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Editor's Page

Is Anything Sinful?

For several decades America has been fed a steady diet of moral relativity, going back beyond Joseph Fletcher's *Situation Ethics* (1966). The teaching is that there are no moral absolutes. The theory contradicts itself in its opening statement, because one must absolutely accept that there are no moral absolutes. But, aside from its self-contradiction, the ethical philosophy asserts

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sinful to one person may not be sinful to another. Each person becomes a moral law to himself and one cannot make absolute moral judgments.

Despite assertions that one believes in moral relativity, no one practices it consistently. Try applying moral relativity to such politically charged issues as racism. Does anyone believe that our media would tolerate moral relativity on racism? Is racism sinful for some individuals but acceptable for others? Is each individual allowed to decide for himself whether or not he will be racist and then everyone told not to judge (condemn) each other? Are we taught to be tolerant of racists or that racists should be tolerant of those of us who choose not to be racists? In an era of moral relativity, the consistent application of the moral dictum would be acceptance and tolerance of racists and racism. But, the fact is that no one can practice moral relativity consistently. There are always some things that the moral relativist wants to say are always wrongwhether it be racism or homophobia.

What moral relativism is reacting to is the Christian moral standard that teaches that ethics is determined by the revelation of God's will. The moral relativist cannot accept that God revealed himself and gave absolute moral laws to govern human conduct.

Nowhere is the conflict between moral relativity and Christianity more in conflict than in sexual ethics. The New Testament condemns as sinful fornication (1 Cor. 6:12-20), adultery (Rom. 13:9), homosexuality (1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:9, 10), lustful leering (Matt. 5:27-28), etc. Modern ethics in America treats fornication as a rite of passage for those who enter puberty. Monogamy is thought to be its own punishment (because one does not "enjoy" sexual experiences with whomever he wishes). Homosexuality is the natural sexual expression of a segment of population which is "programed" differently than the

majority of humanity. One is to be concerned, not about homosexuality, but homophobia. Pornography is protected under the first amendment rights and men are expected to look lustfully upon naked women. The Christian and moral relativism are two world views with conflicting ethics.

The result of modern relativity is that nothing is right or wrong. Who can unequivocally say that murdering a human being is wrong (think about abortion)? Who can say that stealing is always wrong? Who can say that adultery is sinful? Who can say drinking alcoholic beverages or experimenting with marijuana is wrong? On the other hand, who can say that loving one's neighbor is right and good, that helping the needy is a moral virtue, that honesty and marital fidelity are good? Are they not also just one's personal choice? The problem of moral relativity is that the philosophy blurs the lines between good and evil.

This blurring of moral standards has weakened society. Abortion on demand has led to disrespect for human life. Our society is actually arguing about whether or not partial birth abortions should be legal! In this reprehensible act, a doctor pulls a late-term baby out of the womb feet first until little but the head is inside the mother. Then he pokes forceps through the baby's skull and uses an instrument to suck out the brains and crush the skull. And our

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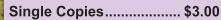
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Have You Not Read ...?

Connie W. Adams



"We Behaved Ourselves Among You"

When Paul wrote the young congregation at Thessalonica reviewing his work among them, he made a statement which I fear some could not truthfully make these days. Said he, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe" (1 Thess. 2:10). Paul preached the truth to them, but he also practiced what he preached.

Paul viewed preaching as a trust not to be violated. "But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak" (v. 4). That precluded "pleasing men" (v. 4). His approach was humble, not pompous. He was not "burdensome" or forboding in manner, though he was a genuine apostle of Christ. He said he was "gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children . . . we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children" (vv. 7, 11). The gospel is God's message, not our own. We shall give account of our stewardship.

It would help if all of us had Paul's attitude toward the brethren at Thessalonica. He said, "ye were dear unto us" (v. 8) and so he was willing not only to preach to them but, if need be, to die for them (v. 8). Sometimes there is an elite attitude among preachers. It is "us" against "them." "We" are the preachers and "they" are the brethren. A preacher once told me that he kept aloof from the brethren and had found that it was not best to get too close to them. His work was a failure and he is no longer preaching. Preachers need to sing with the rest, "When each can feel his brother's sigh, and with him bear a part, when sorrow flows from eye to eye, and joy from heart to heart."

