

“GOD LOVES & HELPS US”

When Jesus was about to send out His disciples to preach the gospel of the coming kingdom, He warned them of the problems they would have and the dangers they would face. But He said they should not be afraid: **“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows”** (Mt. 10:29-31). It is greatly comforting to know that we worship and serve a God who knows us personally and cares about us. Since He is intimately involved in everything that concerns our well-being, we may rest in the assurance of His help.

God’s love causes Him to be steadfast in the help He gives. He is trustworthy and dependable. We may confidently entrust ourselves to His care, knowing that He will be not only good to us but also wise in His goodness. In the Old Testament, *hesed* (“lovingkindness” in the KJV) is translated in the *English Standard Version* as “steadfast love.” That’s exactly what God’s love is: a trustworthy love that can be counted on because God has entered into a covenant with us.

Peter wrote, **“Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good”** (1 Pt. 4:19). Because He “cares” for us, we may cast our “care” upon Him: **“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you”** (1 Pt. 5:6,7). God loves us with a benevolent, active love. When all other sources of help in this world have failed us, our Heavenly Father will be there to graciously fill our needs.

There are those who observe the pain and heartache in the world and question whether God is there, or at least whether He cares. But the evidences of God’s concern are literally all around us every day. And we should stop to think that God shows His love in the help that He gives us. This week, let’s make it our aim to more fully appreciate the wondrous love with which our God loves us. And let’s more fully express our gratitude for His help by devoting ourselves to the work and worship of God. **DP**

SERMONS FOR MAY

MAY 8: MINDFUL OF MOTHERS
MAY 15: STUMPED

MAY 22: SIZING UP SATAN
MAY 29: OFF THE WALL

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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

We appreciate your willingness to worship God with us this Lord’s Day! If you would like more information about the Church of Christ, or if we may assist you in other ways, please let us know. **BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY– *The Salisbury Church of Christ.***

****Please fill out a Visitor’s Card and place it in the collection plate****

ORDER OF OUR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER

SONG # 541 – BLESSED ASSURANCE

SONG # 585 – NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE – DANIEL 4:1-9

SONG # 579 – MY JESUS I LOVE THEE

LORD’S SUPPER

CONTRIBUTION

SONG # 533 – NEARER, STILL NEARER

SERMON: “STUMPED”

SONG # 876 – THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

SONG # 829 – ABOVE THE BRIGHT BLUE

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYERS

LET US PRAY FOR: for both spiritual and numerical growth of our church. Debbie Post, Jimmy McMillon, Stella Reidy, Wilma Duke's mother (dementia), Geri Plourde (cancer), Jenn Striecker (cancer), Jack Callaway, Katie Gray, Flossie Hull, Barbara Kuykendall, John Tillman, Paul Marchesault, Marilyn Artis, Linda Alaban, Florence Tucker, the Jones/Dale family, the Gibson family, Larry Laten, Prince Ituen and all missionaries and military personnel serving overseas.

- **Jan King**, Bob's sister, had kidney surgery on 5/2 which reflected that it was benign. GREAT NEWS!
- **Ken and Nancy Watson**, long-time friends of Bob & Diane, lost their daughter, Karen, suddenly on Mother's Day. They will be attending her funeral on Friday at 10 AM. Please keep the Watson's and Kings in your prayers.
- **Ida Laramore**, Judy Willie's mother, has been losing weight unexpectedly. There is concern that it may be cancer spreading. She will be having physical & occupational therapy. Please pray for Ida.
- **Janet Jones'** daughter, Janel, will be graduating from Salisbury University on Thursday. Congratulations to both Janel and Janet!!
- **Doug Post** will be speaking at the Bellview Lectureship, Pensacola, FL – June 10-14.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 22 (Sunday) Evangelism Meeting (15 minutes)

June 4 (Saturday) Ladies Bible Class

June 5 (Sunday) Pot Luck

WEEKLY STUDY & REFLECTION OF BACK ARTICLE

MONDAY (1 SAMUEL 17:31-37)

Key Idea: God helps us when we need Him. **Questions for Growth:** In this story, what needed to be done that all the soldiers in Israel were afraid to do? Why did David think he could do this? Had God ever helped David before? How can we be like David in this regard? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 11:31.

WEDNESDAY (PSALM 23:1-6)

Key Idea: God provides for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. **Questions for Growth:** What are some things a shepherd does to care for his sheep? What are some things God does to care for us? Is there any kind of help that would be too much for God to give us? In v.4, why did David say he would fear no evil? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 12:1.

FRIDAY (1 PETER 5:6-7)

Key Idea: We may cast all our care upon God, because He cares for us. **Questions for Growth:** What are our "cares"? What should we do with them? What does it mean that God "cares" for us? What did Jesus say that we should do in Mt. 7:7-11? How can we thank God for the help He gives us? **Wisdom for the Day:** Proverbs 12:4.

"MY STRENGTH AND VICTORY"

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners" verse two highlights His attribute of strength. David wrote of encountering and benefitting from it when he hid safely in Him. **"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock"** (Psalm 27:5).

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

In times of opposition, we can go to Him for comfort and protection. In Psalm 23:4, we are comforted to read, **"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."** We can likewise pass this along to bolster others in need, for **"we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God"** (2 Corinthians 1:4).

When conflict comes, our Friend for sinners provides a way out. **"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"** (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Ultimately, victory is ours through His great strength and wisdom. In eternal glory, we are told that **"now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night"** (Revelation 12:10). Forever we will hide safely in Him. DP

WHEN THE SAINTS MEET HERE IN SALISBURY

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 AM Sunday Worship – 10:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study – 6 PM