

BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Answers Next Week)



91. Who said: "What shall I do Lord?"
92. Who said: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved"?
93. Whose lips were touched by a live coal?
94. In what book of the Bible is the name of God not mentioned?
95. Who was the first one to see Jesus after his resurrection?
96. What preacher when he was dying saw heaven opened?
97. In what chapter do you read about "the Macedonian call"?
98. From what man can we learn that keeping back part of the truth is to lie?
99. Did Abraham ever inherit the promised land?
100. Of whom was it said: "Out of Egypt have I called my son"?

Answers to Last Week's Bible Questions

Did you get them all?

81. **Joseph's.** Exodus 13:19; Hebrews 11:22.
82. **Christ.** 1 Corinthians 5:7.
83. **David.** 2 Samuel 24:14.
84. **Orpah.** Ruth 1:14.
85. **Rahab and Ruth.** Matthew 1:5.
86. **David.** 1 Samuel 16:12.
87. **Yes.** 1 Samuel 16:1. Leviticus 10:1-7.
88. **Isaiah.** Isaiah 6-8.
89. **Isaiah 1:1; Amos 1:1.**
90. **Samuel.** 1 Samuel 3:10.

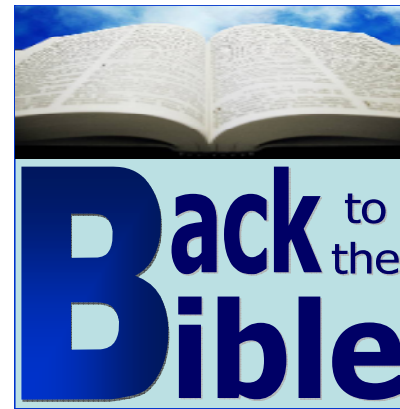
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Sunday Bible Study	26
Sunday AM Worship	36
Sunday PM Worship	20
Wednesday Bible Study	35
Daily Bible Readers	9
Offering	\$1450
Building Fund	\$84,845

Today's Sermons
Morning: "Worship by Singing"
Evening: To Be Announced

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Times of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study:..... 10:00am

AM Worship:....11:00am

PM Worship:.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

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**LESSONS
FROM THE
TRAGEDY OF
SEPTEMBER
11th**

by
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Like President Bush has said, none of us will ever forget where we were and what we were doing when we heard about the terrorists attacks on September 11th. I saw a little bit of the footage on the morning news as we were getting ready for the day. We were too busy to stop and listen and I left thinking that there was just a fire on one of the floors of the World Trade Center. After I dropped my daughter off for school I turned on the radio to find that all the programming had been preempted. It was then that I realized that something serious was happening. After a few moments of reporting the radio went silent. Then I heard Peter Jennings say in disbelief, "The north tower has just collapsed."

It wasn't until I got home for lunch that I got to see the footage for myself. I went numb when I saw the airliner crash into the World Trade Center. All those passengers killed against their will at that exact moment. What horrors they must have gone through! And then the tower unexpectedly crumbling to the ground - killing the thousands of innocent people who had not yet managed to get out. Like the rest of the nation, I felt helpless and mortified. For the first time in my life I did not feel safe.

Lives have been changed by this event. Only time will show the true significance that this event will have on history. But the short term changes are being felt and seen already. There are some observations and lessons that need to be drawn from this tragedy. Some of them are more obvious than others, but they are all important.

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Those Needing Our Prayers:



"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

Kiana Miller
Kendra Mabe
Harvey Forest
Everette Morefield
Savannah Bedenbaugh
Shannon rash
Blake Adolph (10 yoa/cancer)
Lectureship
Della Jones
Tessie Sexton & Family
Michelle Sale
Sherry Rutherford
Connie Hension (surgery)

Danny Martin
The Canups
Aileen Dillard
Leta Bright
Steven & Jessica Winters
David Boone (travel)
Matthew Winters
Ladies Day
Mark Miller
Megan Adolph
Mike Church
Karissa Stanley
Mary Nell Osborne

Tosha Miller
Rick & Becky Barr
Clayton Winters
Eugene Kidder
Jim & Amanda Winters
Leroy Kennell
Debbie & Danielle Matkins
Answered Prayers
Robert & Jackie Carden
Meghan & Heidi Vannoy
Garney Wyatt
Florence Cooper Family

1. Evil Exists In This World. Why do things like this happen? Why do innocent people have to die in such a tragic way? The Bible says there is no way around it. We live in a fallen world that has been cursed by the presence of sin (Genesis 3:17-19). As long as we live in this world we are subject to the effects of sin and evil. And since the nature and working of sin and evil are mysterious (2 Thessalonians 2:7), we are left to wonder "Why?"

