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Are you ready to give an answer?

But sanctify the Lord God^{l^o} in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

I Peter 3:15

In preparing for the trip to New Zealand here in a few weeks, I was sent a questionnaire by the brethren there about a number of my beliefs when it comes to God's word. The questions ranged from my view of the Bible, to membership, the Holy Spirit, issues about worship, and how a Christian should behave in various circumstances. I was excited to answer the questions because I thought it would be a good exercise for me to practice the principle of I Peter 3:15. God's word encourages us to always be ready to make a defense of the reason that we have hope, and I thought this would help me to be able to do that in a better way.

The questionnaire ended up being a 4 page document, and I still did not give full answers for each of the questions due to the complexity of some of them. Linda Lasater and I both filled them out and were blessed by the opportunity to do so. This process was a good challenge and learning process for us, and it lead me to ask you a few questions. 1. Are you ready to give an answer? There are various levels of readiness. How ready are you? 2. What could you do to improve your readiness? Is there a subject you have been thinking about that you need to put in some study? 3. Are you looking for opportunities to give an answer. It doesn't matter how ready a player is if he/she never takes the field. Let's make sure we are doing our best to be prepared to give an answer, and lets make sure we get out there and look for opportunities to share our answers.

John

Unjust Judges

Psalm 82:1 God presides in the great assembly;
he gives judgment among the "gods".

Every society has the need for judges. In our verse today the word "gods" is a reference to judges. It was a high and respected position then as it is even today. "Gods" seems rather appropriate as this position so easily allows an individual to think more highly of self than they should. Accusations are made against these judges: first they were defending the unjust and secondly they were showing partiality to the wicked. No longer was the rule of law (God's law) considered but rather the thoughts and opinions of the judge. Bribes are not mentioned in this Psalm but often throughout the Old Testament warnings are given to judges to not accept bribes. What should the judges be doing?

The Psalmist called upon judges to defend the cause of the weak and the fatherless. They were to maintain the rights of the poor and the oppressed. They were also charged to rescue the weak and the needy. Judges were to administer justice. Instead the Psalmist declared that they understood nothing; they walk in darkness and the foundations of the earth are shaken. The nation was crumbling because judges were not doing their duty.

The Israelite judges were warned. They were all sons of the Most High. They will answer to God for their treatment of the law and of people. They were reminded that they will die; they are mere men. Judges are accountable to God - the judge of the earth. This judge will do what is right and fair.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Benny Bolton - tests
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 104
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman - undergoing chemo weekly
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Libby Moss - recovering from surgery
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Elaine Pope
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk - chemo
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Suzanna White - therapy
- Elaine Whitehead
- Boyd Wood - recovering from surgery at home

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Edith Haney - sister of Elizabeth Hargrove, Shawn Skelton - brother-in-law of Roberta Bolton, Maddox Jackson nephew of Clyde Farris - Vanderbilt Hospital, Shannon Buchanan - friend of Abby Smith, Beatrice Baker - sister-in-law of Lorene Hickman - NHC Walnut Ln., Rm. 104-B, Edith Sharp - sister of Betty Lentz, Sunny & Stacy Hobbs, Carter Sexton - friend of Boyd & June Wood, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Jennifer Coble - friend of Ashlea Bermudez, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholson's - 4980 Louise Creek Rd., Cuningham, TN 37052, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Ann Graham, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

Congratulations to Benny & Alice Bolton on the birth of granddaughter Emma Lynn, daughter of Benjamin & Kelli Bolton. Big brother is Samuel. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz.

WORSHIP LEADERS FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Jerry Wilson
 Prayer.....Jerry Ballard
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Eric Hixson
 Sam Quirk Blair Keeling
 Max Ballard Brennan McNeese
 Jeremy Britt Jim Anderson
 Ed Johnson Cheyenne McNeese
 Read: I John 5:10-13.....Randy Jones
 Sermon: I Can Know I Have Eternal Life.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Donnie G. Davis
 Prayer.....Jacob Pollard
 Read: I Thessalonians 5: 11-15.....John Massey
 Sermon: Let's Encourage Each other.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Boyd Wood
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

March 5
Quarterly Building Fund Contribution
Entire contribution goes toward debt retirement

Ushers: Brennon White, Tracey Wilkins, Lee Winchester

Greeters: Bill & Leah Fuller, Danny & Linda Lasater

Visual: Chris Mobley, Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - David Thomas, J.W. Gilliam

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Katherine Nicholson, Teri Hill
 P.M.....Jackie Hargrove

Song LeaderKevin Mick
 Prayer.....Trent Hill
 Announcements/Speaker.....Jim Pollard