



Life Lines

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My Lines

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Angels

Continued from last week:

Angels are powerful beings; their source of power is God.

“Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matthew 26:53)

One legion is 6,000: Twelve legions are 72,000. In Kings 19:35 one angel destroyed 185,000 Assyrian men in one night. Had Jesus called 12 legions of angels to destroy they could destroy 13,320,000,000. The world population today is 6,436,339,079. His twelve legions could destroy the world population twice. And we thought a nuclear bomb was bad!

There is a division of angels, some good, and some evil. Angels were created without sin, and then there was the rebellion of Satan, where he exalted himself above God. He took 1/3 of the angels with him. (Rev. 12:47) ***“So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was sent to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*** (Rev. 12:9) and II Peter 2:4, ***“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.”***

The devil uses his powers, not for humans, but against them. He disguises and seeks to devour us. ***“Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”*** (I Peter

5:8) And Paul gives us more warning. ***“For such are false prophets, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*** (II Corinthians 11:13-15)

Angels are organized in various ranks and positions. ***“Who (Jesus Christ) has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”*** (I Peter 3:22) Michael, the arch angel, protector of Israel. ***“Yet, Michael the archangel, is contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses . . .”*** (Jude 9a) Then Gabriel appears four times as a special messenger. He reveals and interprets God’s purpose and program concerning Jesus and His kingdom to the prophets and Israel. They are prominent individuals in revealing God’s plan for man. The ministry of angels: In relation to God they are worshippers, they battle with Satan, and they are instruments of judgment. In the final days in the Book of Revelation they are in every event. Previously they have watched over rulers and nations. They guarded Daniel. They informed humans in many of the Old Testament stories.

They were involved with Christ. They predicted His birth, announced it and were there at His birth. They were the messengers who caused His family to flee into Egypt. They were involved at His return into Israel. ***“Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt.”*** (Matt. 2:19) Angels ministered to Christ after He suffered

temptation from the devil in the wilderness. An angel strengthened Him after the stress He went through in the garden, praying to the Father before His betrayal. ***“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.”*** (Luke 22:43)

At His resurrection an angel was there. ***“And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.”*** (Matt. 28:2) Later, two were standing by the tomb when some women came bringing spices they had prepared. The two stood beside them in shining garments. They announced the resurrection of Jesus. Then some were present when Jesus later ascended into heaven. Two stood by in white apparel. They gave instructions to these ***“men of Galilee”*** who were watching as Jesus ascended. (Acts 1:10-11)

Angels will be present at His second coming. ***“And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels”*** (II Thess. 1:7) They will separate the good and the evil. ***“The son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”*** (Matt. 13:41-42)

We have learned that angels are there when things happen. They were there at the creation. They were there during the giving of the Mosaic Law. They were there at the first coming of Christ. They were there at the early years of the church. They will come at the second coming of Christ.

We can learn valuable lessons in the **continued page 2, column 3 -**

Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

Between Us, Mother . . .

A lot has happened between us over the years. We've shared good times that I'll always remember.

We've shared disappointment that neither of us could have gotten through without the other.

We've shared moments that only a mother and a child will ever know.

There were times when I thought we couldn't get any closer, and there were times when we seemed so far apart.

But somehow it is the times we have shared lately that have seemed the best to me.

Perhaps because we understand each other better now.

I'm no longer a child anymore, and I know why you did some of the things you did.

Perhaps because we're both more willing to listen now - to the way each of us thinks and feels, and we take such pleasure in being together.

Perhaps because we've been through so much together over the years, we have so much in common, and we are so much alike, you and I, that somehow it just seems easier to talk and to share things as friends.

So many times lately, I've wanted to let you know how much I treasure your love.

I only hope these words can somehow relate all the feelings I have inside for you, the wonderful memories you've given me, the way I look forward to our future times together.

The incredible thankfulness I feel, and the never-ending love I have in my heart for you.

Anna Marie Edwards

From "*Mother, Thank You For All Your Love*" (a collection of poems, edited by Susan Polis Schultz)

Hopefully, this will be a tribute to mothers who have put so much love and work into their motherhood. Some of us are fortunate to still have our mothers. For those who don't, maybe this will bring back some cherished memories for you.

Remember Our Sick

Wanda Dickerson – John Clark's mother re-scheduled for stint surgery, April 29th, Little Rock Heart Hospital.

Thelma Hatcher – has another appointment June 6th, hoping this will be the final check-up.

Otis Hibbard – diagnosed with colon cancer.

Kathryn Hobbs – close friend of Leota Hickey, has not regained consciousness since surgery April 13th, in L.R., UAMS

Bill Lafoon and Family – fighting cancer.

Carl Lawley's Family: needs prayer.

Bill McAlister – prayers answered once again, Bill is home recovering.

Nolan Passmore – went for tests April 7th, no update yet.

A.D. Virden – hospitalized, diagnosed with emphysema.

Earl Whitted – successful knee surgery April 12th. Home, recovering and going to therapy.