Misbehaviour

The cause of Christ suffers when preachers do not behave as they ought.

1. High living on income which does not match expensive tastes only plunges one deeper into debt. It is a shame for preachers to dodge creditors and leave town owing bills they will not pay. Dishonest preachers are a stumbling block to the lost.

2. Arrogance destroys men and churches. Striving to have your way and protect your "rights" can devastate churches. Pulpit temper tantrums, petitions seeking redress, phone calls to muster sympathy and rally supporters, and other such unholy actions surely do not reflect the spirit of one who said the brethren were "dear" unto him. How many divisions have been caused by the wounded pride of preachers?

3. Preachers are not above the law. "Thou that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" (Rom. 2:21). It is easy to bind heavy burdens on others while exempting self from the same duties. While we are urging others to study and grow, are we just warming over what we learned when we first began to preach? Are we men of prayer? Are we out in front showing brethren how to teach the lost, or do we just lecture them about it?

4. And what shall we say about purity toward the sisters? The cause of Christ suffers from those who preach the truth about purity while living immorally. Out of "counselling" sessions in the preacher's study affairs have developed, flirtations have matured into inflamed passion, marriage vows have been violated, and then a trail of lies invented to cover such betravals of trust. When these come to light, families are shattered, children bewildered, confidence is lost, the weak are made to stumble. and only the judgment will reveal the number of lost souls in the wake of such deeds.

5. While we are on the subject, does God have a standard of conduct for writing preachers distinct from the rest? Are we at liberty to misrepresent other brethren? What special insight do we have so that we may judge the motives of those with whom we have a disagreement? Truth is truth and error is error. We must affirm the one and oppose the other. But are we excused from being certain we know what the other fellow believes? Or shall we summarily decide that those of whom we are suspicious in the first place, have not been fair and have not tried to work with those whose influence is becoming detrimental to soundness continued on page 32

Bobby Graham

Questions and Answers

Question # 1: Why did you agree to write the Question–and–Answer column for Truth Magazine?

Answer: It is reasonable for people to ask this question and, I believe, profitable to all concerned for me to provide an answer. In some ways this answer will explain positively why I am writing, and in other ways I will deal with the matter from a negative perspective.

After some years of intensifying conflict, in recent months I believe I have seen indications of an improving atmosphere, including relationships among brethren who share similar minds and convictions regarding the authority of the Scriptures. In an effort to encourage such developments I have accepted the assignment of answering the questions submitted. In the hope that improving attitudes will prevail and that the cause of truth might not continue to suffer from our failings, I begin this column.

Possibly it is also wise to point out that I do not think we need to compromise any principle, soften any biblical teaching, or blunt the sword of the Spirit in any way. I would not wish to be party to any such effort. Having said that, however, I do believe that all of us need to learn better how to treat each other in brotherly kindness and love, even in our disagreements. While there might be disagreements about specific passages or questions, we should leave no room for the spirit of envy, bitterness, rancor, suspicion, superiority, or contentiousness.

The reader should take note, however, I will write my conclusions, just as the writings of others will present theirs. There might be occasions when one will question or review my answer or I will differ with another's article. I do not expect others to take responsibility for positions advocated in my answers, nor will I accept responsibility for what they affirm or deny in their writings. I am confident that the editor, any staff writer, or any other person will not try to dictate what I write. Because timeliness is an essential element of wisdom and sound judgment, I reserve the right to deal with questions at times which I judge expedient and to postpone others until the time is better. While I think that most readers will understand and appreciate these matters, I judge it wise to remind us of such fundamentals in the beginning.

My purpose in every column will be to answer as scripturally, simply and briefly as possible, to address each question fairly and each questioner respectfully and kindly, to seek to build faith in God and respect for his Word, and to aid all of us in our quest for heaven. In seeking to do all of this, may the Lord be honored, truth be taught, and souls be saved!

Question # 2: Why do Christians use the Bible to prove that the Bible is God's Word?

Answer: If you were going to drill for oil or mine for diamonds, would you go first to an area where long-standing claims already existed that such precious things were available, or to your backyard, where no such claim had ever been made? Because the Bible claims to be the Word of God, it is wise to start with the Bible. This is not to say that one should confine his search for evidence to an examination of the Bible itself. Both internal and external evidence for the Bible's inspiration are fertile fields. But he certainly can find in the Bible valuable and convincing evidence that it is a revelation from God, not a product of human ingenuity.

