

The Word Will Endure

by Gil Rugh

A time capsule was buried at the 1939 World's Fair in New York. As you might imagine, a lot of thought went into choosing which items to include that would best represent life at that time in history.

Only one book was included in the capsule—the Bible! When asked why the Bible was included, a member of the committee said, “The Bible, of all books familiar to us today, will most likely survive through the ages. It will be a link between the past, the present, and the future.”

The capsule is to be opened in 5,000 years, in 6939—should the Lord tarry. I can't imagine what life will be like then. I don't know what life will be like in 50 years, let alone 5,000.

One thing I do know, however: God's Word will endure. Isaiah, the greatest of the Old Testament prophets, wrote: “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever” (Is. 40:8).

People have been trying to disprove the Word for centuries. One common idea is that “everyone has their own interpretation.” As if the infinite God was unable to communicate in a way that mere mortals could understand. That's an insult to the eternal God.

We are told “God spoke” more than 2,000 times in the Old Testament. God used human instruments with various writing styles to record His Word, but there is no doubt—Scripture has a divine Author.

Jeremiah wrote: “Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, ‘Behold, I have put My words in your mouth’” (Jer. 1:9).

The psalmist wrote: “Thy law is truth” (Psalm 119:142) and “The sum of Thy word is truth” (v. 160). The Bible can be summarized with one word: Truth. From beginning to end, it is eternal truth.

Part of the Bible is fulfilled, and we read it as historical fact. Part of it has yet to be fulfilled. How do we know God will keep His promises? Because He said He would. The psalmist wrote: “Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven” (v. 89).

Powerful empires have come and gone. All we do, everything we attain, our homes, cars and bank accounts will bloom and fade because “All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field” (Isaiah 40:6).

Religions, philosophies and psychologies will come and go, but the Word of our God will stand forever.

Family News

Wedding Invitation. Sara Mertens and Jesse Jones would like to invite you to their big day on January 10, 2014 at 2 p.m. We'd love to see you there.

Children's Studies

Sunday School. Our children studied Romans 12:1, 2 and learned about becoming a living sacrifice.

Children's Church. Our children studied Exodus 4, God ordains the Passover.

Information

Offering Envelopes are available next to Sound Words. They are individually labeled in alphabetical order and may be picked up at your convenience. If you don't have an offering envelope you can have one issued to you at Sound Words.

Prayer List. E-mail Rachel.Nuttleman@ihcc.org. to receive weekly prayer requests.

Titus Tuesday. Ladies, please join us for our "Welcome Back Lunch" on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. We will start at our usual time of 9:30 a.m. with Chris Thomas teaching on "A Holy Heart." Following is our soup luncheon and we conclude at our new time of 11:00 a.m. Child care is provided.

Creative Sewers will meet at on Tuesday, January 6 at noon to sew.

Home Bible Studies. If you are looking for a Home Bible Study, or are interested in hosting a study, contact Matt Sherman at 402-465-8030.

Needs

Van Drivers and Riders are needed to transport kids to church. If you are interested, please contact Ed McClure at 402-483-4541.

Teacher and Song Leader needed. Please contact Tom Price (mathmanprice@windstream.net) if you could fill this need.

This Week's Events

- Sun.** No Sunday Night Church
Building Closes at Noon
- Mon.** Sisters 7 p.m.
- Tues.** Titus Tuesday 9:30 a.m.
Mansion Builders 7-9 pm
- Wed.** Girls' Choir 5 p.m.
Orchestra 6-7:30 p.m.
Awana 6:45 p.m.
Jham 6:45 p.m.
Mansion Builders 7-9 pm
Issues . . . World 7 p.m.
- Thurs.** Alpha Omega Study 7 p.m.

Future Events

- 1/11** Girls of Grace Resumes 6 p.m.
Boys of Faith Resumes 6 p.m.
- 1/28** Choir Resumes
- 2/10** Brunch Break
- 2/27** Ladies Seminar
- 3/8** Daylight Savings Time
- 4/5** Easter



Ladies' Seminar

Friday evening,
February 27, 2015

Indian Hills
6:00-9:30 p.m.

Catered supper
by Julie Harper

Lessons from
Psalm 103
by Sheila Abresch

Registration in
south lobby
Sundays in February

We hope to see you there!

Last Week's Message

Dec. 28 AM. Gil Rugh. GRM
1131. The Return of Jesus Christ to
the Earth. Selected Verses



November Report

IHCC Booklets:
1,809 distributed

Audio Media Outreach

Sermon Audio:
1,405 downloads & streams

One Place:
1,809 downloads & streams

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Financial Advice for 2015

“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:20, 21).