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Luke 11:20, *“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.”*

Summer officially begins in just a few days. Butterflies are one of my favorite things about warm weather. I enjoy seeing them flutter by and landing on the flowers. I went outside once and saw a small yellow butterfly which had flown into a spider’s web. I reached to remove it and I only used one finger, gently nudging the butterfly, and it fluttered away. I don’t have to guess. I know what fate awaited the butterfly if I had not come by and removed it. It would have been devoured by the spider later on.

In the same way people are getting caught in the snares and webs of sin. They see the world promoting sin as something to be praised. They see people congratulate others for their open sin. This draws them into the web of destruction where they become entrapped.

The only way they can be saved is by getting out of sin and obeying the LORD. With just His finger, God can cast out devils and free us from sin. Jesus, in the above verse, was showing the power of God. It only takes the least of effort for God to cast out devils.

The devil is all about us and he will seek those to devour. Peter 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.”*

Just as I knew that yellow butterfly would be devoured if it had not been rescued, the devil will devour us. The Greek word for devour is also translated “swallow.” The devil will swallow us up and consume us if we let him.

There was no way for that yellow butterfly to escape on its own. The web was too sticky and strong. It was fortunate the spider had not devoured it yet. There is no way for any of us to escape sin without the LORD. We cannot get out alone. If we let the LORD, just His “finger” can free us from sin.

It’s interesting that another time the term “finger of God” is used refers to God writing the ten commandments. Exodus 31:18, *“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”* It’s the word of God, and it’s obeying those words, that will free us from sin and the devil devouring us.

The first time the term “finger of God” is used is in Exodus 8:19, *“Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This [is] the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.”* He saw the works of God and refused to obey, and he was drowned in the sea.

One of the translations for the Greek word “devour” from I Peter 2:8 is to drown. When we do not accept being rescued with the finger of God, the devil will devour us, swallow us up, and we will drown in our sins. All three of those terms, devour, swallow, and drown have no recovery, except from the finger of God rescuing us.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Sunday 9 AM & 5 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Larry Compton, Timmy Philpott, Linda Terry & Kathy Burd.** **Mike Burd** has been

quite sick this past week. **Linda Sloan** has been having a lot of trouble with her foot and has been unable to attend. **Beulah Baker**, the mother of Sharon Franklin, continues to recover from hip replacement surgery.

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James 4:14, “*Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.*”

We are only a few days from the beginning of summer. July is almost here which brings the second half of the year. It’s hard to believe that we are so far into the year. Within 10 days the days will start becoming shorter. Time doesn’t speed up nor slow down. It steadily marches toward eternity.

With each second that passes, we are one second closer to our departing this life. There is no avoiding this event. It is an appointment, and one that will be kept. Hebrews 9:27, “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*”

As we grow older, we see even more clearly how the words of James are so very true. Ours lives are indeed as a vapor. We are here but a short time, and then we vanish away. What awaits us after this life though is eternal.

It’s a wonderful thought to think about all the glories of Heaven and never having to leave. The pleasures there will never end. Psalms 16:11, “*Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence [is] fulness of joy; at thy right hand [there are] pleasures for evermore.*”

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Sunday, June 5, 2022		
Classes	6	Matthew 19:13-30
Preaching	11	Reign Forever (Exodus 15:1-18)
Contribution	\$731.00	
Evening	5	Singing (Psalm 125)
Wednesday, June 8, 2022		
Classes	10	Psalms 119:49-72

Visitors— May 29 (AM) Audrey & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)  
May 29 (PM) Audrey & Tucker Franklin (Lexington, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The psalmist said the law of Thy mouth was better than what?

Last Week’s Answer— Truth (Psalm 119:30)

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“*And swear by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.*”

—Revelation 10:6

## —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)