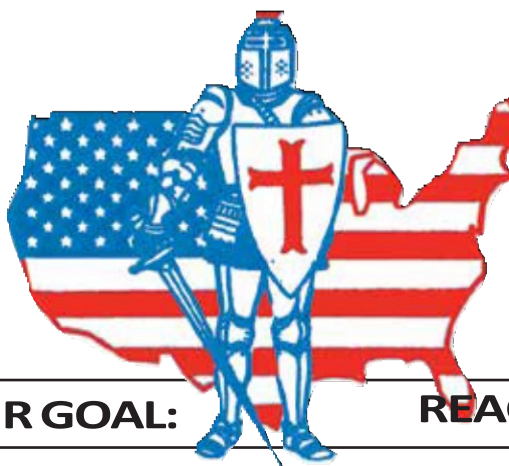


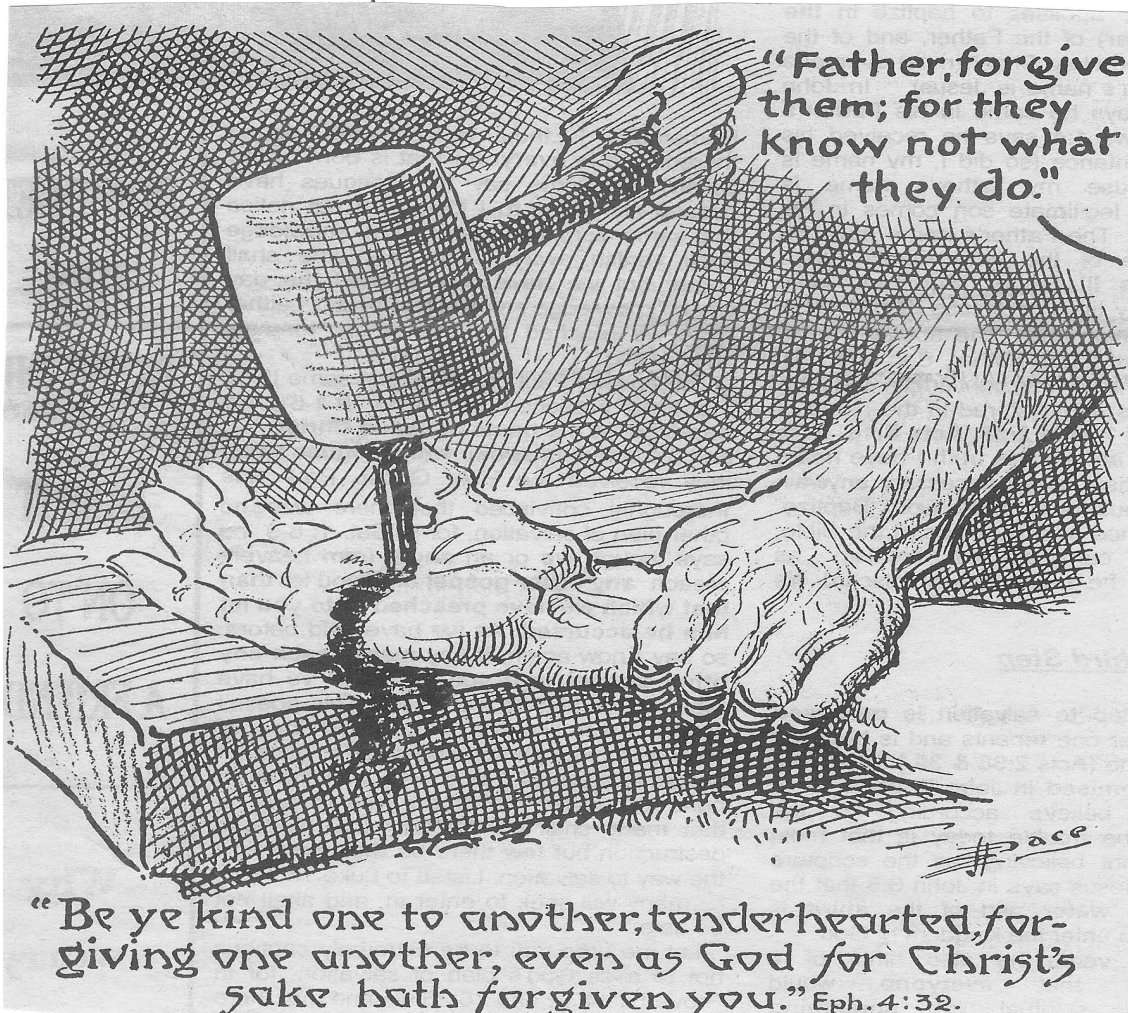


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God always calls me back to Him
Whenever my feet stray,
Forgiving all my trespasses
Again, day after day.
And even though I break His heart
With all the things I do,
He lovingly says "Welcome, child,"
A love, so constant, true.
He teaches me to change my course,
Gives strength, then points the way,
And yet the choice is up to me
To mind or disobey.
Oft times I think my ways are best
And I ignore His will,
Then when I fail and turn to Him ...
It's God who loves me still.

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He lamented that the harvest was so plenteous and the labourers so few, most of the unsaved multitudes about us have no one...trying to win them and sadly many that are reaching out to the lost are not telling them the truth from the word of God.

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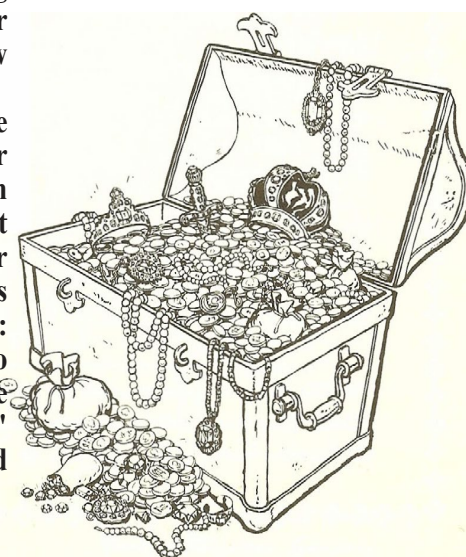


Questions & Answers

By O.F.Fauss

Therefore, naming just who the foolish virgins were is not so important. It is a perfect picture of the tragedy of being unprepared, and rejected at His coming. Finally, let us heed the admonition of the Apostle John: "And now little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming" (1 John 2:28).

Will the road you're on get you to God's place?



In Matthew 25:1-12, Jesus gave the parable of the ten virgins, five of whom were wise, and five were foolish. Some say that the foolish virgins had once received the Holy Ghost, others say that they had not. Please explain.

