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The grass
withereh
and the *fadeth*
flower
but the word of our God
shall stand
Isaiah 40:8 *forever.*

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From the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Floyd Scott

THE SUDDEN COMING OF THE LORD...

As things of this world seem to be closing in on us, we to begin to think more and more on this topic. We have many examples in the scripture that talk about it. We may also have thoughts on what this means to us. However, there is no definite or direct answer as we understand it. When the Apostle Paul wrote his first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he wrote these words found in the 4th Chapter verses 13-18. It says *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with a voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."*

As the Apostle Paul continued in Chapter 5, he said we're just going to have to be patient while we look for His coming. But that does not mean we sit back and do nothing. In verse 9-10 and 14-15, it says *"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men."*

How are we to accomplish this great task? Rejoice!

- Philippians 4:4 - *"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again, I say, Rejoice."*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 - *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing."*
- Ephesians 6:18 - *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - *"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*
- Ephesians 5:20 - *"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19 - *"Quench not the Spirit."*
- Ephesians 4:30 - *"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:20-24 - *"Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*
- 1 Thessalonians 2:12 - *"That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."*
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 - *"But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."*

May you put God first in your life and keep His word ever before you.

Until next time...

Floyd

The Word of God Stands Forever...

*The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

Psalms 33:11

<https://abs.g.adventist.org>

For many people, the Bible is meaningless because it's old, it was written by a hand full of people (the Jews) and the world is just too different from the days in which the Book was written. As a Christian, we do not believe any of those reasons. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, the Creator, and He is speaking to us through it. We believe that God reveals himself to us through the Bible. Additionally, the Bible is meaningful today because the very plans of God, such as salvation, are made known in it.

Sure, times change. God is fully aware of that. So much so that His Word tells us to remember that there's nothing new under the sun! [Ecclesiastes 1:9] Attitudes change and people change and we can all agree that change is a fact of life. We can see it all around us. Thankfully, God Himself and His purpose for us remain the same. The biggest reason we can agree the Bible is meaningful is because it reveals to us the truth of Jesus dying on the cross and rising from the grave. Regardless of how old the Bible is or who wrote it or when it was written, the truth of gospel is shared through the Bible and it's message is timeless.



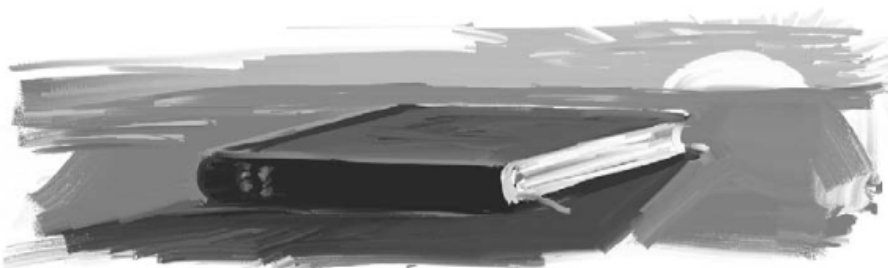
Although human promises are often broken, God always keeps His promises. We are assured the Word of God will last forever because God's promises never fail. What are His promises? God promised us everlasting life [John 3:15], answers to prayers [Matthew 7:7], unlimited blessings [Mark 9:23], removal of the things that block our path [Luke 17:6], spiritual fullness [John 6:35], salvation [Romans 1:16], help in overcoming temptation [Hebrews 2:18], and victory [James 4:7]. Throughout history, people have made prophecies that the Bible would fade away and become nothing more than a very interesting historical book.

Satan has even tried to destroy the Bible through science and philosophy yet millions and millions of people believe in the Bible and believe it to be the Word of God. Yet in early nineteenth century, the Bible was available in just 68 languages but is now available in no less than 405 languages. The New Testament has been translated into over 1,304 languages.

So, God's Word continues, now and forever. The question is, What has the Bible done in our lives? The Word of God can be on our shelves, desk and even committed to memory, but it needs to be in our hearts.

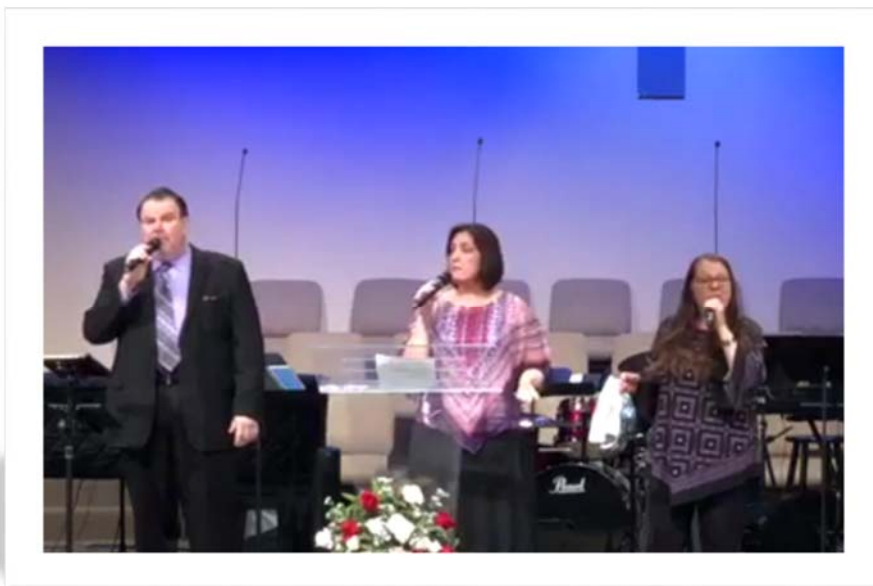
Blessings to you all...

By: Christine Scott



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***Be of good
courage, and he
shall strengthen
your heart, all ye
that hope in
the Lord.***

Psalm 31:24

APPOINTED BY GRACE at University Baptist
for the February Concert! Great job!



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By: Fay Gassner

Effective March 1, 2019, all Artists will be responsible for providing their own sound equipment. Denny Fisher has retired and may or may not be available. If an Artist does not own sound equipment and need assistance, they must contact Floyd Scott at least 30 days prior to the event so arrangements can be made. The Board appreciates your understanding and we are looking forward to another great year of concerts.

Of course, be sure to mark your calendars and attend the 2019 Convention on Saturday, April 27th. The Convention Registration form will be emailed this month so be sure to complete it and return it by March 31st so we know who will attend the luncheon and plans to sing!



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Save
the
Date

4.27.19
STGMA
Convention
at Live Oak Baptist

The Board and Officers of STGMA invite you to attend the
South Texas Gospel Music Association, Inc. Annual Convention and Banquet
Live Oak Baptist Church at 11560 Toepperwein Road – Live Oak, TX 78233
on **Saturday, April 27th with the Annual General Meeting starting at 10:00 am.**

The cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00 per person. Any members wishing to sing must be in good standing.
Name tags will be available at the STGMA table for all persons reflected on the registration form.

**The Convention Registration Form containing more information about the event will be emailed
3/1/19. Let Christine know if you don't get one!! Please return it by March 31, 2019! Let's make this
our best... STGMA's 20th Anniversary "Spectacular" Convention!**



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*But they that
wait upon the
Lord shall renew
their strength;
they shall
mount up with
wings as
eagles; they
shall run, and
not be weary;
and they shall
walk, and not
faint.*

Isaiah 40:31



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