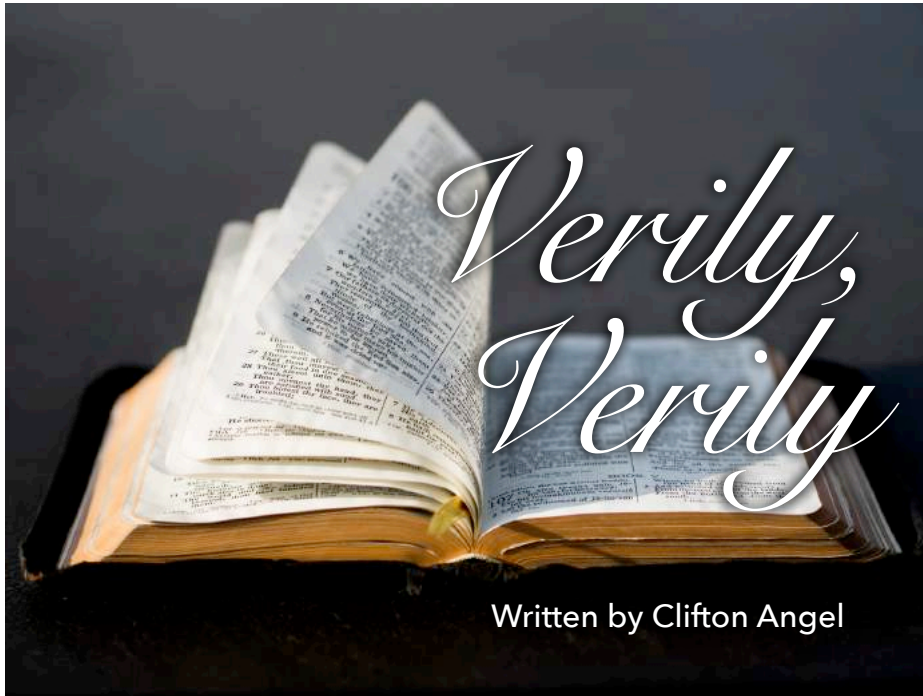


The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST August 15, 2021



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"Verily, Verily." This is a phrase only used by Jesus in the Biblical record. Furthermore, it is interesting that this emphatic phrase is only found in John's gospel account. In fact, 25 times we find it in the book of John. Most of the occasions are events that are unique to John's record. It is also interesting that the Greek word translated "verily" is also translated "amen." "Amen" literally means "so be it," or "let it be so." We

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. WORSHIP
1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
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say it in agreement with a prayer or statement, in hopes that what was prayed or said will come to pass, or has already come to pass. It is also interesting that six times in the Genesis account of creation, we are told that God spoke something into existence, and then we read, "and it was so." Taking this all in, let us deduce some beneficial applications.

First, thanks be to God that He has spoken. The Hebrews writer began his letter with these words, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2). What a tremendous blessing to have God's instructions at our fingertips.

Next, when God speaks, He deserves our attention. The prophet Jeremiah cried, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). If God had not spoken, we would not know which way to go. We could not know what path is right.

Also, when God speaks, He speaks with authority and originality. Mark Twain is credited with the following: "There is no such thing as a new idea. It is impossible." In the context of human authorship, I generally agree. However, every idea has an origin, and the origin of all truth is God. I believe this is the greatest meaning of the phrase "verily, verily."

Jesus was not only getting the attention of His audience with emphasis. He was not only proclaiming that the following words were truth. He was also proclaiming that they were truth because He is the author of them.

Finally, when God says something emphatically ("Verily, Verily"), we would do well to listen emphatically (with the emphasis of our whole heart). Every word of God is needful. When he repeats Himself, we had really better be listening.

It would be an interesting study to consider every occasion in which Jesus said, "Verily Verily." Not every occasion was a command. Some of the occasions were specific to the immediate audience. Some were prophecies. However, all were factual.

Do we believe God is the Author of all truth? Do we believe God is the true Author of the Holy Scriptures? Do we believe its teachings for our lives? Have we obeyed the commands of Jesus at John 3:3 and John 3:5? "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Hannah Davis; Mitchell & Mary Alice Arnold; Grace & Sammy Williams; Leigh Anne Owen; Wiley Tuggle; Noah Davis; Clarence & Faye Edwards; Inez Neyman.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Larry Yarber, preacher in MO, in ICU with COVID pneumonia; **Peggy Ward**, Billy's cousin, in ICU with COVID pneumonia; **Sherry Gaines; Allie Tidwell family; Jason Till family; Phillip Patton family; John Edwards family; Perry Mansel, Bob Mansel, Bill Mansel, & Robbie Weaver**, Dana's cousins, all have cancer; **Bailey Raines family; Jimmy Bland.**

Birthdays

8/4	Terry Davis	8/18	Carl Honeycutt
8/6	Monica Meredith	8/25	Addi Bayless
8/9	Xander Cagle	8/26	Jim Jackson
8/14	Lily Wilkes	8/28	Jerry Davis
8/15	Carolyn Davis	8/30	Hannah Davis
8/16	Clifton Angel	8/31	Kara Strickland
8/17	Dana Davis		

Anniversaries

8/1	Terry & Dana Davis
8/1	John & Suzanne Wofford
8/6	Tim & Rachel Wilkes
8/17	Tim & Monica Meredith

Get Involved!

Men's Leadership Class: Sundays, 12:15

Coldwater Singing Night: Aug 25, 7 PM
Song-leaders, give song selections to Clifton

Coldwater Youth Devo: Aug 27, 6 PM
Mary Z. hosting at Williams' home in Sardis
Sign-up sheet on table in foyer

5th Sunday Service: Aug 29, 1 PM
Also, contribution proceeds beyond budget go directly to building fund on fifth Sundays

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, August 15

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Billy Bland
	Jim Jackson
	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
	Marc Strickland
Assist	
Closing Prayer	

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Kevin Dixon
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Tim Meredith

Wednesday, August 18

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Andy Ratliff

TECH:	Dalton Owen
HALL:	