



"The Del-Haven Vision"

"Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

Newsletter of Camp Del-Haven

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"The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether" "My soul breaks with longing for your judgments at all times" "I remembered your judgments of old O' Lord and have comforted myself" "I know, O' Lord, that your judgments are right, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me." Ps.19:9; 119:20, 52, 75.

These three scriptural selections that are referenced in this particular order serve to provide us with some very edifying information about the judgments of the Lord.

The judgments of the Lord, whether favorable or unfavorable, are those particular parts of His omnipotent providence that we have no choice but to submit to, for with them we must live, move and have our being. As far as the first noted text is concerned, the Psalmist can only describe them as being altogether *"true and righteous"*, but he cannot change them. They are not his judgments, but God's.

The fact that they are described as being *"righteous judgments"* merits our deepest and most attentive meditations. It is most acutely accurate to conclude from this truth that God's righteous judgments are never wrong judgments -- in fact, they cannot ever be wrong judgments. The fact that the judgments of God are *righteous* must mean that, ultimately, they are executed by God into our reality in perfect accord with the ruling principles by which He, in His holy sovereignty, reigns over us. Hence, for the true believer, all things that happen in this world -- whether good or bad -- work out by God's sovereignty for their good. Praise His Name! This truth is made obvious by the message of the last noted text that we have listed above.

Although what we have noted so far concerning even the adverse circumstances of God's overruling judgments is true, we are still very much encouraged from His word to seek from Him His most favorable judgments in our circumstances. This is, no doubt, why the Psalmist says that his *"soul breaks for longing at all times"* for God's judgments. His soul certainly does not break for longing at all times for God's unfavorable, afflictive judgments. This has to mean that he longs from the Lord the circumstances of His most favorable judgments over his life, as we all most assuredly do. In fact, dear ones, it is in the earnestness of this inner-longing that there is revealed to us a measure by which we may gauge our spiritual growth in the ongoing development of our relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The more we come to know Him as He leads us on our journey through this world, over and over again, delivering us from the enemy of our souls, the more we learn what a helpless sinner we are and what a gloriously great Savior and Lord He is.

This is certainly that which produces the experience of remembering all the many testimonies of the judgments of the Lord in our past, and, in doing that, we are able to comfort ourselves in the all prevailing truth that He is, indeed, worthy of all our confidence and trust. For through it all, we do not walk by sight, but by faith. Amen.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

Swimming Pool Project is Completed

Well, my fellow warriors for Christ, answers to our prayers are being realized all around us. Thanks to the Lord, and the construction skills of board members Jeremy Kixmiller and Andy Morton, we now have a completely renovated swimming pool. It looks simply beautiful! The Lord sent us many a helping hand throughout the different phases of completing this project, and we praise Him for moving upon each one that had a hand in helping us reach this goal.



Renovations on the Lake Have Begun

Also, we had another milestone event occur in the history of Del-Haven. On April 30th, the company that we have contracted with to renovate our lake breached the dam, and the lake has been drained. For years we have asked you to pray with us for this major project to get under way...and now it has come to pass! The Lord first sent to us the men to fix the lake on the same Saturday workday that a group of men from Red Bridge Baptist Church showed up to help us kick-off the pool repair job. In addition, the same company that is fixing the lake can, at the same time, lay the new water lines that we desperately need as well. Therefore, Lord willing, we will, for all practical purposes, this year have a brand new pool, lake and water lines! How wonderful our Lord and Savior truly is! Please continue to pray with us through the total completion of these awesome tasks.



Prayer Requests

Dear friends, it is indeed exciting to see the testimony of the leading of the Lord in all of these much needed maintenance projects and external improvements. But, we must not ever forget the ultimate purpose for these camp facilities. This place has been entrusted to us -- for us to maintain -- in order for it to be used to proclaim the soul saving, life changing gospel of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have just recently sent out our application/invitations to the hundreds of children on our list of camper possibilities. Let us permeate this mailing with our prayers for God's grace in sending to us all those He has chose to come to camp and hear the gospel.

Annual Bible Conference Scheduled for June

Also, please do not forget to pray for our up and coming Glory of Christ Bible Conference. It is scheduled for June 14-16. It will be held at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, 6820 E. Truman Rd. in Kansas City, MO. Our website has more complete information about the conference, and you can even printout fliers that can be used as church bulletin inserts in order to help us get the word out about this event.

“How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!”