

exist in this material Universe, God existed. When Moses was told by the Lord to let the children of Israel know His name, He said, "...unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." This means that God is always in the present tense; there is no future with Him, and no past. The terms / concepts "future" and "past" pertain to God's dealings with His creation, not with Him. Incomprehensible when you think about it.

"A" stands for ASSURANCE.

We all need peace of mind. If we feel as if we are walking on a razor's edge, falling to one side or the other if one is not careful, we end up cutting ourselves instead. Where is the peace of mind in that? In Hebrews 11:1, the Scripture reads, "Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."

"T" stands for a TRIAL we all face.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him" (James 1:12). Since the Lord does not tempt anyone (1:13), how can each resist the temptations that come to us? Solomon knew well the answer to this: "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart and lean not upon thine own understanding: In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he will direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). Let us put our TRUST in Him and not on our own approach.

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**MEAFORD MESSAGES
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A Chalkboard Lesson

On the blackboard in the classroom adjacent to the foyer hallway was this writing: "God isn't good, He's GREAT!!" Clearly the expression is to elevate the Lord to the highest of the highs. If "good" is high, then "great" is even higher. At least, that is the way most will understand it in this context ("good" is actually a term that appropriately applies to God; it is the highest standard of measurement, since He is the essences of that which is good).

In what ways is God great? Consider:

"G" stands for that which is GOOD.

When Jesus was approached by the young ruler, this dialogue ensued: "And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, even God" (Luke 18:18-19). When the Lord said this to the young ruler, He was not dismissing the term that was applied to Him, but His challenge to the wealthy young man to understand just what he ascribed to Jesus: he was calling Jesus God with this adjective "good."

"R" stands for His plan of REDEMPTION.

It was the Lord Jesus who made the point, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). In Luke 21:28, we read "But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh."

"E" stands for God's ETERNAL nature.

Reflect on this a moment. There has never been a time when God did not exist. More than that, even before time began to

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARING & SHARING

Continue to remember Gord Cramp, Jean Cramp, Joyce Franklin, Jean Gonder, Fern Park, Isabel Petch, June White and Edythe Williams.

SPEAKER THIS MORNING

Roy Williams will be bringing us the lesson this morning.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Please join us for our Wednesday shuffleboard and Bible study. First shuffleboard at 12:30 followed by a social time (drinks and snacks) at 1:30, then Bible Study at 2 pm.

TRUSTEES MEETING

The next trustees meeting will be Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM. If you have anything you would like brought up at the meeting please let Dave Ellis know before the meeting.

SATURDAY MORNING GET TOGETHER

There will be a get together Saturday, March 18 at 8:30 AM. We will have breakfast together and then a speaker. Please make plans to join us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joyce Franklin (5) Curtis Boyd (10)



**Friday morning 8:30 am –
Vision TV**

Rogers cable 21

Bell 64

Star Choice 394

Sunday 2:00 pm – Joy TV

Rogers 173

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THANK YOU

To my church family, I wish to express my gratitude for the prayers and cards I have received since my fall. Thank you also for the flowers I was gifted while I was in Smithville. Your caring is appreciated.

~ Joyce Franklin

A South Dakota rancher and his bride received a nice Bible as a wedding gift from his grandfather. They wrote a thank you note and stowed the Bible in a closet. The grandfather asked every so often how they liked it. Eventually, they became curious, dug it out, and leafed through it. They found 66 twenty-dollar bills—one in each book. The grandfather left \$1320 in monetary treasure to be discovered, but God has left inestimable eternal spiritual riches (story adapted from Kathleen Norris. *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*). Understanding the Bible takes effort (2 Timothy 2:15), but its treasures are worth the investment.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Week 10: March 6 — March 11 — **Steadfastness**

- 5) Proverbs 3:3-4
- 6) Proverbs 19:21-23
- 7) James 1:3-8
- 8) James 1:9-12
- 9) James 5:7-12
- 10) Psalm 57:1-6
- 11) Psalm 57:7-11

Questions to consider:

1. Examine your beliefs. Are you being led astray by any beliefs that contradict God's Word?
2. Examine your lifestyle. Are there any words, actions, or attitudes in your life that contradict what you just learned?
3. What steps are you going to take to grow in what you just learned?