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Hosea 6:4, “*O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.*”

Most of us have probably made some resolutions with the arrival of the new year. These might be resolutions such as losing weight, exercising more, etc. Hopefully we all have resolved to do more for the LORD this year such as being faithful in our attendance, reading the Bible daily, giving more, etc.

We are a week into 2018. How are we doing with our resolutions? After only a few days we hopefully are still keeping them and even improving upon them. It’s easy to slip once, then totally give up.

The people of the LORD to whom Hosea was writing would be faithful and do well for a while, then fall away. They were like a morning cloud and early dew. They quickly faded away in their faithfulness.

When we do fail at any resolution we’ve made, instead of giving

up and never trying again, we need to start anew. That is one of the beautiful things about the LORD’s forgiveness. We are not going to exhaust it. As long as we are sincere and truly penitent, He will forgive us. When He forgives us, our sins are totally removed. It’s we who remember them and let sins of the past weigh us down.

There are verses that let us know just how far away the LORD removes our sins when we are forgiven. Psalm 103:12, “*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*” The distance from the east and west is infinite. He totally removes our sins infinitely away.

Micah 7:9, “*He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*” When something falls into the depths of the sea, it’s gone and unseen. It’s totally removed from us. That is how the LORD removes our sins.

Jeremiah 23:24, “*Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.*” The LORD told Jeremiah that He fills heaven and earth. He is everywhere. Can you imagine trying to look around or behind someone who is everywhere. He is infinitely large to fill heaven and earth.

Isaiah 38:7b, “*for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.*” The LORD fills heaven and earth and yet casts our sins behind His back. When they are forgiven they are totally removed and are behind the LORD. He will not bring them up nor see them again. It’s we who often bring them up and let them weigh us down.

We have just begun 2018. Perhaps you have already failed in some of your resolve to live better for the LORD. Ask the LORD to forgive you, then start over.

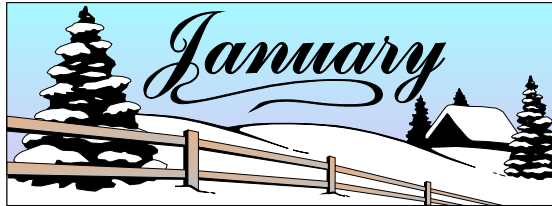
—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, and Brad Terry. Elaine Quigley** is having trouble with a ruptured disk. **Shirley Edwards** is in Signature Health Care in the rehabilitation unit, room 604. She is recovering from a light stroke. She is doing quite well and improving every day.



Wade Worth—January 3 ❖ Kathy Burd —January 15
Elaina Rimmer — January 25 ❖ Linda Terry—January 29

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Psalm 147:17, *“He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold”*

This past week we had some of the coldest weather we’ve had in years. Temperatures were below zero. When you were outside with the wind blowing in those temperatures, you had to try to protect yourself and any exposed skin.

The Psalmist asked who can stand before His cold. None of us can. The cold makes us bow over and try our best to get out of it and seek warmth. The Psalmist was letting us know that we cannot stand before the power of the LORD and His word.

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Sunday, December 31, 2017		
Classes	-	no Bible class due to no heat at building
Preaching	21	Hebrews 12:1-4 (service at Brooks Funeral Home)
Contribution	\$550.00	
Evening	-	All the “new” in Revelation (online service)
Wednesday, January 3, 2018		
Classes	-	Psalm 46 (online service due to no heat)

Visitors— Dec 31 (AM) Bobby & Lisa Edwards (Munfordville, KY); Lourdes Ochoa (Malacatan, Guatemala)

Bible Quiz

Jesus was called the what of the tribe of Juda?

Last Week’s Answer— Wings (Revelation 4:8)

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Malachi 3:2, *“But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.”* If we cannot stand before cold, how can we stand against Him when He appears. The only hope we have is to live faithfully for the LORD all of our days.

—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)