

The Lakeview Lamp

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." - Psalm 119:105

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"The King"

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Mention "The King" around here and most people will probably think of the famous singer who lived a few hours west of here. When Paul mentioned "*The King*" in **1 Timothy 1:17** he had someone far greater in mind. Notice how he described the King and the response He deserves.

Eternal. The phrase "King eternal" literally means "King of the ages." The word "eternal" is normally translated "forever." The King eternal is without beginning and without end, reigning throughout all ages. He has always been – and always will be – the King.

Immortal. The King is eternal because He is an immortal being with an incorruptible nature. Someday we will be like Him and be immortal, too (**1 Cor 15:52**). Then we can enjoy the incorruptible inheritance that the incorruptible King has in store for us (**1 Pet 1:4**).

Invisible. Later in the same book Paul said that "*no man has seen or can see...the King of kings and Lord of lords*" (**1 Tim 6:15-16**). Yet Paul also said that "*His invisible attributes...have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made*" (**Rom 1:20**). This means that we have every reason to be faithful like Moses who "*endured, as seeing Him who is unseen*" (**Heb 11:27**).

The only God. "*There is...one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all*" (**Eph 4:4-6**). While there are many gods, there is only one true God.

The King deserves "*honor and glory.*" The Greek scholar Thayer describes this honor as "the honor which one has by reason of rank and state of office which he holds." God deserves honor because of who and what He is. He deserves our glory, or praise, for the same reason.

The King deserves "*honor and glory forever and ever.*" An eternal King deserves eternal honor and glory. We still give honor and glory to the same God as those of all time.

The King deserves "*honor and glory forever and ever*" because of what He has done for sinners. After calling himself "*the foremost of all*" sinners, Paul said, "*Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life*" (**1 Tim 1:15-16**).

Trustworthy Sayings

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“You can take that to the bank.” “I’d stake my life on it.” We have different phrases we use to confirm the certainty of something. Paul had a phrase that he used when writing to Timothy and Titus to confirm the certainty of a few things he told them. He said, “*This is a trustworthy saying.*” Some versions word his statement of certainty as being a “*faithful saying*” or “*trustworthy statement.*” Any way it is worded, there can be no doubting the reality of what he says. Here are what Paul calls trustworthy sayings:

Sayings about salvation. “*Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*” (1 Tim 1:15). “*But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, [qvb://0/anchor/5](#)He saved us,...This is a trustworthy saying*” (Titus 3:4-8). There can be no doubting the love of God when we consider the sacrifice He made for our salvation.

Sayings about relationship. “*Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; [qvb://0/anchor/12](#)if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; [qvb://0/anchor/13](#)if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself*” (2 Tim 2:11-13). Know for certain that the relationship you have with God is up to you.

Saying about leadership. “*Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task*” (1 Tim 3:1). The word “desire” means “to stretch one’s self out in order to touch or to grasp something, to reach after or desire something” (Thayer). Men, when you realize the importance of every church having godly men to shepherd the flock (Titus 1:5), and you set your heart to developing yourself to become such a leader, you can be confident of the excellent work you are seeking.

Sayings about godliness. “*Train yourself to be godly. [qvb://0/anchor/8](#)For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. [qvb://0/anchor/9](#)This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance*” (1 Tim 4:7-9). Diligently commit to godliness, and I promise you a higher quality of life both now and forever. You can bank on it!

“The Lord God is a sun and shield.” Psalm 84:11

Family News

Virginia Bryant has a great amount of pain in her right leg and hip. She had an MRI this past week. Tomorrow she is to have a bone scan. On Tuesday she is scheduled to see a neurologist and discuss test results and options.

Nell Ferrell was released from Hendersonville Hospital on Tuesday. She is now back at NHC in room # 202. Yesterday she had a bad day.

Kyle Gaw had some tests recently. The results were good!

Estelle Hayes is still having hip problems.

Kathy Hollingsworth, Joyce Werner's niece, had a stroke in June. She is now making some progress (for example, she can now talk some).

Gary Hunt, a preacher we help support, will have shoulder surgery on 10/4.

Sandra Hunt has a great amount of leg and foot pain. Tomorrow she is scheduled for an MRI on her spine. She should also have a bone density test later this week.

Alvin "John" Jenkins, Robert's father, continues treatment for lung cancer.

Richard Jones, the Boyd's neighbor, has advanced cancer. However, he continues to work and to receive treatments.

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Allen Malone remains in Vietnam. There is a new report from him in the back (things are going well). Remember **Dong** who has cancer and is receiving daily radiation treatments. So far the side-effects have been relatively mild.

Bill Procter, whose wife Wanda visited with us and came forward a few weeks ago, has lung cancer. The cancer appears to be contained in his left lung and the whole left lung will be removed tomorrow.

Doma Stewart, Ame Whites' friend, will have knee replacement surgery Tues.

Joyce Werner has been having a great amount of shoulder pain for a while. Lately it has been more severe. This Wednesday she is scheduled to have shoulder replacement surgery at Centennial Medical Center. She should be in the hospital for three days. She will then have rehabilitation (either at home or in a facility). She is known to be allergic to many medicines and, hopefully, they will not accidentally find more she is allergic to.

Out of town, traveling, or visiting: **Troy Nicholson** (in MS starting tomorrow to work in disaster relief); **Tanya & Jessica Stubblefield**

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"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes 5:16-18).