Answer:

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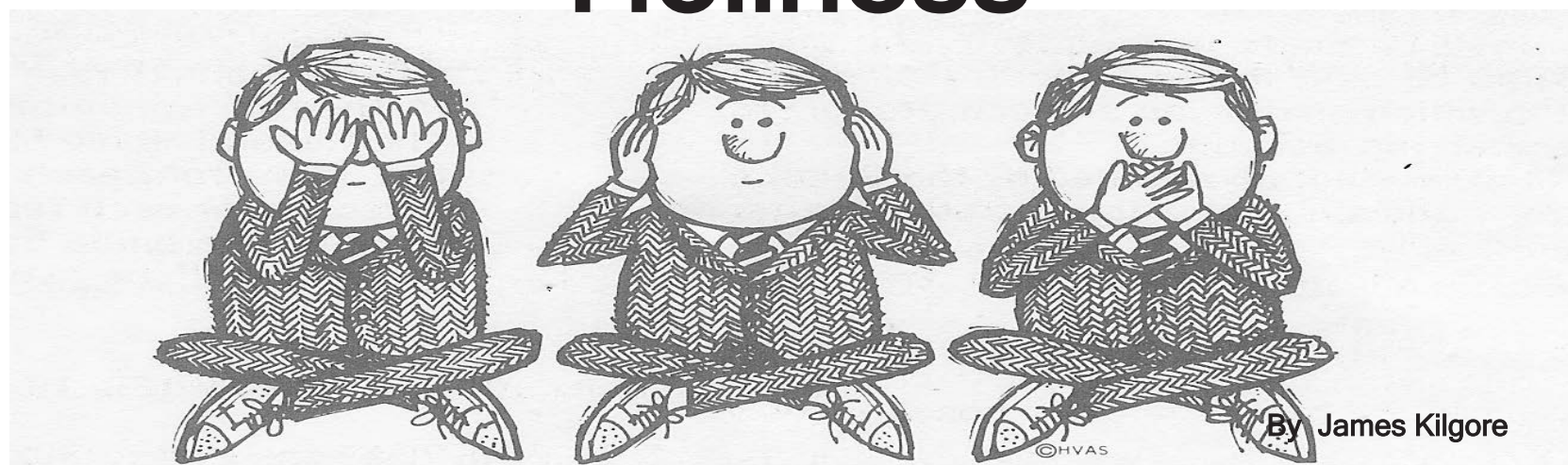
(Matthew 24), Jesus' disciples had asked Him this question: "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" In the next verse, the first five words that Jesus spoke in answering them was, "Take heed that no man deceive you." Several times in His discourse about the signs of His coming and of the end of the world, He repeated the warning against being deceived. He also repeatedly warned of the seriousness of being ready. For example, He said, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (verse 44). The last seven verses warned against the attitude of some who would say in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth his coming" (verse 48), and would neglect being faithful and wise, as referred to in verse 45. Matthew 25 was a continuation of the Lord's discourse to His disciples, beginning with the story of the ten virgins. The Lord's account of these ten virgins, along with that of two in the field, and of two women grinding at the mill (Matthew 24:40, 41), plainly shows a close relationship and fellowship,

They were, in each of these instances, TOGETHER: working together, and resting and waiting together. It could be that, in each case, half of those mentioned had the Holy Ghost, and the other half did not, for in other references oil is typical of the Holy Ghost. But it appears to me that possibly all the virgins had, at an earlier date, everything in their experience with God that qualified them to meet the requirement of being ready, and of being accepted in the beloved (read Ephesians 1:3-6). Somewhere those who were found unprepared (not ready) had weakened in their attitude toward God's Word. They had failed to heed the ministry that God had ordained for their perfection. The continued warnings: "Be ready ... the time is near. .. Jesus is coming soon!" and many more, seemed to them unimportant.

They lost their consecration. Their love, their zeal for pleasing God, became chilled (waxed cold). They grew lukewarm, hence, they were unaccepted, rejected, and found themselves on the outside. " ... and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut." To me this is a most horrible thought: their being so near, so close to the door, and finding themselves left on the outside. Read another description similar to this in Luke 13:24-28; Matthew 7:21-23.

Paul warned in Hebrews 3: 14, "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." And again, in Colossians 2:6, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him." Paul feared for himself, and said, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring in into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:26, 27). To put it plainly, Paul feared being rejected.

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"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (1 Corinthians 7:1).

We are going to cover some very important areas. It may not seem so important right now, but I think the nearer we come to the end of life's journey and to the time when we will hear the Master say well done, we will realize more and more the importance of this wonderful, sacred truth.

Holiness and How It Relates to Pentecostal Standards

I want you to get hold of something. Living for God is more than a shout; it's more than talking in tongues; it's more than the initial infilling of the Holy Ghost. Living for God involves a great deal more than that. I have a great desire in my heart to teach the Word of the Lord to you in such a way that you will have something to which you can hold. The storm is coming, and Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:26-27 if we are not built upon the rock we will not stand. If we build on the sand a shallow experience- when the storms come, we will not be able to stand. We need something to balance us. If it's strictly an emotional experience, it will wear off, after awhile. If it's founded on the Word of the Lord, you have a good balance.

The first five chapters of John give wonderful instruction about the Spirit and the truth. We are shown the importance of the balance between Spirit and truth. It's one thing to have truth. You could be so saturated with just truth that you would become a "Pentecostal Church of Christ"- having the letter only. But to be in balance you must have the Spirit also. If you have the Spirit only, and it is not balanced by the Word of God, then you become a fanatic. One way can become formalism, the other way can become fanaticism. So that's why it's good that we can dig down into the Word of the Lord. A standard is that which is established by authority as a fixed rule or measure; an established rule. In the garden of Eden there was the tree that was filled with fruit that was called forbidden fruit. When Israel got into the land of Canaan, the Bible tells us there were some things of which they could not partake. There were certain boundaries that were set. In fact, there were boundaries on all four sides that reminded these Israelites every day of their how important it was to stay true to God.

With every command that God gives to build a wall, there is also a command that there be a plumb line to make sure that that wall is built straight. Just as God told Moses he was standing on holy ground, likewise every child of God that is truly born again of the water and the Spirit has a spiritual plot of ground on which he must build his life.

