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Let Him Lift That Load

By: Greg Laurie

For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws.

- [James 2:10](#)

The Ten Commandments were not given to make us holy; they were given to show us that we are not holy. The commandments were given to show us that we need Jesus. The Bible says they are like a schoolmaster (kind of an old King James word). The idea is that of a disciplinarian. The commandments were given to say, in essence, "You can't do this on your own."

They are like a moral mirror. When you look at them, you say, "Uh-oh. I'm not measuring up." Every one of us has broken the commandments.

Someone may say, "Yeah, that might be true, but I haven't broken that many. I've only broken a couple of them."

Maybe. Or maybe not. The Bible says, "For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws" (James 2:10). If you have broken even one commandment, it's enough to keep you from God and to separate you from Him.

The commandments were given to drive us into the open arms of Jesus. That's why Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Have you ever been carrying around something that was very heavy and had someone say, "Here, let me take that from you"? That is what Jesus is saying. "Let Me lift that load. Let Me ease your pain. Let Me give you relief. Right now. Come to Me," He says.

That is the message of what happened at the Cross. He died for our sins and paid the price for every wrong we have ever done. And if we will turn from our sins and believe in Him, then we will be forgiven.



Coming Events

Prayer Concerns

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) some decline over last few weeks, but currently stable.

Peggy Hollback still waiting for the final decision from the doctors.

Garnet Lindeman stable for now. Living at Nancy's house.

Alan Graff scheduled for CT scan at the end of July.

Debbie Raiser still recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

Henry Mason now at home.

PJ Miller (Jessica and Shadd's son) had surgery in Cincinnati last week

Ron Smith (neighbor of Joni Dixon) suffering with heart issues.

Devon Wallace (neighbor of Al and Patsy Graff) 9 years old, having serious kidney problems.

JoAnna Glispie is traveling now in England with a student group. Trip is 19 days. Safe travels.

Pete Taylor (Jennifer Gampp's father) awaiting results of biopsy this week.

Phyllis Adkins (mother of Donnie Beekman) recuperating from surgery last week.

Blake Boggs (9 yrs old) in Children's in Columbus with a cyst on his brain.

Jimmy and Jamie Forbes as they adopt a 7 month old baby boy from their extended family.

Mindy McIntosh (is the wife of a former student of Patsy Graff) on a ventilator in the hospital suffering from chemical burns to her lungs from an electronic cigarette.

Looking Ahead at Sunshine

7/12-18 Sunshine at Fort Hill Camp

9/26 Acappella Concert in Waverly

Big Acappella/Reunion Weekend

All former members of the Elmgrove/Piketon Youth group are having a reunion at the Pike County Fairgrounds September 25-27. Of course, others are certainly welcome. Several guest speakers are slated to speak and on Saturday afternoon, at 1 pm, Acappella will be giving a concert at Waverly High School as part of the reunion. Details are posted throughout our building.

Dishes and Pans in the Kitchen

In the kitchen and on the counter in the Annex are many food containers of all different kinds which should be picked up by their owners right away. If you have helped with a funeral dinner lately or with cookies at VBS, stop by and get your container.

Singing Tonight

This evening at 6 pm all are invited to come and enjoy a time of singing before our evening Bible study.

See Nick Davis for details.

Thank You Received

From Marie Mower (Bud Coriell's mother) "Our hearts have truly been comforted by the many deeds and prayers offered to us and in our behalf during this sad time. Thank you for all that individuals and the church as a whole have done for our family. Marie Mower and family. "



"Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8

BIBLE VERSE
FOR TODAY.NET

Wheelchair Ramp Project

Dave Hallam has received a request to construct a wheelchair ramp for a Lucasville resident. It's one of those projects that has to be started and completed in one day. Money donations are also being solicited to help pay for the materials. If you can donate a full day to help with the project, call Dave and get the schedule. Also, if you can help with the cost of the project, donations can be made through an account at any US Bank: Delphia Blanton Donation Account.

For details talk to **Dave Hallam, 740-533-9398**.

Youth Group To Carter Caves

The Sr. youth group (grades 7 and up) will be taking a trip to Carter Caves Thursday July 9. We will be leaving the church at 8:00 Thursday morning and will return mid to late afternoon. We will be eating one meal at a fast food restaurant that day so please bring a few dollars. You will need appropriate clothing and footwear for hiking. Please bring water and snacks in a pack. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend.

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp 2015

Attention, ALL KIDS aged 7-18! If you are interested in attending camp with us July 12-18, please sign up at www.forthillcamp.org or see Shaun McCray ASAP. Invite your friends too! It's going to be a great week and you don't want to miss it!



A BLESSED NATION

By: Greg Laurie

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."— [Proverbs 14:34](#)

Alexis de Tocqueville, a French political thinker and historian wrote a book entitled *Democracy in America*. This book was published after his extensive travels in our country when it was still young.

He made the statement about the greatness of America that bears remembering:

"I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers—and it was not there . . . in her fertile fields and boundless forests—and it was not there . . . in her rich mines and her vast world commerce—and it was not there . . . in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

That's right, our greatness has come from our goodness—from our belief in God's Word, which gives us the moral compass we need, so we can know right from wrong and good from evil.

In the classic song, "America the Beautiful," we sing the words, "America, America, God shed His grace on thee." And that is so true. God has been gracious to our country, and I pray that we will turn back to Him like never before. I pray it does not take a national crisis to get our attention.

How we need God in America today. And let's also not forget the Word of God that says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

So today, as you enjoy the fireworks and barbeques, remember the Lord who has blessed this nation in an extraordinary way. And remember to give Him thanks!

There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. - Mark 7:15



Sunday

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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TUMBLEVERSE

A verse from Mark 7 has been scrambled vertically. Drop each letter in the top columns into it's correct place in the grid below to reveal the scripture. Some letters have already been placed to help you solve the puzzle.

