

## My Favorite Meal

'm sure we will all sit down to some wonderful meals this week— meals full of meat, vegetables, casseroles, and desserts. We will eat and be more than full and think we cannot eat another bite. In a few hours or less, we'll be asking, "Do you have any more of that \_\_\_\_\_ left?" We truly have been blessed in our nation and the time in which we live with more than ample, good, and nutritious food.

I'm sure each of us has our favorite meals or particular foods— foods that we enjoy eating each and every opportunity we have. I hope that you will soon have a new favorite food—the Word of God. The Bible often refers to itself as a food.

Partake of the nutritious food of the LORD's word daily. It will provide nutrients to the saving of your soul. Jeremiah wrote in Jeremiah 15:16, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts."

—Marty Edwards❖

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Several years ago a reader of the *British Weekly* wrote a letter to the editor as follows:

Dear Sir: I notice that ministers seem to set a great deal of importance on their sermons and spend a great deal of time in preparing them. I have been attending services quite regularly for the past 30 years and during that time, if I estimate correctly, I have listened to no less than 3,000 sermons. But, to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else? Sincerely. . .

The letter kicked up quite an editorial storm of angry responses for weeks. The pros and cons of sermons were tossed back and forth until one letter finally ended the debate. This letter said:

My Dear Sir: I have been married for 30 years. During that time I have eaten 32,850 meals—mostly my wife's cooking. Suddenly I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I received nourishment from every one of them. I have the distinct impression without them I would have starved to death long ago. Sincerely. . .

—via the Messenger Paul's Valley, OK



—Continue to remember Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Allen Terry, Vicki McDaniel, and Audrey Terry,

—**Jean Coffey** is having many health issues and has asked for us to continue to remember her in prayer.



## Call Unto the Lord

Tremember watching a show about the Battle of the Bulge. This World War II battle took place in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium in December of 1944. The men thought all was fine. They were anticipating a quick end to the war. Germany amassed 250,000 men and "bulged" through the allied front, hence the name of the battle. Before the battle was finished, 10,000 allied troops had lost their lives.

One soldier, now an elderly man, commented that he could remember a comrade being injured to the point of death. As this young man was dying in a frozen foxhole thousands of miles from home, he called for his mother. Of course she was not there. No doubt she would have come if she could have, but the great separation between them kept her from even hearing his plea.

In Isaiah 59:2 we are told, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Many people will cry out to the Lord to save their souls as they are dying, but the Lord will not answer their pleas for mercy because they have let sins separate them and the Lord.

How pitiful and heart wrenching to think of a young man calling out for his mother as he was dying and receiving no response from her. How much more sad it is though to think of one crying out to the Lord, and the Lord not hearing because of sin.

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Sunday, December 16, 2012		
Classes	22	John 12:28-36
Preaching	25	Luke 13
Contribution	\$696.00	
Evening	16	Ezra 8:1-36
Wednesday, December 19, 2012		
Classes	22	Judges 3:1-31

Visitors— Dec 16 (AM) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville, KY);

Cressy Jones (Bonnieville, KY)

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## Bible Quiz

Ezra and his companions abode in what dwelling for three days?

Last Week's Answer—Ezra (Ezra 7:6)

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If we obey the Lord while there is time and opportunity, then we can truly say the words of Psalms 86:7, "In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me."

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## -God's Plan of Salvation-

- 1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
- 2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
- 3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
- 5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
- 6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)