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## David's Devotional Better Than Marriage

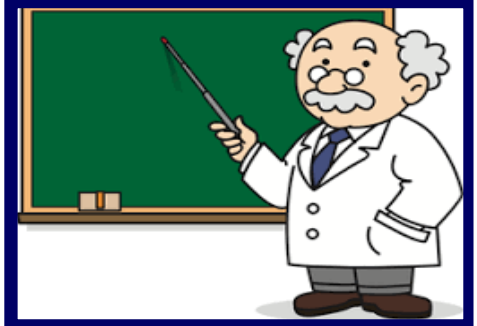
The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. To “*prove*” there is no resurrection, they had a “*scenario*” they always asked their opponents. The Law of Moses required a man to take his brother’s widow if the brother died without children. He was to raise children to preserve his brother’s name and heritage. The scenario offered by the Sadducees was of a woman who went through seven brothers never having children! The question was, “*In the resurrection whose wife would she be?*” This trick question made the concept of a resurrection look ridiculous. It always “*stumped*” their opponents!

Imagine their surprise when Jesus revealed a truth that rendered their scenario “*null & void*”! He said, “*The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage.*”

**Luke 20:34-35**

There is a difference between relationships in this world and heaven. Think of how beautiful the marriage relationship is! In the fellowship of marriage, there is a sharing of emotional intimacy and affection between two hearts! There is no relationship on earth that expresses this kind of “*oneness*”.

In Heaven this oneness is not shared by only two persons, it is shared by all the saved! The relationship that we will enjoy in Heaven supersedes the marriage relationship we experience on Earth! Can you imagine something that is greater than marriage? Neither can I .... But I believe it is waiting for us!



## An Interesting Quote:

**"Vanity asks the question: 'Is it popular?' But conscience asks the question: 'Is it right?'"**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."*

**Matthew 6:5-6**

Jesus understood the difference between being “*seen by men*” and being “*seen by God*”. Popularity is good if it is right, but right is good whether it is popular or not!

## Did You Know?

The earth has four hemispheres: Northern, Southern, Eastern, & Western. Africa is the only continent that can be found in all four hemispheres! Africa is the world's poorest and most underdeveloped continent, but of all the gold ever mined in history, half of it was mined from South Africa! Being bigger and having gold does not necessarily make things better!

## What Happened? Divide & Conquer!



David went to the **Freed-Hardeman Lectureship** with Don Lee from Liberty. We heard some great lessons!

Debra went to **CYC (Challenge Youth Conference)** with Jimmy & Amanda Moody and some of the young people from Liberty.



Debra celebrated her **60th Birthday** February 26th, 2024, by going to a **YOUTH Conference!**



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## Once Upon A Time ...

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"*  
**Ecclesiastes 3:1**



### Merthiolate & Alcohol

We six kids spent most of our time playing outside ... real hard!

Cuts were common. Mama had two medicines for those cuts. Merthiolate and Alcohol. Merthiolate was for the smaller wounds and didn't burn, but it left your skin orange. Rubbing Alcohol was for more serious wounds and burned like fire, but there was no stain. Whenever Mama would make her choice of which topical medicine to apply, we begged for Merthiolate. Better to look like you have the measles for days than to burn for a minute!

Mama's sister, Alice, had four kids. Whenever they visited we had plenty of players to play any game. Truman was their only boy. He was tough! You wanted to make sure he was on your team. One day he tripped near the rusty barbed wire fence that ran next to our yard. One of the barbs sank deeply into his hand, then sliced its way across. He calmly went to his daddy, Uncle Cecil, and said, *"I think it's to the bone."* I felt sorry for Truman as the entire family gathered around to comfort him. I felt even more sorry for him when Uncle Cecil asked Daddy if he had any rubbing Alcohol! We all knew this was no job for Merthiolate! I watched in horror as he liberally poured half a bottle of that clear liquid fire directly into Truman's wound. Truman only grimaced a bit and clenched his teeth. No screams. No tears. No passing out! I wondered if Truman was human!

I know Job was right when he described the suffering that humanity endures; *"But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn."*

**Job 14:22**

I wonder if he knew about rubbing alcohol!

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## Nothing New Under The Sun

The Red Rock Church of Christ is very dear to our hearts as are all the congregations that allowed us to work with them over the years.



The top picture above is the Old Red Rock church of Christ building. It stood in the middle of a wooded area where wagons transported people to worship.

The bottom picture is the New Red Rock church building that is the house of worship for the community today. It sits on the corner of two paved roads (Red Rock Road & Patrick Lane).

The new building is already old by many standards, but it will certainly be considered old in the next century if Jesus' coming is delayed.

What was new will become old as the old was once new.

There is nothing new *"under the sun"* (on this earth). Solomon was inspired to put it this way:

*"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us."* **Ecclesiastes 1:9-10**

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God has blessed us with so much. Our cell phones can talk to people on the other side of the world (and see them too!) The old phones couldn't do that. Yet this is not *"new"*. Communication has been around since God made mankind. Airplanes vs. Horseback? It's all transportation. There are different ways to do the same old things. Don't think Jesus is OLD FASHION or *"Out of Date"*. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*

**Hebrews 13:8.**

However, **Revelation 21:5** says, *"I make all things new."* This is God's promise to all who are not bound by worldly things and stuff *"under the sun"*!

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## A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher stopped to visit two brothers who owned a farm. He asked how they were doing. One of the brothers said, *"Not too good! We built this barn too low. When we put our mules in it, their ears touch the roof. We will have to tear the barn down and rebuild it."* The preacher said, *"Don't tear the barn down, just dig out the ground a few inches and lower the earth."* The preacher bid them a good day and went on his way.

One of the brothers looked at the other and said, *"That preacher thinks he knows everything! He don't understand it is their ears we are worried about, not their feet!"*

The preacher thought about **Ephesians 4:18** *"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:"* We may misunderstand things in this life, but let's not misunderstand things of God.