God's throne revealed in Bible as place of glory, mercy, judgment

The Bible tells us a lot about the throne of God.

In the sixth chapter of Isaiah, our infinitely holy God appears dramatically, exalted upon his throne of glory (see also the fourth chapter of Revelation). In the fifth chapter of Revelation, his throne is also one of supreme authority, for he alone is worthy to open the scroll. Romans 14:10, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10, all declare that Christians will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive eternal rewards to be enjoyed in heaven.

The 20th chapter of Revelation, on the other hand, reveals a terrifying Great White Throne judgment where all those who died in their sins, having not trusted Jesus as their Savior, will be condemned forever. So God's throne is one of glory, authority and judgment. Meanwhile, Christians are in-

vited, in Hebrews 4:16 to "come boldly before the throne of grace" to receive "grace to help in time

Unfortunately, according to Isaiah 14:12-15, Lucifer, God's highest created being, coveted God's throne of glory (he wanted to be salvation.

Among Students in American Ju-

nior Colleges will include the

names of 18 students from Colby

Community College who have

been selected as national out-

Campus nominating commit-

tees and editors of the annual di-

rectory have included the names

of these students based on their

academic achievement, service to

the community, leadership in ex-

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College students honored



Peyton

• From the Pulpit

worshipped), his throne of authority (he wanted to rule over everything) and his throne of judgment (he wanted to condemn mankind, whom he hates). For that, Lucifer, along with a third of the angels who joined him in rebellion, was cast out of heaven, and became the devil – also known as Satan. In the Garden of Eden, Satan,

in the guise of a beautiful serpent, convinced Eve that if she would defy God's one command to her and Adam and eat the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, she would herself become "as God" (Genesis 3). She ate, as did Adam, and all of mankind was plunged into sin and condemnation (Romans 5). Since then, every person born into this world (except Jesus Christ) is born a sinner in desperate need of

and several foreign nations.

mum grade average of 3.0.

Outstanding students

Students selected for the honor

must be a sophomore with a mini-

been honored in the annual direc-

tory since it was first published in

Students named this year from

Colby Community College in-

clude McKayla Albertson, Selden;

Megan Alcala, Montezuma;

Dryden Baumfalk, Colby; Kyle

Berkgren, Oakley; John Clarke,

Ness City; Lindsey Estes, Marien-

thal; Taylor Gibson, Marysville;

Stephanie Hornbaker, Holcomb;

Chelsea Jonte, Tescott; Matthew

Lambert, Colby; Rachel Myers,

Colby; Bailey Pfortmiller, Nato-

ma; Andrea Roeder, Goodland;

Michaela Simmelink, Colby;

Cheyanne Sowers, Oakley; Anna

Taylor, Colby; Kaycee Williams,

Colby; and Ashley Archer, Good-

It is that old sinful nature within

stant battle within each Christian

between our old and new natures

in a physical glorified body,

and he is now seated on his

throne at the right hand of God

the Father in heaven, making in-

tercession for all who have been

saved by faith in Him (Romans 8,

Every person who humbly rec-

ognizes his sinfulness and turns

from sin, trusting Jesus Christ to

save him through his sacrificial

death on the cross and his bodily

resurrection from the dead, is then

Hebrews 7, 1 John 2).

left his exalted throne in covet God's throne. We want to heaven to be born in human sit upon his throne of glory. Who flesh in order to be nailed doesn't secretly want to receive to the cross as the perfect credit for good things done in orsacrifice for our sins (Phider to be admired? We want to usurp his throne of lippians 2). God the father raised his son from the dead

authority. Who doesn't want to be boss - we even want to tell God what to do. We want to sit on his throne of

judgment, condemning anyone who has hurt us, or who has failed morally. The only real solution to this is

to remember his amazing grace to us – the sinless Son of God dying on the cross for our sins – and to yield our bodies, minds and wills to the king of kings and lord of lords, Jesus Christ (Romans 12). Let him take his rightful place

saved from condemnation and born spiritually into God's family. on the throne of your life and live his resurrection life in and through The individual receives a new nature at that moment as God's you. Then some day, when you receive your heavenly rewards, you Holy Spirit enters into him (Colossians 3). Unfortunately, our old will cast your crowns at the feet sinful nature also stays with us of him who sits enthroned before until we die, so that there is a conyou in heaven (Revelation 4).

