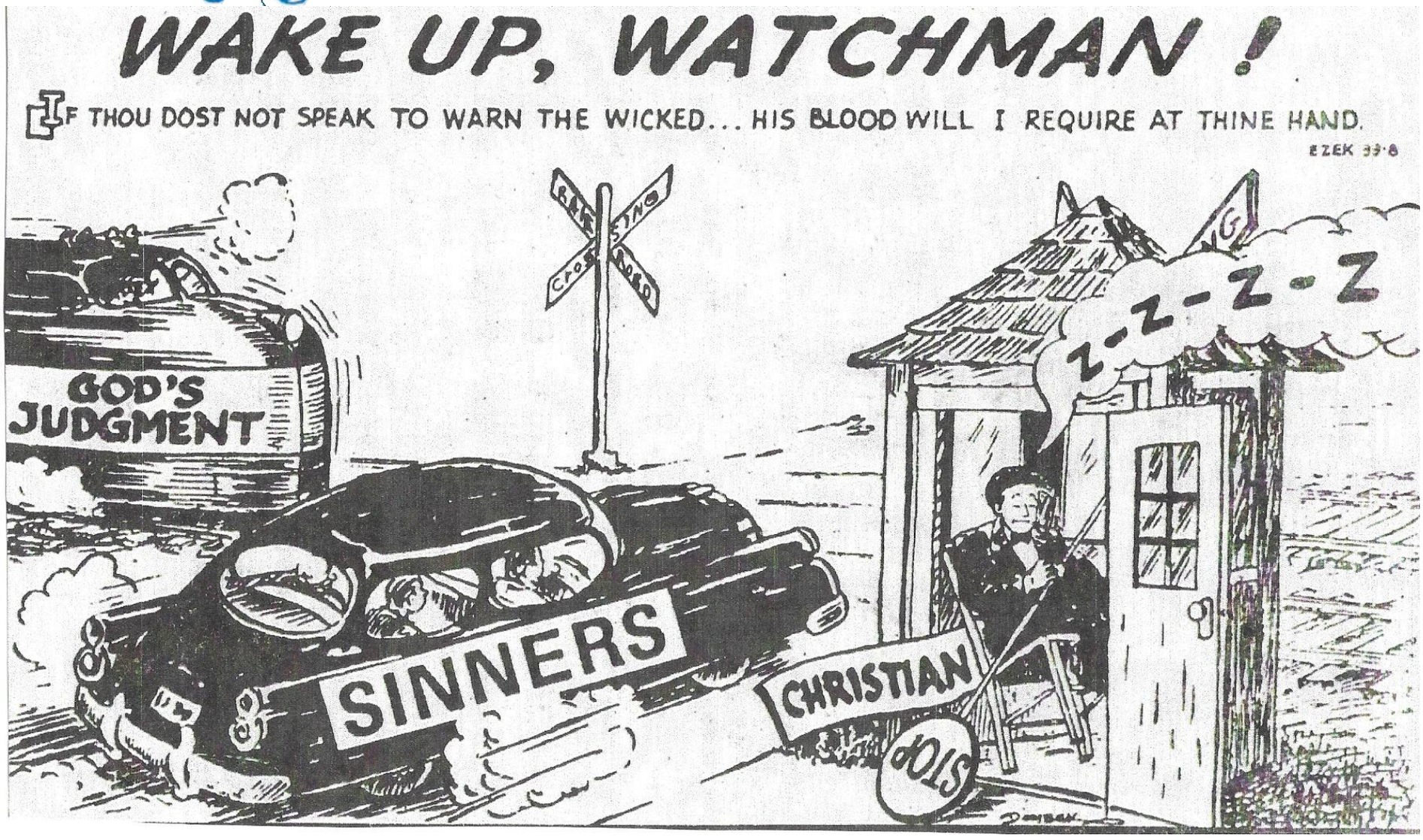
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CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Greetings to the Saints of God!

Pastor Junior & Brenda Tingle



Hello Christian Friends
Truly we serve a great and awesome God we are enriched every day with His many blessings.

So quickly time is passing as we are already in the third month of 2023, much is happening in our world. Daily we hear that war is eminent it is easy to see by looking around us that these are the days we have heard preached concerning the end time and the coming of of Lord.

There have been, no doubt, earthquakes and famines in the first century and during every generation since. "It is hardly necessary to add to this that not only false Christs and false prophets, wars and rumors of war, earthquakes and famines occur in every age throughout the history of the church," But this time it is different from any other time since the beginning of the world.

You can see the war between good and evil, light and darkness.

The coming of our Lord is even at the door. Many ministers throughout the years have told us about the things that must come to pass as we near that great and terrible day.

Our freedom to worship and our everyday freedom as Americans are at stake. satan is the god of this world and many are following in his evil ways. Our government is now passing laws and allowing evil to have its way. Good is called evil and evil good. Isa 5:20

The devil is come down unto you,having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev. 12:12

We are watching daily seeing Bible prophecy come to pass, never have we seen it being filled so rapidly. Even though there have been famines and earthquakes in the past, they are just a warm-up for what God will bring about during the future time of tribulation. When these miraculous events occur, there will be no doubt about the fulfillment of the details of Matthew 24. We are building toward that day when God will judge and remove evil so that He can establish His righteous rule for a thousand years. May that day come soon! Maranatha! You can see the coming of the lord is upon us, there is going to be a global take over by satan, above all we must be ready. as you read this today let it stir you to pray and reach out to the lost. Thank you to all who support and read this newspaper you are helping us to reach the lost. God bless you is our prayer. Bro Jr. Tingle

