

Supernatural Speculation Cannot Replace Faith in God

I recently saw a news report about how our culture is preoccupied with shows and movies that feature the supernatural and fantasy. Vampires and zombies are becoming almost passé, and superheroes that fight super villains are very much in vogue. Studies indicate that the uptake in the level of fascination for supernatural fiction seems to be linked to the removal of God from so much of our normal lives.

When you make up stories about good and evil, you will need to use biblical language and characters. Themes will always be drawn from real biblical events and prophecies that have been around for thousands of years. Here are some examples:

- Marvel comics did not invent the idea of the shield (“Agents of Shield”) (Psalm 115:11) *You who fear him trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.*
- God spoke of guardians long before there were “Guardians of the Galaxy”. (Ezekiel 28:14) *You were an anointed **guardian** cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.*
- DC Comics cannot claim to have originated the idea of “Flash” and “Arrow” (Zechariah 9:14) *Then the LORD will appear over them; his **arrow** will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south.*
- And when it comes to women who can fly...(Wonder Woman) (Revelation 12:14) *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*

Can you think of any others?

The Bible is full of supernatural events as it documents God’s battle with, and ultimate victory over, the Devil. There is no shortage of fantastic language and imagery. The difference is that the Bible story is true. Those of us who read it and believe it do not have to wait for the next episode to find out what happens.

Jesus is the beginning and the end!



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Home Bible study-7:00pm

ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
GREET YOU.
ROMANS 16:16

Today’s Sermon: *Those Who Worship Him*

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Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: has been suspended for the summer. We will resume after Labor Day in September. Watch this space!**
- **Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.**
- **Vacation Bible School based on the life of Peter: Saturday, August 19th.**



- ✓ **Next potluck: Next Sunday, August 20th. This potluck will be a picnic at the park up the road concluding the VBS. There will be burgers and dogs on the barbecue, so we will need chips, salads and other picnic-type sides.**



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- ✓ **WE NEED COOKIES** for the **VBS on SATURDAY**, as well as drinks or other contributions.



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- ✓ Nate, Kelly and children are living in their new home now. Their new address is: 124 Jacklyn Rd., Sayre, PA 18840.
- ✓ Larry Krause, Arthur and Sam have been spending long days knocking on doors to invite kids to VBS and to set up Bible studies and invite people to worship with us. The troops from Kittanning will be arriving this week to continue door knocking. If anyone wants to join in, talk to Arthur.
- ✓ We have had a second opportunity to try to purchase a building for worship in the Valley Cities. We are hoping to be able to invite interested brethren to tour the property today following worship.
- ✓ Welcome home, Lani!

PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Vicki Joice, Darlene's sister, will have her 4th and final round of chemo on Wednesday. Pray that she will have no further problems with lymph edema in her arm and that she feels well as she begins the new teaching year.
- Pray for Lori Kashorek as she is also preparing for a new school year with her music students. Pray that her lung cancer stays contained and there will be no more spreading.
- Emily Barry will be in Sayre at Guthrie on Monday, the 21st to consult with her surgeon about removal of her thyroid. Then, on Wednesday, the 23rd she will have a further mammogram using a different lens to check out an irregularity that was detected in her routine test a few weeks ago. Please pray for her about these concerns.
- Ruthie was feeling weak and nauseous yesterday, which kept her from enjoying a riverside walk with her brother Jim and his wife Deborah, who are visiting from FL.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas Dolan in prayer concerning the situation with their mother.
- Darlene is dealing with a few digestive problems: she has Barrett's esophagus, plus a problem with her food not digesting properly at the stomach level. She is hoping to be able to improve both problems with medication. Pray that she can feel better before her new teaching job starts.
- Tim Bump is looking for a different job, and needs prayer to help him deal with problems in his life.
- Kevan Barry left for Kuwait yesterday, and plans to return to the US in mid December. Pray for his safety as he flies missions over there, and for his family as they carry on at home.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.