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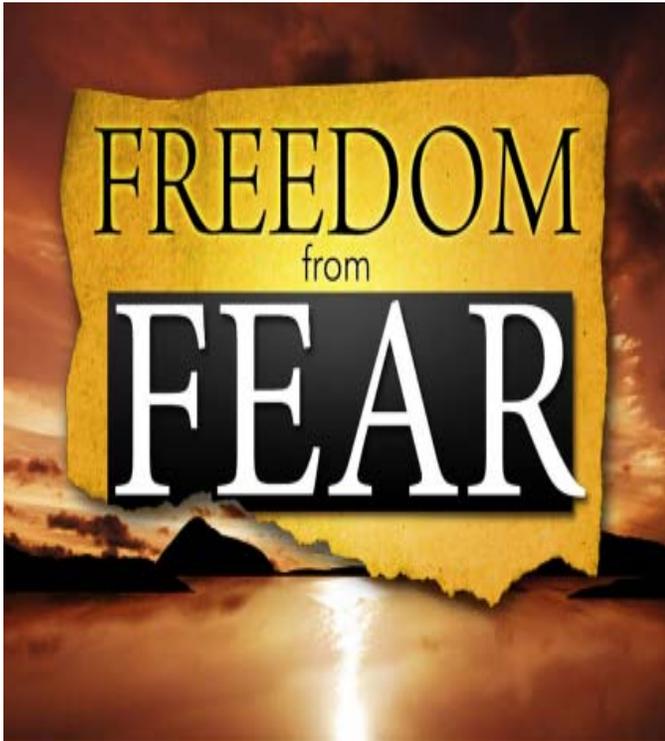
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“...If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9).

Reprinted

Do you want power to live a Christ-like life? Certainly, you do! You are a special person. You have made up your mind to become obedient to the Commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus. This cost Jesus His life, and by His death and His resurrection we are assured of our eternal life. This brings about the freedom of **fear** and **Peace** of God, along with the power of God (the Holy Spirit).

Here is a testimony of a photographer who was out in the forest to take some pictures of God’s creation:

I had always been very fearful of the night. At this time, I had given my heart to the Lord and had become a new creature in Christ Jesus. I realized that the fears that used to plague me at night had disappeared. I was not afraid to rent a cabin in the deep forest of a national park and take pictures of the natural habits of God’s creatures. At midnight I went out to achieve my plans. After a few hours of trudging, I came on a deer stand. I listened as the world came alive. Moments before there had been not a

sound, not a breeze blowing, not a leaf moving. Then as the eastern sky began to lighten up, a bird chirped. An armadillo scurried by, his nose probing for grubs and beetles. Butterflies and mosquito hawks sailed overhead, and in the distance, I heard the gobbling of wild turkeys.

Then I spotted him. A magnificent buck standing head erect and shaking a magnificent rack of horns which crowned his regal head. He sniffed the air, looked directly at me and slowly entered into another part of the forest. He and I were part of the same creation. We were citizens of this great garden of nature.

I stood very still. I was scarcely breathing, and my heart was beating in tune with all the sounds around me now. As the sun rose golden in the east, I began to sing an old hymn:

When morning gilds the skies

My heart awaking cries.

May Jesus Christ be praised...

The powers of darkness fear

When this sweet chant they Hear

May Jesus Christ be praised.

That is it! Darkness brings on fear. Sin is found in darkness. Sin is the transgression of God’s Law. Not believing in the testimony of Jesus is sin. Disobedience keeps us in darkness and fear. Darkness no longer had dominion over me. WHY? Because I had become a child of God. I had given my life to my Saviour Jesus. “May Jesus Christ be praised.” That which used to terrify me no longer controlled me. Now, through Jesus, I had power and peace for living. I had appropriated what the Apostle Paul had told his young friend, Timothy: “*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind*” (II Timothy 1:7, end of testimony).

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; ...yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness” (Isaiah 41:10).

How does one give one’s life to Christ? How can you come into intimate relationship and fellowship with the

Lord who takes away our fears and replaces them with power and peace?

Just as physical laws govern the physical universe—causing rain to fall and the sun to rise—so spiritual laws govern your relationship with God. Submitting to the laws of God and to the words of Jesus (Hebrews 6:1-3), Jesus will become Lord in your life, to replace the disobedience and fear. Jesus said: “..I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

Simply knowing that God loves you (John 3:16) and that you have to believe in Him is not enough. The devil also believes and is full of fear and trembling (James 2:19). You must be born again and become obedient to the heavenly calling. There are things blocking us from God and His Son. Man is sinful and separated from God. “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23).

Then we must look up the definition of sin. What is it that doth so easily beset us? It is sin, and sin is the transgression of God’s Law. “*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law*’ (The Ten Commandments) (I John 3:4).

You see, man was created to have fellowship with God. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*” I John 1:9-10. “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*” (I John 1:7).

Just as this photographer was able to stand in the thick forest and feel God’s presence all around him without fear, so God wants you to have fellowship with Him. It is the same fellowship Adam and Eve had with God in the garden of Eden.

But Adam and Eve decided to go their own way rather than God’s way. They broke fellowship with God, and ever since then man has chosen to go his own independent way. This self-will is another way the Bible says it is sin. “...*The wages of sin is death...*” (Romans 6:23).



EMOTIONAL PREACHING

Lack of emotionalism in preaching may explain why people do not like to go to church. They seek other things to become involved in. Emotion has been so completely eliminated from most of our pulpits that people have become emotionally starved. At home with a book or with the television one can laugh out loud or cry tears over a sad experience without anyone noticing. Sometimes we forget that the truth is more than reason and intellect. Jesus laughed and cried. We should also. It is fundamentally a great emotion, a love for our Lord Jesus, our Saviour, and it will be all for the good if we demonstrate that love by preaching it straight from the heart.

"For these things I weep; mine eye, runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me..." -Lamentations 1:16.

"Let the ...ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them..." -Joel 2:17.

GOD IS EVER PRESENT THRU PRAYER

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world: Amen." -Matthew 28:20

The Holy Spirit in You

*"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory"
- Colossians 1:27.*

As Jesus spoke to His disciples during His last days with them on the earth, He said, "...for he (the Spirit) dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17). I want to emphasize that this is a relationship that is experiential. There is a relationship with the Holy Spirit whereby Jesus said that He is with you, but there is a deeper relationship whereby He shall be in you. A literal translation of this might read, "With you he remains, and in you he will be." So this is a question of another experience. I want to talk to you about this experience in different facets - not from a doctrinal point of view, but from an experiential point of view.

However, there is a more specific text: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God" (Ephesians 3:14-19).

This discussion of the Holy Spirit will be from an experiential point of view and not from a doctrinal point of view, because, essentially, this **Indwelling** blessing is an experience - it is a definite experience. It is important for us to speak from a doctrinal point of view; but I believe as we look into the Word, it is also significant that we speak from an experiential point of view. The effect of

**Christ may grant you wisdom!
*Christ may dwell in you!
*You may know Christ's love!
You may be filled with all the fullness of God!

this empowerment of the Holy Ghost in our lives centers in one word, **experience**. It is something that takes place; therefore, I want you to notice in verse sixteen the result of one who had received the strengthening of the Spirit.

