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*The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.*

### **Ecclesiastes 12:13,14**

As we were driving down the road observing the devastation caused by the flooding in Louisiana we passed pile after pile of possessions destroyed by water. While trying to take it in, my brother David made a great observation (It happens every now and then, John). He said this is kind of like the judgment. One day all of our lives will be placed out for everybody to see. Isn't that what Solomon taught us in the book of Ecclesiastes?

After chasing money, possessions, pleasure, and wisdom he came to this conclusion on what is important in life. Fear God – Keep the proper perspective in life when it comes to who God is and who you are in relation to Him. Keep His commandments – We are here to please Him and not ourselves. We do this by following His will for our life.

He then closes by telling us why these two things are so important. Judgment is coming. It is coming for everyone, everywhere. There is no escaping it. He then tells us that God will bring every act into judgment including every secret thing whether it is good or evil. As we consider these words we must ask ourselves, "Am I ready for that day?" If we don't like the answer, then we have one thing to do. Follow God's will and clean house.

John

## **The Seventh Woe**

Matthew 23:29 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous.

The life of a prophet was not easy. The majority of time they had a message to deliver that the people did not want to hear. Many of their messages were about the upcoming wrath of God against their disobedience. Many, if not most of the prophets were hated because of their message of doom. Prophets were persecuted and some were even killed because of their message. The Jews found it easier to kill the messenger rather than change their sinful behavior. Zechariah was stoned, Isaiah was sawn in two, Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern and other prophets died without mercy at the hands of those they were sent to help. Fast forward many years and the scribes and Pharisees wanted to honor these prophets with a nice tomb or grave. They wanted a memorial to these special servants of God. Those Jesus was talking to declared that they would not have shed the blood of the prophets.

The truth of the matter these individuals were no different than their forefathers. While claiming they were different these men showed their failure to perceive their own true nature. They played a role in the death of Jesus Christ. These prophets that they wanted to honor talked about the coming Messiah. Jesus fulfilled all that was prophesied and yet he was rejected and crucified. They were guilty of the same sin as their forefathers. Jesus is looking for people who will listen to the faithful men of God. Do we really hear and believe those who speak God's truths? These seven woes were spoken to not only the people in Jesus' crowd but also to us. May we not fall into the same fate as these hypocrites.

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton - biopsy of left lung today at Vanderbilt
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris - recovering from surgery MPMC, Rm. 391
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Linda Luna
- Frances Petty - NHC Columbia, Rm. 111-A, 375-4887
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Melissa Stutts - recovering from outpatient surgery
- Barney Roland
- Elaine Whitehead

**Ladies Bible Class resumes  
September 14  
10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.**

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

David Davidson, Gary Williams, Harold Autry - father of Teresa Lyle, Janice Johnson - sister of Corrine Goetz, Marie Skelton, Little Natalie Kuykendall, Little Callie Morfield, Marvin Norman - brother of Roberta Bolton, Greg Grissom, Ann Lamar, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Darrell Brown - cancer, Ralph Gilmore, Vonda Hoeye - friend of Kayla Kirtley, Dianne Thomas Stevens - friend of the Nicholsons, Charles Wilkins - Tracey's dad, Jane Wells, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, James Garner-uncle of Terry Burgess, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey - NHC Columbia, Rm. 134, Dot Martin, sister of Linda Weaver - NHC Columbia, Rm. 138-A, David Phillips, Laurie Ann Beever - cousin of Kim Fitzgerald and Baileys Christensen - friend of Kim, Tracy Worley, Patricia Luna - aunt of Jason Kelley, Austin Long - uncle of Phillis Churchwell, Joyce Runions, Alex and Evan Rector, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Debbie Spears, Norma Boyette - sister of Bill Jones & Elaine Whitehead, Roiki Phillips, Juanita Boyd - stepmom of Gary, Kathy Reed - friend of Linda Mabry, Ginger Chesnut, Elvis Frierson - friend of John Mayberry, Glenda Collins - sister of John Mayberry, Katherine Jones - mother of Alice Bolton, Mike Primm, Nick Tank - student at Baker - leukemia, Clara Harvey, aunt of Ray Rummage, Clarence Weaver - Poplar Estates, Rm. 219 - 901-0280, Stacey Brown - cystic fibrosis, Dorothy Rea - sister/Elmer Lusk, Evelyn Felker - sister/Benny Bolton, Ann Graham - Morning Pointe, Rm. 113, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Jane Davis - sister of Nell Hood, David Luther, Jacqueline Potts, Mary Blocker, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8.

**WORSHIP LEADERS SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Richard Farris  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Charlie Willis  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
     Max Ballard                      Tracey Wilkins  
     Byran Farris                      Chase Thomason  
     Bill Fuller                        David White  
     Ed Hargrove                      Jim Anderson  
 Read: II Samuel 15:24-26.....Barry Cross  
 Sermon: What Do I Do In A Storm?.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Mike Kinzer  
 Prayer.....Daniel Thomas  
 Read: Romans 12:1-2.....Greg Gray  
 Sermon: The Will of My Father.....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Boyd Wood  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Mike Lyle

Ushers: Danny Lasater, Sonny Hargrove, Bobby Daniels  
 Greeters: Tommy & Jadonna Hight, Bill & Peggy Jones  
 Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. and P.M.—David Thomas, David White

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

**Wednesday, Sept. 7 - Fall Series - 6:30 P.M.**

A.M.....Juaneese Perdue, Jennifer Winchester  
 P.M.....Katie Hixson

Song Leader .....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Eric Hixson  
 Announcements.....John Thomas  
 Speaker.....Craig Evans