

Upcoming Events...

Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: March 27

Business Meeting: April 8

What the Bible says about the Aged

"Wisdom is with aged men, with long life is understanding."

Job 12:12

"Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you." Isaiah 46:4

"A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness." Proverbs 16:31

March Birthdays

4 Joseph McKnight 8 Drina Zamarripa

9 Jessica Aguiar 18 Buddy Cashion 30 Barrett Hoffman

March Anniversaries

6 Harold & Dortha Gentry

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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What Will the Future Be Without the Past?

By Mel Martin

What will happen to the church when the aged, those who have been tried in the faith, those who have sacrificed, labored, rejoiced and cried, pass from the scene?

What happened to God's people after the death of Joshua? As long as Joshua led the children of Israel, they served God. But what happened after both he and those who had seen the mighty works of God died? Let's see: Joshua 24:31 *"And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that over-lived Joshua, and which had known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel."* Judges 2:9-10 *"And they buried him (Joshua) in the border of his inheritance in Timnathheres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."* Judges 2:11 *"And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim."*

The repetition of this phenomenon is striking in the succession of kings which would eventually guide Israel. It is a fearful thing when a good king dies, for the salvation of all Israel is at stake.

The old ones in a congregation are the Joshuas, and they are that generation which have seen the mighty works of God. Will there arise another generation after them which will not know God? There is a great responsibility upon the aged in every congregation.

Integrity

By A Jay Kelly

His wife said to him, *"Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!"* He replied, *"You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"* In all this, Job did not sin in what he said. Job 2:9-10 Lynn Anderson had a hit with a song called "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" many years ago. In the song, a wife was reminding her husband that not everything goes right all the time and that relationship had to be able to weather the storms as well as the good times. There is an Arab proverb that sums up that feeling quite well. It says, "All sunshine makes a desert." That would seem to sum up what Job told his wife as well. We need to understand that Job was far from perfect and his wife was probably not as evil as we make her out to be from this verse.

How many times have we had the same reaction as Job's wife to our problems? How many times have we wanted to give up? How many times have we told ourselves or others that this is just too hard? How many times has Satan tempted us to quit trying? Some of us have given in from time to time and Satan is using that failure to incite us to give up again. We need to be like Job. No, he was not the paragon of virtuous understanding we sometimes think him to be. He failed to understand all the reasons for God's allowance to Satan, but so do we. Is there really anyone reading this who claims to understand all of why God does what he does? We don't need to always understand, just believe. We can understand it later. We'll have all eternity.

The Storms of Life

By Roy A. Crutcher

"For affliction does not come from the dust, neither does trouble sprout from the ground, for man is born for trouble as sparks fly upward." Job 5:6-7 (NAS) Man lives in a world filled with troubles as is indicated in the above passage. Because man lives in a trouble filled world, he will naturally encounter troubles, obstacles, etc., of various kinds from time to time. Even Christians are not immune to such problems. As Christians, we do have some

special blessings from God. Likewise, God cares for His own in a special way. Unfortunately, though, we are not immune to all the problems of life. And, when problems arise in our lives, we usually tend to think that our troubles are worse than anyone else's is. But, as Christians, we are admonished to *"think so as to have sound judgment."* [Romans 12:3]. Sound judgment tells us that usually there is always someone worse off than we are. I am reminded of the poem that tells of the man who complained because he had no shoes until he saw a man who had no feet. Several examples are mentioned in the poem, each concluding with, "Lord forgive me when I whine." I read, some time back, of some devastating cyclones, which had hit India. Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ lost everything. One brother lost his wife, two children and his parents. Another lost his wife, four children, five grandchildren, his mother - a total of 31 family members [16 were members of the Lord's church]. This kind of devastation puts us in mind of Job as described in chapter one. But Job survived, and so can we. Regardless of the extremity of any problems we might be facing, rather than feeling sorry for ourselves, just remember a few basic facts: others have worse problems; things could be worse; usually the good in our lives outweighs the bad; count the blessings that we do have.

In every tragedy we can look at what we've lost and be hateful, or we can look at what we have left and be grateful. May God help us to have a grateful, trusting disposition regardless of our station in life.

Old Age

Excerpts from article by Jada Pryor

There is a common belief that we gradually become less useful as we grow older. That this world is made for the young. Perhaps that is so. But we are not of this world. When we live our lives for God, our journey here does not end until we take our final breath. Noah, Moses, Abraham-some of our greatest biblical examples; all went on some of their greatest adventures at a time when most would be settling into retirement. Should you be finding yourself feeling a little bit forgotten, overlooked, unappreciated...take care to remember that God will use you at any age, and any stage. There is no age limit to the way He works, and His is a love that never grows old.