrounded by armies" (Luke 21:20), they knew exactly what to do in order to avoid the fate of the wicked Jews who refused to open their eyes to see Christ as Messiah or recognize his coming as the time of God's visitation and offer of salvation. Even so, God does not promise to take away all of our cares and sorrows in this world. But He has promised to give His children strength to face those cares and troubles of life, if we trust Him and follow where He leads us. We can be assured that through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. In verse (41) Jesus showed his compassion, when he looked upon the city of Jerusalem and cried, because he knew that the city would be destroyed and that there was no hope of a suspension or reprieve of this sentence. Some say History repeats itself, it is my hope and prayer that we do not fall in the same trap as the Jews did in AD 70, but work daily to be obedient to our Savior! Peter wrote "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9), Jesus cares when you are hurt, when you are burdened, overwhelmed, when you have fallen, and when you are alone. He knows these things because He knows you and when your days make you worn-out and they are filled with depressing thoughts, always remember that our Savior cares!

Just like the AD 70 account Jesus has predicted another future event, His Second Coming! Which will be Universal in its scope. But unlike the AD 70 event, there will be no signs that enable anyone to predict when it will occur. It will come with no warning or announcements "but concerning the times and the seasons,

brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape" (1Thessalonians 5: 1-3). As surely and as accurately as Jesus predicted the fall of Jerusalem, He has foretold His Second Coming and the Judgment of all mankind. Does Jesus still Care? Absolutely! Just has those during AD 70 heeded Jesus warning to flee, we must also heed His words today: "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" (Mark 13:37).

May God continue to keep you and your Families in his care, Bro Lee.



Join us for P.E.P. Night on April 15th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.



Ladies, please join us for our 2022 Ladies Retreat on Saturday, April 23rd, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, at the campground. It's a potluck and sign-up sheets are on the ladies' bulletin board with further information. If there is severe weather, then we will meet in the fellowship hall.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us for our Youth Devotional April 10th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 10 - IVAN MCINTOSH (16)
- 12 - ANDREW FORKEY
- 18 - MICHELLE MCINTOSH
- 19 - ARCHIE TURNER
- 24 - GABI WILLIAMS (9)
- 26 - ANNIECE BANE
- 28 - JULIA JONES
- 28 - MARTHA WILLIAMS

APRIL CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
 - Please consult with your team leader for further questions.
- THANK YOU!**

March 27-TEAM ZACK
 Zack
 Amanda
 Diedre
 Paul
 Rubye

April 3-TEAM ROGER
 Patrick
 Brenda
 Roger
 Linda

10-TEAM JAMES S.
 Kim-Marie
 Xavier
 Jaden
 Kingsford

17-TEAM PHIL
 Michelle
 Beverly
 Donna
 Josephine
 Yvonne
 Lois
 Marcella

24-TEAM LEE
 Lee
 Natalie
 Rufus
 Derek
 Ken
 Tim

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022:

- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER
- ◆ 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ◆ SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS
- ◆ SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:
PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM & XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ OFFERING:
ROGER DEEM & XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: JAMES SEAY
- ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

SCRIPTURE READING

**“Not Just Some Passage in Romans”
Romans 1:24-27**

“²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

²⁵ Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

²⁶ For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