God has not promised to take evil away, or to build a hedge around us to protect us from its effects. But God has promised that Christians will never undergo any more than we can handle: "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

2. The Terror Of Hopelessness. The Bible says that hope is an anchor. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil," (Hebrews 6:19). An anchor is used to keep a ship steady and on course in the midst of a storm. Hope serves the same purpose. People can endure almost anything as long as they have hope. But once hope is gone, all is lost.

One can only wonder what the passengers on those four airliners felt once they realized that the plane they were on wasn't going to land. There was no way to escape, they could only sit and wait for their death. How about those in the World Trading Center who were trapped on the floors above the impact of the airliners? These massive feats of technology and architecture had risen those buildings so high that they had placed these people out of reach. No one would be able to help them down. How can we ever forget the scores of people who made their way to "ground zero" with pictures of their loved ones who were unaccounted for? Wandering from hospital to armory in a desperate search. Many of them told reporters that they were still holding out hope - but their faces were telling a different story.

3. Judgment Will Be Sudden and Unexpected. No one had any way of knowing what was going to happen. The people on those planes and in those buildings were simply going about their normal business. No one was prepared for what was going to happen. There was no warning - just instant terror!

The Bible says that the Second Coming of Christ is going to be the same way. "For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape" (1 Thess. 5:2-3). Jesus tells us to "watch" and "be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:42, 44). The victims of this tragedy had no opportunity to escape. Time did not pause just for them. Judgment will be the same way. It will come suddenly and unexpectedly and those who are not ready will be lost. Are you ready?

4. Some Things Really Aren't That Important. Within hours of these events, the announcements of cancellations started to pour in. Our daughter's Open House at school was scheduled for that evening. It was canceled. Baseball games were called off for one day, then for two more days, then for the entire weekend. The entire Minor League Baseball seasons were canceled and champions were announced. The NFL canceled their slate of games for that weekend, which led to the cancellation of all college games for that weekend.

What was the explanation for these cancellations? Over and over again we heard athletes, owners and coaches say, "There are some things that are more important than sports." How right they are. And it's sad that it takes a tragedy like this to get people to realize it. Don't get me wrong. I am a sports fan. But the fact is that sports weren't any less important the week after this tragedy than they were the week before. People need to get their priorities straight. How many spouses and children are neglected in the name of sports and recreation? How many senior citizens are left alone while their children and grandchildren run here and there doing unimportant things? How many church buildings do these sports fans pass by on Sunday morning to get to the big game? How many people are going to face God in judgment unprepared because they have wasted their life away with unimportant things?

5. Good Will Triumph. Some ask why an all powerful and benevolent God allows such tragedies to happen. God has His reasons. Times of suffering and pain are opportunities to test our resolve and prove what we are made of (James 1:2-4). America is passing this test with flying colors (the most prominent being red, white and blue!!!). Our country has grown closer and stronger as a result of this tragedy.

We have a long way to go. The families left behind will have to mourn and put the pieces back together. The Pentagon and World Trade Center will have to be rebuilt. The airline industry will suffer, which will most likely have a domino effect upon other parts of our economy. But in the end we will come out of this better off than we were before September 11th.

But on a much higher level, we hope this recent tragedy will awaken the hearts of men and women to see the need for God in their lives. Now more than ever Christians need to be letting their lights shine (Matthew 5:14-16). People who were once indifferent are now looking for answers and hope. May they find what they are looking for (Matthew 7:7-8), may their hearts be good and honest when they find it (Luke 8:15), and may they serve God faithfully for the rest of their lives (Revelation 2:10).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today – Preach and Eat – Fellowship Meal Following Morning Worship
Tonight – Men's Business Meeting – Following Evening Worship
Tonight – Ladies' Bible Class – Following Evening Worship
September 24-26 – 13th Annual Back To The Bible Lectures
October 2 – Ladies' Day