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Preach What You Practice

Glancing quickly at the above title, one might think it is a misprint. We all have heard many times that we should practice what we preach. Certainly the truth in this oft-quoted phrase is understood.

Not only do we need to be the type of people who will practice what we preach, we need to preach what we practice. Within the pages of the Bible we have the will of God for us. We have contained within its pages the information we need to live here on Earth in a manner whereby we will be rewarded an eternal home in Heaven.

Not only do we have this wondrous plan of salvation, but the Bible, when followed, makes our lives here so much better. I see many debates raging among various circles in our nation, even our world, regarding social problems. The problems range from abortion to zoological concerns. Granted, we have many serious problems in our society, but the answer to them all is at our disposal— within the pages of the Bible. Not every problem is

specifically addressed, but when the specifics, as well as the principles, of the Bible are followed, people become kind, caring, unselfish, genuinely interested in the welfare of others, and the problems just naturally are resolved. It is sad indeed to think that we have been given the answers to society's problems and yet society seeks answers from sources that only complicate the problems.

I am not under a false illusion that we will be able to convert the world. The Lord Himself said in Matthew 7:13-14, "¹³*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*" Most people will be lost, but as the song says, we need to do what we can to, "*Brighten the corner where you are.*"

The Gospel truly is good news. We have a treasure the lost and dying world needs. By the life we live and the words we speak, let us make sure we preach what we practice.

—Marty Edwards

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In today's society all of us are concerned with the news. We listen to the radio while traveling to and from work. We read the newspaper when we arrive home. We turn on the national and local news. We want to know what is happening in the world.

There is nothing wrong with this, but let's not forget to spend some time with the "good news," the Gospel. Even if the news of today directly affects you, it's not permanent. The good news of the Bible, whether you accept it or not, will have an everlasting effect.



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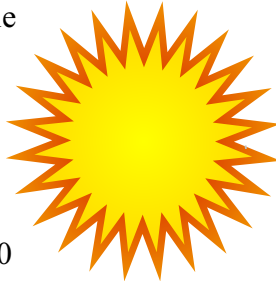
—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, and Alice Thrasher.**

—Our sympathies are expressed to the family of **Hugh Edwards** who passed away this past Tuesday. He was a member of the Fairview congregation and has visited here from time to time. Hugh and his family were members at Munfordville during the 1960s.

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I Believe in a “Big Bang”

According to many who do not believe in the Biblical account of creation, the universe came into a existence through a “big bang.” The Big Bang Theory is the dominant scientific theory about the origin of the universe. According to the big bang, the universe was created sometime between 10 billion and 20 billion years ago from a cosmic explosion that hurled matter in all directions.



While I do not subscribe to this “big bang,” I do believe in a “big bang.” However this big bang has nothing to do with the beginning of the universe, but the end of the universe.

The apostle Peter said, *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”* (II Peter 3:10).

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Sunday, January 18, 2015		
Classes	25	Romans 14:1-10
Preaching	26	Luke 13; Matthew 10 Be Not Fearful
Contribution	\$389.00	
Evening	15	Psalm 49:1-51:19
Wednesday, January 21, 2015		
Classes	18	II Kings 6:1-13

Visitors— Jan 18 (AM) Ethan Borton (White House, TN)
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 Randal Lockett (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

Even what of the forest is the LORD’s?

Last Week’s Answer— Seven (II Kings 5:10)

So there you have it. The Bible does indeed teach that there is a “big bang.” The evolutionist has just missed the timing. Rather than an historic event, the big bang is a certain, future event that will bring an end to the universe.

—Steve Higginbotham

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—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)