



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“Now when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came, trembling and falling down before Him. She declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.” Lk.8:47

Luke’s context of this event actually begins back in 7:36-8:3 from where we see a series of incidents unfold before us that involve the ministry and relationship of the Savior with certain women. This section of scripture includes the event of the unnamed penitent sinful woman that crashes Simon the Pharisee’s luncheon with Jesus unto the mention of other women who were healed of evil spirits and other physical infirmities (8:2). The result of our Lord’s ministry to these ladies in His demonstrating to them His sovereignty over evil spirits and physical maladies is said from Lk.8:3 to be their support of Him from their personal substance. This is also how we respond to the Lord’s work, is it not?

Next we come into Luke’s rendering of Christ’s parable of the Sower and His explanation of it. Right after Jesus explains this foundational parable, His mother and other immediate family members are said to be desirous of gaining His personal attention. In response to this He declares that those who are His mother and brothers (and sisters: as stated in Mt. and Mk.) are all those that hear the Word of God and do it! This is how the sovereign Savior and Lord identifies all those that are truly a part of His family.

Next, once again, on an even grander scale, there is given another proof of Christ’s sovereign power over nature (the wind and waves) and over demons (the demon possessed man of the Gadarenes). It is from here that we come into the circumstance that sets up His direct contact with the woman of Lk.8:47. Having returned from the country of the Gadarenes Jesus is abruptly approached by Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, who begs Him to come with him to his house where His deathly ill 12 year old daughter lay desperately in need. Jesus immediately responds and sets off toward the place where she was. The crowd that had gathered thronged all about Him as He went.

It is while the Lord is on this emergency mission to save a very sick little girl (the only little girl that Jairus had), that there came, pushing through the ankles and feet of the multitude, a poor sick woman who also was in great need. She, for the last 12 years, had spent all her money on the world’s physicians and medicines and had only gotten worse. Christ was her only hope. And, suddenly, just by her touching the hem of the garment Jesus was wearing, she is miraculously healed. The sovereign power of God, dear ones, is totally unrestricted unto those that He regards as a part of His family.

Jesus is suddenly detained so that He may personally tend to another one of His daughters (see vs.48). Her testimony is made public as a result, and the joy of realizing peace with God prevails over her desperate plight. Oh yes -- the little daughter of Jairus? My friends, omnipotent grace can never be late for it’s divine appointment to save. Jesus proves, once again, He is the Christ of God and rescues the child from the very grip of death itself.

*For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter*

“O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds”

Calvary Students Find Fall to be a Wonderful Time at Camp Del-Haven

Well, we are vast approaching the end of another year of ministry. The autumn leaves are literally brightening up the entire forest that surrounds Camp Del-Haven. We recently catered to a small group from Calvary Bible College that camped out on the ball field one weekend. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy the use of our facilities to get next to nature and realize firsthand the wonders of our Creator Savior.

Thank You Christ Prep Football Team

We also had a return visit from the Christ Prep football team who painted all our buildings and accomplished other needed tasks to the campgrounds. They came back to finish up the job. We thank and praise the Lord for them and hope to see more of them in the future.

Prayer Requests

Staff

We have been greatly encouraged with an increase in interest expressed from different sources regarding staff help for next summer. This is a constant prayer request and the Lord is continually bearing testimony to us that this is, indeed, His ministry. Together, ultimately, we are all only His servants in this worthy endeavor. The Lord will provide.

Buildings and Grounds

This past year has manifested the decades old condition of our water system. We have had numerous leaks in our water lines prove to us that we need to revamp our whole system. We currently have an outstanding plumbing bill of over \$1600.00. A lot of this is for the high cost of having to bring to the site a backhoe. Please remember to pray with us regarding this matter. By the way, if anyone out there knows of a good buy on a 30 to 40 horsepower utility tractor --- we would be very interested. We have an ever ongoing need for a reliable and efficient piece of equipment like this so we can blade our roads and cut through the brush and even be able to attach a backhoe so that we can do our own digging when needed. Please pray with us about these things as well.

Banquet Highlights 2005

Jehovah-Jireh

Our annual banquet, as the Lord has always allowed, was a real encouragement to our hearts. We always wish that more of you could have been there. Our theme of Jehovah-Jireh this year was particularly pointed toward fishing. This, in turn, brought together a natural focus on not only the physical activity, and our major need for renovating our lake, but also on the ministry of true evangelism, which is exactly what Del-Haven is all about. Steve Carpenter delivered a wonderful message showing from scripture the difference between fishing by baiting a hook and throwing out a net. As you know, the latter is that method that the Bible most describes as being applicable to evangelism. Our Lord on more than one occasion demonstrated His sovereignty over the catch when the boys went fishing.

Del-Haven is but another one of God's nets of grace that we continually cast out upon the sea of souls to draw in for a catch. Every casting forth needs to be saturated with prayer for a bountiful catch unto the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please continue to be persistent in praying with us. (Oh yes, please continue to pray for my daughter, Kimberly... the Lord is hearing and responding)

Finally, dear loved ones, all of us here at Del-Haven want to wish all of you a most wonderful Thanksgiving time of celebration with family and loved ones. Special family times here in this world are but a foretaste of that which we all have to look forward to when this awful age of sin and death is ultimately ended. Let's rejoice in Christ right now!