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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bible talks each fortnight on Sunday evenings (see p2 for details)

Next talk:

March 20th

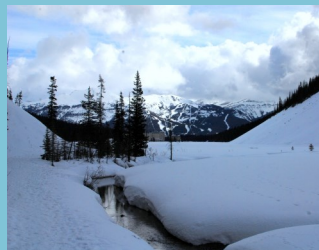
- God's promises through David

Bible reading group each alternate Sunday—see p2 for details

BIBLE VIDEOS

All Bible talks are videoed and will be uploaded to our Youtube channel:

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Of Biblical proportions ...

Have you ever heard of things being described as “of biblical proportions”? It’s often used to emphasise how extreme or huge an event is; however, what does this really mean?

In the Bible we are given records of so many amazing acts of God. These are incredible events that no person could hope to emulate, including;

- sending a world-wide flood to destroy the wicked (Genesis 6 – 8)
- sending fire and brimstone to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19)
- sending plagues of hailstones, flies, frogs, darkness and death of firstborn children on Egypt (Exodus 7 – 12)
- making the Red sea part so that His people could escape from the Egyptians (Exodus 14)
- providing quails metres high and one day’s journey wide on every direction for the people of Isra-

el (Numbers 11:18 – 32)

- giving Solomon wisdom and wealth beyond compare so that silver was like stones in his kingdom (1 Kings 10:23 – 27)
- returning the Jews to the land of Israel (Ezekiel 38)

These powerful acts of God showed His people and the nations around them that He was the only god. It was also meant to inspire people to trust and obey Him.

But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it; And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey. (Deuteronomy 11:7 – 9)

Even now, these events can give us confidence that God reigns over

this world. With this, comes the assurance that the all-powerful God cares for us and should persuade us to try to serve Him with everything we have.

And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:28 – 34)

Bible Truth: God knows the future

The Bible is a wonderful book that contains God’s words for us all. As the apostle Paul recorded in his letter to Timothy, “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Part of what God has caused to be recorded are prophecies. This is where God has revealed events that will happen in the future. Some of these have been framed as promises to people and others are recorded simply as a record of what the audience will expect to happen at some stage in the future. In fact, God has said, “Surely the

Lord GOD does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.” (Amos 3:7) Because of this there are lots of books in the Bible written by those who are prophets and they contain God’s plans for nations, people, cities and sometimes individuals. Many of the prophecies have already been fulfilled – here are some examples.

- Jews scattered from their land to all nations around the world.
- Jesus’ birth and name foretold
- Return of Jews from exile to establish the nation of Israel

Some have been partially fulfilled and the progress through the prophecy is clear:

- World history from Babylon through to the end of nations as we know them.

Because we can see so many prophecies fulfilled, we can be confident that the rest will be as well. God can tell the future because he knows everything, and can see the end from the beginning. And this should be really important for us all – because of a promise God made to everyone.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23) This judgement will be given when Jesus returns to establish God’s kingdom. “For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.”

(2 Corinthians 5:10)

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“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

(Matthew 7:7-8)

The Christadelphians are a world-wide lay community who believe in the Bible as the word of God.

We believe in one God and His son, Jesus, and believe that God has a plan with this earth.

It is God’s, and our, desire that you learn about Him and become part of that plan.

The Bible gives many practical suggestions that can help your life now. One such piece of advice is to pray. Prayer is talking to God. It can be done by anyone anywhere and can be long or short.

The Bible shows that prayer was a normal part of believing people’s lives. People like Abraham, Moses, Hannah, David and Jonah all prayed to God. Daniel was even known for praying three times a day!

God continually asked for people to return and talk to Him.

“Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:6 – 7)

We can see from the Biblical accounts of Jesus’ life that he prayed all the time. It seems that it was prayers that got Jesus through his difficult and draining three-and-a-half-year ministry and gave him courage to face his

frightening, painful death. God always listened to Jesus’ prayers, like He listens to ours, and on more than one occasion sent an angel to strengthen Jesus in response to his prayers.

We are also encouraged to pray to God. In fact, Paul recommends that we “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

If you’re wondering, what you can pray for, here’s a few things you could try;

- yours or others’ health (James 5:13 – 14)
- for people who treat you badly (Matthew 5:44)
- the kingdom of God to come to earth (Matthew 6:9 – 10)
- thanking God (Philippians 4:6)
- praise of God (Psalm 150)
- help from trouble (Luke 18:1)
- reducing stress (1 Peter 5:7)
- help keep away from temptation (Matthew 26:41)
- forgiveness of sins (Matthew 6:12)

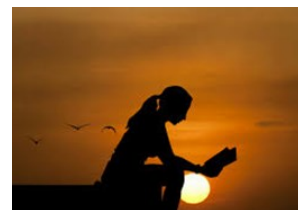
We know that prayer can strengthen, support, comfort, and encourage us so let’s all try to pray more in the coming year.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Matthew 7:7 – 11 ESV)

Upcoming Events: Bible Talks

Talks will be held 7:00pm on the following Sunday evenings at the Mt Waverley Christadelphian Hall, 354-358 Waverley Rd, Mt Waverley

- March 20 God’s promises through David
- April 3 God’s promises through Jesus Christ
- May 1 The Bible is God’s inspired Word
- May 15 The Bible is a Handbook for life



There will be a Bible reading group on the Sunday evenings when there is no Bible talk—all are welcome to attend!