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Haggai 1:6, *“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.”*

It’s hard to believe, but this is the last LORD’s day of 2016. Next week we begin a new year. As you look back over the year, I’m sure there are many good things you accomplished. Maybe you have a new job, a great increase in income or other financial successes. Perhaps you graduated from school this year or maybe had your best year academically. We truly have been blessed in this time and place and no doubt there has been good increase made in some aspect of your life.

In Haggai chapter one the people of God were taking care of their own houses and letting go the repair of the house of God. Haggai told them that all the things they were accomplishing with material goods were being put into a bag with holes. This simply was because they were doing for themselves and not for the LORD.

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The LORD does pour our blessings upon us, but He expects us to put Him first. If we are not doing this, then all the worldly things we might accomplish or obtain are for naught.

Maybe you had your best year yet, or perhaps your best year is yet to come. But, if you are not putting the LORD first and living for Him the things you do and obtain are for nothing. The are being put into a bag with holes.

Live for the LORD and lay up treasures in Heaven. By living for the LORD we can have the best of both worlds. We can have the things here the LORD has blessed us with and treasure in Heaven.

Matthew 6:19-20, *“¹⁹Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: ²⁰But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.”*

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Job 25:4-6, *4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean [that is] born of a woman? 5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in his sight. 6 How much less man, that is a worm? and the son of man, which is a worm?*

In this chapter of Job, Bildad was asking how can we in our state be anything to the LORD. The LORD will behold the moon, and it shines not. The stars are not pure in His site. He was simply stating that even what we see as bright and glowing are nothing in the LORD’s site. How can man, who is a worm be anything unto the LORD. How can one born of woman be clean?

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Matthew Edwards** had staples removed from his arm and is recovering from a severely broken arm. **Larry Compton** had cataract surgery this past Tuesday. There were some complications and he had to have stitches around his pupil. **Rose Spencer**, the sister of Ruby Edwards, is having a lot of health issues following very severe strep throat.

—**Ruby Edwards** is in Arkansas. She plans to return home tomorrow.

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We cannot and never could without the blood of Christ. Revelation 1:5 tells us, “...*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*” We are washed in the blood of Christ and made clean. Revelation 7:14 says, “... *and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”

The only way we can be made pure and stand before the LORD is to make ourselves clean in the blood of the Lamb. This washing comes in Baptism which washes away our sins. In Acts 22:16 Paul remembers the events of Acts 9 when he is told, “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*”

When we do that, we will be spotless. We can remain spotless by repentance and prayer when we sin. I John 1:7, “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

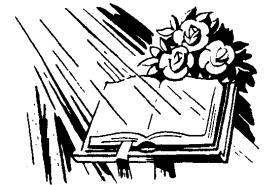
Sunday, December 18, 2016		
Classes	10	Ephesians 6:1-10
Preaching	11	Daniel 5:1-31
Contribution	\$600.00	
Evening	—	no service at the building
Wednesday, December 21, 2016		
Classes	11	Esther 4:1-17

Bible Quiz

They shall be as a dream that fight against what city?

Last Week’s Answer— Shushan (Eshter 3:15)

—Just a reminder of what books we are studying in the auditorium classes— next Sunday morning we will begin Philippians, Sunday evening is Proverbs, and Wednesday evening is Esther. You can check the bulletin online to see where we are in book and then can listen online to that chapter being read before we study it.



—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)