

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Warned By God

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What is going to happen tomorrow? Guess what? You have no idea what will happen tomorrow. I know you have many things scheduled, and your life is hectic. But just because you wrote it down doesn't mean it's going to happen. You can plan your life, but you cannot dictate your life. James stated this fact plainly: "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow" (4:13-14).

But even though we cannot predict the future, the Bible teaches us that we should

be prepared for certain possibilities. The Hebrew writer stated that "[B]y faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household..." (11:7). God warns us every day through His word. He warns us about...

(1) *...the brevity of life.* James continued his lesson about the future by writing, "You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.'" (4:14-15). You don't know what will happen tomorrow, but they may be the last things you ever do. Live accord-

ingly.

(2) *...the return of Jesus.* Even though He will never step foot on earth again (I Thess. 4:16-17), Jesus will return to meet His saints in the air to give us our eternal life with our Lord. Since we know the Lord is coming back, Peter asked, "...[W]hat sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness (II Peter 3:11).

(3) *...the reality of hell.* Many people don't want to think about hell. But if you live for Satan on the earth, you will live with him forever in the place that was prepared for him and his angels (Matt. 25:41).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Addie Farmer will have a cancer spot removed from her back May 16.
- James will be going to Israel May 31-June 9. Justin Newell, John Hayes, and Jeff Baker will fill in for him.
- Our Gospel Meeting this year will again be with Coopertown with Tim Agee delivering the lessons.
- Pray for JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, and the Newells.

Happy Haven Children's Home Contribution Today Building Fund Contribution In Two Weeks

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Cartwright

Serve: Simpkins, J. Buchanan, J. Walker

Pray: M. Newell

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

*Bible Bowl This Year Will Cover The Following
Chapters From Leviticus: 6-11, 17, 19, 23-27.*

*“Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the
vessel in which it is stored than to anything on
which it is pored.”*

Mark Twain

I Thess. 5:15
“See that no one repays
another evil for evil, but
always seek after that which
is good for one another and
for all people.”

Quitting Is Good...Sometimes

On October 29, 1941, Winston Churchill gave a speech at the Harrow School in Britain. (He had spoken there approximately one year before, at the beginning of World War II.) He reminisced about how things had changed in Britain during that year—how Great Britain had limited resources in the beginning, but now they were able to fight back. In the middle of the speech, he said this:

“You cannot tell from appearances how things will go. Sometimes imagination makes things out far worse than they are; yet without imagination not much can be done. But for everyone, surely, from this period of ten months this is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never,

never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the overwhelming might of the enemy.”

What an inspirational message! That’s the kind of lesson we teach children: finish what you started, maintain your commitment, things will get better. But is that *always* the best lesson? Aren’t there situations in life when we just need to throw in the towel? The Bible says, “Yes!”

First, Psalm 46:10: “Cease striving, and know that I am God.” Stop thinking that you have all the power and that you can fix all the problems. Remember: God is the only one who is all-powerful, all-knowing,

and ever-present. Resign from things you cannot control.

Also, Jesus told the woman caught in adultery to sin no more (John 8:11). We need to stop sinning. The Bible makes it clear that we all sin (Rom. 3:23), and that Christians must constantly confess their sins in order to receive constant forgiveness (1 John 1:8-9). But that does not mean that we have no power over sin. Paul wrote that we must “examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

Sometimes quitting is good.

James Hayes