When Israel got into the land of Canaan, it was surrounded on all sides. To the North were mountains; to the East was the desert; to the South was Egypt; and to the West was the Great Sea. That meant more than just being surrounded. It was more than just desert, Egypt, the sea, and the mountains. All of these boundaries have biblical meanings. The desert is typical of drought and barrenness. Israel could not move its landmarks to the right; to do so would be to take in something of the desert land-dryness where there was no fruit,

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no vegetation, and no growth. Everything was at a standstill. If the Church would move its standards to the East to take in the desert, it would be taking in drought and deadness something that's formal, that is not life giving. There's no revival there. There's no clear spring of water there. So we must not move our ancient landmarks to take in the East. Israel was commanded to not move its landmark to the South. To do so it would have to take in some of Egypt, or at least to go toward Egypt; and that was the type of the world. If we move our landmark to the South a little bit, we are going to embrace some of the world- its allurements and its pleasures. We'll find ourselves in trouble with God. If Israel moved its landmark to the West, it would take in the sea. The sea in the Scripture represents people. We must never move our ancient landmark just to embrace more people. The landmark is set. Proverbs 23:10 says, "remove not the old landmark. ... " To compromise truth to embrace people would be tragically wrong. We would have to let down on our standards. We would have to let down on some of our doctrinal truths. We must never do that. We don't have to do that. We have seen tremendous growth. We don't have to compromise to take in numbers. We retain the standards that were set by our forefathers. To move the northern landmark southward would be to make their life and their living a little easier. This would, of course, cut out the mountains. They needed the mountains. Mountains in the Scripture speak of experience. Usually, when you see mountains mentioned in the Scripture there is with them an experience of some kind-there is an individual, a prophet, or a faithful warrior of God involved these mountains represent affliction, trials, and struggles. We've got to have them. Our sailing must never be always smooth. Our life must not always be an easy life. Jesus said that we must strive to enter in at the straight gate.

Jesus said that we must strive to enter in at the straight gate. That means we must work at it. Some might say it's not of grace if it's of works. By grace we are saved through faith, and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God. No one can improve upon the grace of God. I'm not trying to do that. But Paul tells us in Titus that grace that was given unto us teaches us something also: "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, and righteously, and godly in this present world" (Titus 2:12). So if you could picture that little, small territory of Palestine, about 100 miles wide and maybe 180 miles long; you see how it's hemmed in; and yet how God had a way of taking care of His own. To the East is desert-drought; to the South is Egypt-world; to the West is sea-people; to the North is mountains. Holiness and separation go hand in hand. We must have the mark of separation if we are to be a holy people. Separation is taught in both the Old and New Testaments. (See Jeremiah 13:11, Deuteronomy 22:9-11, and Leviticus 11:7-10). Circumcision was a definite mark of separation in the Old Testament. Eight days after a boy was born, he was given the mark of circumcision. Catfish and pork were considered unclean foods in the Old Testament days, not to the Gentiles, but to God's nation, Israel. Israel was chosen as a people for a name, for a praise, and for a glory. There was to be no mixing of cloths. Everyone of us, perhaps, have on different cloths-silk, satin, calico, wool, linen, cotton. We are privileged to mix the cloths. But in that day an Israelite could only wear wool at one time, linen at one time, silk at one time, or cotton at one time. This was the mark of separation. When they plowed in the field, they could not use two different kinds of animals. It either had to be two oxen or two don- keys. There could not be an oxen and an ass pulling together .. God didn't want them to mix a team.

When sowing in their vineyard, they could not sow two kinds of seed. This was God's way Of showing them they were a separated people. The mark of separation was upon them. These things were not optional. They had no choice in the matter. They were commanded to live by these rules; and if they did not do so, the judgment of God was upon them. Not all of these things that are mentioned ,in Deuteronomy 22 and Leviticus 11, are carried over into the New Testament. However, there is one that was, and I wish to speak of it here. This is' found in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. This passage of Scripture actually is brought over to show that God's people would retain a mark of separation. This separation is to be seen in our daily lives. It could be an unequal yoke. That's why the writer said we are not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers. In the New Testament we are reminded we cannot and must not be unequally yoked together. That goes right down the line. That includes going into business with somebody who is an unbeliever. What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? What communion hath light with darkness? What agreement hath Christ with Belial? The temple of God has no agreement with the temple of the world. So you can see that the call of God in the New Testament is "come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord ... and I will receive you"

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(2 Corinthians 6:17). If we violate this principle that's given here, then we are inviting the displeasure of God upon our lives. The call of God to the Church was for it to be separate. This means the "ecclesia" which is a called out assembly or a called out company. So God's people are separate and are a called out assembly.

Holiness and Jewelry "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame facedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" (I Timothy 2:9).

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel" (I Peter 3:3).

Four things are mentioned here in I Timothy: gold, braided hair, pearls and costly array. This is a definite command that's given in the Scripture women are to adorn themselves, not by putting on jewelry and makeup, but with many other things taught by the Word of God. The women in the New Testament times, when Paul wrote, were plaiting their hair with strands of gold so that gold was interwoven into their hair. The apostle in his discourse on marriage never made any mention about rings in ceremonies. This started with the wedding vows in the Roman Catholic Church. I have no stones to throw. We have many folks in our church that used to be Roman Catholics. God has called these people to come out of tradition. He's called them to come out of Catholicism. He's called them to come away from graven images and idols.

There is a real call of God in this hour. As to the origination of rings, history says that they were worn as ornaments on the fingers, in the ears, in the nose, and around the wrists and ankles. I think this would cover jewelry from A to Z. I would have to conclude that wearing jewelry is not really the image or the ornament of a Christlike spirit. Of course, we need personal convictions' along these lines. I have never dis-fellowshipped anybody because they wore rings, but I do believe that it's time for us to really do some heart searching and examination about this according to the Scripture. Look deeply into the Word of God. I appreciate a church that does not wear jewelry "And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey

(For they had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.)" (Judges 8:24). They had golden earrings because they were Ishmaelites. The Ishmaelites were known because of the jewelry that they wore. Remember, an Ishmaelite in the Scripture is not a true son; the Ishmaelite is not the son of the true woman. The Ishmaelite was the son of the bond woman. The rivalry between Isaac and Ishmael was so great that finally God told Abraham to cast out the bond woman with her son, because Ishmael had made fun of Isaac. This is a type of the flesh lusting against the Spirit.. Everything that Isaac did was made fun of by Ishmael, the son of the bond woman. Remember, they both had the same father; their father was Abraham. They had different mothers. Ishmael's mother was Hagar, who was from Egypt, and that made Ishmael a part of the world. The son of the bond woman had to be cast out so that the son of the free woman could have the liberty that was needed. (See Galatians 4:22-26.) The one that was born of the bond woman was after the flesh, but he that was born of the free woman was by promise. This is an illustration, allegory, or example; for these are the two covenants. One is from Mt. Sinai which is Hagar. There are many folks in this world, trinitarians, who have received the Holy Ghost baptism. They have not come to the fullness of this truth yet. They have lived only on the experience of the Holy Ghost.. They have talked in tongues. My call to them in this hour is to come out. They are going to have to come out at some time or other and take their stand. So anyone who bedecks himself with gold and silver, pearls, earrings, and all of these things is a child of the bond woman.

