

SPEAK TO THE ROCK

I realized in doing my daily Bible reading that one of the saddest chapters in God's word is found in Numbers 20. It starts out with the death of Miriam, the sister of Moses and Aaron. She played such an important part in the infant years of Moses (Exodus 2). In Numbers 12, she and Aaron were rebuked for questioning the authority of Moses. As a result she was smitten with leprosy for seven days. When we come to chapter 20, Miriam dies. Then we have the mistake of Moses and Aaron when they were told to speak to the rock and water would flow out for the rebellious children of Israel. Perhaps in their frustration, Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to the rock as God had instructed. Moses and Aaron were told by the Lord, *"Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them"* (Num.20:12). As they continued their journey, the Edomites refused to let them pass through their land. The Edomites were the descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:1). Finally, the chapter ends with Moses taking Aaron and Eleazar his son up to Mount Hor, where Aaron died. This was indeed a tragic time for Moses and for the children of Israel. —L. Cole

APRIL FOOLS DAY:

Next Sunday is April Fools day. Not sure how it came into being. People play tricks on one another. Maybe some of you used to engage in that. What I want to talk about today is that the Bible has some very serious things to say about the words "Foolish" and "fools."

I read in a Bible dictionary that the "fool" of Scripture is not an idiot, but an absurd person; not one who does not reason at all, but one who reasons wrong; also any one whose conduct is not regulated by the dictates of reason and religion (Psalms 14:1). Foolishness, therefore, is a condition of wrong action in the intellectual or sentient being, or in both (2 Samuel 13:12-13; Psalms 38:5).

In the book of Proverbs, however, "foolishness" appears to be sometimes used for lack of understanding,

Proverbs 1:7, 22 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." ... "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?"

Prov. 10:18 "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool."

Prov. 14:9.. "Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour."

Prov. 17:28.. "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

The phrase "Thou fool" (Matthew 5:22) implies not only angry temper, by which such severe language is, prompted, but a scornful, contemptuous feeling, utterly inconsistent with the love and meekness which characterize disciples of Christ, and, of course exposing the individual who is under its influence. to eternal punishment. He talked about "raca" (empty-headed) and "fool" (Greek, more [moron]). It is not the word itself that condemns but the attitude behind the use that is censured..

Foolishness is associated with lack of preparation in Matthew 25:1-13—The five foolish virgins did not adequately prepare themselves. The individual in Luke 12:20 allowed his wealth to replace his compassion for others.

The foolishness talked about in Romans 1:21,22 (ties back to Ps. 14:1) was a result of their intellectual pride, which got in the way of doing the will of God.

I Timothy 6:9 -It is interesting the number of times the Bible associates wealth with foolishness. Just the opposite of what the world does today.

I Peter 2:15—It is God's will that you do what is right, so as to silence the ignorance of foolish men. —*adapted*

EXPECTING UNEXPECTED TURBULENCE

On a recent overseas flight, first the flight attendant and then the captain announced over the intercom that the seatbelt signs had been turned on because they were "*expecting unexpected turbulence.*"

There's nothing like a good oxymoron to entertain exhausted airplane passengers. However, the long flight gave me ample time to contemplate the idea of expecting unexpected turbulence on our Christian journey.

The Christian life is a journey - a long journey, with quite a bit of turbulence. And the turbulence we experience often comes at unexpected times. And, while we might not be able to predict when turbulent times will come, we can and should expect them.

In preparation for the turbulence in life, the Christian needs to buckle up. In other words, we need to utilize the safety measures we have at our disposal.

Understanding that God is ever-present in our lives provides a strong belt of peace of mind that comes from knowing for certain that we're protected from any calamity that might come our way.

We can be sure of this because of what we read in Psalm 46:1-3.

This journey that we're on will be long, exhausting, and full of turbulence. But getting to our destination is worth the trip. (Acts 14:22). Buckle up, hang on, and enjoy the flight. —*Troy Albert*

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM

APR 01, 2018

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks
Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading. Luke 2:51-52 . . . John Leonard
Song Leader Glen Reece
Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson
Lord’s Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
 Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
 Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer. Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
 Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—Mary Did You Know?
PM Sermon— Power of God

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

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader. Glen Reece
Scripture Reading, .Matt. 22:29-32 John Leonard
Opening Prayer George Clay
Lord’s Supper Mitchell Brooks
 Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer. Roger Draper
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **APR**
Susanne & Teresa

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OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

03/25/18

Wednesday..... 47
Worship Sunday AM 77
Bible Study Sunday AM 65
Daily Bible Readers 27
Worship Sunday PM 41
We had 112 present for singing with 21 leaders.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr. 1st.** Men’s Business Meeting
- Apr. 1st.** Smith Co. Health Care 2:00 pm
- Apr 8th.** Student from SEIBS
- Apr. 20th.** Meal & Bowling in Cookeville
- Apr. 22nd.** Fellowship Meal and Senior Nite

Pantry Item: Kleenex

BIBLE READING FOR APR

01 I Kgs. 4-7	11 II Kgs 16-18	21 I Chr 23-25
02 I Kgs 8-11	12 II Kgs 19-21	22 I Chr 26=29
03 I Kgs 12-14	13 II Kgs 22-24	23 II Chr 1-4
04 I Kgs 15-17	14 II Kgs 25 I	24 II Chr 5-7
05 I Kgs 18-20	Chron 1-2	25 II Chr 8-10
06 I Kgs 21-22	15 I Chr 3-6	26 II Chr 11-13
II Kings 1	16 I Chr 7-10	27 II Chr 14-17
07 II Kgs 2-5	17 I Chr 11-13	28 II Chr 18-20
08 II Kgs 6-9	18 I Chr 14-16	29 II Chr 21-24
09 II Kgs 10-12	19 I Chr 17-19	30 II Chr 25-27
10 II Kgs 13-15	20 I Chr 20-22	