

God's Plan of Salvation:

1. Hear - Romans 10:17
2. Believe - Mark 16:16
3. Repent - Acts 2:38
4. Confess - Romans 10:10
5. Be baptized - Acts 22:16
6. Live faithfully - Revelation 2:10

Announcements:

Sick: Mrs. Calvert, Ms. Cindy Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. Hadley, Ms. Kim (Ashley Law's mother), Lamar Mathis, Mr. Gary Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Newsome, Ms. Sowder, Ms. Ward, Mr. Winns.  
Out of Town: Jared Law and family.

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# Temporary Things

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Many things around us may seem to be lasting but really are only temporary. The danger is for us to place our confidence in such temporary things and as a result face disappointment when such things fail. What are some things the Bible points out are temporary?

- Riches and material possessions are temporary. In Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus teaches, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (NKJV). Many people put a lot of emphasis upon material wealth and possessions. However, the Bible calls riches, "uncertain" (1 Timothy 6:17). Proverbs 23:5 says, "Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven" (NKJV). If we spend our entire life focused on acquiring material possessions and wealth, we will eventually be disappointed when those things fail us.

- The heavens, elements, earth and the works on it are temporary. 2 Peter 3:10 says, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up” (NKJV). Contrary to the claims of some, the earth will not exist forever. A time will arrive when the earth and the works upon it will be burned up. If the earth itself is temporary, our affections and sights need to be set upon something not on earth. Colossians 3:2 says, “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (NKJV).
- The various kingdoms of men are temporary. Daniel 2 records for us a dream which Nebuchadnezzar has and which God allows Daniel to interpret. The image in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream represents four kingdoms. Each of these kingdoms would rise in power only to eventually fall (Daniel 2:36-43). Many people place all their confidence in a certain government or nation. People get all worried and bent out of shape about the prospect of a nation falling and yet God’s word teaches nations rise and fall. Instead of placing our hopes in some kingdom of men, we need to be part of a kingdom which will endure and remain (Daniel 2:44).
- Life and the joys accompanying it are rather temporary. We live in a world surrounded by death. We should be reminded of the fact our life will one day end and be followed by the judgment (Hebrews 9:27). Psalm 90 deals with the brevity of life. It says, “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (vs. 10, NKJV). Our life is pictured in the New Tes-

tament as being a vapor (James 4:14) or like grass (1 Peter 1:24). Life here is temporary and so we need to make preparations for eternity.

- The pleasure of sin is temporary. Hebrews 11:25 speaks about Moses’ decision, “choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin” (NKJV). Sin may bring a person pleasure for a moment but it does not last. Why would a person be willing to give up eternal life for passing pleasures of sin?

Let’s make sure we are not trusting in things the Bible teaches us are temporary no matter how secure they might appear!