He is not a child of the free. Even if he is Pentecostal, he is still the child of the bond woman. If he had identified himself as Pentecostal and he still does these things, he has too much of the love of the world in his heart, and so he is still bound to the bond woman.

He is not the child of the free. I say, the spirit of the Ishmaelites must go. If we do not love truth, the spirit of the Ishmaelites will get hold of us. If you don't love Acts 2:38 enough to give your life for it, you don't love it enough yet. If you love it that much, then you are going to find yourself being stripped from the spirit of the Ishmaelites which is known by the jewelry that is worn. That's the Scripture; that's the Word of God. The spirit of Ishmael is the spirit of Babylon. It all goes hand in hand. Jewelry originated here and was set up as a symbol for the gods in Babylon. They had a god made of gold that was a symbol for everyone of their idol gods that they worshiped. They had stones that were carved to be a symbol or a likeness of that god. . This originated in Babylon. (See Revelation 17:1-5.) This woman that represents the false is bedecked with jewels, gold, and precious stones. But notice the abomination that is connected with this kind of spirit. It actually started with the Ishmaelites; it was established in Babylon. It became part of their gods and a part of their worship. You say that you don't worship jewelry. Actually, the apostles, Paul and Peter both said to not let it be that outward adorning of wearing of pearls and gold and plaiting hair and even costly array. That also means that the children of God should choose their clothing at a cheaper price. Don't go out for these extremes and costly array. God puts that all in the same category. So let's be careful about how we spend our money even for our clothing. (continued page 7)

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Let us make sure that we pay a modest price for these things. Again let me remind you, out of the false religion of Babylon came sacrifice to the devil, devil worship, paganism, astrology, and worship of the host of the universe. The spirit of Babylon has infiltrated into the hearts of the religions of mankind.

Along with that spirit comes the outward adorning, that flashy and bold look portrayed with jewelry. So this is why the Pentecostals must certainly take their stand against these things. We do not believe that we can really and truly please God as we should if we have these things in our lives. We have stood for these sacred truths through the years.

We don't plan to remove any ancient landmarks, and we do not want the spirit of Babylon, which is a spirit of Ishmael, the spirit of rebellion.

The original sin was rebellion. Lucifer, who was an archangel of God, said that he was going to be greater than God; that he purposed to be like the Most High. Rebellion was formed in his heart. Because of that rebellion he was removed and taken away from the presence of God. He was cast out of heaven because of that original sin of rebellion. That sin of rebellion got into Ishmael when he began to make fun of the true son. God said to cast him out. Ishmael was identified by the jewelry that was worn. This was kin to the spirit of rebellion, the spirit of Babylon, which is described in Revelation 17. This is a spirit that the judgment of God will be upon. So I am making it as plain and serious as I can. People in the world are certainly going to buy all the jewelry they can. Jewelry stores are on nearly every corner. You don't expect the world to do any differently, , but for children of God it must be different. We need to be convinced about that. There are some things we cannot do. These are landmarks and we must stay by these landmarks.

Be careful in your walk with God. In the account in Genesis 35:1-5, Jacob was willing to stop and go God's way. Jacob was willing to go through the camp and gather up all the strange gods. He got them out of the tents. They began to take their earrings off; they began to give them all up; they were making a consecration. This became a great revival in the day of Jacob. God honored it so much that He caused all the cities round about to be terrified and to be afraid of Jacob and his company. When Jacob's band would go through the city, the inhabitants would stand back.

Let us also lay aside these weights and the sins that beset us. (See Hebrews 12:1, 2.) Then let us look with joy when . we are ridiculed, when we are made fun of, and when people Jock at us saying that we are so strange, peculiar, and different. That's all right. The joy that is set before us makes it worth it all.

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

Don't look for something that you can be critical about. Mothers, you make a terrible mistake when you talk about others before your children and criticize them in front of your family. That's becoming a talebearer; that's becoming a false accuser. Find something that you can teach that is good. Be teachers of good things. If you can't find something good to say about somebody, don't say anything at all. I believe it's just as wrong to gossip as it is to go to the picture shows or to the dance halls. You say, "please don't put that in the same category." The Bible does . If you can't bridle your tongue,

you're not ready for the rapture. So I doubt if there will be very many gossipers in the rapture. I wish older women would get to work and teach the young women to love their husbands and to love their children. That's why we have so many children that are mistreated and neglected. The older women didn't teach and train the younger women to love their children, to be mothers, to be discreet and chaste (keep themselves clean). Keep a clean house, too. I would hate to have to come into some homes I've seen, after I had done a hard day's work. That's the truth. I believe women ought to be keepers of their home. One of the first duties is to the home. Some say that they are too busy for God. No they're not. God didn't tell them that. There is an obligation to the husband, the children and the home, to train and teach the children and to keep a good clean house. Don't go and buy paper plates because the dishes are dirty and haven't been washed in three or four days. It is just as much a part of living for God and holiness as anything else women learning to be keepers of their homes. Women should be obedient to their own husbands. Do we want the Bible or do we want women's lib? Women are to be obedient to their own husbands so that the Word of God be not blasphemed. You can look ever so much the part of holiness, but if you're not obedient to your husband, not a good keeper at home, and if you don't love your children, then you are not holding up the Word of God as you should. Young men likewise are exhorted to be sober-minded. Thank God for the young men of the Church and for their desire to be sober minded and to work for God. I appreciate them. But young men, if you just have a giddy, light-hearted joking spirit all the time, you'll find yourself displeasing the Lord. You are to show yourself, " ... a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned" (Titus 2:7, 8) We need to adorn this doctrine, this truth of the mighty God in Christ,

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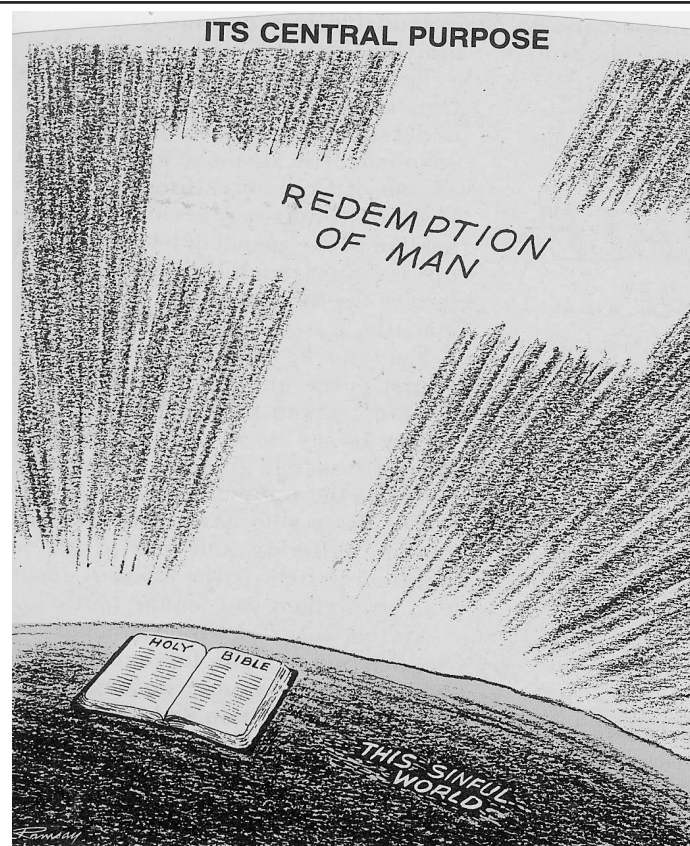
The Image of God