Verse sixteen says that He would grant you to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. Verse seventeen says that He has experienced the presence of God's Son and that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. Verse eighteen shows us that the person who has been filled with the Holy Spirit has experienced the practice of God's love. And finally, we see that one who has been filled with the Holy Ghost has experienced the essence of God Himself.

Here is the meaning: First, that Christ may dwell in your heart; second, that He would grant you to be strengthened with wisdom and might; third, that ye may be able to know the love of Christ; and fourth, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit enables us to experience the presence of God's Son, the power of God's Spirit, and the essence of God Himself.

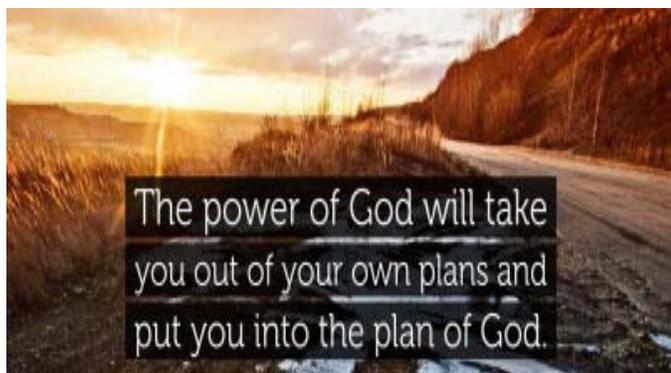
Verse seventeen assures us that when the Holy Spirit is in the life of the believer, Christ also dwells in his heart by faith. This wonderful experience leads us into the presence of God's Son. Here the meaning of the word **dwel** is different from the general use of the word.

The Amplified New Testament renders it, "May Christ through your faith (actually) dwell - settle down, abide, make His permanent home - in your hearts!" In other words, that He might come to feel at home in you. And

this is what the presence of Christ in your heart by the power of the Holy Ghost really means.

Have you ever visited with someone who just turned his home over to you? The familiar expression often used to welcome guests is, "Just make yourself at home." On the other hand, have you ever visited with someone who treated you like a guest? He took you in and gave you a guest room - one room of the house. You had to stay there and live there. You were secluded, more or less, in this one room. Being limited to the use of the one room is quite different from having the run of the house.

As a preacher, and especially as an evangelist in my early ministry often I would go to the house of a minister who would say, "Just make yourself at home and do what you like." In other words he was saying, "This is your house while you are living here with us." And I think this is what is being expressed in Ephesians 3:17, We should so welcome the Spirit of God and Christ in our hearts that we say, "Oh, Lord, we express our Christianity not under our own ego, but under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we invite You to come in and move in and settle down and feel at home and take up permanent residence in our hearts. And this is the kind of experience into which the **power of God** can lead us.



Once the Apostle Paul made the statement, "...yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..." (Galatians 2:20). As I thought about the scripture, it stunned my imagination. Paul said, "Christ lives in my heart." This is a wonderful realization. But how can Christ live in me? I am a mortal man, I am flesh, I am weak, and I have failed Him. Yet, I have come to the realization that He lives in me. Oh, what a blessed knowledge that Christ Jesus has taken up His abode in my heart; He has moved in. I welcomed Him and I said, "Oh, Lord, just take over and rule and reign. This heart is yours; my life is yours." The experience of **the power of God which "is Christ in us" makes our**

converted experience more real.

In I Corinthians 3:16, Paul refers to our lives as temples of God. He speaks of God moving into these temples and occupying them. I have often wondered why Paul used such a symbol to illustrate this simple truth; but after traveling in Greece, I understood.

The first time I was in Greece, I rented a little car and drove around Athens; then I went to Corinth. And everywhere I went, I saw a temple. As I looked upon the old ruins of Corinth, I saw the Temple of Apollo and the old ruins of the Temple of Aphrodite. When I returned to the city of Athens and drove up to the Acropolis, the high hill in the center of the city of Athens, I saw the Parthenon, the Temple of Jupiter, and the Erechtheum. Then I understood why Paul spoke of the temples, for the people knew what he was talking about. Everywhere the Greeks went, there were temples. Therefore, when Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, he said, "But ye are the temples of God."

Christ lives in our hearts and our hearts are the temples of God. As I sat on Mars Hill, I remembered Paul's words in Acts 17:24: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Paul was saying to the men of Athens that it was ridiculous for them to think that the God he served could dwell in temples which they had made with their hands. Even their beautiful temples were not worthy of God. The Parthenon, the greatest expression of the classical Golden Age of Greece, was a beautiful thing, but God did not dwell in manmade temples. But Paul went on to say that there were temples with God occupied - their hearts were the temples of God.

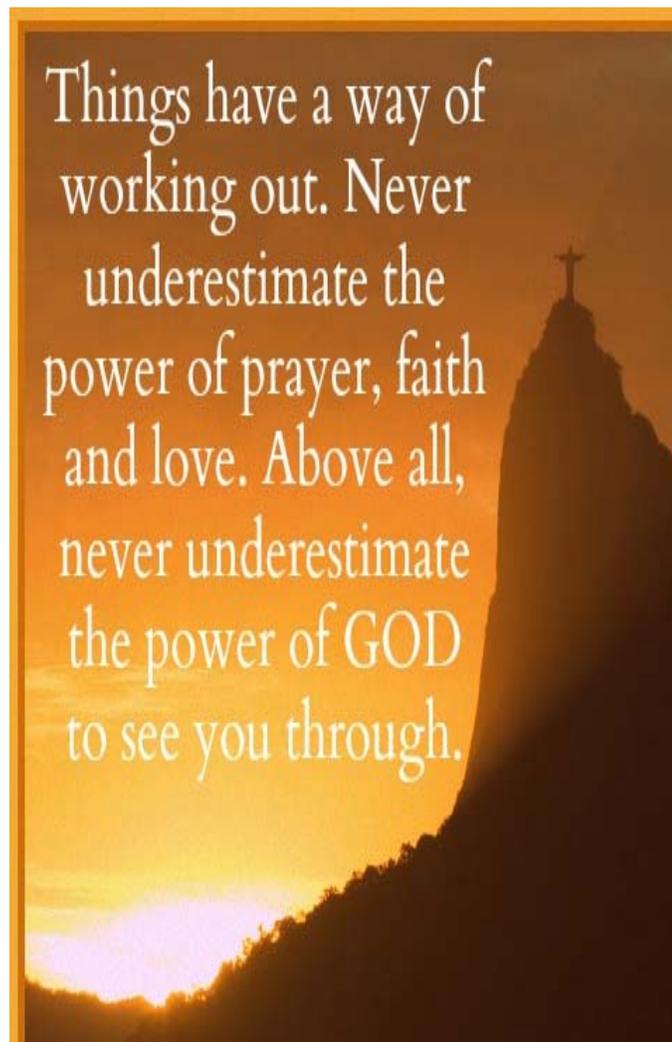
In I Corinthians 3:16 we read, "Do ye not know that ye are the temple of God?" And then in II Corinthians 6:16 we read, "For ye are the temple of the living God and God hath said, I will dwell in them." Here God uses the word **dwell** again. He says, "I will settle down and I will make myself at home." Not only did He say that, but He said, "I will walk in them."

