



The Pearland Harvester

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

A GOOD PASSAGE TO GRASP

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are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

"No temptation has overtaken you..." This speaks of an intentional testing with the intent of discovering and exploiting moral weakness. It is not of God (James 1:13). "Overtaken" implies being caught off guard. You are now conquered and powerless to escape the consequences of the sin that entered through the temptation. It isn't speaking of a willful turning toward sin or a willful choice to be in a place of temptation. Much of what Paul wrote to these brethren was intended to educate them in the wiles of the evil one. Satan knows our vulnerabilities. Skillfully, he leads us into scenarios where those vulnerabilities are breached. The way to prevent that is an awareness of one's surroundings and fleeing from the very appearance of evil (1 Cor. 6:18; 10:14; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22). Temptation is quick to overtake us when we are spiritually disengaged, but it cannot overtake us when we resist or flee from it (James 4:7).

"...but such as is common to man..." Satan would love to have temptations exclusive to Christians. Not only would that be convenient for him, but for us as well. We could always excuse failure, telling ourselves that we are tempted in unique ways just because we are Christians. Our temptations are not extraordinary—they are common. Fear, lust, and pride are the pitfalls of all mankind; and they work just as effectively on us. The good news is that if others have found a way to escape, then we can, too. It becomes a simple matter of finding out how.

"...and God is faithful..." As Barnes notes in his commentary, we are to depend on God's faithfulness; but that doesn't mean that we make no efforts to resist. We cannot subdue the powers of the evil one on our own, yet neither are we to

immediately cave in and expect that God will step in and remove the temptation (or its consequences). If we want to avoid being overtaken, the only outside source we need to seek is God. He is faithful in His promises to rescue and deliver. There is no excuse not to seek His help because He has never forsaken the righteous (Ps. 37:25; 9:10).



"...will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able..." The fallacy that two equal but opposite forces coexist is clearly exposed in this passage. Satan is able to overtake us through deceit and trickery—but God is even more powerful, and He limits Satan's power (Job 1). It is possible to overcome temptation, thus the Spirit says, **"...you are able..."**; but human ability to resist depends on our reliance upon the power of a faithful God.

"...but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also..." When I was a boy, we kept chickens in a large, completely enclosed, coop. The enclosed coop was necessary because coyotes, feral cats, and hawks were abundant. Chicken wire kept the varmints out and the chickens in. Occasionally, a sparrow would find a small gap in the wire and get inside. In the evenings, when gathering the eggs, I always looked to see if a sparrow had managed to get in. They were always terrified of me and tried to escape, but they couldn't. It was a just a matter of time before I had worn them down, and then catching them was easy. Their little hearts beat so fast when they were cupped in my hand! They had been caught not because I learned to fly, but because they had lost all hope of escape. They had worn themselves out looking for that little opening that they earlier found but now couldn't. Temptation is terrible, but finding no escape is sheer terror! God will always show us the way out!

"...so that you will be able to endure it." The text indicates that their temptations were to rebel, to ignore, to disobey, to practice idolatry, to forget, and to go astray (verses 1–12). In every case, the temptation could have been successfully resisted (men like Moses, Joshua, Caleb, and others did so) and thus endured.

The lesson is simple. Endurance and victory are within our grasp, but the ability to overtake us is also just within the grasp of the evil one. He is using all that he has to overtake us, and he is able to do so—unless we use all that is placed within us to escape.

For the Record—8-28-16	
Sunday AM	149
Sunday PM	52
Wednesday (8-24-16)	44
Contribution	\$4,334
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$178,150
YTD Budget	\$203,000

Weekly Bible trivia question. Please submit answers to the elders. The first correct answer reported to the office will be recognized and published in the next bulletin. **Here goes...To a Jew, what did eagles, vultures, and buzzards have in common?**

Daily Bible chapter reading schedule, beginning Thursday, September 1, 2016:

Thursday—1 Thessalonians 1-3
 Friday—Leviticus 19-21
 Saturday—2 Kings 16-20
 Sunday—Psalms 87-89
 Monday—Proverbs 13
 Tuesday—Ezekiel 37-42
 Wednesday—Luke 23-24

The correct answer to last week's question was: Noah, daughter of Zelophehad (Josh. 17:3). Connie Powell gave the first correct answer.

From Zack Williams:

There will be a game night for all ages at the Annex on Saturday, September 3, 2016, beginning at 2 PM. Please bring your favorite game. If you'd like, bring finger food for you and two others. Hope to see you all then!

KEPT IN PRAYER

James Maxcey has been suffering from shingles.

Kathryne Ahmed, Gretchen Whitmire's cousin, is still having multiple health issues.

Carolyn Knight Head, Barbara Shock's cousin, is at home now.

Martha Locke, Beverly Stewart's stepmother in Odessa, had her spleen removed last Friday. She is doing well, but please remember her in your prayers.

Sandra Brown Ryan, Barbara Shock's cousin, was still hospitalized as of last Sunday, but hopes to go to rehab soon.

The Ulloa family asked for prayers for Oscar Castellano, who had a knee replacement, and also for a brother who is looking for a job.

