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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.”*

Butterflies are one of my favorite things about the summer. I enjoy seeing them flutter by and landing on the flowers. I went outside recently and saw a small yellow butterfly who 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 it’s 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.

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Sunday 9 AM & 6 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Shirley Parson, Brad Terry, and Enola Zigler** (aunt of Mike Burd)

—Next Sunday evening we will move our Sunday evening service time to 4:00 p.m. until we go back to Daylight Saving Time in March.

—The ladies Bible class will resume on November 7 at 8:00 p.m. See **Ruby Edwards** to get the book for the class. The class meets online using FaceBook Messenger. ❖ This Wednesday evening we will begin a study of Isaiah. Lessons are at the back of the auditorium. You can also download them from the Church’s website.

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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.”*

Next week we will go back to standard time. We will sometime before Sunday morning move our clocks back one hour. The sun will appear to set much early, but of course we have only moved our clocks.

Even though we can change our clocks and even our calendars, we can’t control time or the flow of it. Time marches on steadily. 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.

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Sunday, October 20, 2019		
Classes	21	I Peter 2:1-10
Preaching	30	Matthew 5:1-13
Contribution	\$951.00	
Evening	34	II Kings 2 - Chariots & Horses of Fire
Wednesday, October 23, 2019		
Classes	15	II Chronicles 36:1-23

Visitors— Oct 20 (PM) Karlie Hornback (Elizabethtown, KY)  
 Oct 23 (Wed) John Lay (Glasgow, KY); Jordan Strother (Uno, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The LORD charged Cyrus, king of Persia, to do what?

Last Week’s Answer—The singing men and singing women (II Chronicles 35:25)

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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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## —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)