

Daily Bible reading reveals gems of knowledge from God

In the Tuesday, Dec. 27, issue of *The Goodland Star-News*, my column contained a schedule for reading the entire Bible in a year. If you have managed to keep up with the schedule despite a busy year, you have gleaned many fine gems from the Bible's knowledge, examples and exhortations.

I would like to point out a few of the fine points from the books of Esther, Job and Psalms.

If you have kept up with the Bible reading, they will be a nice review. If you haven't, perhaps knowing what you missed with motivate you to work Bible reading into your schedule.

The account of Job is a unique one — Job was not an Israelite, whom God had chosen as his people, but he was a righteous man, and God saw fit to record his acts of faith.

Do you ever feel like life is picking on you? That your problems just keep piling up? Then you can relate to Job's experience, and you can learn from how he



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reacted to problems.

Job 1:13-19 tells of calamities that befell Job. If you notice that it starts by saying his sons and daughters were eating at their brother's house, and that is repeated in verse 18, you can see that all these things happened in a matter of hours.

Job's cattle and she-asses were stolen and their attendants killed, his sheep and their attendants were eaten up by fire, his camels were stolen and their attendants killed, and his son's house fell and killed all his children.

Verse 20 shows that Job was deeply grieved by the events, but his response in verse 21 showed that he did not become bitter toward God: "Naked I came out of my mother's

belly, and naked shall I return there. God himself has given, and God himself has taken away. Let the name of God continue to be blessed."

Reading the beginning verses in chapters 1 and 2 gives us the background of why these things happened to Job: Satan challenged God, claiming that Job only served Him for what he could get. God allowed Satan to take those things away, giving Job the opportunity to prove Satan wrong.

Satan was not done: chapter 2, verse 7 says, "So Satan went away from the person of God and struck Job with a malignant boil from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head."

In verse 9, Job's wife tells him: "Curse God and die!"

Job's response in verse 10 shows an incredibly good attitude: "Shall we accept merely what is good from the true God

and not accept also what is bad?" Job still had to deal with three false comforters, fake friends who blamed him, telling Job he must have done something to displease God and to deserve what happened to him.

Chapter 42 tells us that God rewarded Job for his faith, restoring all he had lost and then some. Verse 12 says, "As for God, he blessed the end of Job afterward more than his beginning."

The book of Esther is named after a Jewish orphan who became the queen of Persia. By accepting advice from her older cousin Mordecai and having the courage to approach the king, though doing so could have cost her life, she saved the Jews from a plot to eradicate them.

Psalms is the inspired songbook of God's ancient worshippers. They include songs of praise and prayers of supplication for mercy and help, expressions of thanksgiving, prophecies and instruction.

We can all look forward to the

fulfillment of the prophecy at Psalm 72:16: "There will come to be plenty of grain on the earth; on the top of the mountains there will be

an overflow. His fruit will be as in Lebanon, and those who are from the city will blossom like the vegetation of the earth."

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF SHERMAN COUNTY,
KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF PORTER MASON
MOSS, DECEASED

CASE NO. 03 P 40

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 24th day of July, 2006, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this court by Dorothea Marie Lee, administrator of the estate of Porter Mason Moss, deceased, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as administrator, allowance for administrator's fees and attorney fees, and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with law. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 22nd day of August, 2006, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in this Court, in the city of Goodland, in Sherman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF SHERMAN COUNTY,
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FILED PURSUANT TO THE
CHAPTER 59 OF THE KANSAS
STATUTES ANNOTATED

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF RICHIE P. GORDON,
Deceased

Case No. 06PR22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of July, 2006, a Petition was filed in this Court by Don E. Gordon as executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Riche P. Gordon, deceased, dated the 21st day of September, 1988, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that Don E. Gordon be appointed as executor without bond and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

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.

Don E. Gordon
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Kids with obsessive disorder worry too much

Children may worry a little or a lot about school, friends and family issues. But for a child or adolescent with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, their worries cause severe discomfort and interfere with day-to-day functioning, schoolwork and relationships with friends and family.

Obsessions are recurrent and persistent thoughts, impulses or images that are unwanted and cause marked anxiety or distress. These are frequently unrealistic or irrational and not simply excessive worries about real-life problems or pre-occupations.

Obsessive thoughts may vary with the age of the child and may change as the child gets older. Com-



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pulsions are repetitive behaviors or rituals (like hand washing, hoarding, checking something over and over) or mental acts (like counting or repeating words silently).

For example, younger children with the disorder may have persistent thoughts that something bad is going to happen to them or to a family member. To relieve that anxiety, the child may compulsively check to be sure all the doors at home are

locked before going to bed. If the anxiety continues, the child will check the locks over and over. An older child or teenager's worries may relate to more complex issues, such as a fear of a serious disease, a major injury or a global disaster. The child may then develop repeated behaviors, such as hand washing, to help them cope with those fears.

Children and adolescents often feel embarrassed about the disorder and are hesitant to talk about their thoughts and behaviors. Family involvement and understanding are

important in treating this illness, along with therapy and, in some instances, medications.

Parents who have questions about the illness should seek help from a physician, psychiatrist or other mental health professional.

Contributed by Karen Schueler, manager, Consultation and Education Department. The views expressed here are those of the individual writer and should not be considered a replacement for seeking professional help.

Mail questions to High Plains Mental Health Center, Plain Sense, Consultation and Education Department, 208 E. Seventh, Hays, Kan. 67601. Internet site: www.highplainsmentalhealth.com.

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Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department:

July 19 — 8:15 p.m., 1100 Montana, a 1994 Buick driven by Inez P. Deplata, was backing out of the driveway to turn her car around. She hit the gas instead of the brake causing the car to cross the alley and run

into a boat owned by Jeff Gray.

July 23 — 11:30 p.m., 2160 Commerce, a 1996 Chevrolet driven by Edgar L. Carpenter, pulled into the handicapped parking stall to turn around. Carpenter hit the gas before putting the car in reverse and hit the handicapped sign post. There was no damage to the sign post.

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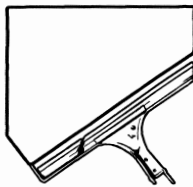
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