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Jeremiah 37:17, "Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there [any] word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon."

It's not uncommon to ask someone if there is news or word from a family member or friend. We ask others if they have heard from someone traveling afar or maybe someone who has moved for work or school. We often ask if there is word about someone who is sick.

I remember when I was younger and in college the only way we received word was to get a letter or card from family and friends. There were phones, but unlike today with cell phones, it was expensive to call long distance, and hearing word from others was usually infrequent.

Today the news comes instantly with texting, cell phones, and email. We quickly and easily hear news. It's always nice to get news and hear word from someone. Sometimes the word we hear is good and sometimes it's not. Even if the word is not good, we at least know

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what is happening and if possible, we can do something about it.

In the above verse Jeremiah was asked by Zedekiah the king if there was any word from the LORD. There was indeed word from the LORD. It was not what would have pleased Zedekiah. He was going to be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

We too have news from the LORD. It's the gospel. The word "gospel" means good news. It's indeed good news that we can be saved from being eternally lost. Like the texting and email of today, this word is instant. It's the age old words contained in the Bible that are as applicable and true this very moment as when they were penned.

Even though "gospel" means "good news," the words of the Bible do not contain good news for everyone. There are dire words of warning for those who die out of the LORD.

I might receive bad news from someone and may not be able to do anything about it whatsoever. If I receive "bad news" from the Bible, I can do something about that. I can change my life and turn to the LORD.

Is there any word from the LORD? There is. Whether it's bad news or good news depends upon us.

—Marty Edwards❖

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

—Revelation 14:6❖



—Continue to remember Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry. Lauren Candela is slowly recovering from

her surgeries. **Rick Gibbs** has been having a lot of issues with kidney failure and been unable to attend. **Mike Burd** remains in Norton's Pavillion in Louisville. He has been diagnosed with cancer, but has developed further problems while there related to breathing and an infection. He hopes to be moved to Bowling Green for therapy.

Isaiah 26:4, "Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH [is] everlasting strength."

If you take a quick look at any U. S. coin or bill you have, you'll find the words, "In God We Trust." Although many would rather have those words removed, I'm thankful the founding fathers of our nation decided those words should be on our money. Everyone uses money almost daily. It serves as a reminder that we are to place our trust in the LORD.

We cannot place our trust in mankind or any earthly group or organization. All those will pass with time. Twice in the above verse Isaiah talks about two things with the LORD that are eternal—our trust in Him and His everlasting strength.

We can forever trust the LORD. He will always be there and be the same. There is no one else we could say this about. What better place to have our trust than in the LORD? We can forever trust Him.

Connected with that, and the reason we can trust the LORD forever, is that He is everlasting strength. We see strength of anyone or anything fail with time. Our bodies grow weaker and the strength of our youth gives way to the frailty of old age. Equipment weakens continued on back page...

Sunday, August 20, 2023		
Classes	8	Mark 14:12-21
Preaching	23	How Jesus Used Scripture (Matthew 4)
Contribution	\$753.00	
Evening	8	Zephaniah 3:1-20
Wednesday, August 23, 2023		
Classes	11	Titus 3:1-15

Bible Quiz

The LORD said He would joy over Jerusalem and Zion with what?

Last Week's Answer—See ye the LORD (Zephaniah 2:3)



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with time as the parts grow old and brittle. Even the stately trees of the forest with age become weakened and will fall with time.

Note that the above verse doesn't say the LORD has everlasting strength. He IS everlasting strength. He will never grow weak or less in His abilities. It's no wonder that we can forever trust in the LORD. His strength endures forever.

—Marty Edwards *

—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)