

The Sunday Reader

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Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine... OCT. 14, 2007

Just A Window

Hello, my name is Noah. This world that I am living in has become increasingly wicked. My family and I are the only ones left who are righteous before God. God came to me a while back and told me that He was going to flood the world and destroy it. He would save my family only. He gave us specific instructions to build this really big wooden vessel that would float on top of the water and keep us safe.

Yesterday, as I was putting the finishing touches on the ark, someone came to me and suggested that it would be really nice if I installed an extra window or two in our living quarters. That idea sounded really good. It would be great to be able to look out and watch the rain and flood waters from our room.

I was giving this some thought when I remembered these words of the Lord: "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above..." (Genesis 6:16). An extra window would have been nice, but God did not want that. He told me to build one window and where to put it. If I was to add another window, this would violate the instructions God gave to me and the ark might sink.

As I finished the ark the man that suggested making an extra window came to me and asked why I did not create one. I explained God said to build one window. This man then replied, "Your God never said that you could not build two, so go ahead and make it - He won't care." I explained that God did not tell me I could not build one, however, He gave instructions on what to do, and since He did not include an extra window, I could not make one.

An extra window seems very insignificant to us, however, God spoke and gave Noah instructions and expected Noah to follow those exactly. Jeremiah 10:23 says, "O Lord, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps." The word of God needs no additions or changes. 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17 reads "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Deuteronomy 4:2 tells us that "you shall not add unto the word which I command you, nor take anything from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." We have no right to alter God's commandments.

[Note: The thoughts exchanged between Noah and the other man are completely fictional and are not found in scriptures, however, the principles are.]

By Aaron Beard, Mining the Scriptures

ARE WE TOO BUSY FOR GOD?

Are we saying by our lives:

"God, I know you gave me life and every material blessing that I enjoy. You gave your Son to redeem me from sin and eternity in hell. However, I am too busy doing other things, so you will have to wait or do without my service."

Will such a person make it to heaven?

Are you too busy for God?

Psalm 36:7-11 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm. For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the earth.

ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY AM – October 14, 2007

Lead Singing	-----	B. Tuten
Opening Prayer	-----	J. Wade
Lord's Table	-----	B. Webber
	-----	W. Darrington
Table Assist	-----	T. Irvin
	-----	W. Darrington Jr
Closing Prayer	-----	J. Nesmith
Greeter	-----	S. McCalpine

SUNDAY PM – October 14, 2007

Lead Singing	-----	W. Holland
Opening Prayer	-----	D. Ward
Scripture Reading	-----	J. Lamont
Closing Prayer	-----	J. Wade

WEDNESDAY PM – Oct. 17, 2007

Lead Singing	-----	M. Hargrove
Prayers	-----	Assigned
Invitation	-----	W. Darrington

Prepare Communion—Oct. 21, 2007

Marian Tuten

Making Communion Bread for Oct.

Jane Holland

INFORMATION BOX

- Group 2 meets tonight.
- Remember in Prayer:

Vickie Hay	Al Argo
Joe Lamont	Gary Collier
Consuella Irvin	James Wyatt
Ruth & Jerry Poss	Ed and Donna Pickett.
- Out of Town: None reported.
- We are saddened that Robert and Betty Sanders have moved from the area to Arkansas. We knew they were in the process of finding a place there, but now it is final and we will miss them. Their new address will be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- Remember to check out the Bible Dial-A-Message at 770-929-3242 which Joseph Casimier has going again, and tell your friends and neighbors about it.

Thought for today: Be humble—forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand.

(Cont'd from last week)

Out of the Mount of Babes!!!

Get your Theology straight!! Here's a ten-year old's take on it.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Able. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. ☺

*** Continued next week***

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning:
Bible Study - 9:30
Worship - - - 10:30

Sunday Evening:
Worship - - - 5:30

Wednesday Evening:
Bible Study - 7:30

Elders:

Forrest Bacon - 770-918-1932
Wendell Holland - 770-761-6987
Bob Tuten – 678-475-7212

Deacons:

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