On the campus, at work, or wherever we face temptation, we can have this expression of God with us. Now what I am saying is that when you come to a place in your experience with Christ that you recognize the abiding presence of the Christ of Calvary, then the Holy Spirit becomes a real blessing in your heart. Until you reach that place, no matter how many times you may claim the **power**

of the Holy Ghost, you are living beneath the privilege that is yours as a Child of God and as a member of the Family of God.

Do you feel the awareness of Jesus Christ? Even though you may have belonged to the Lord for many years have you been fruitful? Remember the we are to be known by our fruits. This is the way of Jesus who said: "Ye shall know them (you in particular) by their fruits." Therefore, we are impressing the need of Christ in you. This is the power of God. Of our selves we can do nothing. You must come to the realization that the Lord Jesus must be alive in you - vibrant and alive for good works.

Jesus will be alive, and new, and fresh in your heart daily, I only hope you will yield yourself to Him and let Him occupy your temple that is His. This is definitely a personal matter. We must everyday commune (by praying), with Him and then you will receive day by day that which you need from Him for fruit bearing.



GOLD!

Have you ever wondered why gold is so precious? What is it about this metal that we can use it for so many things including the base of many national economic systems?

We think of gold as being rare, but it is quite abundant in the universe. Ten-billion tons of gold exists in Earth's oceans. Scientists believe that near-Earth asteroid 433 Eros has more gold in it than has ever been mined on Earth. Gold is virtually indestructible. It is almost always recycled, and 85 percent of the gold ever found is still being used today.

The atomic structure of gold gives it an incredible range of applications. Because of its electron configuration, gold is not very active chemically. Gold is popular in jewelry not only because of its beauty but also because it is chemically inert and therefore does not tarnish. The same electron configuration makes it extremely malleable (able to be pounded into a sheet) and extremely ductile (able to be drawn out into a wire). A one-ounce piece of gold can be beaten into a sheet five-millionths of an inch thick or drawn out into a wire 50 miles long and 5 micrometers thick – one-tenth the diameter of a human hair. Gold wires are also very useful in electronics because gold is an excellent conductor of electricity. In computers and other electronics, gold plating of connectors gives low resistance to electrical contacts that do not corrode.

For 70 years the standard treatment for rheumatoid arthritis has been injections of a liquid suspension of gold salts which act as an anti-inflammatory, but scientists still do not know why that works. As chemists look at the electron structure of gold, they find that its design makes it useful for many things. The design of the atom gives us some incredible materials that are of great value, and gold is one of the most valuable. That is why gold is so precious. God has designed some amazing things for us, and gold is one that is high on the list.

From Does God Exist?



“TRIED WITH FIRE”

By Carlo Rasmussen

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Through the years of time since Jesus established the Body of Christ there has developed a misconception of the life of a child of God, or Christian. This error has become very great in recent years and continues to grow because of misguided preachers and evangelists. It is common today to hear a radio or television preacher make the promise that the life of a Christian will be “a bowl of cherries” and nothing but a paradise. To many an unsuspecting believer this may sound most tempting, and it will certainly cause many to investigate into the matter to try and get in on this so-called paradise living. Many will engage themselves to this misrepresented gospel only to find they have become totally discouraged because of adversities which develop.

There is a “bowl of cherries” for the faithful child of God, but the true preacher will wisely inform the “babe in Christ” that he must climb the tree and possibly get himself skinned up or scratched in order to pick those delicious cherries.

During the life of the child of God, there will come times of adversity and trials. The Apostle Peter wrote that, “... *for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of*

Jesus Christ” (I Peter 1:6-7).

For the next few minutes, let us focus our attention on the area of trials in our daily lives through our relationships within the Church. James wrote that, “... *in many things we offend all*” (James 3:2). This is true in our relationships with all people. To think that once in the Church a believer will not encounter offenses is a mistake. If this false idea is not corrected, the consequences will be serious to all concerned. One should be mindful of these things and especially so within the Body of Christ. Through the years, many have become part of the Church with a mistaken understanding of the relationships they will encounter with other believers within the Household of Faith.

The probable reason for such misunderstanding is that one may have a limited view of others (II Peter 1:9).

We find in the Church of God many brethren from various walks of life. Each child of God will have different likes and dislikes. There will be found among the faithful various degrees of education. To round out everything there are varieties of personalities that have been called by God. It is necessary for God to have this diversity with His Church in order for the Body to function properly. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this, “*For the body is not one member, but many*” (I Corinthians 12:14). “*Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues*” (I Corinthians 12:27-28).

It is God Who has “... *set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him*” (verse 18). The Lord has done this wonderful assembly that each may labor in his or her respective post to the uplifting and maintaining of the Gospel. Every part of our physical body has a special purpose in the general function of the whole. It is the same in the Body of Christ, His Church. Each believer should labor in that which they have been gifted through the Holy Spirit.

We may ask ourselves if this arrangement is something new with God’s people. By no means, this has been the same through the ages. In the holy Scriptures, we find all the different personalities in mankind with their likes and dislikes. We read of men like Daniel and Moses who

received the highest education available in their times and served in the highest offices in their lands. We then read of men like the prophet Amos, who was "... a gatherer of sycamore fruit" (Amos 7:14). There was the fierceness of David in his zeal to put down the enemies of the Lord, and the gentleness of Elisha as he conducted a school for young men whereby they could learn of God and become the Lord's representatives, or Prophets. The Scriptures reveal, "... the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3).



As we read in the New Testament, we learn of the brethren whom Jesus selected as the first twelve apostles. These men were of different backgrounds and personalities. Again, the zeal of Peter which was contrasted to the gentleness of John and the doubts of Thomas. Consider also the Apostle Paul, who was from a most refined background, a Pharisee (Acts 23:6). Paul said, "*I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers...*" (Acts 22:3). Paul spoke in seven different languages that we know of. These things show us the different personalities God has placed within His Church in its early years. This same variety has continued down through the centuries and is within the Church of God today. Thus, we have the Body of Christ with its respective parts.

It is these contrasts in the believers which the "babe in Christ" needs to be aware of as they become part of His Body. Through prayer and understanding, the new member begins to fit into some place within the Body

prepared by the Lord where he will be most useful for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

Sometimes it may feel difficult or seem impossible to fit into the place prepared of God, and one may feel they want to resist God's will. The Apostle Peter admonishes us in these matters, and we do well to hear his words, "*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (II Peter 1:4-8). Peter concludes this thought in the last verse of this same letter when he states, "*But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ...*" (II Peter 3:18).