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

During life many questions come into our mind, some of which we can answer without trouble, but others are not so easy. Small children are full of questions about their family, the world around them, and their own identity and place in life. They feel assured that Mother and Father have all the answers. Later in their life, teachers at school and ministers at church provide answers.

As adults, we seek to know about God—His existence and person: Where did He come from? Did He have a beginning? Does God age? What is God really like? The question raised in our mind by the word image in Genesis 1:27 is, What does God look like? Let us explore this question. Jesus told us in John 4:24 that God is a Spirit. Of course, this was not a new revelation since the Old Testament people realized that God was spirit and not material substance. Jesus also reminded His disciples and us that a spirit does not have flesh and bones: "for a spirit hath not flesh and bones" (Luke 24:39).

Moreover, the Bible tells us that no one has ever seen God (John 1:18). Still Genesis 1:27 states that we are created in the image of God. What, then, is the image of God? If God does not have a body of flesh and bones as we do, then in what sense do we have His image? The Scriptures speak metaphorically of God as having hands, arms, eyes, feet, and even refer to the "back parts" of God (Exodus 33:23). Moreover, the Bible says that Moses spoke face to face with God. At the same time, God is said to be light and love. How can we explain light? And love? We know something of light and something of love, and we have experienced them. So we say that light and love are characteristics of God,



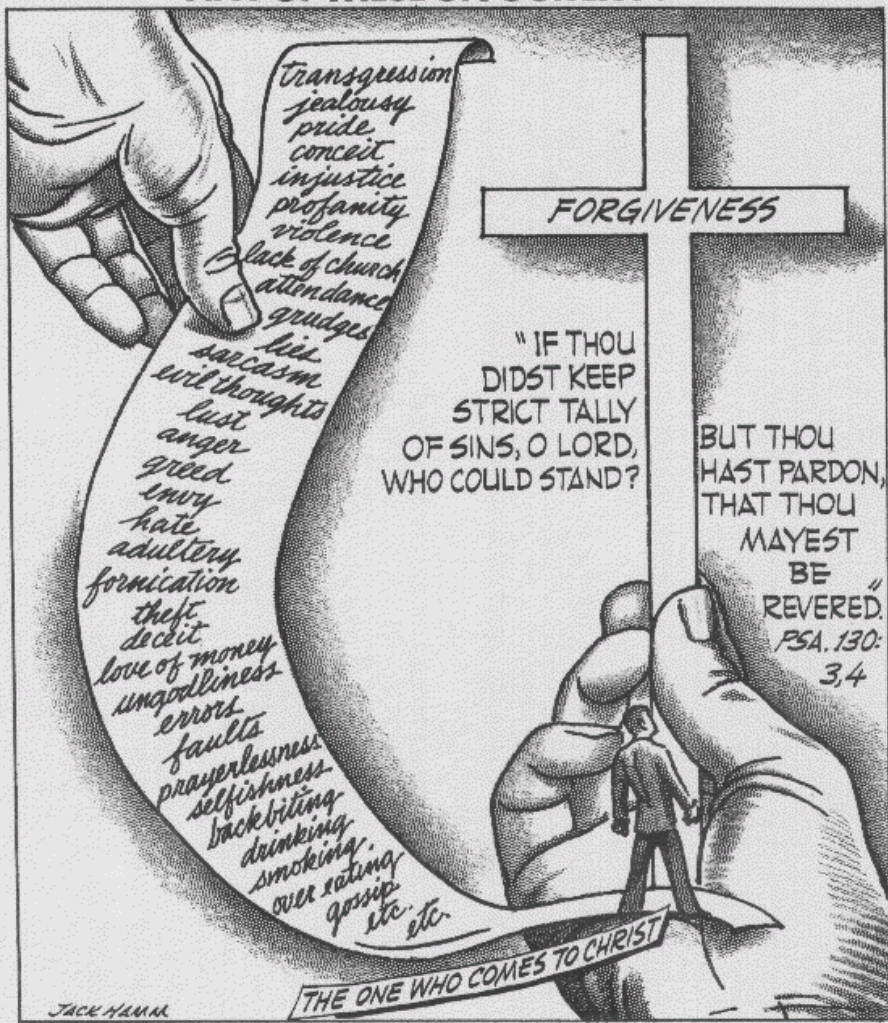
but are His characteristics His image?

The Book of Hebrews states that Jesus Christ is the "express image" of God's person: "... who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person" (Hebrews 1:3). This verse and the passage it is in reveal that God had a plan from the foundation of the earth to reveal "his person" or being to mankind in a way that we could see Him and learn to understand Him. Man was made in the image of God, in the likeness of God. So God could take our humanity and reveal Himself to us without violating His being. We are made in God's image, but Jesus "is the express image of his person."

It is no wonder that God would come to us in human nature, as He originally created us in His image. It would be the most plausible way for Him to reveal Himself to us. Thus Jesus, the Son of God, is the perfect imprint of the essence of God, the very expression of His spiritual substance. Christ is the true display of the attributes and perfection of deity. Jesus Christ is therefore the expression of the one God revealed in the Old Testament. Although in the Old Testament God revealed Himself in temporary

visible manifestations and using such elements as fire, light, and clouds, these forms did not reveal the essential nature and being of God. But Jesus came in God's true person. He was Emmanuel, God with us. When people saw Jesus, they saw the perfect expression of God. That is why Jesus could say, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30) and "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). In Jesus, then, we see the one true God who created all things, rules over all things, and is above all things. He is not only the human born of Mary and who died on the cross for our sins but also our Savior who loves us so much that He gave His "only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). What is God's image? What is God like? The answer is found in Jesus Christ, for "in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). Romans 5:14 gives us some insight into Adam being made in the image of the invisible God, for Adam is said to be a "figure of him that was to come." In other words, Adam was a type of Jesus Christ, and he became the representative man for all mankind. When he fell into sin, all mankind fell with him. Thus in Adam we have all sinned and come short of God's glory. God's image in us was marred by sin. Then Jesus came as the "express image" of the invisible God, made the perfect sacrifice for our sins, and revealed God to us. In Adam we fell, but in Christ we receive grace, escape condemnation, and find eternal life. We are restored to be sons of God, being reconciled to God in Jesus. In summary, Adam and all of us were created in the image of God, but only Jesus Christ is God's image, perfectly reflecting and embodying God's person and . He was God manifested in flesh (I Timothy 3:16).

