



# Midway Messenger

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### IN THE RESURRECTION, WHOSE WIFE SHALL SHE BE?

Men's class discussed this interesting question last Monday evening.

This question was asked to Jesus by a group of Sadducees. This sect of Jews (along with the Pharisees, Zealots and Essenes) developed during the 400 years between the Old and the New Testaments. The Sadducees were strict materialists and did not believe in the resurrection or angels (Matt.22:23; Acts 23:7). They were often opposed to the work and teachings of Jesus.

They mentioned a situation with the question. A man (married, no children) died, then his brother married the widow, then that brother died, then the next brother assumed the responsibility and so on until all seven brothers did the same, and finally the wife dies (Matt.22:24-27). Their question: whose wife shall she be in the resurrection, for they all had her (Matt.22:28)? The situation involved instructions from the old law (Deut.25:5-9). Their question seems far-fetched, nonetheless, Jesus uses the occasion to teach important concepts.

Jesus responds to these men in several ways. First, he says, "you do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God" (Matt.22:39). Scripture teaches a lot about the power of God (e.g. creation, miraculous events such as crossing the red sea, etc.) and likely here, the Lord is focusing on the power of God which will be displayed on judgment day. Daniel 12:2 says, "Many who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life and some to everlasting shame and contempt"(cf. John 5:28,29; John 11:25). No wonder faith increases the more we read and study the Bible. Therein is where we learn about the power of God.

Then, the Lord says, "in the resurrection, they are neither married nor are given in marriage, but as are the angels in heaven" (Matt.22:30). He explains the nature of our bodies in the resurrection, that is, in the next life. Our bodies will be spiritual bodies (1 Cor.15:44,50), like unto Jesus' body (Phil.3:21). There will not be physical relationships or physical things in heaven, but we will be as the angels. This emphasis should motivate us to be spiritually minded (Rom.8:5,6; Phil.3:20) and set our affections on things above (Col.3:1-2). The things above involve primarily the presence of God, worshipping Him and serving Him forever in a place which doesn't have pain, crying or death (rev.21:4).

Finally, Jesus refers to an incident in the Old Testament, Exodus 3:6. This is the time God presented Himself to Moses from the burning bush and said, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." At that time, of course, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had passed from this life, but were still very much alive. The Lord comments, "God is not the God of the dead but of the living" (Matt.22:31-32), clearly teaching that we live on and on after life on earth is over.

Lessons from this occasion are many. We should honestly seek the truth and not be argumentative. Jesus is the master teacher and uses every occasion to teach the truth. Judgment day will be a great day and full of hope. Future resurrection of our bodies on that day is real. Life after death is what we are living for; this world is not our home. Since the future life will be entirely spiritual, we must not lay treasures up on earth (Matt.6:19-21). Our relationship with God takes priority over family members. We do not become angels in the next life, but will continue to be fellow servants with them as we work for our Creator forever and ever (Rev.22:9). --david

## November 3

Bible Study	126
A.M. Worship	182
P.M. Worship	98
Contribution	\$6,422

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am  
Worship 6:00pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00pm

### Remember these sick and shut-ins

- Roger Brooks is recovering from kidney surgery.
- Noel Counce is recovering from neck surgery.
- Alison James is recovering from a procedure.
- Benton Watson is at home after a stay in the hospital.
- Wayne Shelton has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Address....1004 Co Rd 325 Moulton, AL 35650.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS

We remember our veterans this week. God has truly blessed our nation through their service.

### ON-GOING PRAYER LIST

Continue to remember **Wilma Eady, Harold and Deborah Pirtle, Myron and Faye Dean Standridge, Corine Cahela, Luceal Meeks, Uel Hester, Lavona Cahoon**

## OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

**Anna Barker** - Online studies  
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**GREAT EFFORT APPRECIATED!** Sam and Tom led our soup and chili outreach effort yesterday. Much planning and work was put into this event. Lots of Biblical material was distributed. Thank you to all who were able to help.

**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE AND HELP!** New Antioch church of Christ invites us to join in their annual "Warm Coats for Winter" Giveaway. The giveaway will be Saturday, Dec.7. They asked our donations to be brought to the Midway church building by Sunday, December 1st. Brother Becker will come and pick up the donations on Monday, Dec.2nd.

**WELCOME TO DON WILLIAMS!** Brother Don directs the children's home in Killen (NACCH). He will bring us up to date on the work and present a Biblical lesson during the worship hour this morning. We are thankful for the various opportunities to help in this work.

**"WHY DO YOU STAND GAZING UP INTO HEAVEN?"** Men's class plans to study and discuss this important question tomorrow evening, at 6:30. All are most welcomed to come.

**REJOICE! REJOICE!** We are grateful for the decisions of Kortney Weaver and Dale Weaver as they both were baptized into Christ Thursday afternoon. We appreciate their study and humility to take Jesus at His word and follow Him. Their family includes Gracie (age 7), Zoey (age 7), Raelyn (age 4) and Willow (2 months). Address is: 266 Johnson Chapel Road, Danville, Al. 35619. Phone numbers: Dale – 256-751-7685. Kortney – 256-751-7998.

**A SAD NOTE:** Tim Wilkes Sr. passed from this life this past Wednesday morning. He lives near Hernando, Mississippi and worshipped with the Coldwater church of Christ. Brother Wilkes was the current director of the Fishers of Men program, an evangelism tool which has blessed and enriched the lives of thousands. He made several mission trips to Syktyvkar, Russia and was instrumental in getting the fishers of men material translated for use in Russia. Please pray for this family and for the Fishers of Men program.

**TO RUSSIA:** Larry and Kay left for Syktyvkar, Russia Thursday. It will be a two week trip, focusing on the future of the preacher training school and encouraging the church as well. We pray for their efforts and for a safe return.

### Anniversaries & Birthdays

Nov 11 - (B) Anita Peebles  
Nov 11 - (B) Bryant Addison  
Nov 11 - (B) David Barker  
Nov 12 - (A) Stanley & Melinda Allen  
Nov 14 - (B) Todd Grimes  
Nov 18 - (B) Tyson Liles



### DORCAS: A LADY OF GOOD WORKS

The DORCAS ladies are in need of new or gently used items for the Christmas Store at NHC nursing home. The residents are able select items for free to have for themselves, or share with someone. It is a true blessing for all who participate.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Today**, Teen hiking trip following morning worship.
- **November 17th**,
  - ◇ NHC service, 2pm.
  - ◇ Ladies Day planning session in teen room, 5pm.
- **November 24th**,
  - ◇ Elders meeting, 5pm.
  - ◇ Youth Devo for All ages, hosted by Ken & Bertha, in the Fellowship Hall following evening worship.
  - ◇ Money for CYC tee shirts is due to Jennifer Addison. Signup sheet for the shirts is on the table in the back.
- **December 1st**, Money for CYC is due to Matt Addison.