When we read the Bible's claims to be the Word of God, honesty requires that we not disregard them but examine the Bible to determine their validity. Claims by themselves do not convince us, but a book lacking such claims surely does not merit our serious examination. Since there are claims, let us see whether they can be confirmed.

That the Bible claims to be from God is unmistakably clear to any serious reader of its pages. Besides the outstanding one in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, there are Peter's claim in 2 Peter 1:21 (holy men spoke as moved by the Holy Spirit), Jesus' in Mark 13:11 (it is not you that speak, but the Holy Spirit), Paul's in 1 Corinthians 2:10 (God has revealed them to us by His Spirit), and numerous Old Testament prophets' (like the first verse of many chapters in Jeremiah and other prophets). Detailed examination of these passages will have to await a later time. Are you honest enough to consider the claims of the Bible? Given persuasive evidence, will you believe the Bible is inspired by God?

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In The News



Marriage and Children

A recent article in *The Wall Street Journal* discussed the national debate about marriage and children ("How a U.S. Official Promotes Marriage To Help Poor Kids," Nov. 20, 2006, A1). The article stated,

Study after study show children are better off in two-parent homes. They are less likely to be poor, drop out of school, become teen parents or get arrested. The theory: Two parents bring stability and emotional support to children and one another, not to mention providing two incomes. But can government do anything to actually promote marriage? And should it?

We might debate the issue of the government's role in promoting marriages through legislation, like tax breaks, etc. However, the final answer is not in a bloated bureaucracy, but the Bible. With God, a two parent home is not a "theory" but a principle. He created a man and woman (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:18-24). He did not create one man or just one woman to have and raise children on their own. God's wisdom was that children have both a father and mother to nurture, train, and discipline them.

Isn't it amazing that men can take such a simple issue and make it complex—and costly?

Abort Abortions

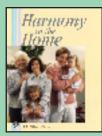
"... A women's advocacy group says all abortion clinics should be forced to show women seeking abortions an ultrasound image of their baby. The State of Oklahoma is the latest to require that abortion providers offer women an opportunity to view an ultrasound picture of their child before an abortion is performed" (American Family Association, Commentary & News Brief. Nov. 27, 2006).

Christians have long disdained the legalization of abortion. Time after time, though, the courts of our nation—supposed centers of justice—have continued to uphold the "right" of a woman to kill her baby. Now, there is a problem as noted in the news brief above—technology. The ability to see a baby in the mother's womb has changed the debate to some degree. It can no longer be argued that the baby is just a lump of tissue. Rather, the ultrasounds of today show a very detailed picture of a little human being in the womb. For instance, I saw an ultrasound picture of a friend's child the other day. The baby was clearly visible, head, backbone, limbs, etc., and the baby is not due for six months. Let us pray for abortion to be aborted.



Driven From Home

Crosswalk.com reported that nine families in India were driven from their homes after "converting" to Christianity; six of them had their homes destroyed. The story told of how the families attended a Pentecostal service and converted. We would take issue with this as the Pentecostals do not teach the truth. However, the fact that families can be driven out of their homes over religious beliefs is so remote to us. We need to count our blessings and thank God every day (1 Tim. 2:1, 2).



Harmony in the Home

by Mike Willis

Young Mothers Don't Be Discouraged

Anonymous

You feel you aren't able to enter into worship. Just when you have focused your attention on the words of the song and begun to feel that you are really being stirred to spiritual responsiveness, eighteenmonth old Missy bangs her head on the back of the pew, her cries rising in crescendo above the singing. Or you have just been able to grasp the preacher's line of reasoning as he expounds a difficult verse when three-year old Johnny tugs urgently at your dress and insists in loud whispers that he has to go to the restroom. The ways in which your attention and concentration can be distracted by the little ones are endless. Sometimes you feel that there is no real purpose in being at the church services while trying to cope with them. You feel that you are getting nothing out of the service and besides the children are probably distracting others in the audience, so why take them? Why not keep them at home so that you, the children, and others of the audience will all be happier? Your feelings are perfectly understandable. You do have a problem. But don't be discouraged. Your problem in reality is a great and golden opportunity. You have it within your power, if you deal wisely with this problem, to accomplish these wonderful objectives:

1. To implant in your children the habit of attending church services thereby opening the way for them to learn about God as they grow up. This may very well mean all the difference between their becoming faithful Christians or going the destructive ways of the world.