Shut-ins: Needs your prayers and visits. All live in the Dover Area.

**Evelyn Burton
Louise Killer
Mae Vanzandt**

Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Doris Karnes Bachand, Luella Bellomo, Susie Boley, Amber Bolin, Donna Brewer, Bernice Brown, Michelle Crutcher, Jeff Davis, Bennie Drewry, Bob and Rose Lee, Lisa Link, Jerry Martin, Wayne Melton, Debbie Meyer, John and Jannie Myers, Joe Miller, Teresa Phillips, Wilma Shirley, Esther Sparks, Harold and Mildred Turner.

Expectant Mothers: Melissa Jackson, Kemah Johnson and Kristen Loper Nordin.

Special Children: (Birth Defects) - Zachary Shelton, Gabriel Ross Finlayson, Keith Martin and Noah Williams.

Military: John Allen, Greg Davis, Paul Holt, Randall Nixon, Cole Wetzel and Rudy Will.

Jeremy Carter, Terry Robinson and Cole Wetzel are scheduled to come home.

Devotions For Moms

By Ellen Banks Elwell

LOVE

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. This is my command: Love each other." (John 15:12-17, NIV)

How do we understand love, and how do we measure it? With five words: ". . .

As I have loved you." Jesus left both a standard and a personal example for us to follow. He doesn't ask us to do anything He hasn't already done.

First, He laid down His life for us (15:13).

Second, Jesus contrasted servants and friends to teach us that He not only treats us kindly, but He also shares His very thoughts with us (15-13).

Third, Jesus took initiative and action with His disciples. He did not wait for them to come to Him, but He reached out to them (15-16).

Our families will remember us most for how we cared and reached out to them.

How we follow Christ's example needs to be thought through with integrity and honesty, asking God for His wisdom, strength, and grace. Because when we choose to love, the world sees that we are God's disciples.

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Scriptures. We learn that they are powerful agents of God. They are humble. They are seen in worshipful adoration to God. They are totally submissive to His will. They can be good examples for us, good motivation.

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:2)

Events

ANNUAL FISH FRY

May 14th

Dover Church of Christ
Camp Caudle
Starts: 5:00 PM
More details to follow.

WEDDING

SHOWER

May 22, 2:00 PM

Dover Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
FOR
Kayla Evans
and
Nathan Killer

Singles Breakfast
Every Saturday,
9:00 AM
Dewayne's,
Dover, AR

Mark Your Calendars

Men's Devo

May 12, 7:00 PM
Dover Church of Christ

Sunday, May 15th

Dover Church of Christ, Following
morning services
We will honor our graduate,
Deidre Wilbanks

Ladies Night

Thursday,
May 19th, 7:00 PM
Hostess: Cara Williams

Meals On Wheels

Dover Church
of Christ

May 16 thru May 20

Monday thru Friday

Lawn Care

Friday, May 13
Allen Veasman
and
William Boley

MAY Birthdays

- 5 Brett Cains
Walt Davis
- 6 Randall Walters
- 7 Jessica Straight
Victoria Thomas
Carlee Williams
- 8 Shirley Pavatt
- 13 Kelli Hottinger
Tim Mitchell
- 15 Alan Boatright
Alicia Brown
- 19 Grasiemeyer
- 20 Shelly Culwell
- 25 Diane W. Walters
- 31 Paul Helton
Don Johnson

OOPS! We failed to note a very special person's Birthday!

Mae Vanzandt celebrated her 99th birthday, *Wednesday*, April 27th!!

If we missed your birthday, *please* let us know so it won't happen again.

Our Prayers and Sympathy

For the recent loss of Gil and Roxie Strickland, of Farmington, New Mexico. Gil was the son of Jannie Myers.

THOSE TO SERVE

May 08, 2005

Sunday A.M.

Announcer: Randall Walters
Song Leader: Merrell Shoptaw

Prayers

Lawrence Boley
Joe Miller

Communion

Podium: Allen Veasman
Serve: Donny Forehand
Earl Kennedy
Earl Whitted
Gary Williams

Scripture Reading

Jim Killer

Sunday P.M.

Prayers

Marion Helton
Merrell Shoptaw

SPEAKER

Sunday A.M.

Micah Williams

Sunday P.M.

Micah Williams

Prepare Table for Communion

Communion to Shut-Ins

Lawrence Boley
Marion Helton

Greeters

Marion and Joyce Helton

Wednesday Night Devotional

May 11, 2005

Jim Killer

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Classes

9:45 A.M.

Sunday Morning Worship

10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening Worship

6:00 P.M.

Ladies Tuesday Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Classes

7:00 P.M.

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Jim Killer 331-2802
Allen Veasman 331-2156

Deacons:

Donny Forehand
Brent Hottinger
Chris Loper
Rex McDaniel
Joe Miller

Nursery Attendants:

Sunday Class: Carin Chance
Sonia Williams

Sunday Service: Bonnie Vinson

Wednesday Class: Marilyn Veasman

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