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The Importance Of Truth

Pastor J.J.Derese

" FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT"

I've, heard the expression many times, " Thats your,interpretation of the Bible," when actually the best interpreter of the scripture is the scriptures themselves. In establishing the Bible so important that man's salvation or damnation would hinge on its meaning, God provided for every basic doctrine to be repeated so that misinterpretation would be avoided. Paul relates this in II Cor. 13: 1, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

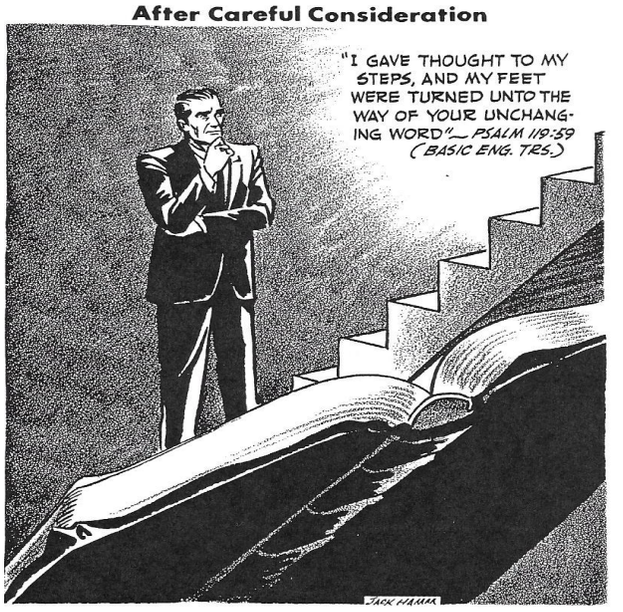
Even this same scripture is found again in Matthew 18: 16 and several other places to fulfill its own demand. All of this is to warn a man not to build a doctrine, especially a major one, on a single scripture. Therefore if a meaning is drawn from a scripture a God intended it to be understood, that same idea, although possibly worded differently, will be found elsewhere in the scriptures.

Many religions have major beliefs that are founded on one misunderstood scripture in spite of the fact that every fundamental doctrine should be backed up by at least two scriptures.

Faith in God, believing in him is obviously mandatory to being saved by him. Heb. 11:6 States it is impossible to please him or come to God without faith and believing that he exists Heb.4:2 speaks of the people not profiting from hearing the word preached because of no faith in them that heard it Now, is faith enough ? James 1 :22 reads But be ye doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (also Romans 2: 13). Notice James chapter 2; verse 17 " ... faith, if it hath not works, is dead ... verse 24 "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." And verse 26 " ... so faith without works is dead also." Please allow me to repeat; Faith without works, is dead !

Obedience to the word of God

Obedience to the word of God is absolutely



necessary for salvation from an eternity in hell. Heb 5:9 ... salvation unto all them that obey Him, Also I Peter 1 :22 " ... ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth ... " In Romans 6:16-18 "ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Paul says in Romans 1:5 that he received grace for his obedience to the faith.

THE FIRST STEP

The first step or action towards salvation is repentance. Repentance is humbly coming before God and asking forgiveness of sin with sincere intentions from turning away from sin. Although many religions claim that you can be saved and still have a sinful life, the scriptures tell us that Jesus came to save people from their sins, not in their sins.

(Matt 1:21, Romans 6:18) In Luke 13:3-5, Jesus says except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Our repentance, paralleled to Jesus death, is dying out to a world of sin (Romans 6 :1-2)

THE SECOND STEP

baptism is the second step or action towards salvation; Mark 16:16 "He that is believeth and is baptized shall be saved...." Acts 22:16 also) In Romans 6: 3-4, Paul likens water baptism to the burial of Jesus Christ. This alone leaves little doubt as to what name it is to be administered in.

Acts 4: 10-12 stresses the importance of that name, "... none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Yet men refuse to use the name of Jesus in baptism. Baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, Acts 22:16.

Luke 24:47 states that repentance and remission of sins (baptism) should be preached in his name... (Jesus being the one referred to.) In the Trinitarians one scripture for baptism, Matt 28:19 Jesus commands his apostles to baptize in the name (singular) of the Father,and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (most everyone knows the son is Jesus)

in John Jesus says He came in the Father's name. Heb 1:4 says He received his name by inhereitance (so did I, my name is Derese because my Fathers name is Derese). Any legitimate son comes in the Fathers name The Father's name must be Jesus. Name of the Holy Ghost (John 14:26), Jesus !!! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are only titles or offices of one God, they are not his name. The apostles knew what the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost was; that's why baptism in the new testament was administered in the name of Jesus ! Proof? Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 19:5. To get around this truth I have heard men say baptism is not necessary anyway. With the various forms of the word 'Baptize" being mentioned over 50 times in the Bible, if a man can discard baptism as nonessential, he may as well discard his whole Bible.

THE THIRD STEP

The third step to salvation is promised from God after one repents and is baptized n Jesus' name (Acts 2:38 & 39). The Holy Ghost is promised in John 7: 38 & 39 to those who believe according to the scriptures.

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people are not believing "as the scripture hath said. " Jesus says in John 3:5 that the birth of the water and of the spirit is mandatory to enter the kingdom of God.

In the 8th verse he also hints of a characteristic that everyone would experience in spiritual birth: something would be heard !!! verse 8 "…thou hearest the sound thereof ... so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." What was heard when the Jews first received the Holy Ghost ?

Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Later in Acts 10: 44-47 the Jews were convinced that the Gentiles also had received the Holy Ghost "For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." (God is no respecter of person!)

