17.08.27 Potpourri Various Texts Notes

*Is the*   *in the Bible? And where does it say God helps those who help themselves?* Luke 6.31; Matthew 7.12

Living out the golden rule is remarkably  –  .

*Where does it say God helps those who help themselves?*

The Bible teaches the opposite. God  the  ! Isaiah 25.4; Romans 5.6

*Is it possible Jonah was swallowed by a whale? Was Jonah conscious or unconscious when he entered the big fish?*

The reality of this account is vital to the   . Matthew 12.40

The Bible says that: The  had  a great fish to swallow up Jonah.

*Do animals go to heaven?*

What does the Bible say about who will be in heaven?

Only the  will walk the streets of heaven. Isaiah 35.9; John 3.15; John 3.36; Joel 2.32 & Acts 2.21

Two passages in the book of Isaiah are frequently pointed to for consideration: Isaiah 11.6 & 65.25

These passages are describing Jesus’   , not eternity in heaven. Isaiah 65:19 – 23; Revelation 20.1 – 4

Trust that in heaven you will be   and full of overflowing joy and worship.

*Wow, I’ve just finished reading Matthew 27.52. What a wild scene. The dead coming back to life. I don’t remember the other Gospels mentioning these Zombies. What’s up?* Matthew 27.50; Mark 15.38 – 41; Luke 23.44 - 47

Matthew recorded selected events from the life and ministry of Jesus Christ in order to confirm to a Jewish audience that Jesus was indeed the Messianic King and to explain the kingdom program of God for the present age in light of Israel’s rejection of her King.

At the time of Jesus’ death, three momentous events occurred:

First, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Second, a strong  occurred.

Third, the  of many holy people were opened. Matthew 27. 52 – 53

The raising of these believers confirms for us those who believed before the resurrection will be raised to eternity.

It confirms for all of us the  of the resurrection

 that nothing will stop God from carrying out His plan.