2. You may not be learning much from the sermons, but you are learning for yourself thoroughly practical lessons in patience, self control, self-denial, perseverance, discipline, and obedience to God. These lessons are the kind that are best learned under the pressures of hindrances and obstacles.

3. You are teaching others. By faithful attendance and courageous tackling of your problems with the children you are setting a wonderful example to the rest of the congregation. Such an example is a priceless asset to any church. It is more powerful in influencing the lives of others than many sermons. A church cannot have too many young mothers of this kind. We need them all! We want them all!

So, young mothers, don't be discouraged! Keep coming! Bring the children! Most of us have been through the same experiences with the little ones and we understand your difficulties. We respect your concern for others. We admire your fortitude in coming. We want your fellowship in worship. We need your help in teaching the church. So bring the little ones to the services!

Toward A Deeper Devotion To God Gary Henry

To say that the trend is toward shorter gospel meetings is a considerable understatement. The trend in the busy world at large is toward shorter and shorter *everything*—and so it's no surprise that our special efforts to edify and evangelize are being trimmed.

But are shorter meetings necessarily better? Is a weekend meeting, for instance, better than a meeting that begins on Sunday morning and runs through Friday evening? Since I have been doing the "Diligently Seeking God" series of lessons, the requests that I receive for gospel meetings have run heavily in the direction of weekend requests. That series lends itself especially well to a weekend format, and so I'm no critic of weekend meetings. I do a number of them each year and am a big believer in the good they can do.

But I would be less than honest if I didn't say that I'm concerned. For one thing, are we being completely honest about *why* we prefer shorter meetings? Can it be denied that we



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are less and less willing to be inconvenienced by a week-long meeting? Yes, I know they are hard on families, particularly those with small children. But folks, if we wouldn't make that kind of sacrifice (and thereby teach our children the meaning of sacrifice) at least once in a while, who are we kidding to think that we would make greater sacrifices if a "big" situation came along? Would a person really lay down his *life* for the Lord, if it came to that, who wouldn't even endure the "hardship" of a Sundaythrough-Friday gospel meeting? Jesus was rather pointed when he talked about this kind of thing: "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10).

But as a gospel preacher, there is another reason why I hate to see us give up the week-long meeting: there is a kind of good that can be done in a week that can't be done in a weekend. I have always believed that as much good is done outside of the pulpit in a meeting as is done in the pulpit. The encouragement that comes (both to the preacher and to the members of the congregation) from those wonderful conversations, studies, visits, and interactions in between services is a very valuable thing, and frankly, in a weekend jam-packed with nothing but services, there is little or no time for that kind of good to be done. I have come away from weekend meetings feeling that I didn't even get to know the congregation; I just saw their faces from the pulpit. Rarely do I get home from a weekend meeting without wishing that I had had the kind of "space" with the congregation that a week–long meeting affords.

That said, let me also say that weekend meetings can sometimes be more effective than those that are longer. Especially with specific themes or topics, concentrating all the lessons into a tighter format gives them more impact than if they were spread out. I have done the "Diligently Seeking God" lessons in everything from a six–day to a two– day time frame, and there is no doubt that they lose some of their "zip" when they are spread out over too many days.

So what's the conclusion? Well, that both longer and shorter meetings have their place and that we ought not to neglect or give up the good that can come from *both kinds* of efforts. To congregations serious about wanting to build deeper devotion in their membership, my suggestion is this: don't give up the practice of having some longer meetings (the extra effort and sacrifice will be all to the good), and use shorter meetings for special effect, for a change of pace, or to deal with special topics. Variety is the spice of life, they say, and so the "better" meetings are neither longer nor shorter. They are those that are well-planned to accomplish the specific objectives that have been set for them.