This area in the believer's life is just as important a challenge as the mastering of the literal knowledge and doctrines of Christ. It is part of our being "tried with fire." It is also within this area, our relationships with other believers, where many have met defeat. By allowing themselves to become discouraged, they have departed from the faith. These challenges are certainly going to enter into the life of every child of God, and we must be prepared to deal with them through Christ in us, the hope of glory.

We are reminded in the Scriptures that, "*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven*" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). The godly purpose behind such challenges in our daily lives is that we may have the opportunity to prove ourselves before God. God wants us to "*Examine ourselves, whether ye be in the faith; PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES...*" (II Corinthians 13:5). When a child of God begins his new life in Christ, he is entering a special time of trials and temptations. Some in the early Church found it necessary to suffer unto death. Today, Satan will confront the believer in more subtle ways wherein are unexpected adversities. As we move along each day in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, we overcome

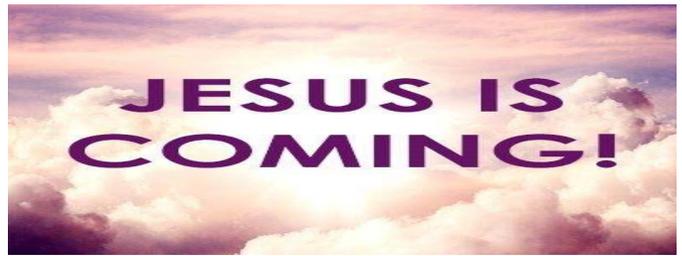
each trial and are become stronger in the faith. This can be compared to iron that has gone through its tempering process and is made strong. We must be tested to prove our love toward God.

It may well be the Lord is allowing a difficult situation to exist thereby giving us the opportunity to test our self-control that we may become stronger therein. By dealing with the accidental offenses of others, we will be able to become stronger in our ability to control ourselves. This then increases the fruit of the Spirit within us. When one is sincere of heart, there is something that can be found of mutual agreement with another, and much good will come from building upon common subjects. We would do well to seek out the admirable qualities in the brethren and focus our attention upon them more. Qualities such as a generous spirit, or a gentle nature, etc. Should we fail to find something, then ask the Lord to help us see something and concentrate upon that which is of good report.

These are suggestions to the building of sound relationships within the Body of Christ. It is this same kind of thinking the Apostle Paul mentions in his Philippian letter, "*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things*" (Philippians 4:8).



As we close these thoughts, it is necessary that we remember these things in our prayers and ask the Lord to guide us through in our relationships with others, and especially those of like faith. Good Christ-like relationships can be built and last through a sincere and contrite heart. May God bless you as you consider these thoughts and grow in grace and the knowledge of His Word through our Lord Jesus Christ.



This subject is talked about more than any other subjects of the Bible. There are more sermons preached about it than any other subject. And yet there are very few who really understand the Second Coming of Christ. His Advent is in two parts; One for the deliverance, and, Two for the restoration of the earth. One for the reaping of the saints, and, Two for the destruction of the wicked.

If Christ does not return the whole creation will be disappointed. For the creation - the world of nature - is represented as standing in a an attitude of tense expectation. (Romans 8:18-24) And what is it that creation is waiting for? "The revealing (or unveiling) of the sons of God." The "sons of God," those who are today Christ's, those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us," says John, "That we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not."

But this veiled and hidden state of God's children is not for always: for, as John goes on to say, "Beloved now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that if He shall be manifested we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." This will be their unveiling.

For this event the whole creation waits. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for thr adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body." (Romans 8:22-23) This refers us to that hour of Christ's return when "the dead shall be raised incorruptible" and the living ones shall be changed. This is all done at the first phase of His coming, and then they together in HIS glorious likeness shall appear at the second phase of His coming. For this the groaning creation, as well as the children of God are waiting and hoping; for this event also strikes the signal for creation's deliverance.

The Two Natures

By David DeLong

Before we are converted to the Lord and His way we only have one nature--the Bible refers to this nature as the "old man". The old man can only be carnally minded and walk after the flesh and therefore is only subject to death (see Romans 8:6-8). It is impossible for a carnally minded person to keep God's Law. However, when a person gives his or her life to the Lord and is baptized in Jesus' name with hands laid on for the reception of the Holy Spirit, a new nature, called the "new man", is given to that person. The old man is not destroyed at this point, but must be continually put down, which the Bible calls mortifying the deeds of the body (see Romans 8:12-13). Whichever nature in the converted person is being fed, that nature will thrive. We feed the new man by constantly studying the Scriptures, praying on a continual basis, and yielding ourselves to the Lord (see Romans 6:16-17). We feed the old man by walking after the flesh and doing the works of the flesh (see Galatians 5:19-21).

We see a classic example of the two natures working against each other in the life of the Apostle Paul. Romans 7:14-25 reads: "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

We know that this experience in Paul's life is after his conversion because he is trying to follow God's law with his mind, even though he is weak and still finds himself sometimes sinning because of his flesh. But, he thanks God that it is through Jesus Christ that he will win the victory. The same is true of us as well. If we commit, or yield, our lives to Christ on a regular basis (maybe even several times a day), the Lord will impart His strength to us so that we will be overcomers.

The act of baptism symbolizes this overcoming in the saint's life. Romans 6:5-11 tells us: "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

An Anti-Evolution Revolution

By David DeLong

We need to fight today, against that teaching of decay,
That is passed along by evil devolution;
It flows from old to young, but to keep from being
stung,
We need an anti-Evolution Revolution.

We need some folks to fight, who say this theory isn't
right,
Who teach God's Word, instead of Evolution;
And they'll go out on a limb, to keep their light from
going dim,
And start an anti-Evolution Revolution.



BIBLICAL MODESTY

... and why it's a big deal.

The Shield Of Purity

This is a topic that has a tremendously important bearing, not only on the family, but on the external and temporal happiness of every individual human being and on the welfare of society at large. I refer to the topic of modesty and purity - and the means to preserve it.

There is a conspiracy against everything that is holy, spiritual and good. Satan has conceived a plan that is undermining all the virtues of man. The foolishness of man is causing him to live in utter false assumptions. It seems to be part of the fatal trend of our times to take prerogatives that belong to the home and church and invest them in the state and state run agencies.

Now the strange fact is, and this is exceedingly important for any discussion of modesty, that the Christian is concerned almost solely with the effects of not being modest, while they are not in the least bit interested in modesty itself, as a necessary virtue in their own lives. I say this is important, because there can be no point in discussing modesty until we have it firmly established in our hearts and minds as something that affects us first and foremost.

