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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Jesus, the Only Way to Heaven"

By Pastor Terry Laughlin, CrossRoads Church, Norton

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going — I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:1-4, 6)

The Holy Scriptures teach clearly that heaven is a real place, a permanent place, a personal place, a holy place, a place only for the born again and a place of reunion. Jesus proclaims that He alone is the way to heaven.

The Holy Spirit moved the apostle Peter in his discourse about salvation to the Sanhedrin (the religious leaders of his day) to boldly proclaim, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). There was no compromise or accommodation in Peter's preaching. In this anointed declaration, Peter wholly commits to Christ the unique status of being the one and only Savior. Peter and the other apostles never watered down the fact that apart from Jesus there is no salvation for anyone.

From the earliest beginnings of His earthly existence, Jesus was proclaimed to be the Savior. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him that the child conceived in Mary was from

the Holy Spirit. He also told Joseph, "She [Mary] will give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21). (The name "Jesus" comes from the Greek form of "Joshua" which means "Yah-

weh [the Lord] saves.") Some may say that Jesus is a dogmatic and narrow-minded teacher when He says, "I am the way and the truth and the life." As Truth embodied however, the Lord alone can reveal truth to His people and unbelievers alike.

He is our guide to living an abundant and fruitful life. His promise to the disciples who followed Him was that they should know the truth, and by the truth should be set free (John 8:32). When the crisis of His ministry and the hour of His sacrifice arrived, he summed up the whole purpose of His mission in the declaration that He had come into the world in order to "testify to the truth" (John 18:37). Jesus' own declaration is, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies." (John 11:25).

Jesus is serious when He says, "No one comes to the Father except through Me." No one is able to go to God and enjoy Him as their "Father who is in heaven" apart from having Christ as High Priest, Advocate, and Mediator of their lives. Unrepentant sinners will face God as Judge, but they will never enjoy the benefits that are available to the children of God, such as eternal salvation, regeneration, and sanctification.

Jesus gives an allegory to particularly represent His ministry that could be named "The Shepherd and His Flock." In this parable Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep — whoever enters through Me will be saved — I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me." (John 10:7-8, 14). The Lord uses the word "know" (Greek ginosko) which refers to a relationship of trust and intimacy.

Do you know the Christ who is the only way into heaven? Does He know you?

Recommended Reading



The amount of knowledge to be gained from reading the Bible is immeasurable. There is so much to discover that a lifetime is scarcely enough to comprehend its beauty and mystery.

God's Book addresses itself to the cares of real life. In its pages, words of wisdom can guide us through our challenges. Poetry and stories will open our heart and touch our soul.

In our lives we struggle toward perfection, an unattainable goal. In chapter, verse and psalm we find peace. Imperfections are tolerable, problems go away. Nothing seems too difficult. As God speaks to us through His Word we resolve to love and forgive again.

The Bible is the greatest book you'll ever read! Attend your house of worship this and every week and get the most from God's Word.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Matthew 24.29-51	Matthew 25.1-30	Matthew 25.31-46	Romans 1.1-17	Mark 1.1-8	Jeremiah 33.14-26	Zechariah 9.9-17

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR AMENDING THE 2007 BUDGET

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Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2007 Budget
The governing body of City of Norton will meet on the 19th day of December, 2007 at 5:45 p.m. at 301 E. Washington St., for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the City Office, 301 E. Washington St., and will be available at this hearing.

Fund	2007 Adopted Budget			2007 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures	
General	30.79%	336,512	1,322,398	1,422,398
Fire Insurance Proceeds	-	0	5,000	10,000

Darla R. Ellis
Signature

Matter of Estate of Helen McMullen

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

Case No. 2007-PR-46
In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN MCMULLEN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND FOR NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 26, 2007, a petition was filed in this Court by Larry McMullen and Terrance McMullen, an heir, devisee, legatee and named executors of the Last Will and Testament of Helen McMullen dated April 11, 2001, praying that the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record, that they be appointed as executors without bond, and that they be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 27, 2007 at 3:30 p.m., with this Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Larry McMullen and Terrance McMullen, Petitioners

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JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Wilfahrt

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 07CV10
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Jared L. Wilfahrt, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Norton, Norton County, Kansas, on December 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., the following real estate:

Lot Three (3) and the East Half (E1/2) of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Chesbro's Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas; and a tract of land

commencing Twenty (20) feet West of the Northeast corner (NE/c) of Lot Four (4), Block One (1), Chesbro's Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas thence South Forty (40) feet, thence West One (1) foot, thence North Forty (40) feet, thence East One (1) foot to the place of beginning, commonly known as 329 W. Lincoln Street, Norton, KS 67654 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com.

Troy Thomson, Sheriff Norton County, Kansas South & Associates, P.C. Joe Baca (KS #21707) 8621 E. 21st Street N., Suite 170 Wichita, Kansas 67206 (316) 684-7733 (316) 684-7766 (Fax) Attorneys For Plaintiff (72308)

Estate of Joseph E. Peterson

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

Case No. 2007-PR-19
In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH E. PETERSON, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by R. Douglas Sebelius, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Joseph E. Peterson, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled hereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered

paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that R. Douglas Sebelius be released from further liability.

YOUR ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 19th day of December, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

R. Douglas Sebelius, Executor

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