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Revelation 22:16, “. . . *I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*”

This past Monday millions from around the nation gathered into a 70 mile wide strip that went from coast to coast to view the total eclipse. People took off work, school, drove for miles and some even traveled around the world to see this event.

We were fortunate in that we got to see an event we had never seen before. It truly was spectacular. All who saw the eclipse were treated to an event many will never see. The sun is the brightest object in the sky and all eyes were focused upon it.

An event like the eclipse is something we want to grasp and hold on to, but it is gone all too quickly. With Jesus, the bright and morning star, He is not only eternal, but He is given to us. We are told in Revelation 2:27, “*And I will give him the morning star.*” We find out in the final chapter of Revelation what the morning star is. Jesus is speaking and says in Revelation 22:16, “. . . *I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*”

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Jesus said He is the bright and morning star. How wonderful it would be for all mankind to focus upon Jesus the way they focused upon a two minute event this past Monday. That event was very short lived, but Jesus is eternal.

Beholding Jesus far outshines the sun and any events associated with it. Those events are brief and soon forgotten. To be in the LORD is to not only behold the LORD, but we are given the bright and morning star, which is Jesus. Our closeness to Him after this life is so close that He is ours. We will never have to be away from Him or be out of the light of His glory.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Genesis 1:14-16, “¹⁴*And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ¹⁵And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ¹⁶And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.*”

When the LORD created the lights in the heavens, they were not only for light, but for time keeping. Celestial events happen with precision accuracy. That’s how astronomers knew exactly the time last Monday’s eclipse would occur. They not only knew the day and time but the exact location. We know to the second when the sun and moon will rise and set. We know all these events centuries ahead of time.

The LORD has made such great order that we can count upon. It will never cease to be as long as the earth stands. We are told in Genesis 8:22, “*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*”

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News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Jerry Edwards** has been quite sick the past few days with pneumonia.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Sallie Marshall** who passed away on Thursday. She had attended here in the past and was a member of the Horse Cave congregation.

—**Ruby Edwards** is traveling for a few days in Arkansas while she helps her parents get to some doctor’s appointments.

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We can easily see how this promise of the LORD is true, and will never cease. We count upon the regularity of the times and seasons. They have never failed us, and never will.

With the promise of days and seasons being so sure, we can count upon the promise of eternal life the LORD has given us. We know that it will indeed be there for us at the end if we obey and remain faithful to the LORD. II Peter 3:9 says, *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise...”*

What is the promise the LORD has given us, the promise that keeps us going day to day” I John 2:25 says, *“And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.”*

That verse in I John 2:25 is the last time the word “promise” is used in the Bible. It’s fitting that the final time a promise is mentioned, that promise is eternal life. The promise the LORD made regarding times and seasons is only while there is time and the earth remains. The final promise is for when there is time no longer— eternal life.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, August 20, 2017		
Classes	19	I Thessalonians 5:1-11
Preaching	20	Revelation 21:23 No Need of the Sun
Contribution	\$554.50	
Evening	15	Revelation 19:1-21
Wednesday, August 23, 2017		
Classes	26	Amos 1:1-15

Visitors—
 Aug 20 (AM) Cameron Willoughby (Priceville, KY)
 Aug 20 (PM) Jo Richardson (Hardyville, KY)
 Aug 23 (Wed) Sonny & Joyce Dye & three children
 (Hardyville, KY); Karina Ottowitz
 (Rheinsulz, Switzerland)

Bible Quiz

What did John see standing in the sun?

Last Week’s Answer— The earth (Revelation 18:1)

—Remember that you can access any of our bulletins for the past few years and any of our Bible lessons on our website. You can also access recordings of the Bible and recordings of our services which include the large screen on YouTube.

—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)