ANY OF THESE ON OUR LIST?



"There is a legend about a pastor who welcomed a weary traveler into his home for a night of rest. After learning that his guest was almost a hundred years old, the pastor asked him about his religious beliefs. The man replied, "I'm an atheist." Infuriated, the pastor ordered the man out saying; "I cannot keep an atheist in my house." Without a word, the elderly man hobbled out into the darkness. The pastor was reading Scripture when he heard a voice ask, "Son, why did you throw that man out?" "Because he is an atheist, and I cannot endure him overnight!" said the pastor. The voice replied, "I have endured him for almost a hundred years." The preacher rushed out, brought the old man back, and treated him with kindness. When we treat unbelievers with contempt, we're not serving God. He wants us to love them as He has loved us "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (Jude 20:21) Later in Jude we read, "On some have compassion ... but others save with fear, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh." We can still love sinners while hating their sin. Receiving abundant mercy from God motivates us to be merciful to others."

K Burr'

Love Can...

Love can surely rescue
A heart in deep despair,
A heart that has given up
And no longer feels God near
Love can breathe new meaning
When there's nothing left inside,
When there's no feeling or emotion
Just dryness in our lives
Love can restore new hope
After it's withered and died,
For hope is what will get us through
And love can be its guide
Love can run and embrace
The prodigal returning home
And the one that has come to the end,
Those hurting, lost and alone
For God's love is the answer
To our broken, empty lives,
As we come with an open heart,
He can dispel all the hurt inside
And He will heal our brokenness
And lovingly, He will bind
The wounds that have left us scarred
And bring soundness to our minds
So give it over to God's love,
Our lives, and all that we are
Then we will know and walk in His love,
For His love shall dwell in our hearts.

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Love Securely Inseparable



What Would You Do If . . .

YOU ARE TEMPTED?

by S. G. Norris

Is the temptation from' God, the devil or yourself? James 1:13: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" The Lord has all power. Heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool. The streets of His palace are paved with gold and the gates are pearl. Heaven is so wealthy that all of God's people will live in mansions. The walls of His city are garnished with precious jewels and the angels are His guard. Nothing can tempt God. The Incarnation Matt. 4:1: "Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."

That's true. The body or flesh of Jesus Christ was tempted. Jesus was the body or tabernacle of God. God was in Christ The Spirit of God incarnated in that body of Christ was tempted, but Satan was driven back in defeat and conquered. So was death, hell and the grave. The heavens have been purified by the ascension of the glorified Christ. Sin or temptation can never enter there.

It is true that our Lord cannot be tempted. He lives in the glory world: "Neither tempteth he any man." God tries or proves but He always knows that we are able to overcome the test.

When we conquer the trial He gives us rewards that were never ours before. After God tried Abraham that grand patriarch proved that he loved the Lord more than Isaac look at the reward! Multiplied blessings! Children as the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea! Nations of the earth blessed! Remember this: whenever you are tried by the Lord He knows you can make it. He will not destroy you! Remember also that you will be



stronger and your rewards will be multiplied. He will not suffer you to be tried above that you are able to bear. What about Job? The trials of this champion of faith were severe, but satan could go just so far-"only upon himself put not forth thy hand ... " "he is in they hand: but save his life ... " Can satan tempt us? Yes, but as far as God Almighty will allow him. The Lord will never permit the devil (without the consent of the person who is willing to be destroyed) to crush one of His children. God does not tempt or try to destroy us. Neither does He allow the devil a free hand in crushing His people. How can temptation destroy a soul? James 1:14, 15: "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth

forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" is a very important prayer. Most of our temptations are caused by our own enticements. If you can control your eyes you have an excellent chance of making heaven your home. Achan said, "I saw ... I coveted . . I took . . . I hid» and lost his life and soul.

The next time you are tempted try to follow these guide lines. First, if the test is from the Lord be thankful He considers you a strong Christian and has true riches for you that you have never known. Second, if the Lord allows the devil to tempt you, rest assured the adversary can only go so far. There is a way of escape. Third, be honest. Is the temptation yours? Did it originate in your eyes or other lusts? If so, cry out to God for deliverance. Be honest enough to pay the price for your mistake or misleading.

Don't blame God or the devil. Pray, fast and sing that old song, " It's me, it's me, it's me, Oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer." Fight temptation like a rattlesnake! Rebuke the thing. Suffer some pain if necessary, for he that suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. The race is almost over. We cannot afford to lose now, We can almost see the light of the city.

**It is
easier to
avoid
Temptation
than to
resist**

The Last Call

Rev. 4:1. After this I looked and behold a door was opened in Heaven and the first voice that I heard was as it were a trumpet, talking with me: which said, Come up hither. After Laodicean church age. Rev. 3:14-22. Jesus calling for overcomer's with ears to hear. Verse 18, Last call to buy gold tried in fire. Matt 25:1-10. The foolish virgins waited too late to do their buying and the door was shut.

The bride is buying now through prayer and fasting to overcome the Laodicean spirit. Verse 19: As many as I love I rebuke and chasten, be zealous therefore and repent. Rev. 2:1-4. Church of Ephesus had very good works. Verse 4: his rebuke was, she had left her first love. Jude 20:24. We keep ourself in love of God, praying in the Holy Ghost. Prayer is the ancient landmark that is being removed. There was a time when all denominations were prayer warriors and they preached holiness as strong as the true holiness preachers are still preaching it. Women did not cut their hair and partake of worldliness and belong. There was a yearbook at I.S.H.U. College, Normal, Illinois, dated back to 1918. The college graduates, women, all had long hair, neatly done up and all dressed in modest apparel. In 1919 one woman had cut hair; 1920, six had cut hair; by 1921, not one woman left with long hair. When their prayer and dedication left, their holiness left. When we love God with our whole heart, there is no way we can have any love for the things of the world.