Remember " ... thou hearest the sound thereof ... so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." Some say that tongues have ceased according to I Cor. 13:8 but notice the same scripture states that knowledge shall vanish away! True, that time shall come, but we have not reached the day when "knowledge shall vanish away'; neither have we reached the day when "tongues shall cease.'

The apostle Paul preached the same thing that Peter preached (read Acts 19 1-6). He baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and his converts spoke with tongues when they received the Holy Ghost. Paul was thoroughly convinced that there was no other plan of salvation, for in Gal. 1: 8-9 he says though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you let than that which we have preached unto you let him be accursed. As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." This doesn't sound much like the widespread idea of "You go to your church and I'll go to mine {of unscriptural beliefs) and we'll walk hand in hand to heaven." Matthew 7:13-14 tells us. that many shall go the way that leads to destruction but few there be that even find the way to salvation. Listen to Luke3:24 " ... many will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

Let me urge you to be extremely cautious not to miss God's plan of salvation, for in Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 we find that there are beliefs that seem right to man but end in destruction. The stakes are to high; the cargo too precious; eternity is too long ... to be lost. Matthew 16:26 "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul???

A VISIT IN THE NIGHT



READ Psalm.17:1-8

"Thou has proved my heart; thou hast visited me in the night" (verse 3). Have you ever visited with God in the night? It is a wonderful experience. When sleep does not come, that is a good time to communicate with the Lord in prayer. There are no distractions then; no one else hears you.

It is time to be alone with Him; to tell Him anything on your heart. He will never betray your confidence, nor reveal your secret.

It is time to get away from the restlessness of the world and rest in His Word; to exchange the chaos of crisis for the calmness of Christ; to go from worry to worship, from turmoil to triumph.

It is time to thank Him for His blessings; for confession of sin, and to ask for pardon; to tell Him that you love Him, and to get assurance of His love for you. You can change your sleeplessness for a time of blessedness. You'll find that "a little talk with Jesus makes it right." Try it.

PRAY for an awareness that He is always available,day or night.

H.ERICKSON

The Preacher Never Visits Me

Quite often someone will say, "Our preacher just never calls in our home."

If this is true, you probably have much for which you can thank God. It usually means that death has not struck; that no serious illnesses have laid low the members of your family; your not a shut in and the surgeon's knife has not threatened you. You have no serious marital problems, and you are not a spiritual delinquent.

As a rule, ministers would like to "drop in" for a cup of coffee or a chat with you, but time simply won't permit. There are far too many who are sick, hospitalized, bereaved, and back slidden who demand this time and energy.

This is not an effort on your minister's part to "alibi," but there simply are not enough hours in the day to visit, just for the sake of visiting; however, be sure of this, if you need your minister, just telephone him and he'll come, whether it is day or night.

So if the minister doesn't visit in your home, pause and thank God that you haven't needed his presence. Some day you will need him and he will be there! Selah....



Questions & Answers

By O.F Fauss

Question.

I am concerned about the meaning of 1 Corinthians 15:29. "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?" Did the early church actually have baptismal services for deceased human beings?

Answer:

We have no record, nor even one verse of Scripture, where any of the Apostles baptized anybody for a departed loved one. The verse that you quoted is the Apostle's statement following the long discussion in the preceding twenty-eight verses, in which he sought to establish to the Corinthians that Jesus died, was buried, and arose again the third day, according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Paul was faced with an error of some who were trying to tell God's people that there was no resurrection, and that Christ had not risen. The Apostle declares that if that is true, our faith is in vain. (Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-22.)

Our hope is built upon the fact that Jesus came out of the grave, and that there is a resurrection. In other words, what shall they do who are baptized in the name of Jesus, if He died, and never rose from the grave? Paul spoke those words to prove that baptism would have no meaning to the Christian, who had been buried in Jesus' name, if He were still in the grave.

Thank God! He arose and brought to us a complete salvation, through His death, burial and resurrection-all in His wonderful name, JESUS!

Please explain the scripture, "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14). If one felt the call to be a minister or a missionary in early life, and failed to obey, would he be forgiven in later years when too old to heed the call? I live in fear of missing the rapture.

I do not believe that Jesus was referring altogether to a ministerial or missionary call. He had just concluded the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. From the day that one is saved, he is called to live for God, and to work in His vineyard.

God has called all men to repentance (Acts 17:30). After heeding that call, we become His chosen. Then it is up to each one to prove himself faithful. We read in Revelation 17:30, "For he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." After one has heeded the call to repentance and salvation, he becomes God's chosen, and then he is to prove himself faithful.

What is wrong with participating in worldly sports? For an answer, I am quoting an article from Gospel Tidings, written by Brother Clyde Haney.

"There are many recreational activities that Christians can enjoy among themselves as Christians. Becoming a Christian does not mean that a young person must sit down and fold his hands. But worldly sports require our becoming involved with the world. It requires having fellowship with the world. This the Bible condemns. Eph. 5:11 says, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness." II Cor. 6: 17 asks, "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, what communion hath light with darkness?" Verse 17 declares, "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate said the Lord." I John 2: 15 commands, "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the father is not in him." I John 5:4 asserts, "For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world . . . " These and many more scriptures plainly indicate that the true born again child of God does not mingle and fellowship with the world in their activities and sports. To do so has been the result of many backsliding and losing their souls.

"The desire to participate in any way is a sign of spiritual weakness and, if yielded to, will become the loss of power of one's testimony and finally the loss of one's soul. "And whatever ye do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17).

"If the believer makes sure all his deeds fulfill this scripture he will stay separated from the world and its fellowship."