> Tom Peyton is pastor of the Mingo Bible Church. He may be reached at 462-2992.

Freeman demonstrated how to

balance your checkbook. Koon

announced members would play

"Cluck Cluck Goose" for rec-

reation. Ziegelmeier announced

and the meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served by the

Quotes as of close of

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Gerstner led the 4-H pledge

- Cassie Wells, reporter

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next month's program.

Markets

Wheat (bushel)

Milo (hundredweight)

Soybeans (bushel)

Corn (bushel)

Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club

The Abilene Hustlers 4-H Club met Monday at the Thomas County 4-H building for the annual parent's night meeting. Parents serving as club officers were: Lynette Koon, president, Tamra Ziegelmeier, vice president, Jay Todd, secretary, and Diane Gerstner, treasurer. Mark Bartlett led the flag salute and roll call was answered by 4-H member's favorite month. Eighteen members along with parents, leaders and guest Floy Harrison from Sublette attended.

singing "You Are My Sunshine." Vice President Cassie Wells gave the reporters report, and Gerstner gave the treasurer's report and said the 4-H Council has request-

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(Galatians 5).

Daniel Freeman led the club in ed more project leaders.

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THANK YOU

Words cannot express our gratitude for the strength and support you've given our family since Rick's unexpected death. Your cards, phone calls, food, flowers and memorial gifts have been greatly appreciated, and your friendships and kindness will always be remembered.

> The family of Rick L. Shea

Deaths

Scott William Shrout

Scott William Shrout, 32, Colby, died suddenly Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at his home in Colby.

He was born April 25, 1980, in Hays, the son of Ted and Elizabeth Ann (Sullivan) Shrout. Following a house fire in Great Bend when he was 4 years old, he was raised by his maternal grandmother, Anna (Thompson) Sullivan. A graduate of the Bird City High School, he studied computer science at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

In May 2011, he married Taresa

Survivors include his wife, of the home; his grandmother, of Colby; and a son, Zandler Shrout. and stepson, Landen Capps, both of Colby.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at the College Drive Assembly of God in Colby, with Pastor Steve Todd officiating.

The family suggests memorials for the boys' college fund in care of the church, 245 W. College Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be sent to cdag@st-tel.net.

Power scam threatens

Midwest Energy wants customers throughout central and western Kansas to be aware of a scam in Ulysses has also had a scam, where criminals call or show up to homes and businesses, threatening to cut off service unless immediate payment is made or transferred

The week of Jan. 20, a business owner in Havs received a call from a man, who said he was from "the electric company," saying the customer's account was past due, and that he would disconnect service if the owner didn't make over the phone, or on weekends," an immediate payment by wire transfer. The owner said his wife handled the bills, and asked for a number where she could call back.

The owner's wife dialed and spoke to a female, who repeated the request for payment by wire. Still suspicious, the owner's wife hung up and called Midwest Energy, which verified her account was current, and that the company does not accept wire transfers for payment. Midwest Energy advised the customer to make a report with the Hays Police Department.

Similar scams have been noted recently at other electric cooperatives in western Kansas

"Pioneer Electric Cooperative but in their version, their custom-

ers have had a person show up on the doorstep, demanding \$100 or threatening disconnection," said Shana Read, Communications Director for Kansas Electric Cooperatives in Topeka. "Victory Electric in Dodge City has had similar scams targeting Hispanic customers there."

"We never disconnect service said Michael Sadeghi, Midwest Energy's Director of Customer Service. "If you're ever in doubt whether a person at your home or business works for Midwest Energy, or if someone calls pretending to be with Midwest Energy, please call us at (800) 222-3121.

Corrections

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Housing has always played an important role in the Economic Recovery. The revival of housing is essential for sustained economic growth. The national housing market is getting better and recovery is promising.

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I am optimistic and share with potential buyers that this is just a short term problem, and like all things in time...there will be a healthy balance achieved. I do know this is a definite "sellers" market and one that may be hopefully short-lived as there is a return to a balanced housing market. "an agent outselling"

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tor James Bloom, Sunday Morning Worship and Children's a.m.; Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. Church 10:15 a.m., Wednesday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer 6:30 p.m. 785-671-4020.

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services are available at the church website colbypres.org. THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Joan Dingwerth,

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