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I Samuel 30:6, *“And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”*

During this time of David’s life he was undergoing many hardships. He was being pursued by Saul and expected to be killed by him. David was in hiding because of this. I Samuel 27:1, *“And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: [there is] nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.”*

David found favor with Achish, king of Gath, and went to dwell with him. He asked Achish for a place to live and he was given Ziklag. David went to dwell in the country of the Philistines for over a year during the time that Saul was pursuing him. I Samuel 27:7, *“And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.”*

In first Samuel 30:1 David and his men returned home to Ziklag and

found it had been invaded by the Amalekites. David’s two wives were taken captive and the city had been burned with fire. After this, the men with David spoke of stoning him.

Everything was going wrong for David. He had to leave home because of someone wanting to kill him. He was living in enemy territory. The place where he was living was burned with fire. His two wives were taken captive. His men wanted to kill him. What was David to do at this point? Many would give up and give in. I Samuel 30:6 says, *“...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”*

David did receive back his two wives. He with time returned home and became king. He had more wives and many children. He lived out a full life and died at age 70. His life even after these events in I Samuel 27-30 had problems. Most of them though were brought on by his own sins. But still, in Acts 13:22 he is called a man after God’s own heart.

I feel certainly any problems we might be having in life right now pale compares to what happened to David. We too can encourage ourselves in the LORD. No matter how dark things may seem, when we are living for and serving the LORD there is always a bright day ahead. With time, the brightness of that day will be eternal and there will be no more problems of life. I Peter 5:10, *“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”*

In this life we are traveling a path that is wrought with sorrow and problems, but that path leads to a better day—a perfect day. Proverbs 4:18, *“But the path of the just [is] as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”*

—Marty Edwards❖

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley**

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News

Parson, Brad Terry, and Denise Miller (the sister of Sharon Franklin). **Enola Zigler**, the aunt of Mike Burd is recovering from a broken hip. Ruby Edwards has asked us to keep in prayer **Carlee Hicks**, the 12-year-old daughter of the minister and his wife in Berryville, Arkansas. She has been passing out and they have not determined the cause.

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Proverbs 27:8, “*As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so [is] a man that wandereth from his place.*”

Proverbs is speaking of the dangers of a bird leaving her nest. In the nest there is safety high above the predators. But when a bird leaves the nest dangers greatly increase. The bird is often lower and on the ground. She is also in unfamiliar territory. She doesn’t know what other animals might be there. The nest is familiar and provides a safe haven.

So many people do this and end of losing their eternal soul. They wander from the safety of their place— safe in the LORD’s body, the Church.

People wander away for many different reasons. They have friends and other enticements that pull them away. There is the allure of the world and its pleasures. Family can pull them away. People do not stay focused on the LORD.

Whatever the reason, people wander away and get caught in snares. The greatest predator of all is roaming about to catch them. We are warned in I Peter 5:8, “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*”

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Sunday, July 21, 2019		
Classes	14	James 4:7-10
Preaching	27	Mark 16:15-16
Contribution	\$745.00	
Evening	17	Matthew 20:1-34
Wednesday, July 24, 2019		
Classes	18	II Chronicles 22:1-21

Visitors—
Jul 21 (AM) Abigail Henderson (Seattle, WA); Audrey & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)
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Bible Quiz

What did Jesus say was not His to give?

Last Week’s Answer— In the house of God (II Chronicles 22:12)

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It’s interesting that one of the greatest adversaries of birds are cats. Our greatest adversary of all, the devil, is portrayed as the largest cat of all— a lion. He is a lion that is walking about, and seeking those to devour. Don’t leave the nest— the Church. Your greatest adversary of all is waiting to devour you like a cat devours a bird.

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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)