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Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM  
AM Worship 10:45 AM  
PM Worship 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM  
(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Sermon:

# The Promised Land

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# Great Salvation

Jim H. Deason  
Via—The Market Street Messenger

I do it also. Sometimes I use too many superlatives. Even the common things of life I will sometimes call "great", "super" or "tremendous". Then when something truly extraordinary comes along I'm left without adequate adjectives to describe it. But the Scripture is sparing in it's use of such modifiers. Therefore, when an inspired writer calls something "great" you can know that it is so! The writer of Hebrews asked, *"how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...?"*

Salvation is great because God designed it. David declared, *"Thou who has done great things; O God, who is like Thee?"* (Psalm 139:17). And Job exclaimed, *"Behold, God is great..."* (Job 36:26). From before the foundation of the world, God the Father planned that man should be redeemed through the blood of His Son, Jesus (Ephesians 1:3-7). That He, the great Creator and Sustainer of the universe, would care for my eternal well being, plan its ever detail, and execute the plan without fail, is a wonderful blessing indeed.

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Salvation is great because Jesus died for me. For some family member or some good man we might give our lives. But God demonstrated *"His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"* (Romans 5:8). Especially moving are the words of Paul in Galatians 2:20, *"the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."* For Paul, the death of Jesus on the cross was not vague and impersonal. He saw Jesus on the cross paying the penalty he deserved. It is for my sins that Jesus faced Calvary and that makes the blessing of salvation great.

Some things are truly "fabulous", spectacular", and "awesome". But the greatest of these and deserving of all the superlatives one can use is the blessing of salvation in Jesus Christ. This blessing is offered to every man and every man should seek it (Matthew 7:21)



The grudge-holder suffers from an unusual kind of wound. Although his grudge is related to a past conflict with another, it is a wound that is self-inflicted. Remarkably, its healing is hindered in not being desired. In fact, it is actually a cherished spirit of resentment; a welcomed feeling of ill will toward another. You might say the grudge-holder is glad to be mad at someone. If so, it is about the only gladness that comes from grudges.

One thing you will never see is a happy grudge-holder. His mind is forever troubled because the object of his grudge becomes the

object of his thinking. He continually rehearses and relives his mistreatment — perhaps even magnifying it. With each recollection comes more bitterness and resentment, if not self-pity. Harboring a grudge defiles the heart, poisons the thinking and produces misery. The grudge-holder will be hard put to *"rejoice in the Lord"* as encouraged in Philippians 3:1 — because *"as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"* (Proverbs 23:7).

Moreover, so speaks he. As Jesus taught, ...the *"things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart..."* (Matthew 15:18). The grudge in the heart soon translates to words in the mouth and to the detriment of many. As the grudge-holder vilifies and speaks evil of his brother, he sins against God (James 4:11), hurts himself, hurts his brother, and hurts those he tells. But it gets worse.

Grudges can easily become the wedges of division. As the tongue advertises the grudge-holder's flavored grievances in search of sympathy and allies, some are apt to be influenced and prejudiced — especially kinsmen and friends. Their thinking and conduct toward the perpetrator of this "great injustice" are adversely affected and, thus, others become involved in a way that threatens unity in the church. As Paul said, *"...a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump"* (1 Corinthians 5:6). Many churches have been made to suffer unnecessary and irreparable harm through the influence of grudge-holding brethren.

None is more deceived than the Christian who thinks he can hold a grudge without jeopardizing his soul. Calling it something else doesn't remove the problem. Even when it may not be all that apparent, we can be tempted to harbor a deep-seated kind of resentment and bitterness toward others. We must be honest with ourselves. God says to put away ALL bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and malice (Ephesians 4:31). Do we believe it?

Finally, no matter how justifiable the grudge may seem, it is always an expression of contempt and hate. God commands us to

love one another (John 15:12; 1 John 3:11; 4:7) — even enemies (Matt. 5:44). The grudge condemns; love forgives. *“Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you”* (Ephesians 4:32). Forgiveness! — man's greatest blessing. How desperately we need it, yet the grudge-holder would forfeit it by withholding it from others. Brethren, let's get grudges out of our hearts and out of the church!

## *“One Thing Is Needful”*

*David A. Cox  
Market Street Messenger*

If the question was asked, “What is the most needed thing in your life?” the responses would most likely be varied. In Luke 10:38-42, we read of an incident that occurred in the life of Christ, when He visited some of His dear friends in Bethany. The friends were Mary, Martha and Lazarus. During the visit of Jesus, Martha was doing everything to make Jesus' visit enjoyable. But as Martha was busy, her sister Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet and hearing the things He taught. In a moment of frustration at her sister's apparent lack of concern, Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her in the serving she was doing. Jesus responded, *“Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her”* (Luke 10:41-42). The purpose of this article is to focus on the statement here that Jesus made, *“One thing is needful.”*

In life there are so many things that demand our attention. It may even seem that these things are of great importance and may well be. In Martha's case, the serving of her company was important. But she failed to re-

alize that something else was of even greater importance. It may be that even in our own daily affairs of life that things such as work, school, etc. cloud out what is truly the most important thing. Jesus made it clear to Martha what the proper priority should be. It was the very thing that Mary had chosen. It was that *“good part”* Mary chose that Jesus compared to the *“many things”* that troubled Martha.

The *“many things”* in this passage refers to the temporal or physical things of this life and the *“good part”* deals with the heavenly or the eternal things which *“shall not be taken away.”* While we must attend to physical things, let us not become preoccupied and lose sight of the one thing that is needful; the things that will help us get to heaven.

Mary in choosing the *“good part”* had not lost sight of her priorities. She was absorbed with the spiritual and eternal things of God. Jesus said, *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God”* (Matthew 4:4). Mary understood this and was not sidetracked by the physical things around her.

Let's remember this great lesson that Mary teaches us and not neglect the things that will help us to build a spiritual and a close relationship with God. Let's read and study our Bibles; feeding on the word of God daily. Let us be faithful in our attendance with the saints on every occasion possible. Pray and communicate with our Father in heaven. Remember our close relationship with God is the key to our enjoying the abundant life now (John 10:10) and the joys of heaven for eternity (John 14:1-3).

May we ever be aware that even though there are many good things that we may spend our time doing, we must put first the *“one thing that is needful”* if we are going to form an abiding relationship with our heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Let us give strict attention to hearing and heeding what the scriptures teach which will help us to grow in our relationship with Him.

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 12:22-37
<b>Reader</b>	Wayne Campbell
<b>Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Dan Marton
Fruit of the Vine	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Blake Headen
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Scripture</b>	Matthew 12:38-50
<b>Reader</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Chuck Isinghood

## Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Song Leader</b>	Singing/Praying
<b>Invitation</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave Harless

# *News N Notes*

**Please continue to remember these in your prayers:**

### **Travelling:**

- Dave & Wilma Harless
- Alberta Headen
- Ronald & Charlotte Lancaster
- The Marshall's

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Zeda Goddard, also her family— sons, Dallas and Terry, and daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, is to go back soon to have a stint put in for the other kidney.
- Jerry & Dottie Henderson are in White Rock, British Columbia, Canada this morning and will be in Fern- dale, WA for the week.
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Paula Prager as she continues to deal with a difficult pregnancy
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Kris Shane
- Gabriel Taylor, 4 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

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