The Heatwoles' daughter is expecting a baby with health issues. Beginning September 18, 2016, they need someone to help house a family of four for an unknown amount of time.

Continuing Need:

Our Members: Fran Barnhill, Annette Bumpers, David & Libby Clayton, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Bennie Sue Galindo, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Kaliya Kelly, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Wanda Knight, Clifford Layton, Ben Lenamon, Jan Lemoine, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville. **Others:** Leona Anderson, Timothy Anderson, Lincoln Backward, Octaline Beaupierre, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Billie Dykes, Kayla Erbes, Linda Evans, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Charles (Huck) Huckabee, Logan Indest, Carol Jackman, Sharon Johns, Nelderine Johnson, Kerry Lemoine, Pat Lewis, Austin, Celia, & Doug Matthews, Ron McCright, Mary Means, J. S. Miller, Pat Miller, Scott & Cindy Miller, Lewis Moss, Lauren Murphy, April Parker, Mark Pridgen, Cloey Pruitt, Sandra Brown Ryan, Henry Schaefer, Vicki Schwierking, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Rick Stone, James Thabiso Taylor, Larry Thornhill, Bennett Vincent, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Gloria Wolf, and the families suffering from an accident in Ohio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Fabian is our contact elder for September. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Greg.

September 2016

- 3 Gulf Coast Ladies' Bible Study—Moore Avenue Church of Christ, Bay City TX. If you would like to carpool to the event, please contact Gretchen Whitmire.
- 6 Secret Sisters—6:30 PM—Big Humphrey's. Char Bagwell, Sarah Brown, and Maresha Scarsdale are hosting.
- 7 Wednesday Night with the Master—6 PM—Annex. Menu is Cowboy Stew; bring your favorite dessert. Buck & Jari Thompson are coordinating the meal. Areas of service begin at 7 PM.
- 10 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast—8 AM—Kelley's
- 14 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex
- 21 George Akpabli, Director of the Bible Training Center in Benin, will be the guest speaker at 7 PM.
- 28 Ladies' Bible Class—10 AM—Annex



West Side Church of Christ
2016 Ladies Day Program
THEME "Wait on The Lord"
 (Isaiah 40:31)

DATE September 24, 2016
LOCATION 600 West Miller St.
 Angleton, TX 77515

**Please RSVP to (281) 352-3300
 before September 12**

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
 9:00 am—9:45 am
PROGRAM
 10:00 am

SPEAKERS Sis Gwendolyn Goins
 Sis. Timeshia Austin
*(Special Session for
 Young Ladies ages
 9-18)*

September Birthdays

- 1 Jari Thompson
- 2 Danette Moss
- 3 Hugh Fletcher
- 4 Kristin Alatrash
- 5 Janice Lemoine
- 5 Larry Truelove
- 6 Randy Knight
- 7 Cooper Gartrell
- 7 Maurya Hill
- 14 Dorothy Cherry
- 16 Ben Maxcey
- 18 Landon Brown
- 20 Berna Dyes
- 22 Becky Hopkins
- 23 Greg Fabian
- 23 Canova Genaro
- 24 Ricky Pearson
- 26 John Sloan
- 30 Lianne Biegay

September Anniversaries

- 16 Bobby & Angela Parker
- 22 Ben & Karen Valdez
- 30 David & Brenda Blair

Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening August 31	Wednesday Evening September 7
Building Lock Up—Adams	Building Lock Up—Fabian WNWTM

Morning Worship September 4	Morning Worship September 11
Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof	Opening Prayer Bobby Parker
Song Leader Gary Adams	Song Leader Greg Fabian
Communion	Communion
Presiding: Kevin Scarsdale	Presiding: Demetris Kelly
Nathan Scarsdale Derek Mauney	Gheath Alatrash Tom Langford
Zack Williams Lynn Adams	Josh Hundley Phil Godwin
Jacob Carriere Matthew Fabian	Russell Genaro Daniel Brown
Announcements Greg Fabian	Announcements Greg Fabian
Closing Prayer	Closing Prayer
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Canova Genaro Elaine Genaro	Laurie Maxcey Tracey Mauney
Ushers (*indicates head usher)	Ushers (*indicates head usher)
*Bobby Parker, James Maxcey, Charlie Story	*Paul Hamilton, Bob Williams, Clifford Layton
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Clifford & Nina Layton
Audio—Projector for AM	Audio—Projector for AM
Brown & Townzen	Brown & Townzen
Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Fabian	Building Lock Up for AM & PM—Lindelof
Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Opening Prayer Bob Williams	Opening Prayer James Maxcey
Song Leader Greg Fabian	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion James Maxcey, Bobby Parker	Communion Russell Genaro, Daniel Brown
Closing Prayer Greg Fabian	Closing Prayer Greg Fabian

Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am
Morning Worship.....10 am
Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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DEACONS

*James Maxcey
Bobby Parker
Charlie Story
Bob Williams*

MINISTERS

*D.C. Brown Pulpit Minister
Zack Williams Youth Minister*

MISSIONARIES

*Benin, West Africa:
Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Gobé
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
Paul Kouagou - N'Dali
Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain*