



Peel Valley Congregation

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Amos 8:1-12 (NIV)

A Basket of Ripe Fruit

8 This is what the Sovereign LORD showed me: a basket of ripe fruit.² "What do you see, Amos?" he asked.

"A basket of ripe fruit," I answered.

Then the LORD said to me, "The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

³ "In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "the songs in the temple will turn to wailing. ^[a] Many, many bodies—flung everywhere! Silence!"

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land,
⁵ saying,

"When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales,

⁶ buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

⁷ The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

⁸ "Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt.

⁹ "In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

¹⁰ I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹ "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD.

¹² People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

Psalms 52 (NIV)

¹ Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?

² You who practice deceit, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor.

³ You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. ^[c]

⁴ You love every harmful word, you deceitful tongue!

⁵ Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin: He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living.

⁶ The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at you, saying,

⁷ "Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!"

⁸ But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.

⁹ For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.

"I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it."
~ Groucho Marx



26 July ~ **Beulah Fenwick**
26 July ~ **Sue Budden**
27 July ~ **Amity Debenham**



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



CHURCH SERVICES

28 July 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
28 July 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the Fox family and their friends, as Harry is baptised today.
- We continue to pray for the McGillivray and Webster families following the loss of Hazel and Geoff.
- We pray for Donna Harrow's grandson Shannon Coates who has some health problems at the moment.
- We pray for Phyll Bylund, who had a fall last week.
- We pray for travellers this weekend, which marks the end of the school holidays in NSW.

Meg's Musings

July is traditionally the time for pruning roses, so I began to tackle our roses this past week.

But the roses seemed to be especially thorny this year. Maybe they have been stressed by the lack of water, and protested by becoming especially thorny.

It seemed that no matter what implements I used, the thorns were out to get me.

I was a bit miffed. After all, I have spent weeks carting water from our washing machine, watering the roses and other plants to ensure that they stayed alive, and as well-watered as I could manage.

Yet my hands and forearms suffered several pricks and scratches. God does his best to care for us, providing us with all that we need. Yet sometimes we respond in a prickly, scratchy kind of way to Him.

God continues to love us, and to provide for us through it all; what amazing love!

Blessings from Meg



Luke 10: 38-42 (NIV)

At the Home of Martha and Mary

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.

³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things,

⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Colossians 1:15-28(NIV)

The Supremacy of the Son of God

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of ^[a] your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Paul's Labor for the Church

²⁴ Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶ the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸ He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

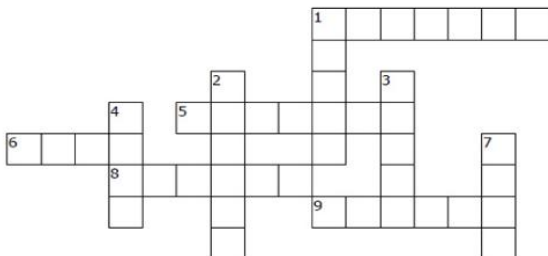
The Most Important Thing

Crossword

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But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details!" Luke 10:41 (NLT)

Based on Luke 10:38-42



ACROSS

1. To be concerned about something; to be troubled
5. A very small town
6. The place where a family lives
8. To pay attention to what someone says
9. A spoken or written reply to a question

DOWN

1. An adult female human
2. A female having the same parents as another person
3. The son of God
4. To give assistance to someone
7. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville
28 July

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