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By Dan Jenkins

"Watch Out for Falling Pianos"

You've seen it often in cartoons when a large object was falling toward the "hero, the good guy," and he just stepped aside and whatever was coming toward him missed hitting him. It's entertaining as youths to watch and enjoy watching these cartoons. Those stories have so little to do with our lives, but today sometimes adults talk about the providence of God as though these children cartoons illustrate how He works. There is no Biblical evidence that God whispers in your ear and you step aside and the falling piano misses you.

Is God concerned about what is happening in our lives? Absolutely! His eyes are over us, and His ears are open right now to our prayers (1 Pet. 3:12). These words are quoted from Psalm 34, for the nature of God's providence has not changed. Think about this for a moment. Where did God ever whisper "holy hunches" into the ears of the saints? Neither He nor the Holy Spirit has ever delivered silent messages to saints to help them avoid "falling pianos."

The problem with this view is that it fails when the "falling pianos" actually do fall on us. How do we deal with them? Where was God? Why did He not warn me? Are there times when I cannot trust God? We cannot just believe in providence when we avoid wrecks, for we often are involved in accidents! Job said it best, "Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" God did not forsake Job. He did not give him silent messages. Job may have never known about the conversation between God and Satan.

Do not forget that when God speaks, He does not whisper, He shouts

How does the Bible speak about daily situations in our lives? Paul converted a runaway slave, but never said God sent him into my life and told me to talk to this slave. Paul said, "Perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever" (Phile. 13). Paul does not deny that it could have happened, but without a specific revelation from heaven, he still said, "Perhaps." Mordecai did not say to Esther that God made you queen of Persia to save the Jews. He said, "Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esth. 4:14). God has spoken to individuals to accomplish His plans, but He has never used "holy hunches" as a way to talk to men.

He works in our lives! Understanding Paul's "perhaps" and Mordecai's "who knows" makes life so exciting. His eyes are over us. He uses us. But where is the Biblical evidence that He silently tells us to step aside just before the piano falls? Look at what is happening in your life and live each day knowing He is part of your life. Do not forget that when God speaks, He does not "whisper." He "shouts."



By David Sproule

Jesus, Angels and Christians

"Angels" is a subject that either gets talked about too much ("too much" meaning that folks sometimes say things that the Bible does not say) or not talked about much at all (perhaps because the Bible does not give us much information on angels in our world today). But, since the Bible is our only source of truth on angels, then we ought to consider what it does say.

What do we know about angels today? What are they doing today? Here's what we know. Angels are "ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation" (Heb. 1:14). "Ministering" denotes that they are "engaged in special or holy service," and "minister" emphasizes that service is caring for and serving God's people. What are they doing specifically? When do they do it? How do they do it? We don't know. We are simply told that they are continually sent forth by Jesus to continually serve those who faithfully serve Him.

They are doing the work of the Lord on His behalf.

Let's see what angels did in the life of Jesus and see if there is not some application to us also.

Angels were there when Jesus was born (Luke 2:10-14). Is it possible that they are present at births today? Angels "came and ministered" to Jesus when He was tempted by the devil (Matt. 4:11). Is it possible that angels minister to Christians today when we are tempted? An angel came and strengthened Jesus when He was in agony and facing death (Luke 22:43). Is it possible that angels strengthen us in hard times, including being there with us through the process of dying? An angel rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb and announced His resurrection (Matt. 28:1-6). Is it possible that angels open doors of opportunity before us, when things look pretty bleak? Angels will accompany Jesus when He returns at the end of time (2 Thess. 1:7-8). Is it possible that angels will be with us all the way to the very end and accompany us to meet Jesus?

Notice that each question began with, "Is it possible?" There is much that we don't know about what angels are doing today. But we do know that they are "sent out to render service" to those who belong to God. They are not doing their own work, but truly, they are doing the work of the Lord on His behalf.

God loves you! He "works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:12-13). He ensures that "all things work together for good" for His children (Rom. 8:28). He is always ready to "perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you" (1 Pet. 5:10). How does He do all of that? While we do not know entirely, is it possible that He uses His special servants to serve us, even though we may not be able to perceive it at all with our senses? The possibility is thrilling!



By Robert Lupo

What Could Happen in a Single Generation?

