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Haggai 1:6, *“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.”*

It’s hard to believe, but this is the last LORD’s day of 2024. This Wednesday we begin a new year. As you look back over the year, I’m sure there are many good things you accomplished. Maybe you have a new job, a great increase in income or other financial successes. Perhaps you graduated from school this year or maybe you had your best year academically. We truly have been blessed in this time and place and no doubt there has been good increase made in some aspect of your life.

In Haggai chapter one the people of God were taking care of their own houses and letting go the repair of the house of God. Haggai told them that all the things they were accomplishing with material goods were being put into a bag with holes. This was simply because they were doing for themselves and not for the LORD.

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The LORD does pour out blessings upon us, but He expects us to put Him first. If we are not doing this, then all the worldly things we might accomplish or obtain are for naught.

Maybe you had your best year yet, or perhaps your best year is yet to come. But if you are not putting the LORD first and living for Him the things you do and obtain are for nothing. They are being put into a bag with holes.

Live for the LORD and lay up treasures in Heaven. By living for the LORD we can have the best of both worlds. We can have the things here the LORD has blessed us with and treasure in Heaven. We certainly hope to be more prosperous in the new year than we were this year. No doubt we all prospered this year, but everlasting prosperity and treasures are only those we lay up in Heaven.

Matthew 6:19-20, *“¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”*

Whatever the new year brings, we can rest assured that the LORD will be there for us, from the very beginning to the last moment. We are told in Deuteronomy 11:12, *“A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God [are] always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.”*

As the LORD did for the Israelites of old, He will do for us. His eyes will be upon our land, and certainly upon us, the entire year. Not only will He be there for us in 2025, but until we take our last breath and we are welcomed into Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard and Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Betty Franklin, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Carol Riffle, and Nancy Lane.**

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Lisa Shaheen** who passed away December 18. She was in a nursing home in Elizabethtown and often listened to our services. She was a member of the LaRue County congregation.

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Job 25:4-6, “⁴*How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean [that is] born of a woman? ⁵Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. ⁶How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?”*

In this chapter of Job, Bildad was asking how can we in our state be anything to the LORD. The LORD will behold the moon, and it shines not. The stars are not pure in His site. He was simply stating that even what we see as bright and glowing are nothing in the LORD’s sight. How can man, who is a worm be anything unto the LORD? How can one born of woman be clean?

We cannot and never could be clean without the blood of Christ. Revelation 1:5 tells us, “...*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*” We are washed in the blood of Christ and made clean. Revelation 7:14 says, “... *and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”

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Sunday, December 22, 2024

Classes	14	Luke 20:41-47
Preaching	28	I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Contribution	\$20,960.00	
Afternoon	9	Revelation 7:1-17; Genesis 28:1-22

Bible Quiz

The Lamb shall lead them unto what?

Last Week’s Answer— Thunder (Revelation 6:1)

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The only way we can be made pure and stand before the LORD is to make ourselves clean in the blood of the Lamb. This washing comes in baptism which washes away our sins. In Acts 22:16 Paul remembers the events of Acts 9 when he is told, “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*”

When we do that, we will be spotless. We can remain spotless by repentance and prayer when we sin. I John 1:7, “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

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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)