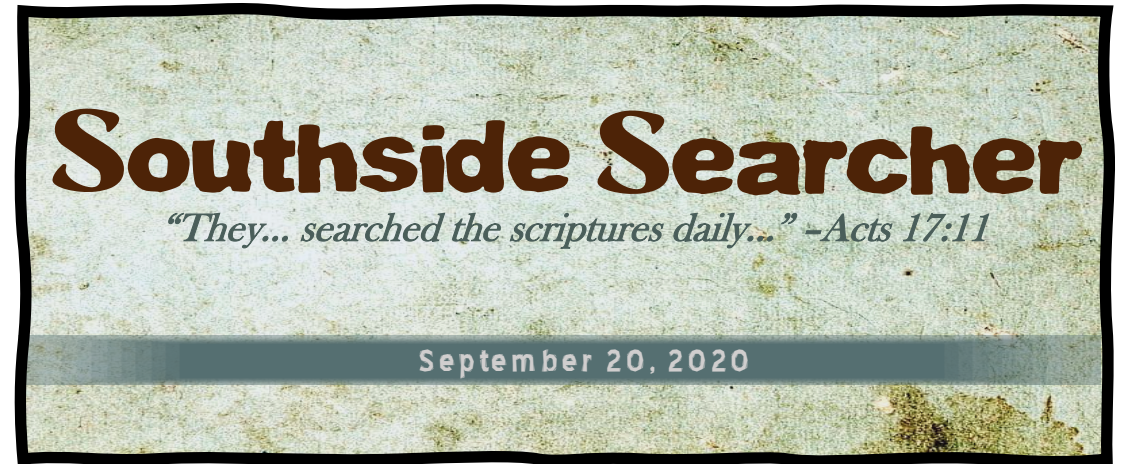


<p>DUTY LIST...</p> <p>SUNDAY MORNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcements.....Michael Pickford ➤ Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford Reading: Psalm 20:1-9 ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson ➤ Lord's Table: Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve.....Eli Todd Serve..... ➤ Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd <p>SUNDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader.....Kenny Todd ➤ Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T. <p>WEDNESDAY EVENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Song Leader..... ➤ Invitation..... 	<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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Annihilation As Eternal Punishment?

The Bible teaches that those who do not obey the Gospel will be punished. Some believe the punishment to be annihilation—that the disobedient will simply be struck out of existence and will never again have consciousness. Is this true?

Jesus gave us a glimpse into the last day in Matthew chapter 25:31-46. He used the imagery of sheep and goats being gathered before Him on judgment day. The sheep represented people who obeyed Him by zealously aiding and assisting their fellow men. They fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited those who were sick or in prison, etc. The goats represented those who failed to do all these things. As punishment for their failure and neglect, Jesus said they would be cast “*into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*” Note the word “*everlasting.*” What is the point of the fire being everlasting if the punishment is not everlasting? Jesus concludes the discussion with this statement, “*these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life*” (Vs. 46). The two words “*everlasting,*” and “*eternal*” mean the exact same thing. They come from the same Greek word. So, if we believe that the reward (heaven) will be ongoing without end for the righteous, then we must believe that the punishment for the disobedient will be the same.

Paul taught the same truth about everlasting punishment in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. Those who do not know God and who do not obey the gospel will be “*punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.*” Don’t be deceived. The lost will be punished forever while conscious. Obey the Gospel today and serve the Lord faithfully to avoid eternal punishment.

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“...And He Will Flee From You”

James 4:9

That God has Satan on a leash,
Is a fact no one can deny,
Satan works hard to damn your soul,
But the most he can do is try.
There are limits to his influence,
There are boundaries he can't cross,
Only those who will believe his lies,
Will be the ones eternally lost.
(Job 1:12; 2:6; Luke 22:31; Acts 13:10)

The father of lies is a coward,
He will tuck his tail and run,
When any person ignores him,
And listens to God's Son.
When we submit ourselves to God,
And it's Him we are trying to please,
Satan doesn't just amble away,
God tells us that he flees.
(John 8:44; James 4:7)

By resisting what he offers,
And listening to him no longer,
Each time we drive him away from us,
Our resistance becomes ever stronger.
He definitely will run away,
When it's to God that we submit,
But that doesn't mean he won't return,
Throughout your life, he'll never quit.
(Luke 4:13; Hebrews 4:15)

There is nothing in his arsenal,
That he hasn't used before,
He has no secret weapons,
That can block temptation's door.
With every weapon he hurls at us,
There is a door for our escape,
With every temptation he offers us,
It'll not be more than we can take.
That door of escape is always there,
But we have to seek it out,
We can't dawdle in sinful pleasure,
And also find a safe way out.
(I Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 11:25)

The weapons that he uses,
Are the same he used in Eden,
He lays his snares before us,
With all his lying and deceiving.
To damn our souls to hell,
In torment and eternal fire,
He attempts to hold us prisoner,
In sin's repulsive mire.
(Matthew 25:41; I Timothy 3:7; Jude 1:6)

The “Panoply” of God,
Do you know what that word means?
It's the armor that God has provided,
To overcome Satan in his schemes.

We have to put the armor on,
If we expect to overcome,
By not giving place to the devil,
His sinful offers we have to spurn.
(Ephesians 6:10-18;
Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21;
21:7)

This world that we are living in,
Will someday pass away,
With all the lust and pride,
That Satan used to bar our way.
If this world that we are living in,
Is what we love the most,
We'll never see the Father,
Nor His Angelic host.
We have to choose an ally,
So our enemy will be known,
God will be one or the other,
By the deeds that we have shown.
(Matthew 6:24; James 4:4; I John 2:15-17)

This world that we are living in,
And all the sin that's in it,
Will someday be destroyed,
And the works of Satan with it.
(I John 3:18)

-Patrick Andrews

Words

Have you considered the significance of words?

- They can be beautiful to the hearer (Proverbs 25:11).
- They can be soft and deter anger (Proverbs 15:1).
- They can be harsh and stir up trouble (Proverbs 15:1).
- They are pleasant if they are pure (Proverbs 15:26).
- They are used sparingly by a man who is wise and in control of himself (Proverbs 17:27).
- They can be spoken too hastily (James 1:19).
- They can be filthy (Colossians 3:8).
- They can be deceptive and untrue (Colossians 3:9).
- They can be blasphemous and malicious (Colossians 3:8).
- One misspoke word can condemn the soul (Matthew 12:36-37).

“Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.”
-Proverbs 21:23

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