Sold Short Of The Truth

Dear readers of this message, I am stirred to the core over the short-sellers and cheaters there are among us in this last hour of time. From Isa. 24:16, we open our subject. Notice what the prophet has to say: "From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."

Oh, what a cry from the man of God as he saw the lean souls of the people because someone was dealing crooked or unfaithfully.

They were betraying their trust, this has always been a world of cheating and selling things short. There has been spirits of deception and false balance ever since the first family on earth. Oh how people trust ministers today to feed and deliver them everything that God has for them so they won't have to cry "My leanness !" to feed the church of God.

Oh, the tragedy of this SELLING SHORT and TREACHEROUS DEALING in religion.

(1) Why does the precious blood of the Lamb have to be defiled by men ?

(2) Why does the world have to be sold short of who Jesus is ?

(3)Why does the Bible have to be sold so cheap?

(4) Why does humanity have to be cheated, and beat out of the REAL TRUTH God wanted them to have-- the Bible plan of salvation?

After God spent so much time in search of "Pure Blood" for Calvary, and called special men to start a Pentecostal Church of Repentance, Baptism in Jesus Name, the Holy Ghost experience, and Holiness, then some "slick mouthed, slimy preachers and religions have held it back from the lean. starving humanity.

It was in Matt. 28:11-15 that the grave watchers of Jesus' tomb were paid a good sum of silver to lie to the public about the real resurrection. The rulers and the religious priests (ministry of Jerusalem) sold the world short of the truth.

The Jews sold Jesus short of what and who He really was to Israel and the rest of the world, when they had him crucified.

He was the very God manifested in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16 He was their Messiah

Now. after 1900 years. some of the Jews want a retrial of Christ "they believe too late He was the real Christ. I declare to you there is also a need of the Retrial of the first Apostolic Church. The Apostles were put to death and the truth was sold short.

In A. D. 325, the world began to be sold short of truth by the Roman Catholic Doctrine that there were three Gods and a false baptism. That's why so much of the world is in darkness now.

Micah 6:10-11 speaks of merchants using SCANT MEASURE (a lean weight. So that's why the churches are crying, "Oh, my leanness"! Someone is cheating them out of the WHOLE TRUTH.

A compromiser will sell you short of the truth and what God wants you to have.

(1)A preacher that won't preach this old-time HOLINESS MESSAGE to you is damning your soul and selling you SHORT OF THE TRUTH.

(2)He is causing God"s best blessings to be kept back from you.

(3) A preacher that won't take a stand for OLD-TIME REPENTANCE and shedding off the world is SELLING YOU SHORT, brother and sister. He is your enemy.

(4) A preacher in this world that won't preach that Water Baptism ln Jesus Name is the only way, is cheating the lean world out of the truth.

(5) A preacher that won't take a real stand and tell the world they need the Holy Ghost to be saved, is holding God's message from them.

These denominations are selling the world short of the BIBLE TRUTH. The blind is surely leading the blind this hour. Trinity churches are poisoning people against the APOSTLES DOCTRINE .

2 Tim. 4:3 and 4 tells us the time will come when they will not endure SOUND DOCTRINE.

The compromisers in Pentecost are telling their people it's okay to do thls and that, and don't listen to brother so and so. He's fanatic, you know.

But oh, brother, won't that solid word of God sound good to those who have lived for God, on the brink of Eternity when they see Jesus and Heaven?

Remember: The judgment day will prove, THAT COMPROMISER has sold you short of the truth, though we can't seem to convince you now.

By: Donald Berry

Truth is not always popular, but it's always right !

A.S.A.P.

Always Say A Prayer

The Next Generation

By C.M. Becton

For many years I rode past a building on my way to World Evangelism Center and read a sign that I have never forgotten: "No amount of success will compensate for failure in the home." The Book of Judges contains the sad history of the second and succeeding generations who did not know God as did Joshua and his generation. The death and burial of Joshua is followed by the statement, "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel"(Judges2:10,KJV).

Could it be that the church, like Israel, is facing a time when there will arise another generation that will not know the truth or the glory that we are experiencing today? A deep religious significance for our day is found in the story of Elijah and Elisha. Elisha was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in the field when Elijah passed and cast his mantle upon him. Elijah said nothing, but Elisha left the oxen and ran after him, saying, "Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee" (I Kings 19:20). Elijah told him, "Go back again: for what have I done to thee?" (I Kings 19:20). Elisha slew his oxen, arose, and followed Elijah. The call and anointing of God touched Elisha through that mantle. Many years passed. When Elijah grew old, he realized that God would soon take him from earth, so he set out on a journey. Elisha followed him from Gilgal to Bethel, from Bethel to Jericho, and from Jericho to the Jordan River. Along the way, Elijah often told Elisha not to follow him. Moreover, the sons of the prophets in Bethel and in Jericho tried to persuade Elisha to stay with them. But Elisha would not leave Elijah. After passing through the Jordan River, Elijah asked Elisha what he could do for him. The younger man said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me" (II Kings 2:9). Elijah answered, "If thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee" (II Kings 2:10). When Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind with a chariot and horses of fire, Elisha saw the entire drama. He also saw Elijah's mantle fall from the prophet to the ground. Elisha took off his own cloak, tore it into two pieces, picked up Elijah's mantle, and returned to the Jordan River. With Elijah's mantle in his hand, he expected his first miracle, saying, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" (II Kings 2:14). What Elisha did is very significant for us. In Scripture when garments are rent, it is a sign of personal great sorrow. Elisha had to have his own personal experience with God; he had to touch God personally. Thus he rent his own clothes before he took Elijah's garment to the Jordan River to smite the water and to call upon the Lord God of Elijah. We must also have our personal Pentecostal experience a rending of our hearts in order to receive the gift of the Spirit. In Joel's prophecy of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, God said, "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God" (Joel 2:13).Thus,prior to the promise of the outpouring of the Spirit, God used the custom of rending garments as a sign to call people to a place of repentance,to an experience of great sorrow for their sinfulness.

Two things stand out: the mantle Elisha inherited from Elijah and Elisha's tearing his own garments. The mantle alone was not enough; he needed his own personal experience, symbolized by the tearing of his garments.

All of God's people want the double portion of power with the inherited mantle, but the double portion will never be ours unless our spirits are broken in repentance and God's Spirit enters into our being in life changing power. Our pioneers brought us a long way in Pentecostal revival during this century; they passed to us a mantle filled with their spirit of power, evangelism, healing, and miracles. Their mantle has touched us with vision and dreams. But with the mantle we had to have our own personal experience of the supernatural, and so must our children in the third Pentecostal generation and their children in the fourth generation.

We need the inheritance, but we also need the same devotion to God, the same miracle working faith, and the same evangelistic zeal. The second, third, and fourth generations must have a first generation experience.

Jesus said, "These works that I do shall you do and greater works." He did not say that we would do different works; rather, we are to do the same works Jesus did but they will be even greater. Many people are looking for different things, but we must look for the same works performed by our Lord Jesus.

We must let our children see in us not just an inheritance but also the power of that inheritance. We can give them our mantle, but only they can rend their garments.

Living for God is more than having a mantle, more than an inheritance. It is also more than the rending of garments, as Elisha did. We must also have the miraculous demonstration of the Spirit living in us and working through us. Our children need to go to the "Jordan River" and watch God part it for them to walk to the other side. It is interesting that when the river divided for Elisha, those in the school of prophets who were watching did not say, "Here comes Elisha with a mantle," but, "Here comes Elisha with the spirit." Their words were, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha" (II Kings 2:15).

Parents need to travail for their children in intercessory prayer until they receive not only the mantle but a personal experience with God that will be demonstrated in miracles,signs, and wonders. When our children of the third and fourth generations seem unconcerned, when they sit through service without being moved by the Holy Ghost, we must be concerned enough to pray for them. In their youth they may be taken up with other things, but what they must do is rend their garments in repentance so that God will become real in their lives and ministry. The Spirit of their inheritance must become their personal experience.

There must be intercessory prayer, even though we think we do not have time. When your children are lost, they must get saved. They must come to a moment of rending their own garments. They cannot survive spiritually with an inheritance unless they also receive the Spirit of that inheritance.

Our experience alone is not sufficient for them; they must find the reality of the Spirit for themselves. They must have the same experience, the same consecration, and witness the same demonstrations of the Spirit as did the early church and our Pentecostal pioneers of this century. ..... end

No man really finds out what he believes in,
until he begins to instruct his children

The Folly Of The New Morality

By Ralph McGuire

THE YOUNGER GENERATION today is being into bondage and slavery, and led as an ox to the slaughter, by the advocates of the so-called new morality. This mass "moral slaughter" of youth is not paralleled by any era of the past.

This deceptive Satanic doctrine that offers a license for one to sin against his own body, while promising liberty, is a most absurd delusion. For God's Word declares, "Rejoice, 0 young man in thy youth; and let thine heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes, but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment" (Ecclesiastes 11:9).

How far we have drifted from reality when the "straight life" is considered freakish, and even immoral. We are in dire need of observation and re-appraisal when black suddenly becomes white, and white, black.

Absurd? Yes, but men are turning to weird and abstract extremes. It is amazing how such radical, un-thinkable, degenerative transitions can sweep across a civilized, intelligent society, simply because some professor has declared them to be sane and good. Satan has a lot of help today in accomplishing his purpose.



THE ONLY HOPE FOR SURVIVAL

In the form of the printed page and pictorial pornography, and with the aid of television and the movies, a staggering toll is being taken. Corruption is becoming the "thing" and "in," while decency is taboo. We are told that we are not wise, and are not really living, unless we are wallowing in the mire like swine.

"Everybody is doing it," they say, "so plunge in."

We are being deceived into believing that happiness comes in the form of pills, capsules, liquor and drugs. But, to the contrary, these things are the greatest curse of the hour.

Even one below the average in intelligence should realize the serious consequences of sin. Why is society so bruised and battered, and sick in body, mind and soul? All because men will not listen to what God Almighty, through Jesus Christ, is trying to tell them.

Those of the younger generation who have gone astray are to be pitied, and understood in love. They are often nothing more than the victims of godless progenitors.

The world has forgotten God, and has rejected His truth. But the New Testament is still alive today. The sex manuals of the new morality (so called) cannot change the changeless, eternal law of God. Man shall be judged by this law, and not by the manuals of carnal, unregenerated men.

Among certain heathen tribes, a "standard" is established by the opinion of ten men. This has been called "the standard of ten men," and hence a law is born. But if all the states of America, Britain and Sweden declare a new morality, this would not alter the law of God, nor enable the guilty to escape the penalty of His judgment.

Have fun, experiment with sin if you wish, but remember, the harvest is coming. Thus saith the Lord, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." History confirms this truth. The first world was destroyed by the flood, and the only ones who survived were those who hearkened unto God. The remains of Noah's ark are said to be resting today under snow and ice on the top of Mt. Ararat, as a witness to this generation.

Jesus said, "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man."

Sodom was destroyed by God's avenging fire because of her "new morality" standard. Today there is only ashes and debris where once stood a magnificent, but corrupt, city. Rome was destroyed from within through immorality and corruption. The sinking of the Titanic (said to be unsinkable) stands out in history as a solemn warning.

On board for the ship's maiden voyage were some of the wealthiest people in the world. It was said that even God could not sink the ship. They drank and they surfeited, not realizing that judgment was on the way. As the ship sank, the people screamed, and begged .God for mercy. But their prayers were a little late.

The band played its final number, "Nearer My God to Thee," as the ship's passengers sank into a watery and Christ-less grave.

Today, law enforcement is being weakened, threat-ened and intimidated by gross compromise in the higher courts. Local law enforcement agencies are being shackled by these decisions, so that many are losing respect for the law. The offender is often sheltered, protected and coddled by the same ones who should impose punishment upon him. The relaxed attitude toward crime is alarming. However, the unchanging law of God will bring about the punishment of the guilty, though they escape here through weakened law enforcement.

Heaven's high court will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing. The men will stand before the great Judge, and be judged according to the deeds done in the body. Fornication and adultery are now widespread, and are "winked at" by the advocates of the new morality. But God hates these things today, just as much as He did when he forbade them in His Word. In Romans 1:22-28, Paul tells us how our first fathers went away from God. A careful study of 2 Timothy 3: 1-7 will reveal that in the last days another generation will similarly go astray. We are living in that time.

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter."

How tragic when men can no longer discern between right and wrong! .....end



THE MODERNISTIC WORLD

we live in has become obsessed with a desire for easier living. Anything will sell if it saves time or labor, is convenient, or makes for comfort. Therefore, millions of dollars are spent yearly researching ways of making life easy and living convenient. Who among us would like to live without these modern conveniences? Our luxuries and conveniences have almost become our necessities.

Conveniences are fine until they begin to affect our living for God. The cry of the world for ease, comfort, and convenience must never become the cry of the church. This desire can become a part of our character. "Make it easy, Preacher," must never transcend the gulf between th nominal church world and the true Bride of Christ.

Israel, God's people, after a rich history of blessing and miracles, were deceived and trapped when they allowed convenience to become a disaster.

Jeroboam, the first king of the ten northern tribes of Israel, erected two golden calves in violation of God's law: one in Dan, the other in Bethel, the two extremities of the kingdom. Jeroboam feared that if the people continued to travel to Jerusalem and worship, their hearts would be turned back to the House of David, and he would lose both the people and his position as king. The cunning plan had the mark of convenience without removing God entirely.

Jeroboam gave to the people an alternative of convenience, while retaining enough of the old rituals to soothe the conscience.

He established feast days like those in Jerusalem, and also established an order of priests. One thing he did not do: he did not deny the need for worship, the need of a gathering place to worship, nor the existence of Jehovah God.

The people accepted the compromise for convenience sake. No doubt the feeling that too much was required of them already existed in their hearts. God had decreed that there be one temple at Jerusalem to worship in, one ark where the Spirit of God would rest, one high priest, and only one plan. Compromise for convenience, though pleasing to man, can never re-place God's commands!

In 1 Kings 12:28, Jerobom said, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem." True, the journey to the temple in Jerusalem .was long, costly, and dangerous. The hours of work lost, the cost of traveling the hot dusty roads, the crowded conditions, and poor accommodations in Jerusalem all spoke of inconvenience and discomfort.

Jeroboam's calves became widely accepted for convenience sake. The journey was short, the work and wages lost was much less, and the dangers decreased. Yes, by worship-ping in Dan or Bethel, they would save time and money. They might even give a portion of the money saved to God; and besides, "It was just too much for them to go up to Jerusalem."

Convenience or Obedience

No human reasoning or convenience can ever justify disobedience to God's law. This spirit of convenience deceived Israel and led to spiritual anemia, moral decay, and final destruction.

Make no mistake: the spirit of convenience above obedience is still alive today (I Kings 2:28).

Danger!

Are four church services a week too much for you to attend? Do you find Bible reading, fasting, and. prayer too much for your busy schedule? Does tithing constitute too much of a requirement in itself, much less giving to the building fund, foreign missions, home missions, and other offerings? You feel that no one should require that much of you? Beware! The spirit of convenience, the spirit of the age, is affecting you.

You mean my television viewing will eat away at my soul, my walk with God and my spirituality? Are you asking, "Pastor, you mean I should get rid of it?" Psalm 101:3 says, "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes." I Thessalonians 5:22 declares, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

"Does God really expect ME to (? dress holy, talk godly, and act differently than other people who do not know Him? Don't you think that's asking too much of me? Come on now! You can't be serious! You mean hockey games, baseball games, football games, basketball games, etc., are no place for Holy Ghost-filled people?"

Yes, for James 4:4 asks, "Know ye not that friendship of the world is enmity with God?" whosoever will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. I John 2:15, 16 says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world.

"Pastor! Preacher! you're going to have to make it easier for us. These requirements are just too much." Be-ware! The sin that Jeroboam caused Israel to sin crouches at your door; convenience is about to bring you spiritual disaster. Remember, Israel felt the journey was too long, too hard, and too inconvenient. They wanted an easier way!

To the Church

Let no man of God play the role of Jeroboam, who for fear of losing people and, in turn, his position,

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caused the people of God to com. promise and sin. God destroyed Jeroboam's posterity along with the kingdom.

May the church ever be willing to live according to the pattern established in the Word of God. Anything God requires us to surrender to Him can never be too much or make life too inconvenient. To rebel and do otherwise is to ac-knowledge that the spirit of convenience is leading to a definite spiritual disaster in your life.

A cross must be carried, a yoke must be worn. However, when carried and worn in love, "His yoke is easy and His burden is light" (Mark 11:30). Let us not allow convenience to become a disaster, but rather ask of God, "What more can I do?"

Oh, the contrast and the beauty of such a spirit.

end...

By James D. Merrick

Give Up or Given UP

One day a young man asked an evangelist , "How can I give up my undesirable companions? "I want to live a better life."

"Thats nor difficult." he answered. "Just live a righteous life and the undesirable companions will give you up."

God Is Greater!

Whatever problem I may have
God Is Greater!
Whatever burden I bear.
God IS Greater,God is greater than my greatest trouble!
His love is sufficient.
His grace He will double!
God is greater than what may befall
For He is much greater, MUCH GREATER THAN ALL!

Edward Brandt

God Guides and Cares For His Own

He hath brought us into this place,and hath given us. this land" (Deuteronomy 26:9). (Read also Deuteronomy 26:5-9; (Read also Deuteronomy 26:5-9; Acts 13:17, 2 ; Luke 24:25-27).

The way pilots of large planes avoid other aircraft at a busy, crowded airport fascinates me. They make their way down even through a thick, low ceiling-to find a specific, narrow runway.

Such maneuverability is possible only because pilots are given special explicit guiddance. Each pilot has the benefit of a ground controlled approach with two-way radio contact with the control tower which has information regarding the location of all planes in the area.

He also has the benefit of an automatic instrument landing system. By watching the instrument panel in the cockpit he can guide his ship down to the runway, even if he cannot see the ground. The vertical beams from the localizer transmitter line up the plane with the center of the runway, while the path transmitter provides a flat beam slanting upwards to provide, as it were, a long chute down which planes glide.

All of this reminds me that just as science has developed such remarkable guidance systems, so the Author of life has provided adequate direction for His people. Each of us may negotiate life's complex, crowded journey with implicit confidence.

Divine guidance would direct us in the physical and material aspects of our lives (Psalm 37:3-5). The Bible, God's Word to us, would direct our minds, keeping our thoughts in God's way (Il Timothy 3:16). The Holy Ghost would speak to our spirits and make clear God's favor (Romans 8: 16, 17).

We shall not be misled nor shall we come to a crash landing. This divine guidance system makes it possible for us to live effectively, and it will enable us ultimately to reach safely the eternal port designated for the soul

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A SIMPLE TEST

Millions call themselves by His name (Christians), it is true, and pay some token respect to Him, but a simple test will show how little He is really honored among them.

Let the average man be put to the proof on the question of who is his Lord, and that man's true position will be exposed. If thousands of men and women who call themselves Christians were forced into making a choice between God and money, between God and men, between God and personal ambitions, God and self, God and human love, God would take second place every time. All t h e s e other things would be exalted above Him. However man may protest, the proof is in the choices he makes, day after day throughout his life.

A New Life In Christ

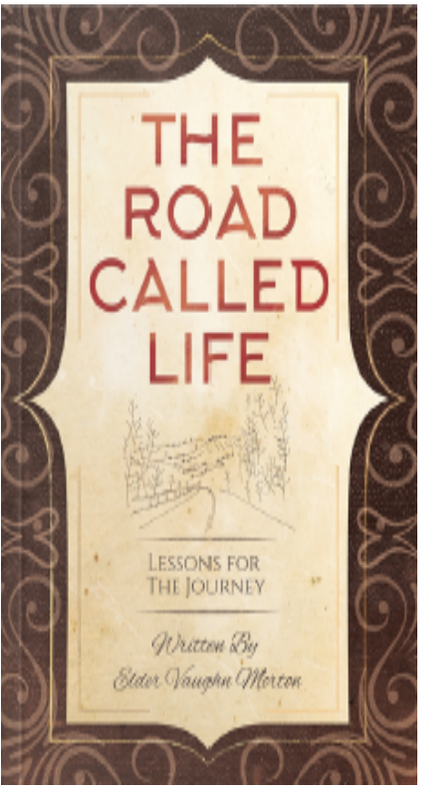


How often when conscience goads us with shame do we resolve to "turn over a new leaf"or another try.

Bright and clean was each new leaf when we turned it, but it fared like all the rest. In no time, it, too, became smeared with the same old failure and d e f e a t. Down in our hearts we want to do right. Why is it we so frequently do wrong? The Book of God has the answer: "it is no more I that do it, but SIN that dwelleth in me" (Romans 7 :17).

Like a deadly cancer, spreading slowly in the deep recesses of the body, sin works death in the soul. Nothing human can stay its ravages. "Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death." Only the Living God can deal with this deadly soul-malady and this He does by imparting to us a new Life, and this Life is in His Son. Not a new start, but a new heart, not a turning of a new leaf, but receiving a new life; this is the only cure for the disease. It is "the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" that makes us free from the law of sin and death.

If you don't want the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard.



The purpose of this writing is to provide seed thoughts. It is simple points and scriptures to consider regarding inward and outward holiness and separation from the world. Holiness never ends.

May we take these principles and apply them to our lives.
Elder Vaughn Morton

Available at: www.Amazon.com



At this point in my life, at age 77, in 2017, I have been in the ministry for 57 years. The purpose for this book is to help people on the road of life. I thank God for this Pentecostal message of Acts 2:38, the oneness of God, holiness within, holiness without and separation from the world.

I thank Him every day for this revelation. We can do all the above and to be saved we must. After we have obeyed Acts 2:38 and are really living for God, we still have to live in this life.

We have to cope with this life. The Bible says, "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved." So, the purpose of this book is to help Apostolic Jesus Name people on the road called Life.

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How Important The Name Jesus

WHAT A THRILL spiritually to learn the true meaning of the word "Jesus." What a thrill to learn just who Jesus is, and to have a complete new chapter of divine revelation of His name opened before your eyes.

Since I have come to better understand and to see the depth and the indescribable importance of that name, my soul has simply been elated, and overwhelmed with inexpressible joy.

We are hearing much today about a term "Revival of the Name JESUS." With the help of the Holy Spirit guiding, let us dwell in thought for a while upon that name.

First of all, we must recognize the meaning of that name, JESUS. Going into reference books and lexicons, we learn that Jesus is the Greek form of the same name in Hebrew, Yehoshua or Jehovah, and which we would pronounce Joshua in English. The meaning of that word Jesus is "Savior" or "God who is salvation." In Matthew 1:21 it is recorded, " ... thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." In Acts 4:12 we are told, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." It is true that this was the name given to the child born of Mary, the Son of God, who was God incarnate or God robed in human flesh (John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16). This was not an ordinary name, for Paul tells us in Phillipians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Actually, and very simply, Jesus is a family name. Are you a part of that great family? Do you have the wonderful name of Jesus clothing you? Paul tells us in Galatians 3:27 that we put on the Lord Jesus Christ when we are baptized. Peter says in Acts 2:38, " ... repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

In John 5:43 Jesus said that He was come in the Father's name. Each one of us bears the name of our father. Women change their name in marriage, but behind that married name they still revert frequently to the family name ... their family name. Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name .... " He carried the name of His Father; and since His name was Jesus, the Father's name had to be Jesus. The Father's name IS Jesus.

In Revelation 4:1 we see a Lamb upon Mt. Zion, and with Him the 144,000 who bear the name of the Father in their foreheads. What name will that be? Who is the LAMB? To whom is this referring? It is Jesus. The Father's name upon their foreheads is Jesus. We, likewise, shall bear that name then, as we should now, after being baptized in His name.

Oh, thank God for the privilege of bearing and being clothed with the Father's name ... that godly name ... that precious name of Jesus! Glory to God!

In Colossians 3:17 we are told that " ... whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus so important is that name that everything we do should be done "in Jesus' name." We can all think of many things we do in Jesus' name. We pray in Jesus' name. We ask for wisdom, guidance, peace, and joy in Jesus' name. We pray for healing in Jesus' name. Peter at the Beautiful Gate told the lame man, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6). Evil spirits are conquered and cast out in Jesus' name. Yes, all we do, we are to do in the name of Jesus Christ. Then the question so forcefully comes, "Why don't people baptize in the name of Jesus Christ?" Is not baptism a deed? When we refuse baptism in His name, we directly disobey the command in Acts 2:38, which says we should be baptized in Jesus' name, and also Colossians 3:17, which tells us that ALL we do should be in His name.

How important is that name? As important as salvation itself, for without the name we cannot be saved (Acts 4:12). As essential as life itself, for through that name we gain Iife eternal life, and Jesus is the life.

Thank God my eyes were opened! The traditional scales were cast off so that I can see the beautiful ONENESS of God all through the Scripture, and the real value of the NAME. How grateful I am for the depth and wonder and miracle of this wonderful, thrilling revelation. *Audrey Friesen*

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Quiet Lights

Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. The lighthouse sounds no drum and beats no gong. and yet far over the water its friendly spark is seen by the mariner, So let your actions shine out your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by all your conduct.

Spurgeon

Think On These Things



"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you . Matthew 17:20

What I Could Do If I Wanted To

1. If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide-awake and working church in all the world.
2. If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick and possibly find other ways of helping them.
3. If I wanted to, I could attend Sunday school regularly and encourage others to do the same.
4. If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services and receive much more good from them myself.
5. If I wanted to, I could profit much more from the sermons by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses and sin.
6. If I wanted to, I could use my efforts to help promote the greatest possible harmony in my church.
7. If I wanted to, I could tell others about Jesus Christ and His church and lead many of them to salvation at least my actions could always speak for Christ.
8. If I wanted to, I could give back to the Lord each Lord's day as I have prospered I thereby helping to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Of course this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honorable servant of God, but the question is, · "What do I really want to do?"

Western Messenger

DISAPPOINTMENTS AND BLESSINGS

We do not know
Why we should be treated so;
We do not see why this should be-
But Father sees and knows.

We cannot understand
Why things do not go as planned,
But He is leading us by our hand
To take us safely to that land.

Our plans do not materialize,
We seem a failure to some eyes.
From earthly ties we sometimes have to sever
Before we can be fit to cross the river.

This pathway is fraught with many a cry
To make us look up to Him in the sky
Self in us He wants to crucify
Before in death our bodies lie

Grace Goode

HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache, But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake.
My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.
Tho' night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break;
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He maketh no mistake.
There's so much now I cannot see
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.
For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make.
Through all the way, tho' dark to me
He maketh no mistakes

submitted by: Reba Sipes

I AM NEVER ALONE

I'm never alone in the morning.
As I rise at the break of day,
For Jesus, who watched through the darkness
Says, "Lo, I am with you always."
I'm never alone at my table
Though loved ones no longer I see;
For dearer than all who have vanished
Is Jesus who. breaks bread with me.
I'm never alone through the daylight,
Though nothing but trials I see.
Though the furnace be seven times heated
The 'form of the fourth' walks with me.
I'm never alone at the twilight
When darkness around me doth creep
And specters press hard round my pillow.
He watches and cares while I sleep.
I'm walking and talking with Jesus
Each day as I travel along.
I'm never alone. Hallelujah!
The joy of the Lord is my song..

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