In 1940 prosperity began, Laodicea began showing up, people began to be increased with goods, and didn't need prayer meetings as they once did. They began reaching out to the other lover. When prayer was taken out of schools it had already been taken out of most homes. Now in 1996 there is only a faint sign left in most churches, time for everything but prayer. Can you still hear Jesus calling in Luke 18:1. Men ought always to pray and not to faint? Ask anyone who has backslidden if they kept up their hour of prayer daily as the early church in Acts 3:1. In Rev. 1: 14 we see Jesus, His eyes as a flame of fire. What made Jesus angry? Matt. 21 :12-13: His house must be a house of prayer. John the Baptist did no miracle but he did teach his disciples to pray. Luke 11: 1. Jesus set forth the example for his bride. Heb. 5:7. He offered up prayer, supplication, with strong crying and tears. He still has some ministers today that are Apostolic. Acts 6:4. We will give ourselves to prayer continually and ministry of the word, buying gold tried in the fire.

The old landmark preacher, Bro. Paul, taught in I Tim. 2:1: I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men. Laodicea feels no need of this, says rich increased with goods need nothing. Where are the churches in this day that practice this? In most places it has last place or hardly any need. Jesus said, pray the Lord send forth labourers. Prayer is labor, flesh hates it. What flesh hates, God loves.

What God loves, flesh hates. Paul warned of perilous times. What is bring perilous times, is prayer less times, in homes, schools, government and churches. God shut the mouth of the lions for Daniel because Daniel refused to shut his mouth. He prayed three times a day. It takes much prayer to overcome this Laodicean age. Rev. 19:7. Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb is come and the wife hath made herself ready. Joel 2: 16. Right now, she is in her chamber, putting on her beautiful garments of righteousness

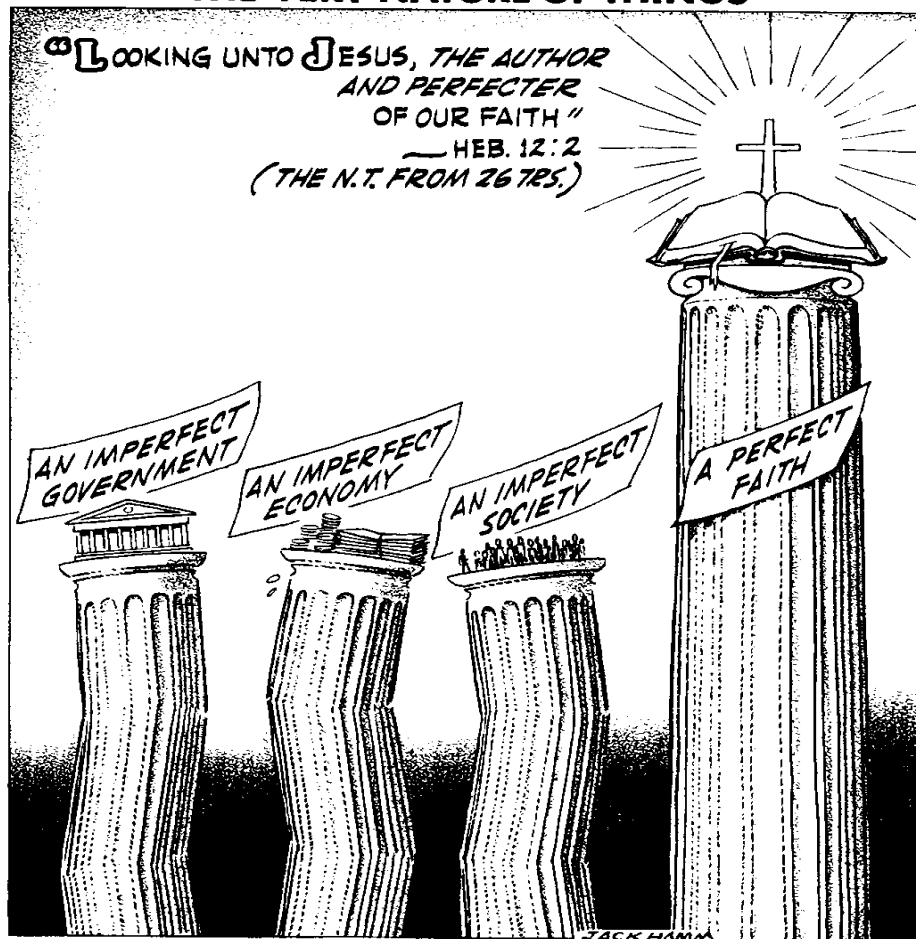
and true holiness, buying gold through prayer and fasting. To be a part of the Last Call we must first obey the first call. Acts 2:38. This door was opened to me 67 years ago when I repented of my sin, was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. Acts 2:4. This is the born again experience. [no, 3 :1-8. I got just what I wanted but have never got all I wanted of it. Feel my need to go back to the Power House daily for at least two hours of prayer. This is where I stay yoked up with Him, and keep myself in love of God, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Do pray, someone is getting this revelation. It is the only answer to escape Laodicea spirit and enter that door John saw. I'm knocking now, harder and harder. I feel my need of more of Jesus. I'm now 75. The Lord has renewed my strength as an eagle. I am enjoying health in this body and strength as a 40-year-old. This is the sacrifice God is well pleased with. Heb. 13:16. Communication - This is the Last Call. Isa. 26:20. Come my people, enter thou into thy chamber and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment until the indignation be over-past.

Please obey the first call. Acts 2:36-40, and keep prayed up in the Holy Ghost and not miss the Last Call, door open in Heaven. Can we say right now, even so, come, Lord Jesus?

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THE VERY NATURE OF THINGS



Think This Through

YOU ARE VERY FORTUNATE FRIEND! How do I know? Because you are in the land of the free. Suppose you were in Japan or China; you would probably be worshipping Buddah. Suppose you were in India; you would probably be worshipping Mohammed. Suppose you were in Russia; you could not worship God at all. But you are not in any of those places. You are in America where you can worship God according to the dictates of your own conscience. But, you say, "there are so many religions in America, how can I know which one is right?" There is a way to know what is right and what is wrong.

The Bible is our religious guide and we must follow its simple directions. "Does the Bible give simple directions for salvation? If so, why are there so many different beliefs?" Yes, friend, what the Bible says is simple enough for even a child to understand. But many have changed its meaning by putting their own interpretation to it. We must let the Bible speak for itself and then obey it.

"What must I do to be saved?" asked a man in Acts 16:30. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," was the Apostle Paul's answer to this unbelieving man. So, you see the first thing you must do is believe on Jesus Christ.

"Is that all there is to salvation?" Oh, no, to just believe is not salvation, but by believing you open your heart to God so He can save you. To believe on Jesus means to believe on His gospel. We must believe on Him "as the scripture hath said." John 7:38 Here are the

the words of the Lord, Jesus Christ to all men, "Ye must be born again." Then Jesus explained HOW, to be born again. "Except a man be born of water and of the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5. The Bible tells us what Jesus meant by WATER and SPIRIT. The second chapter of Acts tells of the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. The Apostle Peter preached a heart-stirring sermon. The Jews were pricked to the heart by this message. They cried out, "Men and brethren what must we do?" The answer was clear and convincing. "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." Acts 2:38

This is the Bible way to be saved. Believe on Jesus Christ; repent of your sins; be baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ; and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the EVIDENCE of speaking with other tongues as in Acts 2:38; 10:46; 10:6. This is the SURE and ONLY way to be saved.

