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Psalm 68:7, “*O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah.*”

I’ve often commented before that today’s date is the only day of the year that is a command. The date is “March 4th” which sounds like “March Forth.”

The word “march” only occurs in five verses of the Bible. The only verse that has “march” and “forth” is Psalm 68:7. This verse shows how when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness that the LORD went before them. He marched through the wilderness.

This was a place unknown and never before traveled by these people. With the area being so remote and desolate, it’s possible that none or certainly very few, had been in this wilderness. There was no food nor water to be found, but the LORD provided both.

They could go through such hostile and rugged land because the LORD went forth before His people and marched through the wilderness.

We too are traveling through a hostile wilderness. One that no one has been through before. Our lives here and the future as it unfolds are unknown with spiritual hazards we face everyday.

How can we hope to safely pass through such a vast and dangerous wilderness? We can with the LORD going before and marching ahead of us. The LORD knows all that will unfold. We need to put our trust in Him and follow as He leads us. We are told regarding the LORD in Isaiah 46:10, “*Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.*”

The LORD has already declared the end from the beginning. He has declared from ancient times the things that are not done yet. He has declared what we call the future. There is great comfort in knowing that the LORD knows all that will be. We are told His counsel will stand and He will do His pleasure.

We see more and more unrighteousness as time moves on. We can take comfort in the thought that the counsel, or purpose, of the LORD will stand. He will do His pleasure. Mankind cannot change what the LORD wills.

We need to simply follow and not try to make our own paths. The only way to survive through this wilderness is to follow someone who will guide us and perfectly knows the way we need to go. That guide is the LORD.

The only ones who will be in Heaven are those who follow the LORD. Jesus and the LORD are one, and in Revelation Jesus is often portrayed as a Lamb. When John saw the saved in Heaven, he wrote in Revelation 14:4, “. . . *These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. . .*”

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

News

—Continue to remember **Jewell Watkins, Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry and Shirley Parson.** Ruby Edwards' mother, **Wanda Bozarth,** had a aneurysm in the brain and some bleeding. She spent a few days in a

Springfield, Missouri hospital and now is undergoing rehabilitation in Ozark, Missouri. Ruby's dad needs help driving and doing some other things, so Ruby will be heading out after services this morning.

—Just a reminder that next Sunday evening our service time returns to 6:00 p.m.

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Revelation 14:3, *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”*

In the previous article I wrote about following the LORD as He marches forth before us. We have something that follows us— our works.

It's often been said that we can take nothing of this life with us when we die. That is true in that all our material things will be left behind. They will pass from generation to generation until the end of time then be burned up when the LORD returns.

There is one thing that we do in a sense take with us— our works. When we die, our works follow us. Near the very end of the entire Bible we are told by Jesus in Revelation 22:12, *“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”*

Our works will follow us and we will be rewarded according to our works. Spend your time here in service to the LORD, doing good works and they will follow you after this life. Then the LORD will reward us according to those works. *continued on next page...*

Sunday, February 25, 2018

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| Classes | 19 | II Timothy 2:1-4 |
| Preaching | 20 | Jeremiah 18:1-23 |
| Contribution | \$672.00 | |
| Evening | 14 | Nahum 2:1-13 |

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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| Classes | 17 | Revelation 9:1-21 |
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Bible Quiz

What did John see fall from Heaven unto the earth?

Last Week's Answer— There was silence in Heaven (Revelation 8:1)

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We will be totally pleased with any reward in Heaven, but this verse lets us plainly know our reward is according to our works. We all need to do as much as we can now to please the LORD and to be rewarded accordingly. That is how we lay up treasures in Heaven as Jesus said in Matthew 6:20, *“But 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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—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)