



The Caller

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Confidence Corner

John F. Board

This year in *Confidence Corner* we are examining how the inspired New Testament writers applied the passages from the inspired Old Testament writers so that our knowledge, faith, and therefore our confidence, will grow (Romans 10:17).

For much of the time remaining this year in our study of the allusions to the Old Testament by New Testament writers, I would like to focus on the prophecies of a coming Messiah. There are conservatively over 300 prophecies regarding a coming Messiah first alluded to in the OT and later fulfilled in the NT. Some have made the claim and I would agree that the religion of Christianity can be proven by examining the fact that in Jesus Christ all the great prophecies regarding a coming Savior during the span of approximately 4000 years are specifically and exactly fulfilled. From Moses, David, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Nehemiah, Daniel, Malachi and other prophets came the inspired writings that pointed to a coming Savior.

Of course in the time remaining in this year, even if we are allowed to continue on this earth all of that time, we could never exam all of these prophecies, but as we approached the mid-year point, I wanted us to focus upon the prophecies that point us to Christ.

This week we want to examine Jeremiah 23:5-6. It reads "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." In this text we read who will raise up the righteous Branch, information about His judgment, and something about His name.

The LORD is the One who will raise up the righteous Branch from the family of David (2 Samuel 7). Though He would come to earth from divine origin, he would live on earth as a fleshly descendant of David. His reign would be marked with justice (absolute fairness) and righteousness (absolutely correctly). His name, YHWH Tsidkenu, or the LORD our Righteousness, serves as more an adjective than a noun (as most Hebrew names did). This Branch would be righteous and the only true source of righteousness God would ever send upon the earth. But thanks be to God—He is "our Righteousness." Study this passage deeply along with Jeremiah 33:14-16 and the general NT application and you will be blessed for doing so.

JFB

Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

My how time flies by. It seems like just a short time ago we returned home from Taylor Christian Camp last summer. The time is quickly approaching to go back to camp in just three weeks. To date we have 35 campers and 10 staff members from Etown going. I'm excited about our study

of "The Kingdom."

Listed below are the things to bring to camp and a list of things not to bring. Parents please help the staff by noting the items not allowed at camp. Canteen items will be free this year due to the generosity of some folks so campers do not need extra money.

Things To Bring To Camp

- Bible, paper and pencil, stamps
- Sheets, blanket (sleeping bag), pillow
- Towels, washcloths
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste
- Daily changes of clothes
- Insect repellent
- Swimsuit and shorts for water activities
- Shoes for water activities
- Softball glove
- Jacket or umbrella
- White tee shirt for tie dye
- 2 Pairs of long pants

Things Not To Bring

- Refrigerators
- Radios, MP3 players, tape players, TV's or video games, including I-pods
- Silly string, shaving cream, etc.
- Matches, lighters, fireworks—Knives or guns—Tobacco products
- Cell phones or pagers
- No Food Items (Canteen is free of charge)

Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *How's Your Eyesight?*
Hebrews 11:23-26

P.M. - *Questions & Answers — Shishak: True or False, 1 Kings 14:25-28*

A NEW CREATURE

“Wherefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold all things are become new “ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The passage above indicates the change that takes place when an individual makes a decision to become a Christian. Other passages stress the change in the Christian from the way he once lived. For example, the words “convert” (Matthew 18:1-3; Acts 3:19), “transform” (Romans 12:1-2), “born again/anew” (John 3:3), and “newness of life” all imply that there is to be a change that takes place when one becomes a Christian. Consider some ways the Christian changes in conversion.

One way that the Christian’s life is changed is that he has a change of will. The Christian no longer desires to do his own will; now he desires to do the will of the Father in heaven (Matthew 7:21). The Christian has repented (Luke 13:3-5; Acts 17:30-31) and as such has turned away from his own ways and has turned to embrace the teachings of God.

Also the Christian’s loyalties have been changed. Before becoming a Christian, an individual either knowingly or unknowingly is a follower of Satan. After becoming a Christian one’s desire changes from serving Satan to confessing that Jesus is now Lord of one’s life (1 Peter 3:15). In confessing such one is stating that their desire is now to follow the Lord completely. The Christian will no longer desire a life of divided loyalty (Matthew 6:19-24).

The Christian’s status also changes. Once the individual was outside of Christ and the sphere of spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3-5). Now as a Christian they experience a relationship with God and Christ as they were baptized into Christ. The Christian is an “heir of God” (Galatians 3:29) and now can make claim to the spiritual blessings that are afforded the Christian.

Consider also how the Christian’s affections and priorities have changed. He no longer sets his mind on things of the earth; rather, he seeks those things which are above (Colossians 3:1-2). Other things once took priority in his life, but now absolutely nothing comes before the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). The Christian has moved from worldly affections and priorities to heavenly and spiritual priorities.

The Christian also changes their friends and acquaintances. As they grow closer to God and as spiritual goals become more important, the Christian will grow away from those who do not share these goals and closer to those who share their spiritual interests. They realize that more and more that evil companionship corrupts good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33), and their former friends will “think it strange” the way the Christian now acts (1 Peter 4:3-4).

Consider lastly that the Christian’s citizenship and eternal destiny have now also changed. Once they were a citizen of Hell. Now they are a citizen of Heaven and are in the kingdom of God’s dear son (Philippians 3:20; Colossians 1:13). Once they were doomed to eternal punishment (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9); they now look forward to hearing “Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” They look forward to a mansion in the Father’s house forever.