Being immodest is breaking God's Seventh Commandment. By therefore classifying immodesty as a transgression of God's law we are emphasizing and affirming its importance in the life of a Christian. The law of modesty is imposed on every human being, and it binds him in private as well as in public, in marriage, in bachelorhood, in youth and in the aged. Remember it is covered by "the perfect law of liberty" which means it is contingent upon the salvation of the individual. Reason makes this clear as

we study the Word of God. Notice how many nouns, adjectives and verbs construe the words: "Thou shalt NOT commit Adultery." "But fornication and all uncleanness...let it NOT be once named among you, as becometh saints...For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person,...hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." -Ephesians 5:1-5.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, (you are dead to immodesty) and your life is hid with Christ in God...Mortify therefore (or put to death the following sins) your members (portions of your body) which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence. For which things, sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." -Colossians 3:1-7.

"For if ye live after the flesh (immodestly), YE SHALL DIE: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, YE SHALL LIVE. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." -Romans 8:12-14. And notice further these important words:

"I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh (not being modest): for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness (modesty) unto holiness (purity). For when ye were the servants of sin, (transgression of the law of God) ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof YE ARE NOW ASHAMED? for the end of those things (being impure and immodest) IS DEATH." -Romans 6:17-23.

The Lord Jesus also makes this clear, that our thought must be modest. He said: If any man look at a woman to LUST after her, he that already committed adultery in his heart. This proves that evil effects of immodesty, remote or proximate, private or public, spectacular or not, its a serious violation of God's Law and aggression of the right order of nature.

It must be practiced continually to keep from breaking the Seventh Law of God. It must be remembered that God created every human being with senses. All these senses are a part of the flesh. When we are born we are born in the flesh, and the immodest sense manifests itself more intensively perhaps in inclinations to sin than in the other fleshly lusts. The resulting battle with concupiscence is not limited to a given age or state in life. It must be overcome by all and at all times.

More and more people are being promiscuous in our day. It is a weakness in man that Satan has harnessed to his advantage to destroy man. Satan knows that God has promised death to the impure and unchaste. But this human weakness can be offset or replaced by the power of God. We receive power to overcome lusts by praying, by following the prudent counsel of the men of God in Holy Writ, and by right reason given to all Children of God who wish to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

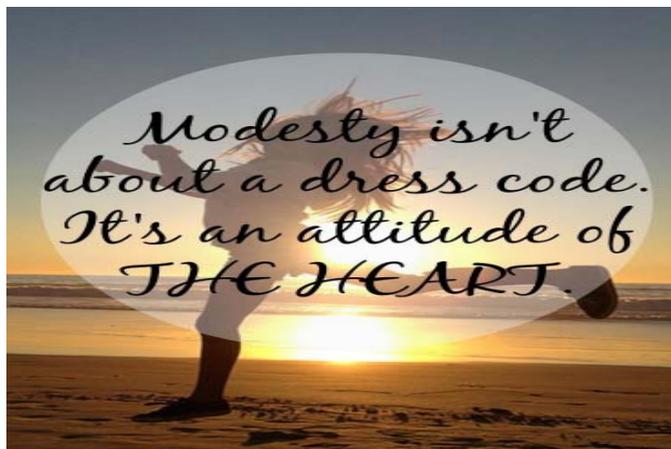
The worldly man uses none of these powers to overcome lusts of the flesh. The worldly man does not use prudence, because the world provides a constant flow of incentives to lust. The worldly man does not pray, because he completely ignores the pattern Christ left us to follow.

Our task then as Children of God is clear:

First, to love modesty and chastity for itself, as binding on all of us in all the public and private relationships of our lives. We must realize that modesty is the prerequisite to enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

Second, that we must be prudent and use common sense to protect it.

Third, to use the powers of prayer and the guardianship of the Holy Spirit to preserve our modesty and purity.



**There Are Two Roads Of Life
One Way - Leads To Eternal Life -
The Other Way Leads To Death
In The Lake Of Fire -
Which One Will You Take?
THE CHOICE IS YOURS!
Jesus Said: "I Am The Way!"**

Believe on the Lord Jesus and You Will Be Saved



"Time Enough Yet!"

Many people are trying to persuade themselves by saying: "There's time enough yet." Reader, are you thus being deluded?

"Time enough yet" - for settling matters between you and God?

"Time enough yet" - and your feet standing on the very brink of the wrath of God?

"Time enough yet" - and the shadow of death is darkening around your path?

"Time enough yet" - and the dark thunder-cloud of international chaos and destruction is hanging over everyone's head?

"Time enough yet" - and the Day of the Lord's return is near at hand?

"Time enough yet" - and the door of grace will be shut and heaven shall depart as a scroll and no one can enter?

"Time enough yet" - and men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man in a cloud with power and great glory.

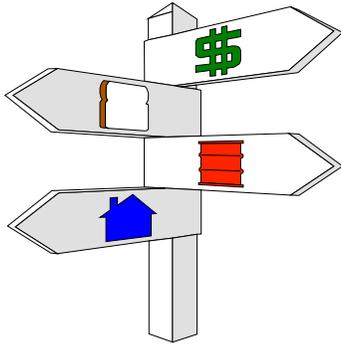
"Time enough yet" - And the people shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables?

Yes, thank the Lord there is still a little time, right now, for you to be saved. Now, this fleeting moment, as you read these lines, "is the Time to accept the Lord. Do not listen to Satan who is saying to you, "Tomorrow is still time." Tomorrow may be too late.

The Lord Jesus is calling today! He is standing at the door of your heart and would like to come in.

"Behold, NOW is the day of salvation."

- II Corinthians 6:2.



THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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A MESSAGE FROM GOD?

The Worldwide coronavirus is still at this time causing havoc in all areas of life. Religious believers here in the United States are contemplating if coronavirus is a message from God.

I wish to share with you an article from the **Associated Press** which is taken from the internet:

Poll: US believers see message of change from God in virus

Elana Schor And Hannah Fingerhut

NEW YORK (AP) – The coronavirus has prompted almost two-thirds of American believers to feel that God is telling humanity to change how it lives, a new poll finds.

While the virus rattles the globe, causing economic hardship for millions and killing more than 80,000 Americans, the findings of the poll by the University of Chicago Divinity School and the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research indicate that people may also be searching for deeper meaning in the devastating outbreak.

Even some who don't affiliate with organized religion, such as Lance Dejesus of Dallastown, Pa., saw a possible bigger message in the virus.

“It could be a sigh, like ‘hey, get your act together’ – I don't know,” said Dejesus, 52, who said he believes in God but doesn't consider himself religious. “It just seems like everything was going in an OK direction and all of a sudden you get this coronavirus thing that happens, pops out of nowhere.”

The poll found that 31% of Americans who believe in

God feel strongly that the virus is a sign of God telling humanity to change, with the same number feeling that somewhat. Evangelical Protestants are more likely than others to believe that strongly, at 43%, compared with 28% of Catholics and mainline Protestants.

In addition, black Americans were more likely than those of other racial backgrounds to say they feel the virus is a sign God wants humanity to change, regardless of education, income or gender. Forty-seven percent say that they feel that strongly, compared with 37% of Latino and 27% of white Americans.

The COVID-19 virus has disproportionately walloped black Americans, exposing societal inequality that has left minorities more vulnerable and heightening concern that the risks they face are getting ignored by a push to reopen the U.S. economy. Amid that stark reality, the poll found black Americans who believe in God are more likely than others to say they have felt doubt about God's existence.

