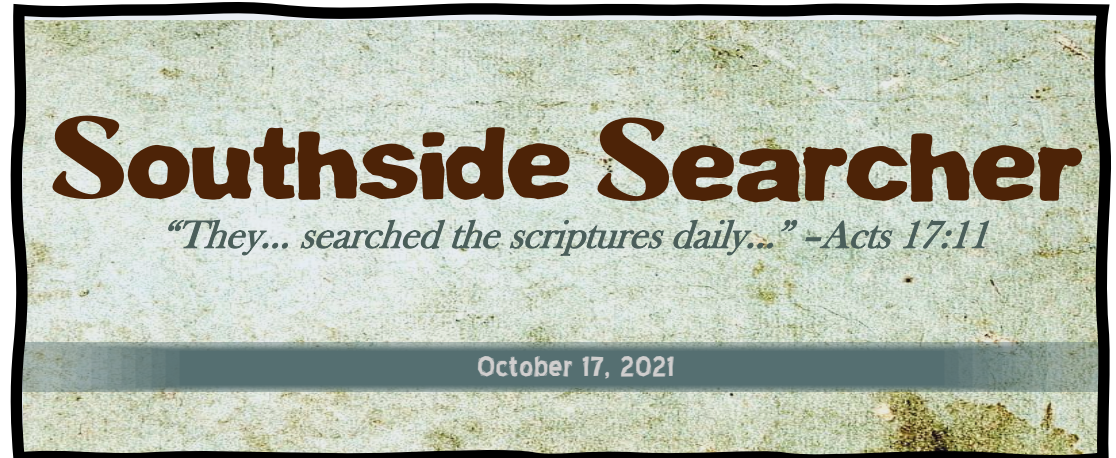


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford Reading: TBA ➤ Song Leader.....Robert Johnson ➤ Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd ➤ Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <p>WEDNESDAY EVENING</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">God's Plan of Salvation</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17 ➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24 ➤ <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 ➤ <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10 <p style="text-align: center;">Obey Today!</p>
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Bodies Of Clay

ELIPHAZ REMINDS US THAT we “*Dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust*” (Job 4:19). I believe he was 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 “*Death*” (James 2:26). If the Lord doesn’t return first, we all have an appointment with death (Hebrews 9:27). Depending on how I live while in this body, my spirit will finally end up in either heaven or hell (Matthew 25:46; 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 foundation. This should remind me of how fragile and perishable I am.

Paul spoke of this body as a “*Tent*” and how we who dwell in it long to be clothed with a body suitable for heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1-4). Peter said heaven is a place where nothing perishes (“*incorruptible*”) (1 Peter 1:3-5).

When we enter heaven, there’ll be no more pain, no more debilitating diseases, no more shattered dreams, no more tragic accidents. While in these bodies of clay, we are subject to many ill effects that will vanish in eternity when we are immortally arrayed!

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Better Than Gold

Gold is precious and valuable. Is anything better? The Bible says that...

God's word is better than gold. *"The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver"* (Psalm 119:72). God's word is supremely valuable; it's priceless! Through it God reveals Himself to man and reveals to man how we are to serve Him. Our law for today is the doctrine of Christ (James 1:25; 2 John 9). Have you obeyed the Gospel? (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Wisdom is better than gold. *"For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, And her gain than fine gold"* (Proverbs 3:14; Proverbs 16:16). Knowledge is essential but properly applying knowledge is wisdom. Study God's word daily (Acts 17:11) and pray for wisdom to properly apply that knowledge to your life (James 1:5).

A good name is better than gold. *"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold"* (Proverbs 22:1; see also Proverbs 27:21). Many are wealthy but don't have a good reputation; but a good reputation in the church and in the world is essential (1 Peter 2:12). If folks know we are members of the church and they see us doing ungodly things, this blasphemes God and His doctrine (1 Timothy 6:1). Our lives should adorn the doctrine of Christ (Titus 2:10).

Good health is better than gold. Peter said to the lame man *"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk"* (Acts 3:6). Surely this man was more thrilled to receive the use of his legs than he would have been if Peter had handed him some gold. Good health is valuable, just ask anyone who is chronically or terminally ill. Health is a Bible subject, and I should strive to protect mine remembering that my body is not my own but is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). John prayed that saints *"may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"* (3 John 2).

The blood of Christ is better than gold. *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"* (1 Peter 1:18-19). The blood of Christ purchased the church (Acts 20:28) and redeemed us from our sins (Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16). What can be more valuable than our souls being redeemed from hell and saved in heaven? (Matthew 10:28). Remember, *"Riches do not profit in the day of wrath"* (Proverbs 11:4). Money is necessary for survival in this life, but numerous things are of greater value than silver and gold. Let's heed the lesson!

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Lying

"You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another."

-Leviticus 19:11

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

-John 8:44

"Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,"

-Colossians 3:9

"Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another."

-Ephesians 4:25

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

-Revelation 21:8

"These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

A proud look,

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that are swift in running to evil,

A false witness who speaks lies,

And one who sows discord among brethren."

-Proverbs 6:16-19

"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal truthfully are His delight."

-Proverbs 12:22

"A righteous man hates lying,

But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame."

-Proverbs 13:5

"But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

-Acts 5:3

"For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it."

-1 Peter 3:10-11