

## Keep Your Lives Free From the Love Of Money (Heb 13:5-6)

by Lawrence O. Richards

It's easy to say. But how do we find contentment, when everything in our society shouts at us, insisting that we desire more?

The answer is, remember that in God you already possess everything.

The stock market can fall, and you will lose everything. Thieves can break in, and your possessions will disappear. The economy can crash and interest rates rise. In this world there simply is no security in wealth, or the things that money can buy. But when God is with you, and when you have His promise, "Never will I leave you," you enjoy the ultimate security.

God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Owner of the cattle on a thousand hills, is your helper. There is nothing that can threaten the man or woman who walks hand in hand with the Lord.

*Devotional Commentary.* Cook: Colorado Springs 2002.

**I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**—A promise tantamount to this was given to Jacob (Ge 28:15), to Israel (De 31:6, 8), to Joshua (Jos 1:5), to Solomon (1Ch 28:20). It is therefore like a divine adage. What was said to them, extends also to us. He will neither withdraw His presence ("never leave thee") nor His help ("nor forsake thee") [BENGEL, in Jamieson, Fausset and Brown].

## The Never-forsaking God

By Oswald Chambers

What line of thinking do my thoughts take? Do I turn to what God says or to my own fears? Am I simply repeating what God says, or am I learning to truly hear Him and then to respond after I have heard what He says? "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can

man do to me?' " (Hebrews 13:5-6).

"I will never leave you . . ."— not for any reason; not my sin, selfishness, stubbornness, nor waywardness. Have I really let God say to me that He will never leave me? If I have not truly heard this assurance of God, then let me listen again.

"I will never . . . forsake you." Sometimes it is not the difficulty of life but the drudgery of it that makes me think God will forsake me. When there is no major difficulty to overcome, no vision from God, nothing wonderful or beautiful— just the everyday activities of life— do I hear God's assurance even in these?

We have the idea that God is going to do some exceptional thing— that He is preparing and equipping us for some extraordinary work in the future. But as we grow in His grace we find that God is glorifying Himself here and now, at this very moment. If we have God's assurance behind us, the most amazing strength becomes ours, and we learn to sing, glorifying Him even in the ordinary days and ways of life.

## Psalm 1: A Paraphrase

by Neil Short

The person who knows real happiness which results from righteous conduct is a person who does not find ways to enjoy or entertain the talk of evil people and soon is comfortable with them and he eventually is indistinguishable from them.

Instead of pondering evil, he ponders the law of Yahweh [and he does it – Luke 11:28]. It is for this purpose he was created – to be sustained on the Word and grow in it – just like a tree that is planted in ideal conditions – receiving the best nourishment. It grows and yields fruit in the way it was created to do.

The wicked are not happy the way the righteous are. [Although they may prosper] they don't prosper in any way that really matters. We judge; but God judges righteously. Such wicked people are out of place in the assemblies of God's people; for God is involved in the lives of the righteous. God will make them full and complete.

The wicked will perish before God in their worthlessness.

## News

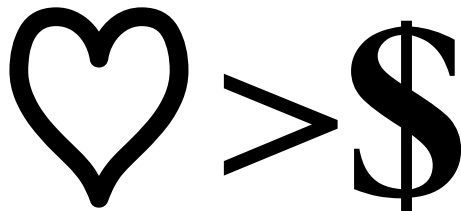
The A.M. pulpit exchange of Ken Knowlton and **Mickey Harrison** is today. Ken and Tatyana (logical deduction) are attending worship services in Morenci this morning.

**Area-Wide Singing:** Plan to attend the area wide singing on the afternoon of July 22 at the Safford church facility. Singing starts at 4:00 P.M. We will adjourn at 5:15 for potluck dinner and then begin evening Worship at 6:30 P.M. Mickey Harrison, the minister at the Morenci church, will deliver the lesson during the evening worship assembly.

### Prayer List

**Healing:** *Faye Atchley (Ben's mom), Nicolas Self, Douglas Gardner, Brandon (Gerry Clark's grandson), Diane Cocke's brother-in-law, Ben Atchley, Dave Morris, Richard Tuey.*

**Personal:** *Richard and Skeet Posey, Members of the Morenci church. Travels: John and Sharon Cunningham, Greg and Louella Briggs (and grandkids).*



# CHURCH OF CHRIST

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

**8 July 2012**

### Sermon Topics

**A.M. Guest Speaker: Mickey Harrison**

**P.M. Be With Me Lord. Heb 13:5-6**

### Evangelist

*Ken Knowlton: 428-5974*

### Elders

*Ben Atchley: 428-2246*

*Greg Briggs: 428-8756*

*John Cunningham: 428-0895*

### Services

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.