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II Chronicles 12:1 “*And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.*”

Things were going well for Rehoboam. He established the kingdom and strengthened himself. The LORD was blessing him, but immediately we are told he forsook the law of the LORD. Not only did he forsake the law of the LORD, but all Israel did so with him

It’s very easy if we are not careful to have things going so well in life that the LORD and our service to Him are forsaken. Our job is going well, we have great material possessions, and if not careful, we start sliding back in our service.

Our attendance begins to suffer because we have become busy and preoccupied with all the events in our lives. Our contribution of time and money begins to dwindle because we are using more of both for worldly things.

Before we realize it, we have forsaken the LORD. We do not forsake the LORD alone. Like Israel forsook the LORD with Rehoboam, we

cause others to forsake the LORD. When spouses, parents or anyone forsakes the LORD, it’s very easy for others to do like us, and forsake the LORD. It’s not only easy, but it’s very likely they will.

Consider your faithfulness or lack thereof to the LORD. You will influence others. Will it be for good or for evil? What you do now not only determines your eternal destiny, but will sway those closest to you.

—Marty Edwards❖

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James 4:7-8, “⁷*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* ⁸*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*”

Do you ever feel far from the LORD? If so, it’s not He who has moved away. It’s much like a ship on the water. If unanchored it will drift away from the shore. The shore does not drift from the ship.

James tells us to draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to us. This is a truth that will happen. If we are not close, or nigh unto God, it’s because we are not drawing nigh to Him. We can absolutely guarantee the LORD drawing nigh to us by us drawing nigh to Him.

Not only are we told to draw nigh unto God, but we are told to resist the devil. When we resist him, he will flee from us. The LORD has put within our power which one we want to be close to— the LORD or the devil.

How do we draw nigh to God? By doing things that are spiritual that naturally draw us closer to God. We need to pray without ceasing
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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.**

—Congratulations to **Rachael Layne and Anthony Riffle** who were married last night in Brandenburg, Kentucky. Rachel has been attending here periodically for the past couple of years and Anthony is the younger brother of Allen.

—This coming Wednesday night we will begin a study of Hosea.

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We need to attend every service. We need to read and study the word of God daily. Put the LORD first in all decisions we make. These, and many such like will cause us to draw nigh to the LORD and He in turn has said He will draw nigh to us.

How can we resist the devil? By not succumbing to the temptations he puts before us. It can be difficult, but the LORD always gives us a way of escape. I Corinthians 10:13, *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make away to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*

You cannot be close to the LORD and to the devil at the same time. You are the only one who chooses the one to be close to. Moses told the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 30:19, *“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”* Choose the LORD. Choose life.

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Sunday, April 23, 2017		
Classes	17	Colossians 2:3-7
Preaching	24	Luke 8:5-8 (Parable of the Sower)
Contribution	\$648.00	
Evening	14	Revelation 6:1-17
Wednesday, April 26, 2017		
Classes	16	Daniel 12:1-13

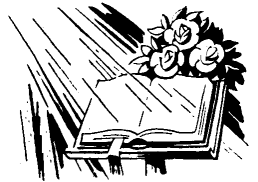
Visitors— Apr 23 (AM) David Vanderstoop (Russellville, Arkansas)

Bible Quiz

What was the noise like when the Lamb opened the first seal?

Last Week's Answer— A Lamb (Revelation 5:6:)

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” —I Peter 2:9



—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)