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Singing with Understanding

The Lost Verse of More Love to Thee, O Christ

In the February article, we noted that many hymns in modern hymnbooks are missing verses. Leaving out verses began long ago and is not unique to hymnals used by churches of Christ. Generations of worshipers have grown up without ever seeing the complete versions of many famous hymns. While some of the reasons for deleting verses are valid, unfortunately some of the best verses have disappeared. A good example of this is *More Love to Thee, O Christ.*

Elizabeth P. Prentiss wrote *More Love to Thee, O Christ* during a time of sickness. She did not reveal it to anyone for years. Over a decade later, she showed it to her husband and he encouraged her to publish it. For 150 years since then, it has been a source of encouragement to believers. This is the version in many modern hymnals:

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee; More love to Thee! Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise; This be the parting cry My heart shall raise; This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ to Thee; More love to Thee!

The first verse introduces the hymn as a supplication for more love to Christ. The second verse notes that formerly we sought comfort in this world, but now we simply ask God to "give what is best." The third verse, which is often deleted from hymnals, is below.

Let sorrow do its work, Come grief or pain; Sweet are Thy messengers, Sweet their refrain, When they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to Thee; More love to Thee!

This verse expresses something that we need to learn: things like sorrow, grief, and pain may be exactly what we need. James explained how Christians mature: "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" (Jas. 1:2-4). Without overcoming problems, we cannot develop spiritually. In addition, difficulties make this life less appealing; therefore, they help us not to be enamored by this world and encourage us to strive for eternal life with God, where we will be free of sorrow, grief, and pain.

Notice that neither verse 2 or verse 4 is as meaningful without the original verse 3. After asking God to do the best thing for us in verse 2, verse 3 is a reminder that "what is best" for us may be troublesome. It mentions the "work" of "sorrow"; it asks for "grief or pain"; it even likens those things to "messengers" from God and describes them as "sweet." God's message through trials is, "Don't get too comfortable; a better place awaits you." Appropriately, verse 4 follows stating that "then"—only after we mature by learning the lesson that struggles teach-we will be prepared for death. With our last breath, our "parting cry" will be an expression of love for Christ.

Paul wrote, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). One of the greatest blessings God has given to us is the ability not to fear death, and that ability comes only after becoming spiritually mature through trials. *More Love to Thee, O Christ*, with the "missing" verse, articulates that thought beautifully.

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Bible Lands

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Jerusalem was the City of God to the children of Israel. Abraham offered his son Isaac for a sacrifice in the mountains in the land of Moriah (Gen. 22:2). This location became the city of Jerusalem. The site where Abraham offered Isaac would become the altar of the Temple of God and this area is known as Mt. Zion.

When David became king over Israel, he defeated the Jebusites, captured the city of Jerusalem, and made it his capital. The city became known as "the city of David." The Israelites were to worship and offer their sacrifices to God in this location. "But you shall seek the Lord at the place which the Lord your God shall choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come. And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the contribution of your hand, your votive offerings, your freewill offerings, and the first-born of your herd and of your flock" (Deut. 12:5-6, NASB). Solomon was permitted by God to build a temple or house for God in Jerusalem between 965-955 B.C. Solomon used the finest materials in existence to build the House of God.

Jerusalem was captured by the Babylonians who destroyed the Temple and carried the children of Israel into Babylon as captives. The Babylonians burned the temple and carried all the holy vessels to Babylon. Jerusalem was completely destroyed, "not one stone left upon another." Cyrus of Persia allowed the Jews to return to the site of Jerusalem in 538 B.C. to rebuild the Temple. The Temple was rebuilt by Zerubbabel after the Jews returned from exile. Zerubbabel's temple was a poor replacement for Solomon's magnificent sanctuary. Those individuals responsible for the reconstruction had very little funds with which to work. For the next five hundred years this is the only Temple the Jews would know.

Herod the Great was appointed king over Judea in 37 B.C. by the Romans. Herod was a great builder. In Jerusalem he began two projects. The first was the building of a large palace complex in the upper city of Jerusalem, the Fortress of Antonia. The second was the project for which he would always be remembered: the rebuilding of the Temple. Herod's plans for it were on such a magnificent scale that, in spite of their enthusiasm for the project, the people doubted that Herod would ever complete it. In fact what they feared most was that he would destroy the existing Temple and not be able to afford to complete the new one. They refused to agree to the rebuilding until all the materials and workmen had been assembled.