To Be Victorious

TO HOLD AT BAY FIERCE PASSIONS OF the flesh with the will of steadfast resolution; to believe the best when the worst has sunk its poisonous fangs into the heart; to be high-minded amid vulgar words and deeds- Behold, this is what it means to be victorious! To retain the dignity of labor while doing menial tasks; ; to keep principle unsullied when its price is requested; to act

on deep-founded conviction while others are swayed by prejudice; to see more than mud in a wayside puddle, and more than sin in the face of a wretched creature-- Behold, this is what it means to be victorious!

To rely on the vindication of right when all the; world justifies itself with tottering wrong; to trust without hesitation that behind the scheme of things there is a solicitude keeping constant vigil; to stand with broken wings amid life's crags, yet fix one's eyes- upon the heights, mold one's lips to a song and raise one's heart in triumphant faith- Behold, this is what it means to be victorious! End

Golden Verse

Faith is the power to take
The step beyond the light,
To speak of morning sun
In the hush of night.

Faith is the power to hear
Music when all is still,
To clasp the unseen hand
And trust His will.

Gertrude Ryder Bennett

By: W. K. Carouthers

THE PREACHER AND RESPONSIBILITY

Meaning:

Responsible - - 1. expected or obliged to account for; answerable to. 2. involving obligation or duties. 3. accountable, as being the cause of something. 4. able to think and act rationally and hence accountable for one's behavior. 5. trustworthy, dependable.

Responsibility - - 1.a being responsible; having an obligation. 2. a thing or person for whom one is responsible.

TO BE CALLED IS A PRIVILEGE:

The very fact that you have a calling into the ministry means that God has seen some traits and strengths in you that He can use. It is a privilege to be in the ministry but with privilege comes responsibility. Being called to preach is not a call to Lordship and prestige, but it is a call to serve. Jesus said, "He that would be greatest among you let him be the servant of all." The Master of us all took up a towel and on the last evening with His disciples, washed their feet as though He were their slave. Before we are ready to launch out on our own ministerial voyage, we need to prepare ourselves by learning to serve someone else. If we can't be responsible in someone else's church, we will never take care of our responsibility in our own pastorate.

Sometimes I think that we have elevated and glamorized our position as preachers so far above the saints of God that we are not sensitive enough to their needs. The scriptures tell us of Jesus, "We have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities." One of our very first responsibilities as preachers is to love souls and souls are people'

JUST HOW MANY AND TO WHOM ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE?

Contrary to what many of us seem to think, we are responsible to "God and everybody."

I. First, we are responsible to God! As a vessel of the Holy Ghost, we are obligated to keep our vessel as one of honor. To God we owe all. He made us, He saved us, He keeps us, He called us, and He will provide for us. **2. We are responsible to our family'** When the Bible speaks of a man who would not provide for his own family being worse than an infidel, it was speaking of preachers too. Unless we are able to direct our family's spiritual welfare, how can we lead others. If we won't feed our family natural food, we are not fit to break the "Bread of Life." God does not require any of us to neglect our own wife and children and let them be lost while we try to save someone else. Don't forget, the preacher's kid has a soul that is just as precious to God as any other soul. As preachers we must not try to blame everyone else for our children's being lost when the simple fact is we have not lived up to our first responsibility, our own family. **3. We are responsible to our city!** We are their link with God and the truth. God would not have called you to your city if He had not felt you were able to do His work in that place. God does not make mistakes, men do' To fill our obligation to that place we must be honest and above reproach. We must be careful to keep our word and pay our bills. We must also keep our temper and tongue under control.

We should feel responsible to keep a good name among the people because the name you make for yourself will be the name you make for your church. Be constantly aware that you are dealing in the most precious of all commodities, the eternal souls of men. Keep yourself clean, keep your home and yard clean, and above all keep your place of worship neat and clean so that it will be pleasant and appealing. Most of the time, people's very first impressions are never really overcome and the first contact you or your church will have with them will be visual. It needs to be an impressive contact. **4. You are responsible to your neighboring pastors.** Always act circumspectly and above reproach in your dealings with these men. You need their goodwill a lot more than you need any of their people. Be ethical! You are in your city to win the lost to Jesus, not unhappy sheep from another pasture. There is enough ego in everyone of us to feel like we can do with some people what no one else has ever been able to do. Don't kid yourself' If they are unfaithful to one, the chances are 99% sure they will be unfaithful to you sooner or later.

Think On These Things

The Master Speaks

What happened to the years? I asked,
He said, "for everything a time".
Where are my friends of long ago?
He said, "beyond the hill you climb".
Why are my footsteps slower now?
He said " 'tis all within the plan".
But what of all my hopes and dreams?
He said, "they mellowed with the man".

But there is still so much to do,
He said, "be grateful for today".
The road to heaven seems so long,
He said, "there is no other way".
But what of all the things I need?
He said, "and do I not provide?"
Sometimes I even grow afraid,
He said, "I'm always at thy side".

My purse is thin, my coins are few,
He said, "sufficient for the day".
And oftentimes I'm wrongly judged,
He said, "care not what others say".
Oh, to be peaceful and secure,
He said, "all things are thine in Me".
My cross grows heavy with the miles,
He said, "I'll lift it presently".

The future looks so bleak and grey,
He said " 'tis darkest 'fore the dawn".
But who will share my lonely way?
He said "you've Me to lean upon".
No love so lasting as My own,
No power greater than My hand,
For you belong to Me, and this
Is all you need to understand".

Grace E. Easley

Happy is the
man who can
enjoy the
scenery, when he
has to take a
detour



Sin should be
called by its
first name

*Believe
in yourself
— & —
you will be
Unstoppable*

Blessings

When life has lost its luster
And it's filled with dull routine.
When you long to run away from it,
Seeking pastures new and green -
Remember no one runs away from life
Without finding when they do
You can't escape the thoughts you think
That are pressing down on you.
For though the scenery may be different,
It's the same old heart and mind
And the same old restless longings
That you tried to leave behind.
So when your heart is heavy
And your day is dull with care,
Instead of trying to escape,
Why not withdraw in prayer?
For in prayer there is renewal
Of the spirit, mind, and heart,
For everything is lifted up
In which God has a part.

Helen Steiner Rice

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs



When words are both
True and Kind
They can change
the World !

A careless word may kindle strife
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