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The following article was written in 2001, so some of the phrases may be dated in that they reference past events as current. I thought it would be good to remind ourselves of some of the lessons which came from September 11, 2001.



September 11, 2001 will stand in history as one of the most memorable days of our lives. The events of that tragic day and the loss of life in New York, Washington D. C., and Pennsylvania are well-known.

There are so many different approaches I could write about in the limited space I have. I have decided to briefly list some lessons that can be learned from Tuesday's events.

1. **Life and death is filled with uncertainty.** I know all those killed Tuesday had plans for later that day as well as for later in life. Never did they imagine that Tuesday would be their final day. We know this fact, but sometimes certain events bring this thought to the forefront.

2. **Part with good thoughts and words.** Many of those who faced imminent death were blessed with a wonderful gift. They had a few last moments to speak to their loved ones via phone. During these conversations, there was no talk of ball scores, how stocks and bonds were doing, and certainly no petty bickering. Those precious final words were words of love and caring. No wonder Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:26, “. . . *let not the sun go down upon your wrath.*”

3. **Focus on what is important.** It is interesting to note how many ball games, civic meetings, and other events have been canceled due to Tuesday's events. Not only have many been canceled due to respect for the loss of life, but it seems that people are just not interested right now in unimportant matters. People are not interested in sitcoms and movies. Even the barons of Wall Street have had little to no interest earning interest on their investments.

I receive many email newsletters regarding computers and software. Many of these were not published this past week as they normally are. Instead, a brief message of concern and condolences were sent in lieu of the regular information. Even many Internet sites that are not news sites, but are for shopping and commerce are decorated with flags and mention prayer and concern. This event has caused us all to become very focused on what really matters and what does not.

4. **People are capable of great good and unselfishness.** Yes, there are a lot of evil people in the world as is so pointedly shown, but look at the outpouring of love and support that has been demonstrated. At one point, the mayor of New York had to ask people to stop volunteering for a while. They were overwhelmed with offers.

5. **People come together.** As in all tragedies, much good has come and will continue to come from this event. Our nation seems to be united on a scale that most of us have never seen.

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News

—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins and Jean Coffey. Sandy Duncan** continues to recover from knee replacement surgery.

—Tonight we will continue our study of the book of Job. We are in chapter 9.



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Though there has probably been some criticism, I have heard none at all. People need and want the Lord during such times. I have never heard the words, “faith,” “hope,” and “love” mentioned so much as I have heard those words in the past few days. I have heard the name of the Lord mentioned hundreds of times properly used and not in vain the way you so often hear on television. May we ever have that desire and respect of the Lord during the good times as well.

8. The Lord is in control. Many have asked publicly, and I have been asked directly, “Why does the Lord let such happen.” Though we do not have all the answers, we must realize that the evil and sin in the world ushers in such occurrences. As the Lord so clearly told Job

we too will not always understand human suffering and tragedy, but when we live, and ultimately die in the Lord, all will end well. Remember the words of Paul in Romans 8:18, *“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”*

—Marty Edwards ❖

Sunday, September 1, 2013		
Classes	16	Acts 9:20-35
Preaching	23	The Bible in numbers 1 to 21
Contribution	\$772.00	
Evening	18	Singing
Wednesday, September 4, 2013		
Classes	20	I Samuel 14:1-52

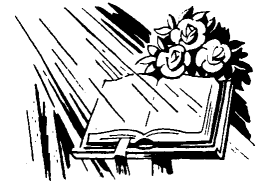
Visitors— Sep 1 (AM) Roger Starnes (Wilmington, OH)
Sep 1 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

What was named Bozez?

Last Week’s Answer— water (Job 8:11)

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” —I Peter 2:9



—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)