King Josiah's thirty-one-year reign in Judah was a reawakening of faithful worship to the one true God. When Josiah came face-to-face with the truth that his fathers and priests had concealed and perverted the Law of the Lord, he immediately took action to restore godly worship.

Judah had become a cesspool of idolatry and depravity. 2 Kings 23 tells us everything the king had to correct. He removed the priests and articles of worship for Baal, for Asherah, and all the host of heaven (v. 4-5). He destroyed the high places and tore down the booths of prostitution in the temple. Verse after verse shows the decisive actions Josiah took to turn his kingdom back toward God. Josiah was successful because he "…turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might…" (v. 25).

…from the peak of spiritual purity to the depths of defilement.

Unfortunately, the fruits of Josiah's work were short lived. After he died in battle, Josiah's son, Jehoahaz, followed by his brother, Jehoiakim, took the throne and returned to the evil of the kings before Josiah (2 Kgs. 23:32, 37). During Jehoiakim's reign, God judged Judah. He made him a vassal (or, servant) of Nebuchadnezzar and sent the enemies of Judah to fight them (2 Kgs. 24:1-4). And, eventually, it led to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity (2 Kgs. 25:1-21). In one generation, Judah went from the peak of spiritual purity to the depths of defilement.

It should shock us how quickly Judah strayed from God's Law. Could the same thing happen in the church? Do we consider how quickly a congregation could stray from the New Testament pattern and fall from God's grace? Could a congregation reach the peak of Christian purity and descend into darkness in a single generation?

In a single generation, a congregation could fall if they rely on the faithfulness of the few. Judah reached its spiritual height because of the faithfulness of one great leader (cf. 2 Kgs. 23:25). As soon as he was gone, the nation crumbled.

The church cannot rely on one or two faithful brethren leading the charge. Each of us must internalize the work of Christ and use our individual gifts to grow the church. In Ephesians 4:15-16, Paul tells us that each of us must be involved in maintaining the church. "… but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

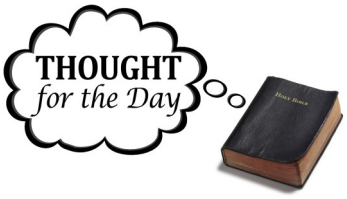
What could happen in a single generation if you stop doing your share?

Articles Published in **PBL Family News Emails** Last Week

I am nothing

When Christians today talk about the apostle Paul, we sometimes will refer to him as, "The Great Apostle Paul." We hold him up on a pretty high pedestal. But, I don't think that Paul would appreciate that.

Think about how Paul referred to himself. "I planted…So then neither he who plants is anything" (1 Cor. 3:6-7). "I am nothing" (2 Cor. 12:11). "I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle" (1 Cor. 15:9). "To me, who am less than the least of all the saints" (Eph. 3:8). "I am chief" of "sinners" (1 Tim. 1:15).



Can you find a preacher today who "deceives himself," because he "thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing" (Gal. 6:3)? Yes, too many! Can you find a Christian today who will "think of himself more highly than he ought to think" (Rom. 12:3)? Yes, too many! If the man that we call, "The Great Apostle Paul," could humbly refer to himself as "nothing" and "the least," then should we not also (no matter who we are!) adopt that same spirit of humility (Phil. 2:3)? – *DS*

Can God forgive me?

Sometimes I keep committing the same sin. I've even committed some "big" sins. Will God really forgive me?

Think about King David. God "sought" and chose David because he was "a man after His own heart" (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22), and He promised to "establish the throne of His kingdom forever" (2 Sam. 7:12-16). But then David committed adultery and arranged for the murder of a man (2 Sam. 11:1-17). Was God done with David? No! When David confessed, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Sam. 12:13) and pleaded with God for "a clean heart" (Psa. 51), the Lord "put away [his] sin" (2 Sam. 12:13). The Messiah came and was still called, "the son of David" (Matt. 1:1), and was given "the throne of His father David" (Luke 1:32-33).

