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Isaiah 45:6, “*That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that [there is] none beside me. I [am] the LORD, and [there is] none else.*”

Isaiah 59:19, “*So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*”

The two verses above are the only two in the Bible that mention “sun” and “west” in the same verse. There are only two days in the year that the sun sets due west. One was yesterday, September 22, and the next one will be March 20 of next year. As I think about the sun setting in the west, I’m reminded of the two verses above and what the LORD said would be from the west.

1. From the rising of the sun and from the west, people would know there is none beside the LORD. There is no other God. This is a common theme in Isaiah. In Revelation we are told that the LORD is the first and the last. He is Alpha and Omega. There is no one before

nor after the LORD. If you are putting your hope and trust in someone else, you will be eternally lost. There is no hope outside of the LORD.

The wording about people knowing this from the rising of the sun to the west is simply saying that all around the world people will come to this knowledge. Not everyone will believe and obey, but there will be people from where the sun rises and from the west that know the LORD. They will know there is no one else.

2. The next verse talks about those from the east and west will fear the name of the LORD and His glory. We are to fear the LORD. It’s the respect and reverence that only He is worthy of.

It’s so sad to hear the name of the LORD constantly used in vain and as an exclamation of shock or surprise. We need to carefully and thoughtfully use the name of the LORD. Our use of His name needs to be with fear and respect. I shudder to think how many people of today, and so many young people, will have this brought up to them at the Judgment.

Never use even the “light” forms of the LORD’s name. There is no time to ever use the LORD’s name except in prayer and in our study of His word, or perhaps in other spiritual related uses. Such would include wishing someone well by saying, “may the LORD be with you as you travel,” etc. Make using the LORD’s name a special and holy use. Fear His name and His glory.

Relative to those in the Bible, we are living in the west. Even today this is called the “western hemisphere.” The next time you see the sun setting in the west and the beautiful glow from it, think about if you feared the name of the LORD and His glory that day. Let’s think about how we showed others that fear and reverence. If we did not, let’s make sure the next morning as the sun rises, we give the fear and honor to the LORD that is His only.

—Marty Edwards❖

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis, Leon Seaton, and Frances Kidd.**

—**Ruby Edwards** is leading an on-line ladies Bible class this Fall. It is conducted by using FaceBook Messenger. The first class was this past Thursday evening and was well attended. The next class is October 4.

—Tonight we will begin studying the book of Matthew.

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Proverbs 27:6, *“Faithful [are] the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy [are] deceitful.”*

The above proverb is simply telling us that it’s better to be hurt by a friend than to be kissed by an enemy. I can’t help but think of how the world is being the enemy to so many by encouraging sinful lifestyles and acts which will eternally condemn their souls.

People are told how “brave” they are for publically saying they are living in sin. Instead, we are to confess our sins, repent and stop them, and turn to the LORD. When we publically announce sins and the world praises us and encourages us to keep on doing them, and sinners are told how proud people are of them, they are giving the kisses of an enemy.

On the other hand, the world quickly says we are judging when we tell them of their sins and the eternal destruction that awaits. Yes, it hurts to be confronted when sinning, but it is the wound of a friend—a friend who is trying to save a soul.

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Sunday, September 16, 2018		
Classes	19	Hebrews 3:14-19
Preaching	25	Amos 8:1-14 (Summer’s End)
Contribution	\$1061.10	
Evening	15	Malachi 3:1-4:6
Wednesday, September 19, 2018		
Classes	18	I Chronicles 11:1-47

Visitors— Sep 16 (AM) Beverly Gossett & James Lang (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

The Sun of righteousness will arise with what?

Last Week’s Answer—Words (Malachi 2:17)

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Ask yourself who the true friend is. The one who praises you for your sins and lets you be lost eternally? Or is the true friend the one who will hurt you while trying to save your soul?

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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)