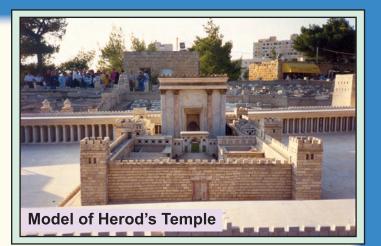
Herod was determined that his Temple would outshine Solomon's in all its glory. The Temple built by Solomon crowned the hill to the north of the city of David. Later the area around the Temple had been raised to form a platform. The platform was supported by a wall along the slopes above the Kedron Valley. This outer area was open to all and was known as the court of the Gentiles. Herod doubled the size of this court. The new court was about 480 x 300m surrounded by a supporting wall some 5m thick. Some of the stones are over 10m

long and weigh about 100

tons. The enlargement of the Temple platform required great feats of engineering. The vast artificial platform on which he constructed the Temple remains to this day the most dominant feature of Jerusalem. The Western

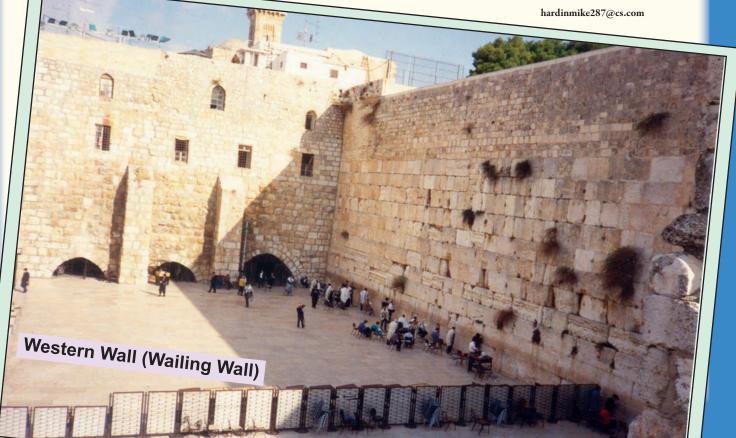
Wall or Wailing Wall is a portion of the platform. Jewish tradition teaches that until a new Temple is built, prayer will replace the sacrifices and that God continues to honor their prayers in this location.

The rebuilding of the Temple was Herod's greatest building achievement. The Temple itself was hallowed ground and only the priests were allowed to set foot on it. Many of the priests had to be specially trained so that they could build the temple. Work began in 20 B.C. The Temple itself was completed in one and a half years but the



building and decoration of the outer courts continued for many years.

There are no visible remains of the Temple itself. There is a model of Ancient Jerusalem in the grounds of the Holyland Hotel that enables visitors to visualize life in the city at the time of the Second Temple, before the Roman destruction of the city in A.D. 70. The city was reconstructed according to early and contemporary sources, including the New Testament and recent archaeological discoveries. The model was built to scale 1:50, and the same building materials as were employed at the time.





The Bible and Mental Health

Homelessness (2)

Homelessness is perhaps the most severe form of poverty. People who have run out of resources for one reason or another are often shunned and classified as "bums, deadbeats, winos, or worse yet, people who are waiting to exploit us or rob us." In a previous article we attempted to show that research and self-reports show that about 80% of those who are homeless are decent people who are looking for a hand up rather than a handout. It would be as wrong to classify them all as one as it would be to classify *all* white people, *all* black people, *all* Jewish people, etc. as being the same.

> Have you ever stopped to consider the process that happens before the phone call to churches or the visit to our services by a person who is homeless or otherwise in need of help? True some are drunkards, but not all. Some are scam artists, but not all. Some are legitimate, but not all.

In the domestic violence arena the pre-call scenario goes like this more often than not. The abuser demands of the partner that she phone to solicit churches, visit churches, sell her jewelry or other mandates, and do it by a certain time or else! The "or else" is often the threat of a beating, a death threat, leaving with the kids, or some other form of intimidation. Thus, when brethren see the person (often a woman) for the first time and hear the desperation in her voice, they do not understand the gravity of the background. And, sometimes the solicited money is for rent, sometimes for food, and it is true that sometimes it is for alcohol, drugs, or gambling. We don't usually know what it is for, but only what we are told.

