

# The Oologah Informer

## September 1st, 2013

### HELL IS NOT FOR HEROES

By Jim O'Connor

Some years ago I saw a movie called "Hell Is For Heroes". It was a war movie, using the term "hell" as a description of the suffering endured by those involved in the fighting. It is common for people to view the suffering of this world as hell. In fact, many view the suffering of this life as the only hell in store for humanity. This, of course, is not true. The Biblical view of hell is that it is a place of damnation beyond the grave (John 5:29); a place of conscious torment from which there is no escape (Luke 16:31). It is an everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46) that is prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41), and meted out to the unfaithful (Matthew 25:51), the unprofitable (Matthew 25:30), the uncaring (Matthew 25:45), the immoral (I Corinthians 6:9-10), the unforgiving (Matthew 19:35), the hypocrite (Luke 20:46-47), the disobedient (2 Thessalonians 1:8), those who fall away (Hebrews 6:4-8), and those not found written in the book of life (Revelation 20:15).

It is obvious from this list that some do overlap, and that some are synonymous. It is also noted that the list is not complete. What is most obvious of all is that hell is not for heroes, but for LOSERS! It is for all who are too cowardly to suffer a little for an eternal cause, so weak they can't stand up for what is right, so selfish they can't see the needs of others, so blind that they can't (or won't) acknowledge truth, and so gullible that they'll swallow anything Satan suggests. This is not, I repeat, NOT a list of winners. IT IS A LIST OF LOSERS!

Heaven is for heroes (Hebrews 11) because heaven is for winners - winners in the battle of truth against error, right against wrong, righteousness against wickedness, and hope against hopelessness. Is heaven for you? Will you be a winner, or a loser? God respected you enough to grant you free moral agency. In so doing, He also gave you responsibility. Choose right.

#### The All-Seeing Eye

Solomon declares, "For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah; And he maketh level all his paths" (Pro. 5:21). Solomon encourages his readers to hold on to chaste behavior in light of the fact that God is always watching. The Hebrew writer proclaimed, "And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). Jeremiah asked a very soul searching question, "Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith Jehovah" (Jer. 23:24). There is an old gospel hymn which speaks of the "All Seeing Eye" watching our every step. This song and these verses mentioned ought to make us tremble at the very thought of an "All Seeing Eye" - Almighty God!

The thought of the "All Seeing Eye" has its foundation in the omniscience and omnipresence of God, that is, there is nothing that God does not know and no place where He is not. Some seem to think they can hide from God, as did Adam

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#### Service Times

##### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

##### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

#### Preacher:

Russ Earl

#### AM Sermon:

What does the Bible say about the end times? (John 14:3)

#### PM Sermon:

Do not be envious of evil men  
(Proverbs 24:1-2)

#### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job - R. Earl

#### Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

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and Eve (Gen. 3:8), but they were badly mistaken. John said the Lord "is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things" (1 Jn. 3:20).

We know there is nothing too small to catch the attention of God, and we know that "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:14). Should we not ask, then, "what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness" (2 Pt. 3:11)? The omnipresence and omniscience of God should be a great motivation for us to walk righteously in this life and avoid doing those things, even in secret, that are contrary to God's will.

\*Taken from Preacher's PC, by Tom Moore from the Park Heights church of Christ, Hamilton, TX\*

## Announcements

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extend to the Smith family in the loss of Darla's sister Shirley. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### Men's Meeting

Our monthly men's meeting is today after evening services. If you have anything you want to add to the agenda please tell Chris.

### Fellowship Meal

Our next fellowship meal will be next Sunday after morning services.

### Tent Meeting

Don't forget! Our tent meeting starts NEXT SUNDAY! Mark your calendars and determine to support this evangelistic effort! September 8th-12th

### Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – having some difficulties recovering from her knee surgery.

Roy Daniel – has returned to work.

Barbara Coats – will be having surgery for the pain in her arms.

Kenny (Patty Payne's husband) – will be having a biopsy at OSU and he will be having surgery soon.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

### Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith's sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Daphne Miller