Our God is "ready to forgive and abundant in mercy" (Psa. 86:5). When we repent and return to Him, He has compassion on us, runs to us, embraces us and restores us to full sonship (Luke 15:20-24). He "will remember no more" our lawless deeds (Heb. 10:17), because He truly longs to forgive us (Luke 23:34; 1 Tim. 2:4) and welcome us home (John 14:3; 17:24). – *DS*



Pray for These PBL Members

Jimmie Banks	recovering at home from surgery on his knee
Judy Carmack	recovering from a medical procedure
Mary Coombs	had her medical procedure reschedule until 11/16
Beth Fry	fell recently and is having terrible back pain
Eva Fulton	undergoing medical tests
Lynne Jorgensen	struggling with health issues
Charlene Knowles	undergoing more tests on her nose
Kathy Nelson	received good results from medical tests
Isolyn Sinclair	undergoing medical testing for her severe back pain
Jermaine Smith	dealing with severe pain

Ongoing Health Issues

Jimmie Banks	dialysis treatments
Judy Carmack	chronic health issues
Dianne Halenda	pain, swelling in legs & back
Bill Ingram, Jr.	advanced Alzheimer's
John Loftis	back pain, weakness
Tiffany Mayes	dialysis treatments
Sherri Richmond	multiple health issues

Pray for These Relatives of PBL Members

Ann Teague	Sabrina Pietro's mother, dealing with cancer
Ken Tipton	Cara Blackmer's father, recovering from heart attack

Pray for Our Shut-Ins

Millie Ames	Sadie Myrie
Gloria Boyd	Leigh Puckett
Josie Dawson	Don Seay
Zula Garrett	Ricky Smedley
Loretta Holaday	Jackie Stout
Kasandra Jones	Samuel Williams
Owen Miley	Evetta Wilson



Church Family Calendar OF Events

Sunday, November 15

- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Monday, November 16

- **Monday Night Bible Study** at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult 3.

Tuesday, November 17

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** at 10:30 a.m. in Adult 3.

Sunday, November 22

- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.

Wednesday, November 25

- **Congregational Singing** at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. All classes will meet in the Auditorium for a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sunday, November 29

- **Shepherds Praying** at 5:30 p.m. in Adult 3. All members are invited to come and pray with them.
- **Young Men Conducting Evening Services.** See Robert Lupo for more details.

Thursday, December 3

- **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Monday, December 7

- **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Tuesday, December 8

- **Tuesday Morning Class Lunch** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Dan & Judie Jenkins for anyone who has ever attended Monday Night or Tuesday Morning Class. Bring a dish to share for lunch.

Saturday, December 12

- **PBL Ladies' Prayer Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Room. See Maria Hackshaw for more details.

Sunday, December 13

- **New 10-Week Classes Begin** at 9:00 a.m. for Jr. High, Sr. High and all adults.

YOUNG ADULTS

Thursday, December 3

- **Ladies' Soup Supper** at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Traci Sproule. Sign up on the bulletin board to bring a soup, bread, dessert or drinks. Bring an ornament for the exchange. See Traci Sproule for more details.

Saturday, December 5

- **Young Adults Baking Cookies** at 9:30 a.m. All young adults are encouraged to come and help bake cookies, then help the Grades 5 & under children decorate them. See Ivan Villard for more details.

Monday, December 7

- **Men's Meet** at 6:30 p.m. at the church building. All PBL men in Grades 9 and up are invited. This is a great opportunity for men of all generations to fellowship.

Friday, December 11

- **Young Adult Holiday Party** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Brent & Lindsey McPherson. See Ivan Villard for more details.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Sunday, November 15

- **His Kids Class** at 5:30 p.m. for Age 3 and up. Meet in the front of the auditorium.
- **Jr. High & Sr. High Family Devo** after evening worship in the Family Room. Hot dogs will be provided. Bring drinks and desserts to share.

Wednesday, November 18

- **Jr. High & Sr. High Service Project** after Bible study. We will assemble Thanksgiving baskets that we will deliver on Sunday, November 22.

