

A Lion In A Pit On A Snowy Day

By Ed Wittlif



"Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a mighty man of Kabzeel, mighty in deeds, struck down the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion inside a pit on a snowy day" (I Chronicles 11:22 NASB).

To jump down into a pit with a lion when the footing isn't the best is quite a deed. I wonder what Benaiah's motivation was. It certainly was a great deed.

Most of us would like to do some great deed for the Lord. Because of that attitude we can feel like failures as Christians. Jesus said in the para-

ble of the talents, "Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things" (Matthew 25:21).

As we go through life, we fail to recognize the small deeds that we do – deeds such as going to work faithfully, being honest, meeting simple needs of others, and being consistent in assembling with brethren. Everyday things that aren't extraordinary please our Lord.

When we do everyday things that are unimportant in the world's eyes, God is preparing us to be able to do more. If we are faithful to take care of the small things, then our opportunities to do good deeds in the name of Jesus will increase. Like the ones on the right in the judgment scene we might say "Lord, when did we?" (Matthew 25:34-40). When we submit to God's will and allow our lives to be changed, we don't keep track of our deeds because we have a new nature, a servant heart. God keeps track and He is pleased.

To hear Jesus, say, "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into your Master's rest." When I stand before Him, that's what I long to hear. Knowing that I have pleased Him will be a great blessing.

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Ray

Opening Hymn:

216—A Mighty Fortress

Opening Prayer

Myron

Hymn:

66—All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Scripture Reading:

Gary

Matthew 25:31-40

Hymn:

298—Jesus Calls Us

Lord's Supper:

Mark & Ron

Hymn:

68—Count Your Blessings

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

593—Free Waters

Closing Hymn:

507—Are You Sowing the Seeds

Closing Prayer:

PRAYER LIST

- *Pat was hospitalized last Monday with severe back pain.
- *Ruth is being treated for gout.
- *Rebecca is still out of town.
- *Juanita's sister Betty is doing better.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Nina's brother, James.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Pat and Ron.
- *Juanita and her family.
- *Larry and Ruth
- *Dale in reference to his work, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family. His friend Zarna and her family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.

CALENDAR

- Nov. 3—Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 3—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- Nov. 3—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Nov. 3—Business Meeting
- Nov. 5—a. Ron & Pat
- Nov. 6—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob
- Nov. 8—b. Debbie
- Nov. 8 & 9—Alkire Road
Youth Rally
- Nov. 10—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- Nov. 10—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Nov. 10—Potluck
- Nov. 11—b. Ben
- Nov. 11—b. Danielle
- Nov. 11—b. Pat
- Nov. 13—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob

Answer to Puzzle: Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Scripture Reference: Luke 3:1-6

ANGELS	ANOTHER	ANSWER	ASSUREDLY
BEFORE	BLESSED	CAME	CLOTHED
COMES	DIVIDES	DRINK	FATHER
FEED	FOOD	FOUNDATION	GATHERED
GAVE	GLORY	GOATS	HAND
HUNGRY	INHERIT	KINGDOM	LEFT
LORD	NAKED	NATIONS	PREPARED
PRISON	RIGHT	RIGHTEOUS	SAYING
SEPARATE	SHEEP	SHEPHERD	SICK
STRANGER	TAKE	THIRSTY	THOSE
THRONE	TOOK	VISITED	WORLD

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Hidden Message: _____

The only fool bigger than the person who knows it all is the person who argues with him.—Stanislaw Jerszy Lec

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