

There's A Time To "Stand Still"

By Mike Riley

According to the Ecclesiastes writer, there is a proper time for everything (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). There is also a time to move and a time to "stand still." The Israelites moved out of Egypt, as far as the Red Sea, only to become frightened when it appeared Pharaoh's army would overcome them. They murmured, and would have turned back, but Moses said:

"Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today" (Exodus 14:13).

Before we panic and give up the spiritual fight in fear of our enemy (1 Peter 5:8), we need to "stand still" and consider the strength of God, i.e., *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* (Romans 8:31). Samuel once said to God's people: *"Now therefore, stand still, that I may reason with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous acts of the Lord which He did to you and your fathers"* (1 Samuel 12:7).

At this point in time, the Israelites were wanting a King like the nations around them. The prophet used yet another measure when he said: *"Stand still and see this great thing that the Lord will do before your eyes"* 1 Samuel 12:16 ESV. Having reminded them of God's goodness, he then warned them of the severity of His wrath which He renders upon the evil (1 Samuel 12:17-19).

In today's society, many folks (including the Lord's people) may "stand still" to hear about God's goodness, but there are few who will "listen" to His equally important warnings of coming judgment (cf. Acts 17:29-31; Romans 2:1-9; Romans 11:20-22; 1 Corinthians 10:1-12).

Moses answered questions about the service of God by saying: "Stand still, that I may hear what the Lord will command concerning you" (Numbers 9:8). If the Lord's people today had this attitude, we could learn the truth about scriptural worship, church organization, the work of the church, and all other biblical questions of our day. But we squirm, twitch and will not "stand still" to hear the word of the Lord.



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Ed Haltom

Sermon- Don DeLukie

February 11th

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Chuck Boyer

Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** John Chisley

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be scheduled when Don has enough questions. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

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DEEP WATERS,
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YOU WILL NOT DROWN.

>>> — ISAIAH 43:2 — <<<

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Please Pray For:

Rick Cook, Brad Farrington, Billy Granger, Mitch Vidrine, Chuck Boyer, Louvenia Dickson, Ronnie Charrier, Barbara Wheeler, Joyce McDonald, Emmitt McDaniel, Misty Bible, Evertt Frost, Bobby Wanderish, Jimmy Binford, Lynn Urban, Kathrine Simmons, Katy Harris, Dan Ross Jr.

Bereaved: Families of Lorene Johnson, Margie Smith, Rose Lester, Gail Sewell, and Debbie Love Brugman.

Continue to Pray For:

Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Dwain & Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Ronnie Tatum, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



February birthdays

- 1 - Jay Anthony McDaniel
- 8 - Ed Haltom
- 9 - Lottie Dickson
- 13 - Alex Townsend
- 15 - William (Ronnie) White
- 22 - Sybil Binford
- 28 - Danny Silmon

February Anniversaries

- 22 - Jacob & Kara Freeman
- 29 - Chuck & Shannon Boyer