Most houses of worship stopped in-person services to help protect public health as the virus began spreading, but that didn't stop religious Americans from turning to online and drive-in gatherings to express their faiths. Americans with a religious affiliation are regularly engaging in private prayer during the pandemic, with 57% saying they do so at least weekly since March – about the same share that say they prayed as regularly last year.

Overall, 82% of Americans say they believe in God, and 26% of Americans say their sense of faith or spirituality has grown stronger as a result of the outbreak. Just 1% say it has weakened.

Kathryn Lofton, a professor of religious studies at Yale University, interpreted the high number of Americans perceiving the virus as a message from God about change as an expression of “fear that if we don't change, this misery will continue.”

When people get asked about God, they often interpret it immediately as power,” said Lofton, who collaborated with researchers from the University of Chicago and other universities, along with The Associated Press, on the design of the new poll. “And they answer the question saying, ‘Here's where the power is to change the thing I experience.’”

Fifty-five % of American believers say they feel at least somewhat that God will protect them from being infected. Evangelical Protestants are more likely than those of other religious backgrounds to say they believe that, with 43% saying so strongly and another 30% saying so somewhat, while Catholics and mainline Protestants are more closely split on feeling that way or not.

“I believe he has protected me in the past, that he has a plan for us,” said Howl, of Portalas, N.M. “I don’t know what’s in his plan, but I believe his presence is here looking after me. Whether I can survive it or not, that’s a different story.”

Among black Americans who believe in God, 49% say they feel strongly that God will protect them from the virus, compared with 34% of Latino and 20% of white Americans.

David Emmanuel Goatley, a professor at Duke University’s divinity school who was not involved with the survey, said religious black Americans’ view of godly protection could convey “confidence or hope that God is able to provide – that does not relinquish personal responsibility, but it says God is able.”

Goatley, who directs the school’s Office of Black Church Studies, noted a potential distinction between how religious Black Americans and religious White Americans might see their protective relationship with God.

Within black Christian theology is a sense of connection to the divine in which “God is personally engaged and God is present,” he said. That belief, he added, is “different from a number of white Christians, evangelical and not, who would have a theology that’s more a private relationship with God.”

Comment

First let us say that the true children of God may not know all the reasons why God brings or permits specific calamities, such as the coronavirus, or why they are made to suffer by them, but they should trust in God’s omniscience and ultimate wisdom because He knows how to work out what is best for them in the end. “And we love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28) “No man that warreth entangleth

himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (II Timothy 2:4).

The above article about coronavirus brought out some interesting things about believers, and that, no doubt, is just what most are. Lance DeJesus is mentioned in the fourth paragraph. He says that he does not consider himself religious, but he believes in God. I would say that he is among the majority. It does him no good to just believe. James 2:19 Tells us, “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.” Those who just believe sometimes use the term “religious” for those who keep God’s commandments and have the testimony of Jesus. He must become religious by getting his act together.

It may be a fact that COVID-19 VIRUS has affected disproportionately affected black Americans. This is true for Latino’s and those who live in poverty. Many have died. In the first resurrection, all of God’s children will come forth regardless of their status they may have had in their previous lives. This is true also of those children of God who are living at that time. They will be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

Romans 8:18 Gives comfort to children of God who are suffering now from the coronavirus and the hardships it has caused: “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

The coronavirus really has nothing to do with the thought that if people do not change, the misery will continue. It is only one of the signs that Jesus gave to signal that He is coming soon. The nations of the world are to experience much more misery before the end of this age.

THE NEW COLD WAR?

At this time the blame game is being played. Some Lawmakers wish to punish China for the origin of the coronavirus from which we do know it originated. They say that China covered up the coronavirus and underestimated its severity. This some call a new cold war with China. This could affect the new trade deal that was done between the United States and China.

BIBLE

Study



QUESTION: Someone told me that Jesus was a member of the Nazarene Church. He told me that he cites Matthew 2:23 to prove his point. What saith the Scriptures?

ANSWER: Following His time in Egypt, after fleeing from Herod the Great's effort to kill Him (Matthew 2:13-16), Joseph and Mary returned to Israel, but settled not in Bethlehem, but in Nazareth. Perhaps, Jesus's earthly parents did not want to draw attention to themselves or this special child, conceived and born under miraculous conditions. We are told that they, "...came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth." This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: He shall be called a Nazarene (Matthew 2:23). They chose Nazareth for several reasons. First, they had come from there originally. Of all the cities of the region of Galilee, Nazareth was among the least important. All of the commerce, trade (and therefore good jobs and incomes) were centered around the lake, what we call the Sea of Galilee. Nazareth was far from the lake, up in the hills to the west of the city. That is why Nathaniel said to Philip, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth" (John 1:46). Nazareth had a reputation as a backwater, out of the way place.

Jesus was a Nazarene, not because of any church affiliation, but because Nazareth was His hometown. It

Questions and Answers

was the place He was raised and taught by His parents and local synagogue. He was a Jew and not a member of any church.

We note the fact that the concept of the Church was years in the future. Jesus was a Nazarene by geographical location, not by church affiliation.

QUESTION: What does the sheepfold represent, and for what are sheep known?

ANSWER: The sheepfold represents the place of rest and protection which the heavenly Father has prepared for His children during the long centuries of this present age. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Sheep are known for their gentleness, meekness, and obedience to the shepherd in whom they have put their trust. "Then said Jesus to them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:7-10).

QUESTION: In Genesis 2:7 we read: "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Is there any difference between receiving a soul

and becoming a soul?

ANSWER: The answer is yes! Genesis 2:7 teaches that God did not give a soul to Adam, separate and distinct from him. The word “soul” means “a breathing creature.” (Dr. Strong). Every human is a soul. No human being has an immortal soul. The term “immortal soul” is not found in the Bible.

QUESTION: What book of the Bible contains the following prophecy? “Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.”

ANSWER: Zephaniah 3:8-9. This great prophecy not only tells of the time of trouble but also, that following it, a pure message will go to the people and they shall voluntarily turn to the kingdom of Christ then established on the earth.

QUESTION: Will you please comment a little on the love and compassion which Jesus displayed?

ANSWER: Jesus tells us of His great love for man even in his fallen condition, saying, “...God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Jesus shared that same love for mankind, and in His compassion for the human race He gave up the glory and fellowship He had with the Father. He “...took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:7-9). The Apostle Paul also tells us that the Son of God was “made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, ... that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man” (Hebrews 2:9).

That love and compassion which moved our Lord to forsake His high position with His Father characterized His entire ministry here on earth. Wherever He went He was exposed to the sorrows, sickness and suffering of the people. Many times, we read that the great multitudes

followed Him, and He healed them. See Matthew 4:24; Mark 3:10; Luke 9:11.

Matthew writes that “Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd” (Matthew 9:35-36).

