



Life Lines

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Hear the Son

Matthew 17:1-9

Have you ever heard of a "benevolent dictator"? If you were to study economics, you might come across the term. It is a theoretical form of government in which a leader has absolute authority but he does so for the benefit of the population as a whole. He might allow some democratic decision-making but only on a limited basis.

There are a few problems with the concept of a "benevolent dictator." First, no one who has ever had such absolute authority has ever used it benevolently. A second problem is that no human authority ever knows what is best for everyone under his rule. The third problem with the idea of a "benevolent dictator" is that too few people are willing to submit to the authority of such a person.

Enter Jesus Christ, the Son of Abraham and the Son of David. While Jesus does not present Himself as a dictator, rather He presents Himself as King, He does have ultimate authority and He is completely and purely benevolent.

Not only is Jesus the King of Kings, but in our text when God speaks from heaven and commands us to "Listen to Jesus!" we also see that Jesus is the Final Law-Giver and He is the Final Prophet of God. We need to listen to Him.

THE BACKGROUND - 17:1:

This event happens "six days later," following Jesus' discussion in 16:21-28. In that discussion, Jesus pictures Himself "coming in the glory of His Father with His angels" (vs. 27). Specifically, the "glory of the Father" is going to be made visibly known to these three apostles.

THE GLORY OF GOD'S SON - 17:2:

Jesus' face and clothes - His entire being -

shone as bright as the sun, as bright as light, as white as it could be, illustrating for us Jesus' own statement in John 8:12.

We should not overlook the significance of this event. In Isaiah 42:8, God said He would not give His glory to another. For Jesus to appear here in His glory is to show that Jesus has the same nature as God, the Father (cf. Heb. 1:3).

*By: Paul Holland
Daily Droplets 9/7/15
(continued next week)*

CHRIST'S DISCUSSION - 17:3:

Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus, talking with Him about His coming "exodus," as Luke calls it (9:31).

Here Moses is, but it is not to be a law giver. It is, in fact, to "pass the torch," (so to speak) to Jesus, the Son of God.

Elijah was the first great prophet in a long line of prophets who pointed Israel back to the Law. The prophet Malachi did predict that Elijah was going to come back (Malachi 4:5). Here he is, but not be a new prophet but to "pass the torch" to Jesus, the Son of God.

Just as Elijah pointed Israel back to the Law of Moses, so "Elijah" (John the baptizer, verse 13) pointed Israel to Jesus Christ.

THE SON, IN CONTRAST TO MOSES AND ELIJAH - 17:4-6:

In what ways do we listen to Jesus?

A. First, we listen to His direct words as we have them recorded mainly in Matthew-John. Listening to Jesus means: Doing what

Jesus says to do; the way He says to do it; and for the reason He says to do it.

B. We listen to Jesus by following His example - 1 Peter 2:21.

C. We listen to Jesus by listening to His personally chosen apostles and prophets who were guided by the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 14:37.

THE BENEFIT FOR THE APOSTLES - 17:7-9:

They were not to fear His death just as they were not to fear His transfiguration. There were three great themes taught in this event but the apostles at that time did not understand. They should not start telling others about them until the Holy Spirit came over them following Jesus' resurrection:

1. The deity of Jesus.
2. The end of the Law of Moses.
3. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Our own resurrection is possible, our own glorification is possible, if we are united together with Christ, the new Tabernacle of God's divine glory. Listen to Him!

Your fellow-servant in Christ,

Paul

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for anyone else."

Charles Dickens

Kindness is usually a word we entrust to someone else. We feel inadequate when we think of kindness. Most of us know someone who seems to always be doing something kind for others. They are the first to someone's door with a cake or delicious casserole when something happens. They share what they have with others. Like John the Baptist told the folks who asked, if you have two coats give one to someone else who needs it. We admire these people; wish we would be like them.

After Paul mentions all of the works of the flesh, those terrible sins that we don't want to do, he tells us good things to do. These are what we need to do. These are the fruit of the Spirit. There is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5). Kindness is right in there. Kindness is between us and someone else. Kindness is not accomplished alone. It is between us, our family, our friends, and our neighbors. Any act of kindness can lighten the burden for another. It is contagious, it spreads.

Many acts of kindness you never hear about, unless you are the recipient. I know people who do these things behind the scenes all the time. They aren't expecting pay back. They do them out of kindness to others. These kindnesses come from the heart. It doesn't cost much and takes little of our time. We often fail to do acts of kindness because we think we don't have the time. This could be how we have established our priorities. Our priorities may be wrong or misguided.

