

For Our Information

John Jackson is recovering from shoulder surgery. The surgery went well. He is dealing with a good bit of pain at this time.

Brenda Keisler went to the pain doctor Friday.

Bill Venable's brother has stage 4 throat cancer. A MRI is scheduled for Monday to see the extent of the cancer, with possible surgery on Thursday.

Keep our brothers & sisters in mind

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teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2Tim. 3:16-17; 4:1-6; 2:1-2). If Jesus walked the earth today in the flesh, what do you think His message would be?

Would Jesus praise the pomp, the splendor, and false religious practices of today? Would He praise all men, all religious activities, and preach only a positive message of broad platitudes and flattery? Would He tell people to rest -- or to get up, get busy, and work diligently? If He perceived the religious Jews as having in their number many hypocrites (Matt. 6:2,5,16; 15:7; 22:15-18; 23:13-29), should we suppose that He would smile with approval upon the religious world today? Why would He hold those people accountable, if they were not capable of change; and why do you suppose that He holds people accountable today and calls for repentance and obedience (Rom. 14:12; Acts 17:30; Rev. 22:14)?

- Gilbert Alexander

Seeking His Righteousness

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Daddy, Get Your Singing Bible

Kent E. Heaton Sr.

Timmy Summers was unaware of the time as the services were ready to begin. The song leader was standing in place and the services were about to begin. Timmy's young daughter, Kristina, noticed that her daddy had not gotten his song book as yet to sing. With a gentle reminder she said, "Daddy get your singing bible."

In just a few words, a very young heart understood the essence of worship in song. The song book is not a book of inspiration but it is filled with inspirational hymns. The message and thoughts of the songs are the wings the voice flies to the throne of God in



*... I will sing
with the
spirit and I
will sing
with the
mind also.*

**1 Corinthians
14:15**



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praise. In her innocence of heart, Kristina summed up the value and importance of singing.

The songs express the hope of salvation given forth from the word of God. Writers and poets have struggled to compose lyrics that will take a heart downtrodden and lift it up with joy. The words of a song will help to reflect upon the suffering of the Son of God and cause a heart to obey the gospel.

The song book is a "singing Bible" as it administers the power of the psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. As Paul directed the Ephesians in **Ephesians 5:17-21**: *"Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God."*

The will of the Lord is that we sing! In this singing we are filled with the Holy Spirit as the thoughts and melodies fill our hearts and minds. With our voices raised together, we teach and admonish one another with the message of each song. Our hearts of melody are tuned to the Lord in thanksgiving praise. In all things we give thanks to the Father for his wonderful love and mercy.

From this we see the importance of singing and the role it plays in our daily lives. Singing is not to take place only at the assembly but throughout our days and lives. The joy of singing praise to God is a source of joy and encouragement.

Store In My Heart

1Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

This verse shows the habit of early Christians to gather on the first day of the week.

It also teaches that Christians ought to be prepared for opportunities to help others.

But our main thought in keeping this verse in mind is its teaching that the church and all its work is supported by the offerings of its members. Last week's verse clarifies that these are free will offerings, gladly given to support the work of the church. Other verses can help clarify these teachings for better understanding.

Again, Paul reminds us in **Colossians 3:16-17**, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* As the "elect of God, holy and beloved," the child of God considers the meaning of the song as they sing. The message does not fall on closed ears but a heart willing to embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Singing changes the woeful heart! Singing uplifts the mind! Singing glorifies the Creator! Singing mournfully remembers the Saviors death. Singing is the heart of the Christian.

Yes, Kristina, we should remember the importance of the songs we sing and enjoy the times we share together in song. The song book is an effort of man to place together the thoughts of the eternal Father. May we all be blessed by the singing of our voices together in praise to Him who saved us.

Hold Them Accountable

Jesus' teaching was a full diet: proofs to establish faith in His divine identity, instruction for necessary responsible behavior, correction of erroneous practices in religion, and strong reproof and rebuke for deceit and disobedience among professed followers of the Law. He set the perfect example for His disciples and told them, "Follow Me" (**Matt. 16:24; Lk. 9:59-60; Jhn. 1:43; 10:27; 12:26**). He left us instruction to teach His Word, reproof, rebuking, and exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine using the Scriptures, which are *"profitable for*