

Kids Column

"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Luke 12:40)

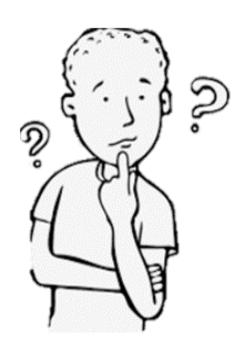
Many years ago, Orson Wells produced a radio drama of an imaginary attack from outer space. A student at Campbell College in North Carolina turned on his radio midway through the broadcast and did not realize he was hearing a fictitious report. When the announcer vividly described fire falling upon the earth, the student recalled some sermons from his boyhood years and concluded that the end of the world had come. He grabbed the telephone and called home, saying: "Mama, Mama, have you got your radio on? The fire is falling, the end of the world is coming, and I'm not ready to meet God!"

The next morning, he was the object of jokes and teasing around the campus. However, in the chapel service a godly Bible teacher took the podium and said, "I understand that one of the boys got a lot of ribbing because he got scared listening to the radio program last night. But, young men and women, what if it had truly been the end of the world last night -- would you be ready?" (From Bible Illustrator)

Bible riddles

No book in the world has sold more than I. I am one book and also 66 books at the same time. My words have changed people from bad to good for millenniums. Who am I? <u>The Bible</u>

I am the first son of Abraham but not Sarah. I lived for slightly above 137 years.. Who am I? Ishmael



Gods Plan of Salvation

Hear - Romans 10:17

Believe - John 8:24

Repent - Luke 13:3

Confess - Romans 10:9-10

Baptism - Acts 2:38

Remain Faithful - Revelation 2:10



Everyone is welcome to attend.



Mining the Scriptures

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Service Times
Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:00AM
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:00 PM

Here's one the "Deep Miners" can relate to. This is a "Coal Tipple", at least that's what some would call it, but it's really a "Load Out" for a train or truck in some cases. It straddles Route 66 or down Straight Creek out of Leslie County. It reminded me of what Job spoke about in ... (Job 28:1-28). Here is a lesson built around this chapter showing the value of "WISDOM" ...

(1) People Work Hard and Creatively to Obtain Things of Temporal Value ... (Verses 1-11).

1 "Surely there is a mine for silver, and a place where gold is refined. 2 Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ore. 3 Man puts an end to darkness and searches every recess for ore in the darkness and the shadow of death. 4 He breaks open a shaft away from people; In places forgotten by feet They hang far away from men; They swing to and for. 5 As for the earth, from it comes bread, but underneath it is turned up as by fire; 6 Its stones are the source of sapphires, and it contains gold dust. 7 That path no bird knows, nor has the falcon's eye seen it. 8 The proud lions have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed over it. 9 He puts his hand on the flint; He overturns the mountains at the roots. 10 He cuts out channels in the rocks, and his eye sees every precious thing. 11 He dams up the streams from trickling; What is hidden he brings forth to light."

(2) But That Which is of the Greatest Value "WISDOM", Cannot be Found by Human Effort ... (Verses 12-22).

- 12 "But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? 13 Man does not know its value, nor is it found in the land of the living. 14 The deep says, 'It is not in me'; And the sea says, 'It is not with me.' 15 It cannot be purchased for gold, nor can silver be weighed for its price. 16 It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, In precious onyx or sapphire. 17 Neither gold nor crystal can equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of fine gold. 18 No mention shall be made of coral or quartz, For the price of wisdom is above rubies. 19 The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it, nor can it be valued in pure gold. 20 "From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding? 21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living and concealed from the birds of the air. 22 Destruction and Death say, 'We have heard a report about it with our ears.'"
- (3) God Alone Understands the Way of Wisdom ... (Verses 23-27). 23 God understands its way, And He knows its place. 24 For He looks to the ends of the earth, and sees under the whole heavens, 25 To establish a weight for the wind, and apportion the waters by measure. 26 When He made a law for the rain, and a path for the thunderbolt, 27 Then He saw wisdom and declared it; He prepared it, indeed, He searched it out."
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THE LESSON: Tennessee Ernie Ford sang, "You load 16 tons, and what do you get? Another day older and deeper in debt, St. Peter, don't you call me cause I can't go, I owe my soul to the company store."

The WISE MAN said, "Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. 6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you. 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. 9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you" ... (Proverbs 4:5-9). If you are seeking WISDOM, dig in the right place! Seek it out by "Mining" the scriptures. God loves you!