Jesus did not restrict his compassionate attention to the multitudes. He was deeply touched with the infirmities of individuals. We read of the leper who came to Jesus and beseeched Him to make him whole. Jesus “put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed” (Mark 1:40-42). We also read the account of Jesus restoring Lazarus back to life. Read John 11:1-44 for the whole account.

Truly, we have a High Priest who was “...touched with the feeling of our infirmities...” (Hebrews 4:15).

QUESTION: In II Corinthians 8:9 we read: “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” What is meant by his riches, how did he become poor, and how are we enriched by his poverty?

ANSWER: In his prehuman existence in the heavenly courts our Lord was rich, but to redeem us He left this position, and on earth humbled Himself even unto the death of the cross. He gave up all, even life itself, that through Him we might have the riches of eternal life. See Philippians 2:8.





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LESSON I

SAUL CONSULTS THE WITCH OF ENDOR
(PART II)

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 28:11-25.

Golden Text: I Samuel 28:14 (last part).

"...And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself."

NOTE: We last learned that Saul is afraid of the Philistines, and the Lord did not answer his pleas. Saul then disguised himself and went to see the witch of Endor. We will now learn what the results of his visit with the witch will be.

1. What was Saul's request of the witch? I Samuel 28:11.
 2. Did the woman recognize Saul in I Samuel 28:12?
 3. What did she tell Saul she saw, and what did Saul do? I Samuel 28:13, 15.
- NOTE: Saul remembered how Samuel helped guide him when he was alive. His foolishness made him believe that the witch could make Samuel return from death. The witch makes Saul believe that he is talking to Samuel.
4. What does Saul say to Samuel in I Samuel 28:15?
 5. What does Samuel (the demon) tell Saul about his future? I Samuel 28:16-19.
 6. Was Saul afraid and why did he not have strength? I Samuel 28:20.
 7. What did the woman do for Saul before he left her house? I Samuel 28:21-25.

**"Children, obey your parents
in the Lord: for this is right"
(Ephesians 6:1)**

LESSON II

DAVID IS SAVED
FROM FIGHTING AGAINST ISRAEL

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 29:1-11.

Golden Text: I Samuel 29:7.

"Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines."

NOTE: In our last lesson we learned that Saul enquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not hear him. He then turned to the witch of Endor for information about Samuel. This had been strictly forbidden by the laws of Moses. Now let us see why David was not allowed to fight against Israel.

1. Where were the Philistines and Israelites gathered with their armies? I Samuel 29:1=2.
2. What did the princes of the Philistines say to Achish? I Samuel 29:3.
3. Were the princes of the Philistines wroth with David? Did they want him to go to battle with them? I Samuel 29:4.
4. What question did they ask concerning David? I Samuel 29:5.
5. Achish called David to him. What did he tell David in I Samuel 29:6-7?
6. What did David think about the Philistines wanting him to go away in peace? I Samuel 29:8.
7. Did Achish say that David was as an angel of God? What did the princes of the Philistines say about him? I Samuel 29:9.
8. What did Achish order David to do the next morning? Did they comply with his orders? I Samuel 29:10-11.

LESSON III

THE DEATH OF SAUL

Scripture Reading: I Samuel 31:1-13.

Golden Text: I Samuel 31:6.

"So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together."

NOTE: We are not studying I Samuel 30, but if you wish to read the chapter, it will prove to be very interesting. In this chapter, David recovers all the spoils which the Amalekites have taken. Now we shall see how Saul was slain.

1. Who was fighting Israel in I Samuel 31:1?
2. Who was slain in I Samuel 31:2?
3. What happened to Saul in I Samuel 31:3?
4. What request did Saul make of his armourbearer? Did the armourbearer grant his request? What did Saul finally do? I Samuel 31:4.
5. When Saul's armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, what did he do? I Samuel 31:5.
6. What did the Israelites do when they found out Saul and his three sons were dead? Who then dwelt in the cities? I Samuel 31:7.
7. When the Philistines found Saul and his three sons fallen in Mount Gilboa, what did they do with their bodies? I Samuel 31:8-9.
8. What did they do with Saul's armour and his body? I Samuel 31:10.
9. When the inhabitants of Jabesh-Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, what did they then do with their bodies? I Samuel 31:11-13.

LESSON IV

DAVID'S GRIEF OVER THE DEATH OF SAUL

Scripture Reading: II Samuel 1:1-27.

Golden Text: II Samuel 1:11.

"Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him."

NOTE: In our last lesson, we learned that king Saul had reigned 40 years. Saul killed himself by falling upon his sword. His three sons and his armourbearer also died. David had not yet heard about Saul's death. Now we shall see what effect Saul's death has upon David.

1. Where is David living now? II Samuel 1:1.
2. Who came to David on the third day? II Samuel 1:2.
3. From whence had he come, and what did he tell David? II Samuel 1:3-4.
4. What story did the Amalekite have to tell David? II Samuel 1:6-10.
5. What had he brought to David in II Samuel 1:10?
6. Did David and all his men mourn for Saul? II Samuel 1:11-12.
7. What did David do to the Amalekite who brought the message? II Samuel 1:14-15.
8. David lamented over Saul and Jonathan his son. Read II Samuel 1:17-27 which will show his deep love for them.





FOLLOW THE LEADER

It was a lovely sunny day. Mother said that Bobby might take his lunch and eat it under the big tree at the side of the hill where the wise shepherd was herding his flock of sheep.

So Bobby took his lunch and went to the big tree. He sat down under the tree and ate his lunch, and watched the sheep frolicking about on the hillside. Presently one of the sheep started off down a little path. At once all the other sheep turned and followed him, keeping loosely behind.

Then Bobby saw a tiny slippery snake come out from some bushes and slide right across the path of the first sheep, who hopped right over it. The little snake slid out of sight under some rocks, but when the other sheep came to the spot they hopped too, although there was nothing at all to hop over.

My! My! Thought Bobby, I do believe those sheep are playing "Follow the Leader." Yes! That is exactly what the sheep were doing in Bobby's story, In fact, follow the leader is a game that sheep play most of the time. No matter where the leader goes or what he does, the others follow closely behind him, doing exactly what he does. So is the life of a Christian when we follow the Lamb Jesus, our leader, and do as He did. We will not fail and cause others to follow us.

