

WHALE

The account that talks about the riddle that was in the bulletin last week is found in the book of Jonah. The disobedient Jonah was swallowed by a whale or great fish as most translations have. The setting is this: Jonah was told by the LORD “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.” (Jonah 1:2). Instead of doing what the LORD told him to do, Jonah got in a ship bound for Tarshish. He is going the opposite direction that the LORD told him to go. Jonah thought he was running away from God; from responsibility he had been given. Jonah knew the reputation of the people of Nineveh and he wanted nothing to do with them. He also knew he was disobeying God. We must realize that no one can flee from the presence of the LORD, or from the responsibility we have to Him. When a great storm came upon the ship, they finally determined that Jonah was the cause of it. When they asked Jonah what to do to keep the ship and all the crew from being destroyed, they were told to take him and throw him into the sea. The men tried to row back to the land, but to no avail. When they finally cast Jonah into the sea, the storm ceased. The LORD was not through with Jonah. He had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of that fish for three days and three nights. For that brief period of time the great fish had a soul within it. *L. Cole*

HANDLE WITH CARE!

“. . . as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures” (2 Peter 3:15,16).

IT IS POSSIBLE TO MISUSE THE SCRIPTURES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO HARM OURSELVES SERIOUSLY. We need to handle the Scriptures with care, especially when we’re dealing with texts that are “hard to understand,” as Peter described them, “which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction.” If we’re serious about seeking God as He truly is and not merely wanting to confirm our own opinions, we’ll approach the Scriptures with reverence and patiently work our way toward greater understanding.

Most of us probably err by not making prayer a more important part of our study. But if the Scriptures are indeed what we believe them to be, then it would seem that prayer should be one of the main components in our study: before, after, and in between. For one thing, prayer puts us in a more respectful frame of mind and makes us more ready to listen to the things we need to hear. Prayer makes it more likely that we’ll deal wisely with the Scriptures. But more important, prayer brings to our efforts the help we need from God, whose word we are studying.

One of the most marvelous things about God's word is the combination of its simplicity and its depth. Many of the things we read in the Scriptures are accessible even to children. (Indeed, our children sometimes understand what God has said better than we who have outgrown our childlike honesty.) But even the simple statements in the Scriptures contain enough depth to challenge us and reward a lifetime of reflection. There is much to learn on the surface of God's word, but the wonders that are below the surface are inexpressibly grand. What we find after many years of study is that the Scriptures are an inexhaustible source of enriching, ennobling truth. Even their harshest critics stand in awe of the impact these writings have had on the course of human civilization. Say what we will, these are no ordinary texts. They must be handled with caution and with care.

"The Holy Bible is an abyss. It is impossible to explain how profound it is, impossible to explain how simple it is" (Ernest Hello).

Gary Henry – WordPoints.com 11/13/17

THE GAME OF LIFE

Have you ever played Milton Bradley's, "The Game of LIFE?" Probably you have at some point. This game has been around a long time -- since 1860! The object of this game is to cause its players to make several important "life decisions" and teach them several important "life lessons," while having fun all at the same time. Some of those decisions and lessons were:

Whether to go straight to work, or go to college first. Paydays are typically better for those who go to college.

Whether to buy or not to buy health/life insurance.

Having children can bring benefits as well as liabilities.

Life has many unexpected setbacks, as well as serendipitous blessings.

And ultimately, the decisions you make in life will determine whether you will wind up in a "Millionaire's Mansion" or the "Poor House."

But one lesson this game didn't teach us; in fact, the most important lesson of all is this ... When the game is over, everything goes back in the box! No matter how good you were at this game; no matter how much money you were able to accumulate; no matter who you were able to beat; at the end of the game, you had to put everything you had accumulated back in the box.

Friends, now that's the greatest lesson you'll ever learn from "The Game of LIFE." No matter what you're able to accomplish in life; no matter how much money you are able to earn in your lifetime; no matter how many people you competed against and over which you were victorious; when your life is over, it all goes "back in the box." You take none of it with you. Then you'll stand before your Maker.

So, how well are you doing at the "game of life?"

Steve Higginbotham, bulletingold.com 11/17

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

NOV. 19, 2017

Coordinator Steve Anderson
Announcements Kaleb Bush
Scriptures Reading.. Heb. 9:27,28 ... Dallas Eddie

Song Leader Jacky Carver, Jr.
Opening Prayer. George Clay

Lord’s Supper-Preside: Roger Draper
Serve: Glen Reece, John Leonard
Gavin Spurlin, Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer.....Jacky Carver, Sr.

Greeter— Jacky & Jacqueline Carver
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Judgment Day
PM Sermon— Riley Hendrix, Mission Work in South Florida.

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements George Clay
Song Leader. Jacky Carver, Sr.
Scripture Reading...Acts 13:46. . Dallas Eddie
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Lord’s Supper Roger Draper
. Billy Halliburton
Closing Prayer George Clay

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... George Clay
Song Leader Dallas Eddie
First Prayer. Justin Draper
Opening Prayer Mitchell Brooks
Closing Prayer Jacky Carver Sr.

Prepare Communion for Nov
Linda Hackett

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11/12/17

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Nov. 19th. Riley Hendrix will be here to speak of his mission work in south Florida
ANSWER : WHALE

Pantry Item: Canned Tuna

READING SCHEDULE FOR NOV

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| 12 Acts 18-20 | 21 I Cor. 3-5 |
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