Sunday, November 22

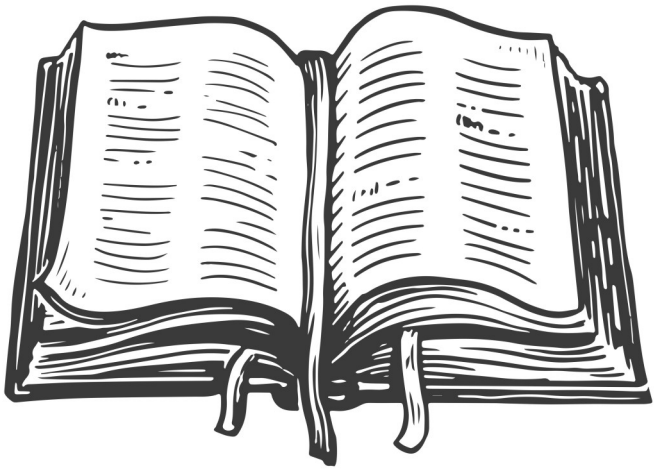
- **Jr. High & Sr. High Thanksgiving Visiting** after morning worship. Bring money for lunch and a change of clothes (if needed). Meet in the Family Room after morning worship. We will return by 3:00 p.m. Parents, please let Robert Lupo know if you can help by being a driver.

Friday-Sunday, December 4-6

- **Youth Rally hosted by Sebring Parkway** for Jr. High & Sr. High Youth. Michael Clarke will be speaking.

The Ten Commandments of Greater Bible Knowledge

by Wayne Jackson



1. Recognize the nature of Scripture. The Bible is the verbally inspired word of God to man (2 Tim. 3:16-17). There is a right way to handle it (v. 2:15; 2 Cor. 4:2). A prudent student studies the principles of correct interpretation and doesn't twist it or use it conveniently.

2. Realize the Bible was meant to be understood. God's word was designed to be understood (Eph. 5:17). Sure, some things are hard. No honest Bible student would dare claim mastery. But most of it is easy to comprehend. Mental industry is a requirement.

3. Be aware of the different covenants. Understanding the difference between the Old and New Testaments is essential to properly interpreting the Bible. Missing this one thing sits behind a host of religious error. You must understand the nature, scope, and purpose of both testaments.

4. Discern between different types of literature. Figurative language is often employed to illustrate and give flavor to the text. Many mistakes are made by mixing poetry and prose without understanding the differences between types of literature in the Bible

5. Distinguish the temporary from the permanent. This one is BIG. You must separate temporary, localized commands from those that are permanent in application. Generally speaking, the Bible makes it clear within a context as to the permanence of a command.

6. Separate custom from principle. This one is even BIGGER, if that is possible. Many are mixed up in that they disregard explicit commands, assuming such were merely custom and therefore not applicable to us today. Others extract what was merely custom in the ancient past and bind it on everyone today.

7. Understand the difference between the circumstantial and the spiritual. Just because Jesus was baptized in a river or worshiped in an upper room doesn't make those things critical today. WHY? Because no spiritual significance is connected in Scripture to these circumstantial details. However, there is a spiritual significance to observing communion on Sunday. It connects the death of Christ with the resurrection—both of which are spiritually significant details.

8. Respect the context. Nine times out of ten, the difficulty in interpreting any difficult passage is right there within a few sentences. Words can have various meanings, but context overrules etymology, standard definitions, etc. Everyone should take this principle to heart. It's impossible to accurately understand the Bible without it.

9. Let the Bible explain itself. The Bible is its own best commentary. It was designed to be taken as a whole and not parsed to pieces. I don't know if there is any major doctrinal concept that is completely contained within a single passage or context. The sum of God's word is truth (Ps. 119:160; 139:17), not the some. You haven't really done your job as a Bible interpreter until you have thoroughly investigated the matter and found all that is said in Scripture.

10. Always maintain an honest heart. I once heard one gospel preacher accuse another of trying to remove "baptism" from the Bible because he translated it "immersion." In that instant, I lost all respect for the gentleman because he revealed extreme ignorance at best, absolute dishonesty at worst. The ONLY thing you really have is your integrity. Don't handle the word of God deceitfully (2 Cor. 4:2).

Adapted by Jared Jackson from Wayne Jackson's *A Study Guide to Greater Bible Knowledge* (Reprinted with Permission)

"...always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Members Traveling this week



Thank You for worshiping with us

Sunday, November 8

LOCAL VISITORS: Mr. Josue Charles; Mr. Wyatt Dickerson; Mr. Lawrence Gilmore; Mr. Mark Lester; Ms. Nancy Meyer; Ms. Ann Marie Newman; Asreil Page; Mrs. Jean Pieros; Miss Anny Rodrigues da Silva; Mr. Trevor Wellington; and Ms. Andrea Yeung.

