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Jeremiah 33:3, “*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*”

The telephone is one of the oldest electrical devices we have. It was invented in 1876. It has obviously come a long way and changed very much but the basic principal is the same. With a phone we can contact anyone, anywhere, within moments and have a clear, reliable conversation with them.

When I was young it was hard to call anyone not living close to you. It was not hard to make the connection, but long distance charges were almost cost prohibitive. When you called friends or family, you had to watch your time continually or one phone call could easily cost \$20 or more.

Now, with cell phones long distance is but a dim memory. You can pick up and call for no extra charge anywhere in the United States with no time limit on talking. With certain apps on your cell phone you can easily call anywhere in the world without additional costs.

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I’m sure you have tried to call family members to check on them and there was either a busy signal or no answer. With the LORD, He will answer. He is always there, always listening, and will answer.

We are told in James 4:2. “...ye have not, because ye ask not.” We do need to call unto the LORD and ask. James also says in the next verse, “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

Jesus talked about how the Father knows to give good gifts unto us in Matthew 7:11 and Luke 11:13. Jesus also tells us that we need to ask in His name. John 14:14 “*If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*” That is why we include in our prayers that we are praying in the name of Jesus. That doesn’t mean every petition we take to the LORD is answered in the way we desire, but the LORD does give us His best and what we need.

The cell phone in your pocket is amazing. You can call anywhere, anytime with no additional cost. Even more amazing is that we have full-time access to the LORD, and yet many do not take advantage of this. He is but a call away.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Malachi 3:6, “*For I am the LORD, I change not...*”

It’s not uncommon to see someone after many years and see great changes. With age our bodies change. We grow weaker, grayer and the lines of age show on our faces.

We all expect one another to change physically. That is unavoidable as we grow old. One disappointing change that often occurs is when we see old friends or perhaps family members after some time and they are not the same person they used to be.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry.** **Sherry Crabtree** has been quite sick but was able to be here Wednesday evening.

Matthew Edwards continues to recover from a severely broken arm. **Larry Compton** has cataract surgery this coming Tuesday. **Rose Spencer**, the sister of Ruby Edwards, is having a lot of health issues following very severe strep throat.

—**Ruby Edwards** will be traveling to Arkansas for a few days this week. She plans to return home Monday, December 26.

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I'm not referring to physical changes, but those of personality, morals and just the way the person is. Often such changes are not for the better. Friends or family have left the LORD and are simply not the person they used to be.

We can take great comfort in the fact that the LORD changes not. The one who loves us and cares for us and offers us the opportunity to live in Heaven with Him forever changes not. We are told in Hebrews 13:8, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*"

Change is all about us— buildings, landscape, technology, and even entire cities. Change can often make us feel uncomfortable. We feel we've lost something because it's not the way it used to be and what we were comfortable with. With the LORD, that is never a concern. I am so very thankful He told us, "*I am the LORD. I change not.*"

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, December 11, 2016		
Classes	15	Ephesians 5:20-33
Preaching	21	Judges 16:1-31
Contribution	\$831.00	
Evening	15	Proverbs 23:1-35
Wednesday, December 14, 2016		
Classes	10	Esther 3:1-15

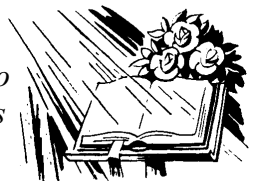
Visitors—
 Dec 11 (AM) John Lay (Hiseville, KY); Mike Gardner (North Fort Myres, Florida)
 Dec 11 (PM) Clay Glass (Hiseville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What city was perplexed?

Last Week's Answer— Mordecai (Eshter 2:7)

"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."



—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)