Oh what wonderful changes are found by those who become a Christian. If you have not experienced these changes, why not make a decision to become a Christian today? Today is the day of salvation!

John F. Board
Elizabethtown, KY

News and Notes

BARRY BARCLAY underwent knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Ireland Army Hospital. **BILL WILEY**, Brenna Board's dad, will have surgery in Florida May 21. **MARGARET HOFFMAN**, Beatrice Rogers' mother, is not doing well at this time and was recently in the hospital again. Please keep **KAY THOMASON** in your prayers as she continues to recover. **RONNIE O'BRYANT** will have his second cataract surgery May 21. **DORIS GRIMM**, Sarah Morrow's grandmother, is scheduled for knee surgery May 27 in Michigan.

MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Tom Morgan
Neil Burden	Pansy Sells
Dana Fox	Grace Speer
Howard Gardner	Harry Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Roy Johnson	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Dorothy Weaver
Diane Lewis	Lawrence Wells
J Martin	Jim & Dyrena White
Carl Mercer	

Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers: Robert E. Wooten, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Nathan McClain, Ronald O'Bryant, Roni Reed, Hector Meza, Aaron Wellman, Michael Morrow, Israel Fox, Barry Barclay, Brian Wilkins, Nathan Miller, Cody Hutson

Additional Prayer List: Weita Anderson, Carl & Delsie Axton, John D. Board, Priscilla Boyd, John Bryant (Murfreesboro, TN), Porsche Bumpuss, Sue Cantrell, Erin Chapman (auto accident), Elizabeth Cooper, Doug Edwards, Joe Gattis, Royce Goodman, Renee Green, Doris Grimm, Ryan Hanson, Ginell Harris, Don Hatcher, Louie Hodge, Jennifer Hornback, John Kavanaugh, Becky King, Mike Lane, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Buddy Logsdon, Mary Montgomery, Robert Moyers, Ronnie O'Bryant, John Pawley, Rob & Kim Pell, Willie Pence, Judy Phillips, Steven Pitcock, Joe & Patsy Richter, Carlos Smith, J. C. Smith, Roge-Ge-Neal Smith, Mary Stough, Juanita Tillery, Kevin Weaver, Kendall & Margaret Whisenant, Bob Whobrey, Virginia Wiser, Sondra Woosley

Congratulations

Mike Parks received his Bachelors Degree in Technology Management from Western Kentucky University May 17!

Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 5/24/09 Peanut Butter

Thank You

To My Christian Family,
Thanks so much for your generosity. The flowers, cards and gifts were greatly appreciated.

*In Christian Love,
The McKinney Family*

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **May 24**, at 3:00 p.m.
- **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK/ 2009 SENIOR RECOGNITION BANQUET**, Sunday morning, **May 31**, in the South Wing honoring our five high school graduates—Terri Brangers (EHS), Ryan Clack (JHHS), Kevin Nowland (MCHS), Lauren Pack (EHS) and Samantha Tackett (EHS). CSG #2 will be in charge of set up for the meal and CSG #3 will have clean up duties.
- **SUPER SAINTS RESTORATION TRIP** to Cane Ridge, Friday, **June 26**. This is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to go. Plans are to leave the building at 8:30 a.m. and return to Etown later that afternoon. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Any questions, please check with Gene Stough.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**, Saturday, **June 27**, from 9:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m.

Youth News

Taylor Christian Bible Camp is June 14-19. Mandatory Camp Staff meeting June 6 at Corinth Church of Christ at 5:00 p.m.

Horizons applications can be accessed online at Freed-Hardeman's website <http://horizons.fhu.edu>. Horizons is July 5-10 for 7th-12th graders.

NOTE:

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

OUR RECORD FOR May 17, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	165
Sunday Morning Assembly	238
Sunday Evening Assembly	153
Wednesday Bible Study	142
Ladies Bible Class	14
Contribution (Budget -- \$6,783)	\$6,911

**Elder/Coordinator for May
Mike Pence**

Bible Question

This Week's Bible Question: What marauding people drove the Israelites into caves and other hiding places during the reign of Saul?

Last Week's Bible Question: Which Bible character referred to himself as "a dead dog?" The correct answer is Mephibosheth, 2 Samuel 9:6-8. Those who correctly answered the Bible Question are Joyce Pack, Kay Thomason, Rick Eiler, Edna Ashlock, Bloria Taylor, Lorene Harris, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Katy Watson and Helen Raby.

Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to ray.pack@kvnet.org by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.

Schedule of Services

Sunday:	
Bible Classes	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:30 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday	
Ladies Bible Class	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday	
Evening Bible Class	7:00 P.M.

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Daily Bible Reading Schedule

1. 2 Kings 6-8; John 4:31-54	
2. 2 Kings 9-11; John 5:1-24	
3. 2 Kings 12-14; John 5:25-47	
4. 2 Kings 15-17; John 6:1-21	
5. 2 Kings 18-19; John 6:22-44	
6. 2 Kings 20-22; John 6:45-71	
7. 2 Kings 23-25; John 7:1-31	

- May 24 — Singing at Atria
- May 31 — Congregational Potluck/Senior Banquet
- June 6 — Taylor Christian Camp Staff Meeting
- June 8 — Church Workers Workshop
- June 14-19 — Taylor Christian Bible Camp
- June 26 — Super Saints Restoration Trip to Cane Ridge
- June 27 — Vacation Bible School

PARTICIPATION

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