# DUTY LIST...

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Jeff Isbell Reading: Daniel 6:10-17
- Song Leader.....Eli Todd
- > Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- ➤ Lord's Table:

Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve......Eli Todd

Serve.....

Closing Prayer......Kenny Johnson

## **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Scripture Reading... Reading:
- ➤ Song Leader.....
- Lord's Supper......

# **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- ➤ Song Leader.....
- > Invitation.....

# **God's Plan of Salvation**

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- ➤ Hear the Gospel: Romans 10:17
- ➤ Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- > Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30

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- > Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- ➤ Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- > Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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# Satan

THERE IS MUCH WE DON'T know about Satan, and speculation is often harmful. And there is much we can learn about Satan from various parts of scripture. Let's focus in on three essential truths regarding our adversary from Genesis chapter three.

# SATAN IS DECEPTIVE

The serpent said to Eve, "You will not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). God had said they would die if they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17), but Satan is trying to deceive Eve into thinking otherwise.

The Lord warned us that Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). Satan is trying to get us to sin and lose our souls. Sin itself is deceptive (Hebrews 3:12-13). We are warned there not to be hardened by sin. Don't be deceived by the temptations that present themselves to you on a daily basis.

That little lie will cost you your soul. That one drink will lead to disaster. That one puff can lead to a lifetime of slavery. That one night out on the town with worldly friends can cost you more than you ever wanted to pay.

Eve was deceived by Satan (1 Timothy 2:14). It behooves us to learn the proper lessons from Eves experience and strive to avoid giving into temptations at all cost.

We would love to have you visit with us. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

We have capable Bible teachers who would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

Our evangelist, Michael Pickford is the editor of this publication.

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# SATAN IS DETERMINED

Even after Eve had informed Satan of what God had told them regarding that tree, Satan persisted. He was determined to pervert all the good God had created.

Satan has no raw material, he is simply a pervert, seeking to pervert God's creation. We usually reserve the word "Pervert" for the "Lowest class" of sexual sinners. But anytime we violate one of God's commands we are perverts.

Lying is a perversion of truth. Stealing is a perversion of God's commandments. Gossip is a perversion of God's instructions (Romans 1:29-30). Forsaking the assemblies is a perversion of God's desires for us (Hebrews 10:25).

It doesn't matter which sin he gets you with, Satan is determined to take you down, and he's contented to do it with a "Clean sin" as a "Dirty" one.

# SATAN IS DEFEATED

God promised Satan that the woman's seed would, "*Bruise your head*" (Genesis 3:15). This is a prophecy of the Messiah, the Christ, and was ultimately accomplished at Calvary.

Even though Satan was deceptive and determined, The Lord defeated him with each temptation (Matthew 4:1-11). Each time Jesus responded to the devil with the words, "*It is written*." Then he quoted the relevant scripture necessary to overcome the temptation.

The psalmist said, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11). For those who think memorizing key passages of scripture isn't really important, think again! It's one of the most essential keys to defeating Satan's onslaught against your eternal soul! Take the time to do it. Make every possible sacrifice of your time necessary to memorize key passages of scripture. Our adversary isn't weak in the least. He's serious, he's effective, and he's determined to lead you away from the path of righteousness. The battle will never be easy, and we must arm ourselves as powerfully as we can.

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# **Bodies Of Clay**

"How much more those who dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust...?"

-Job 4:19

ELIPHAZ REMINDS US THAT we "Dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust" (Job 4:19). I'm inclined to believe him to be speaking, not of the house our bodies dwell in, but of the bodies our souls reside in. As a man, I am made up of body and spirit (Soul). There will come a time when my spirit will depart from my body; this time is referred to as "Dead." "For as the body without the spirit is dead..." (James 2:26).

If the Lord does not return first, we all have an appointment with death. "And as it is appointed for men to die once..." (Hebrews 9:27). Depending on how I live while in this body, my spirit will finally end up in either heaven or hell. "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46). "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:28-29) (see also 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Either way, while on this earth I reside in a body of clay that has dust as its very foundation. This reminds me of how fragile and perishable I am. Paul spoke of this body as a "Tent" and how we desire to be clothed further with a body suitable for heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1-4). Heaven is a place where nothing perishes; our spiritual bodies will be "incorruptible" (1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 15:42).

When we enter heaven, there will be no more pain, debilitating diseases, shattered dreams, or tragic accidents. Our present bodies of clay are subject to many ill effects that will be vanquished in eternity!

The Christian's future?

From Dust to Dignity!

From Grave to Glory!

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