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A mule fell into a dry well. The farmer directed his sons to bury the mule, but the mule was still alive and relatively unharmed. As the boys threw dirt down on the mule, he simply shrugged it off and tramped on it. After some time, he had tramped so much dirt under him that he simply walked out of the well. That which was intended to cover the mule was the very means by which he arose.

All throughout our lives we will have obstacles and setbacks that will beset us. There may be family, money, marriage, school, and any number of problems. If we let them pile upon us without ever trying to dig out, we will become buried.

How can we overcome and climb out of such difficulties? So many people turn to drugs, alcohol, extravagant purchases, and riotous living, all in a effort to displace the problems, but the problems are only amplified. When the newness of these pseudo cures is gone, the original problems are still there, looming larger than ever. I'm reminded of Asa in II Chronicles 16:12. We are told that he had an exceedingly great disease in his feet. Instead of turning to the Lord, he turned to the physicians. The next verse tells us he died.

We need to turn to the Lord. We are told in I Peter 5:7 regarding

the Lord, "*Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you.*" Living in this mortal realm, we will have problems, but as Christians, we can take them to the Lord and cast them upon Him. Approach the Lord in prayer. Even if the Lord's will is not to rid us of our burden, the grace of the Lord will be sufficient for us as it was regarding Paul's thorn in the flesh. Read carefully the words of Paul in II Corinthians 12:7-10 *⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

—Marty Edwards❖

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What Caused Rome to Fall?

The fall of the great Roman Empire was attributed by Gibbon, the famous historian, to five failures upon the part of both citizens and government of that empire. As you ponder these, measure them alongside our own nation's conduct.

1. The rapid increase of divorce, with the undermining of the sanctity of the home, which is the basis of society.
2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public money in a frivolous and reckless way.

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News

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

—Thanks to **Mitch & Sandy Duncan** for hosting the chili supper last night.

—Congratulations to **Lauren Edwards** who graduated on Friday night, October 18, as radiologist from Spencerian College in Louisville. She was awarded “excellence” for her work. Lauren has recently moved to Elizabethtown and is working out of Bardstown.

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3. The mad craze for pleasure— sports becoming every year more brutal, hence, more and more exciting.

4. The building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was within— the decadence of the people.

5. The decay of religion— faith fading into mere form. Losing touch with life, and becoming indifferent to guidance.

Think carefully about these five causes for the fall of a great nation. Perhaps it is much later than we think. Solomon said in Proverbs 14:34, “*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*”

—Tommy Exum
Wingate bulletin, Nashville, TN

Sunday, October 20, 2013		
Classes	21	Acts 13:1-33
Preaching	28	Haggai 1:6-15
Contribution	\$1288.05	
Evening	15	Job 14:1-22
Wednesday, October 23, 2013		
Classes	18	I Samuel 20:1-42

Visitors— Oct 20 (AM) Jon, Dylan, & Brently Lane (Horse Cave, KY)

Bible Quiz

May comes forth like a what and is cut down?

Last Week’s Answer— Though he slay me (Job 13:15)

—Next Sunday, November 3 our Sunday evening service time will return to 4:00 p.m. as we return to Standard Time that day. Only our Sunday evening time will change.



—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)