OUT-OF-TOWN VISITORS: Mr. Mark Blackwelder, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey & Lornette Brown, Miramar, FL; Mrs. Carmen Christie, Tamarac, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Todd & Rose Crayton, Frisco, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Lawanda Dismuke, Conyers, GA; Mr. & Mrs. Marcus & Sheri Grayson, Plant City, FL; Mr. & Mrs. Will & Jeni Hanstein, Powell, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Dion & Misty Hayes, Claremore, OK; Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Jennifer Higbee, Henderson, TN; Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Elizabeth Hill, Orange Park, FL; Mr. Milton Jones, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Mr. & Mrs. David & Cathy Payne, Oneida, TN; Mr. Simon Tyson, Cuba, KY; and Mr. Jerry Western, White Bluff, TN.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Sunday, November 15
Lovella Rogers

Tuesday, November 17
Cristian & Lisa Suarez (Ann.)
Kelly Sproule

Wednesday, November 18
Diane Leslie
Natalie Reeves

Thursday, November 19
Buzz & Kathy Nelson (Ann.)

Friday, November 20
Freddie Gadson
Matthew Jones
Leonard Williams

Saturday, November 21
Shelley Nesbitt
Trevin Roman
Allysha Fischbacher



"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)



Those to Serve

If you are unable to serve, please contact the Service Coordinator for the week or Rick Hall at 827-4269.
*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday morning, please meet in the Grades 6-8 classroom at **9:50 a.m.***
*If you are scheduled to serve on Sunday evening, please meet at the front of the auditorium at **5:50 p.m.***

Sunday Morning, November 15

Singing ..... Gary Friedly
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Fuller
Contribution..... Gary Jenkins
Scripture Reading..... Addison Collins
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Lord's Supper
Singing
Closing Prayer ..... Dave Holaday

Serve at Table:

David Brown	Can Margarini
Ed Buonadonna	Joseph Snyder
Gorman Ericksen	Cristian Suarez
Richard Gathright	Darin Summerlot

Sunday Evening, November 15

Singing ..... Robert Lupo
Opening Prayer..... Paul Metzkes
Scripture Reading ..... Wilton Moorer
Singing
Lord's Supper..... David Lord
Singing
Contribution
Singing
Sermon
Singing
Closing Prayer..... Daniel Wagner

Serve at Table:
Douglas Alvarenga Ken Gonsalves

Audio this week: James Green
Computer this week: Buzz Nelson
Video this week: Ed Gager

Wednesday Evening, November 18

Singing ..... Wilton Moorer
Invitation..... Eugene Williams
Family Prayer ..... Paul Metzkes

Service Coordinator:
Mike Damron

Ushers for this week: Freddie Gadson & Rick Hall
Safety Team for this week: Dirk Summerlot

Our Record

Attendance	Nov. 8	Oct. Avg
Sun. Bible Study	213	146
Sun. AM Worship	270	230
Sun. PM Worship	112	90
Wed. Bible Study	83	105
Contribution	$16,699	$16,530

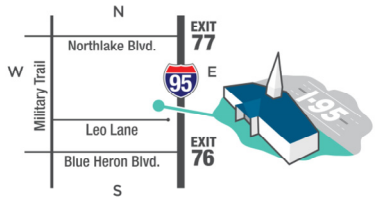
2026 Weekly Budget: $17,161

Y-T-D Contribution-to-Budget: $5,489

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*Speaking where the **Bible** speaks, Silent where the **Bible** is silent.*



Service Schedule

Sunday:
Bible Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Classes..... 7:00 p.m.

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What Must I Do to Be Saved?

The Bible says...

1. **Believe that Jesus is the Son of God**
   "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31).
2. **Repent of your sinful ways**
   "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).
3. **Confess your faith in Jesus**
   "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus...you will be saved" (Rom. 10:9).
4. **Be immersed in water**
   "He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:16).
5. **Commit to a lifetime of faithful service**
   "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).