

the “*deceitfulness of sin*” (Hebrews 3:13).

Ok, let’s switch over to our second definition of “weight” – the “mental or moral burden.” The one that relates to our having cares and/or responsibilities. You know, sometimes we let things other than sin weigh us down. Things that keep us from doing our duty towards God and His commandments.

I’m referring to letting things such as physical problems get in our way. We all have ailments, don’t we? We all are afflicted in some form or fashion. And we need to remember this, that only we and God know whether an ailment truly inhibits us from a duty. I think that we can sometimes let our ailments become a “mental or moral burden” to our soul.

One of the best passages I know of and one that always gives relief to my soul is something the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. Note what he said to them in 2 Corinthians 4:16-17 “*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.*”

Think about it this way. Like everything else on or about this earthly life, our ailments are only “temporary.” That being the case, why would we want to let the “*weight*” of something temporary keep our soul from inheriting “*an eternal weight of glory?*” When we put it that way, it doesn’t make a whole lot of sense, does it?

I don’t know whether my soul has a “heaviness weight” or not but, I do know that I can certainly add “*weight*” to it in the manner that I live my life on earth. That I can “*weigh*” it down to the point that it might fail to make it to the finish line. And I know that I have a responsibility to NOT burden my soul to the point that it collapses under the “*weight*” of sin and “*come short of the glory of God.*”

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Covey

Last Week’s **POP QUIZ** answer: In **Hebrews 9:3** we read, “And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the **Holiest** of **all**.”

POP QUIZ: Speaking of Israel, _____said, “Are not they which eat of the _____partakers of the altar?” The New Testament reference is _____.

Highland Church of Christ



Sunday, June 28, 2026

Preacher

Schedule of Services Sunday

Bible Study.....9:45 am
Morning Worship... 10:45 am
Evening Lesson..... 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:00 pm

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worship the Lord with us
today. If you are a visitor,
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and place it in the collection
plate.

EVENTS	BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES
6-28 Men’s Mtg following AM service 6-29 BD/Ann Lunch at Jenny’s 11:30 7-12 Potluck following AM service 7-19 Men’s Mtg following AM service Door knocking in July on Saturday <u>July 11</u> – Meet at the building by 9:00 AM	July: Gage Halstead Steve Portias Vic Smith Duane Miller Faith Lewis NO KNOWN JULY ANNIVERSARIES
NEWS & NOTES	
* MEN'S MEETING following AM services TODAY. * Speaking today is Paul Schlosser from Beaumont. * PM service this evening, Don Halstead will begin a series on The Wilderness Way * Visiting last Sunday was Juanita Folkens, Marty Halstead’s sister. * Visiting Wednesday’s Bible Study was Daniel from Highland. * We thank John Latham for another fine lesson last Sunday. * We were happy to see Lewis and Brenda Frisby able to be with us last Sunday. Did you notice that Sunday Bible Study begins at 9:45? Come early and visit some.	

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PRAYER REQUESTS FOR Lewis Frisby, James McIntyre, Frank Forsey, Faith Forsey, Marsha Plavajka, Paul Petersen The Petersen’s; Juanita Folkens, Marty Halstead’s sister, as she moves to the East Coast. America’s young people that they lean on the Lord in making their decisions in life; the leaders of this great country that they also lean on God’s Word in their decision making; our first responders that they stay safe in performing their duties; and for our congregation that we continue in God’s Word and find a preacher to work with us in spreading God’s Word.	
Bible Questions of the Week 1. What other bird will gather with the vultures? 2. Who had mouths, eyes, ears and noses and didn’t use them?	Last week’s Answers 1. When the cow and the bear feed together, what shall the lion eat? Straw like the ox (Isaiah 11:7) 2. Who discussed how an egg white tastes? Job (Job 6:6) 3. According to the prophet, what will the liars, the conceivers of mischief and iniquity hatch? Cockatrice eggs KJV; Adders’ eggs;
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (6-28-2015) As most of you know by now, I’m a history buff (some say nut) and as such I really appreciate all of the “history” channels available on TV. It was the watching of one of these channels the other night that’s responsible for today’s editorial. I was watching a program about a doctor back in the 1800’s who was seemingly obsessed by a subject that probably most of us would never even consider. He wanted to know how much the soul of a person weighed. He was the presiding doctor at a hospital for people suffering from “consumption.” Back in that day and time, “consumption disease” was what we now call tuberculosis and, if you look up the word “consumption” you’ll find that it means to “use up something.” Thus, because a person afflicted with that disease basically wasted away, it was apropos to call it “consumption.” And back then there was really nothing medically that could be done to cure it and they simply made the patient as comfortable as possible and watched them die.	

Because of the doctor’s position at the hospital and the fact that he was present at so many deaths, he devised an experiment whereby he could determine if a soul had a measurable “weight.” He set up some scales that a person very near death could be placed upon and noted the body’s weight when alive and then immediately after death occurred.
It is not the point of my lesson today to debate or argue with the doctor’s findings as I’m not sure that his method was very scientific nor his results accurate. It was his determination, from all his life/death weighing experiments, that a person’s “soul” weighed approximately “one-half an ounce.” No, it just serves to make me do some consideration of my soul and perhaps cause others to consider theirs.
Let me just start off by looking at the word “weight.” The dictionary will give you a number of different definitions based upon the usage of that word. A couple of those I’ll use for our thoughts here today.
The first one I’ll mention is that the word “weight” refers to an “expression of the heaviness of an object.” Probably what we think of when we hear or use the word. Another definition is “a mental or moral burden,” as in having cares or responsibilities. I think that the Bible talks about both types of “weights” and the rest of our lesson will be devoted to looking at some of the thoughts found therein.
The first passage I’d like you to consider with me is the familiar one found in Hebrews 12, verse1: <i>“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”</i>
Let’s look at some points in that verse that I find interesting and appropriate to our topic. The <i>“race that is set before us”</i> is our lives here on earth. Isn’t it pretty easily seen that if one is going to run a race, the last thing the runner wants is to have “weights” hanging on them? That a “weight” would be a hindrance to being able to run and finish a race?
Which brings me to my next observation regarding this verse – that the word “weight” equals “sin.” Now, remember we’re talking about our “soul” here and tying our lesson thoughts into the doctor’s attempt to determine the “weight of a soul.” Here’s where I will make an observation regarding the doctor’s findings. Perhaps he should have figured out an experiment to determine the “weight of a sin” as it affects the soul.
It’s not hard to form a mental picture of a soul struggling down the track with numerous “weights” (burdens) hanging on it, is it? And that’s exactly what we do to our soul when we live sinful lives – we hang unnecessary “weights” on our soul. And, you know what else? We may not even realize the burdens we put on our souls because God’s Word also tells us about