

Tidings From Timothy

T He last Sunday of 2009. Has this year been what you envisioned almost 12 months ago? Probably not. Did you know that God was behind the events of 2009, and He will be running 2010 as well. I say that because sometimes we fail to mention His care and work for us even though deep down we know about it. I've said all of that to tell you about sermon this morning. The book of Esther says nothing about God directly, but much about his work among men in the background. If we can see how God worked among nations back then, maybe it will cause us to appreciate his unseen hand at work among man today.

Thanks: Words cannot express how good you all have been to us this holiday season. We thank you very much. My family is truly blessed and we know that we are loved and have many friends at Mt. Gilead. My heart is full of gratitude and I am still stunned after these years with your generosity each holiday season.

New Section: Teachers, let's get all our stuff set up as soon as possible, and I would like to advertise to the community that we are ready for business with our new classrooms and fellowship area. Let's get them to come in now and be taught God's word!

In Need of Prayer: Laura Key is to take two different medicines in order to battle the infection in her lungs. Virginia Smith and Lorraine Smith have both been feeling bad of late. Please keep those on the prayer list in mind and do what you can for them.

Are we going to have wings in heaven?

Our existence will be "as the angels", but it doesn't say we will be angels: Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?" ²⁵For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are

given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. (Mark 12:24-25). To be like them must mean that we will exist as spiritual beings. The point of the passage is that our existence will not be concerned with earthly relationships. I could add that no spiritual purpose would be served by physical wings in our resurrected form.

Besides this, no evidence exists that angels appeared with wings as a general rule. Other than the Cherubim of the book of Exodus, the idea of angels having wings or a halo is a modern belief. The main point is that there are many descriptions of Heaven in the Scripture. Heaven is a reunion: ¹⁹For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy. (1 Thess. 2:19,20). This passage suggests that Paul would rejoice at their redemption at Christ's coming. It is only natural to say that he would know these brethren and have a grand reunion with them. If this Scripture is not conclusive then just compare all the other places in the Bible where someone has died or is pictured as dead. They still have knowledge and remembrance, just a different kind of existence. Heaven is rest. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Rev. 14:13). Heaven is the best rest that you've experienced – only better. There are many other descriptions of what we will feel and be doing in Heaven. I encourage you to read the book of Revelation and read some of Jesus' promises give you a better "picture" of what we will be like in Heaven.

In a way, this question is like some other curiosity questions that people sometimes ask. Another example would be, "Will we know each other in Heaven?" Sometimes, it's good to look into them if we can find any Bible on it. By thinking about such things we get our mind focused on the blessings of God to come and how He will take care of us. That's the main thing to know – that He will always be there and will bless us forever.

--Tim McHenry--

What must I do?

- Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7
- Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16
- Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10
- Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

Jackie	Cloyd	12/29
Makayla	Emmert	12/30
Becky	Shaw	12/30
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Verses for the Lord's Supper:

Genesis 3:14-15 ¹⁴And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: ¹⁵And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

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 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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