Then the wise shepherd who was watching over the flock of sheep came to join Bobby. Still puzzled about the sheep, Bobby asked, "Why do they do that?" "I'm sure I don't know, answered the shepherd, but I do know, Bobby my boy, that if you follow the leader Jesus, the Lamb of God, you will never be lost. It is a game that everyone

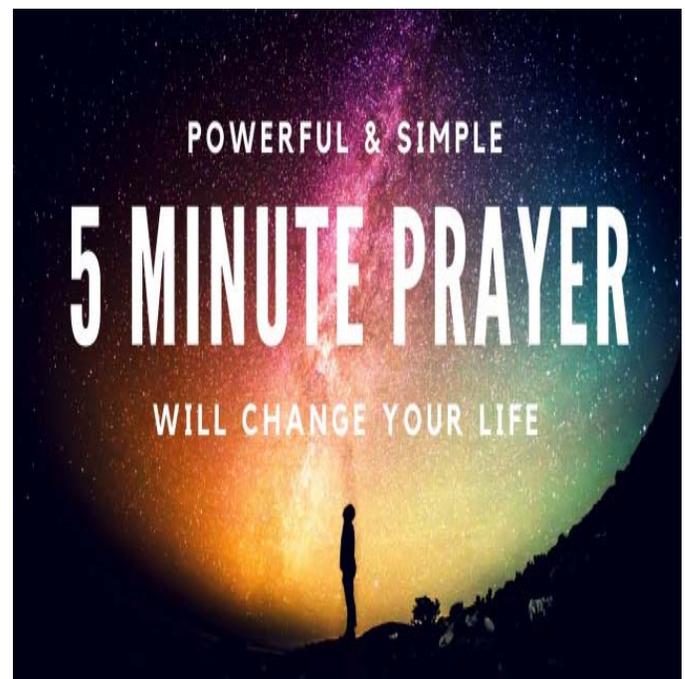
can play. Bobby asked, "How can you follow Jesus?"

The wise shepherd told Bobby to study his Bible and Jesus would lead him, then he would be able to follow Him all the way.

So Bobby slowly started down the hill thinking about the words the shepherd had told him. When he reached home, he told his mother about the experience with the shepherd and his flock.

And so, dear friends, through Bobby's visit to the hill, where the sheep had so beautifully portrayed the picture of "Follow the Leader" for little Bobby, not only he, but his entire family were saved.

Are we like Bobby and his family? Are we going to "Follow the Leader" or are we going to follow man? Jesus is my Shepherd, is He yours?



MORNING PRAYER

Did you know that the prayers to God by His children are like sweet perfume?

Did you know that Golden Vials (or bowls) full of odours, (or perfume) which are the prayers of saints, are kept in heaven?

Did you know that the prayers of all saints (or God's children) are offered upon the golden altar, which is before the throne of God? (Revelation 8:3)

DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD

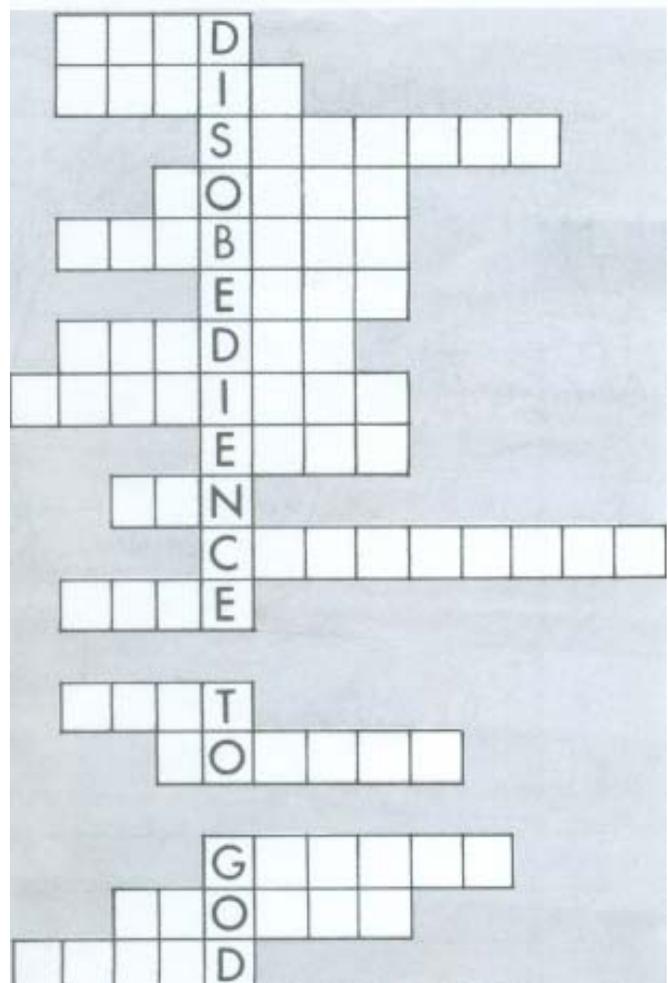
Genesis 2 and 3

- D - Another name for God (2:15)
- I - Apples, grapes, pears, etc. (3:2)
- S - The one who dared Eve to sin (3:1)
- O - God made ___ from the rib in Adam's side (2:23)
- B - Eve gave the fruit to her ___ (3:6)
- E - Where Adam and Eve lived (3:24)
- D - Adam had to leave this lovely place to till the ground (3:24)
- I - Deceived with flattery (3:13)
- E - Organs of sight (3:6)
- N - Adam was the first ____ (2:15)
- C - Instructed (2:16)
- E - Eve saw the tree would make her ___ (3:6)
- T - All people are made from this and their bodies must return to it (3:19)
- O - This was a part of their punishment because they had disobeyed God (3:17)
- G - Adam was sent forth from the garden of Eden to till the ___ (3:23)
- O - The land would be filled with ___ and thistles (3:18)
- D - This was used to keep people from the tree of life (3:24)

"FIND THE STORY"

Using the clues below, tell the rest of the story.

1. A dove, raven, boat, rainbow
2. A knife, load of wood, ram, thicket
3. A bow and arrows, a blind man, a boy who put on his bother's clothes
4. A fine coat, dry pit, two dreams, seventeen year old boy
5. A food shortage, long journey, spies, refunded money
6. Flies, lice, frogs, hail and other unpleasant things
7. Some stalks of flax, three days hiding, scarlet thread in a window
8. Seven priests, seven horns, seven days, a great shout, a captive city
9. Soldiers, lamps, trumpets, broken pitchers
10. A bee's nest, wedding, fight with a lion
11. A royal visit, camel train, spices, precious stones



12. A sleepless king, history book, king's horse, king's clothes, triumphal procession
13. A tall tree, tree stump, dream, king who ate grass
14. A ship, storm, man asleep, great calm
15. Two fish, five loaves of bread, twelve baskets
16. Two servant girls, rooster, man who snores
17. Three women, sunrise, sweet spice, great stone
18. An upper room, weeping woman, many coats

SCRAMBLED BIBLE CHARACTERS

Do you recognize the following Bible characters? Look hard, but here's a tip: each name begins with the letter "S."

1. Olsema
2. Hasra
3. Lsis
4. Oolmsno
5. Asnasnu
6. Umslae
7. Laus
8. Isomn
9. Petnseh
10. Neosmi

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JESUS WANTS YOU

By Delwin DeLong

*Will you partake of the seven last plagues
That God has stored away?
Or will you stand with saints caught up,
To be on the sea of glass that day?*

*The choice is yours, don't put it off,
Choose Jesus now and keep
Those Ten Commandments of the Lord
Before you go to sleep.*

*Yes, Jesus wants you, though you've sinned,
This chance He's given to you;
Take hold of it, don't let it slip -
His help will see you through.*