"Be kind one to another" is a commandment from God. And by helping others we are helping ourselves. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We all appreciate these acts of kindness.

"You may give gifts without caring – but you can't care without giving."

Frank A Clark

Remember Our Sick

Leonard Medlin friend of Liliya and Rex – has been diagnosed with lung cancer

Braden Lambert – at home, still needs our prayers

Meredith Whitted – upcoming surgery

Greg Widner had hip surgery on 9/ 22

Mary Grice –recovering at home

Liliya McDaniel – improving every day

Yolanda Greenway- at home, will have more treatment in 3 weeks

Myra Ballinger- recently had surgery and now starting chemo treatment.

Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

Dover Area: **Billie Nichols**

Legacy Heights:

Bonnie Vinson
Juanita Whitted

Russellville Nsg & Rehab:

Joe Miller

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Juanita Bird, Donna Chambers, Jamie Coffman, Troy/ Rachel Curtis, Dennis Drewry, Sarah Ensey, Johnny Estes, Joyce Helton, Leota Hickey, Melba Horton, Rhonda Lambert, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Chip Porter, Mary Stamps, Michael Tindall, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Justin Vaughn, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

Military: Pray for our service men and women

Eric Richardson

Expectant Mothers:

Beckie Clark

From our Members

Not Alone

My eyes are open,
Yet I do not see.
Forward walking,
He leadeth me.

You are not alone,
I hear him say.
Just trust in Me,
As you pray.

I will take you where,
You are meant to be.
Have patience and faith
And you will see.

The walk may be rough,
The path may be long.
Just lean on Me
I'll keep you strong.

Endeavor to persevere,
I hear you say.
I am the Truth, The Light,
The Word, The Way.

As you hold my hand
And lead me through,
I thank God
For sending You.

My path is not known,
My steps aren't clear.
My eyes are open
And Christ is here.

By Bobbi Robbins
8-21-2015

Looking ahead to 2016

Plans are already being made for next year's mission trip to Nicaragua. Tentative dates are July 30th - August 6th, 2016. If you are interested please contact Michael Robbins.

EVENTS

Ladies' Devo

October 15th, 2015

@ 6:30 pm

Hostesses:

Julie Moss and

Karen Womack

@ home of Julie Moss

ATTENTION:

We will be feeding the
students at the ATU
CCSC on Thursday,
October 8th @ 6:00pm.
Please sign up to help
and bring a lot of food!

Looking ahead:

Our Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 25th. We will have services @ 5pm with a meal and trunk or treat to follow. Make plans to be there!

Area News

There will be a Gospel Meeting at Oppelo on October 18-21 with David Riley of Mars Hill doing the speaking. Services on Sunday will be at 9:30/10:30/1:00. Services on Mon-Wed will be @ 7pm.

Ladies' Day @ Hector church of Christ on Saturday, October 31st from 12:00-4:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ

Children's Church

Every Sunday

11:15 - 12:00 Noon

Ages 4 thru 8

Bible Stories and
Activities

Ages 1 thru 3

Nursery Class

*Draw near to God
and He
will draw near to you.*

James 4:8



Lawn Care

October 3rd

*Chris Loper and
Ed Meadows*

October 10th

*Allen Veasman, Ethan Letson,
and William Boley*

October Birthdays

01	Rose Lee
	Shannon Nichole
02	Gunter Cates
09	Jason Clark
13	Kelley Chance
	Cyndie Loper
15	Heath Forehand
16	Bonnie Vinson
22	Kelsi Hottinger
	Emma Letson
23	Blake Walters
24	Ticia Rainwater
27	Carin Vaughn
31	Kevin Nordin

**Many thanks and
congratulations
to our 2015 Nicaragua
mission team for a job
well done!**

**Michael Robbins
Bobbi Robbins
William Robbins
Elizabeth Robbins
Charles Davis
Dmitri McDaniel
Holly Jennings
Karen Womack
Chris Moss
Matthew Moss
Dorothy King**

THOSE TO SERVE

October 4th, 2015

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Alan Boatright
Blake Walters

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Gary Williams
Kevin Nordin
Larry Mahan
Marion Helton

Scripture Reading

Rex McDaniel

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Young Men

Prepare Table for Communion

Lads & Leaderettes

Communion to Shut-Ins

Chris Loper

Greeters

The Elders

Next Business Meeting

October 12th, 2015

Wednesday Night Services

@

6:30 p.m.

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

6:30 P.M.

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Donny Forehand

Brent Hottinger

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