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For *WECO FM 101.3* and [The Fellowship Room](#)

### **3-9-2015 Is It Your Time to Die?**

Some think "when it's your time to die, there's nothing you can do about it." David wrote:

LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. Selah. Surely every man walks about like a shadow. (Psalm 39:4-5)

To "measure my days," means we should count our birthdays to remind us "how frail" we are. This expression does NOT say, "God has predetermined the length of every life," BUT we need "to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). *We should "number our days" but nothing says that God has our days numbered!*

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### **3-10-2015 One-Way Life**

**Zechariah 12:1:** Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.

Each one of us has an individual spiritual part within that is who we really are. We die when this spirit leaves our body:

The body without the spirit is dead. (James 2:26)

Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. (Ecclesiastes 12:7)

There is no return of our spirit to the earth, in any form, and we only pass this way once, for there is no second chance after this life. "It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27), not another life on earth.

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**3-11-2015 We Are Not In Despair**

But as a mountain falls and crumbles away, And as a rock is moved from its place; As water wears away stones, And as torrents wash away the soil of the earth; So You destroy the hope of man. ([Job 14:18-19](#))

By the time we read the headlines, see network TV News, watch destructive TV shows or dismal movies, or listen to our dreary "friends," it's no wonder that "depression" has enveloped our land. Job voiced the danger of being surrounded by downers! But if we listen to God:

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. ([Romans 15:13](#))

Christians learn to speak like Paul:

We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. ([2 Corinthians 4:8](#))

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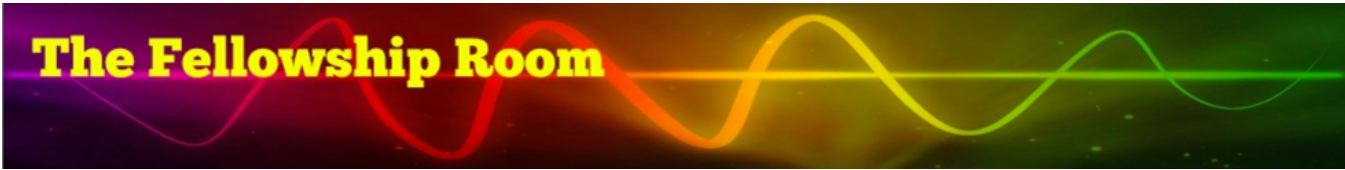
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**3-12-2015 Peace-Haters**

[Psalm 120:6-7](#): My soul has dwelt too long with one who hates peace. 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

People who preach hatred when a white policeman kills a black person, but completely ignore all of the black on black violence and murders "hate peace." People who headline a few white boys who utter a racial slur, but completely ignore all of the black people who slur whites "hate peace." People who feel situations overseas can only be solved by war "hate peace."

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Have we not lived “too long” with those who “hate peace.” Isn’t it time for the rest of us to obey God.

When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. (**Proverbs 16:7**)

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### **3-13-2015 Where Angels Dare Not Go**

God’s angels cannot change the Gospel requirement Jesus set:

And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’  
(**Mark 16:15-16**)

Paul wrote:

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. (**Galatians 1:8**)

The Devil misrepresented Scripture to teach that an angel would keep Jesus from harm if He threw Himself off “the pinnacle of the temple” but Jesus replied:

“It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’  
(**Matthew 4:5-7**)

We must always let God’s Word tell us what angels can and cannot do.

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