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When the Roll is Called Up Yonder



I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn 619



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Call to Worship

Psalm 119:1-8

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When We All get to Heaven

Hymn 123



Blessed Assurance

Hymn 67





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



Praise and Prayer Request

All Prayer request can be e-mail to:

plbiblechurch@gmail.com

***We would love to pray for God's will to be done
your life and for His Name to be glorified in and
through you, as you seek His Holy Face!***

Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

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**An offering for the Church can be mailed to:
Promise Land Bible Church
PO Box 1437
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Famous Quote:

“The individual is handicapped, by coming face-to-face, with a conspiracy so monstrous, he cannot believe it exists. The American mind, simply has not come to a realization of the evil, which has been introduced into our midst . . . It rejects even the assumption that human creatures could espouse a philosophy, which must ultimately destroy all that is good and decent.”

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, 1956

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Today's Message

“Trained Men of God”

Scripture text: Genesis 14:13-23

Genesis 14:13-16 Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. **These were allies of Abram.** When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, **he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.** And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. **Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.**

Archaeologists have **confirmed the historical accuracy of this account of the first war in the Bible.**

When Lot moved into Sodom (v. 12), **he lost the protection** of “the Judge of all the earth” (Genesis 18:25) and **had to suffer the consequences.**

Lot followed the path of friendship with the world (James 4:4), then love of the world.

Genesis 18:22-26 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, "**Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?** Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. **Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?** Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?**" And the LORD said, "**If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.**"

James 4:1-5 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "**He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us**"?

Godly Abraham was in the place of safety, even though he lived in a tent.

Hearing of Lot's plight, **Abraham did the generous thing and went to rescue him.** Only the separated believer has the power to help the backslider, and it is to such a faithful saint that the backslider turns when in trouble. In this chapter, Abraham delivers Lot by his sword. By faith, he overcomes the enemy, **covering 120 miles to do it.**

Romans 12:16-21 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Proverb 17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverb 24:10-12 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?

Nehemiah 4:11-14 And our enemies said, "They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work." At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, "You must return to us." So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I **stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.** And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "**Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.**"

1 Samuel 30:16-19 And when he had taken him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. And **David struck them down from twilight until the evening of the next day, and not a man of them escaped**, except four hundred young men, who mounted camels and fled. **David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and David rescued his two wives. Nothing was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that had been taken. David brought back all.**

Jude 1:17-23 But you must **remember**, beloved, the **predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ**. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions." It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, **keep yourselves in the love of God**, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And **have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.**

Israel would thus **learn that God would give His Chosen People victory over enemies that plundered the Promised Land.** This must have encouraged God's people in the times of the Judges and in later invasions. Of **course faith in and obedience to God were prerequisites to victory.**

In the Old Testament, warfare was actual and physical; **but it was also spiritually significant in relationship to faith.** According to the New Testament, a **Christian's battle and weapons are spiritual, and God's promises are eternal.**

Using military figures of speech, Paul portrayed **Christ's death as a victory** (Eph. 4:8) in which He **conquered sin, death, and the grave**. Christ's gifts are **spiritual gifts for His servants to use in service**. With these spiritual gifts and **armed with spiritual weapons, Christians are to champion righteousness, truth, and equity** (Eph. 6:10–19).

God gives His people **victory over the world in accord with His promises to bless and to curse**, using His servants who know **His high calling and who can use the weapons of spiritual warfare with skill**.

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, **be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.** Put on the whole armor of God, **that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:14-19 Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the **breastplate of righteousness**, and, as **shoes** for your feet, having put on the readiness given by **the gospel of peace**. In all circumstances take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the **helmet of salvation**, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, **praying at all times in the Spirit**, with all prayer and supplication. To that end **keep alert with all perseverance**, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, **that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, **in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.** We implore you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Hymn 159