It is, also, true that some homeless travelers make a job out of conning people out of their money, but not all. So, what are we to do when these situations come to us. Here are some suggestions:

1. Hear the story. Are there children involved? Are the woman and her children safe? What are they seeking? What are their real needs? Are they legitimately interested in discussing their spiritual needs? If not, this is merely a referral. It is the same as a person going to the doctor for an oil change in their car. Doctors offices don't do that. Why? It is not their mission. Neither is providing the physical needs to homeless or poor non-Christians the mission of the church. Kindly point them to the appropriate resources in your community. Then, their identified physical needs will be met. You may want to keep a list for referral handy and ready to give to those who ask.

2. Know your local laws on panhandling and how panhandling is defined in local statutes. In most states it is defined as "an unwelcome approaching of a person

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or group for the purpose of soliciting funds without fair exchange." Most panhandling laws allow for indirectly solicited donations. Sometimes we need to know this. Also, find your local laws on "registry." Some communities either request or require those seeking help to "register" so double dipping and overusing community resources is greatly reduced.

3. Ask what agencies they have tried before coming to the church or calling you. Many times those in dire straits for the first time do not know the local resources. Do you? Here are some tips on how to find those resources in your community:

A. Housing. Within your community, know the names and numbers of homeless shelters, missions, recovery houses, domestic violence shelters, safe housing for youth, and rooms at the local YMCA/YWCA. These can be found by contacting your United Way or checking with your Board of Health or local Community Mental Health providers. Most communities have a county or regional resource manual (often called something like The Rainbow Book). Persons may be referred to the local Trustees Office or the Housing Authority or the Division of Children and Family Services (names of these agencies vary by state). Keep the numbers handy for referral.

B. Food. Most every community has a variety of free food pantries where people can go weekly and/or monthly for free food. If children are involved, the Division of Children and Family Services

(names vary) can provide food stamps or flash vouchers (an instant voucher for food). Now, food stamps are often denied for people with any conviction for drug use in the last two years, so you will be back at square one with these people. Another issue our brethren will face is whether to refer the person to pantries operated by church related organizations (Sharing Place, Lutheran; St. Vincent/Depauw or Catholic Charities, both Catholic; several others are sponsored by the Baptists and Adventists, etc.). Resources for food will be very limited without the use of these pantries. An alternative is to work with grocery stores for vouchers or debit cards you might give to the person requesting food (sometimes these are donated and sometimes there is a charge). Many communities have a "pooled" location where all who wish to contribute may do so. These have application and screening processes to assure there is a legitimate need. And these places have other options to which they can refer.

C. Employment. Any community of any size has a variety of temporary job services for anything from office work to manual labor. They do the screening and placement. Vocational Rehabilitation services are available to persons with disabilities including mental health and addiction issues. Veterans have a wealth of services offered through VA hospitals/ foundations, initiatives for homeless veterans, etc. These services for Vets usually include housing options, food, transportation, clothing, vocational rehabilitation, case management and job placement services. Contact your local state employment agency for more information.

D. Spiritual. At the core of all the immediate and remote physical needs is the need to "break the cycle." You and I know that Jesus is the answer. He is the Way and the gateway to overcoming problems at every level. He is our friend, our hope, and our Redeemer.

So, what does all of this mean? First, we need to see the homeless as sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:34). Second, people who have hit the bottom know there must be a better way and they need help to find it. The prodigal of Luke 15 had one advantage on the homeless—he knew where home was. The homeless can know the same thing if you and I share the way home with them. Third, we need to use wisdom in knowing when to stay engaged with those seeking help and when to refer to community resources. When we help a beggar find bread or shelter, we can rest easy at night knowing we did what we could. Fourth, acts of kindness and compassion in a person's dark hours have more meaning than we can imagine. I took a homeless man for a haircut, shampoo, and head massage (some pampering). To me it was a way to help him look more presentable. To him it was "the best thing that has happened to me in months. I feel human again." Sow those small seeds, my brethren, and the crop will grow until harvest time.

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The Oneness of the Church

The oneness of the church is unique. There is only one! It far transcends religious organizations founded by men.

Background. The church belonging to Christ was conceived in the mind of God before the foundation of the world (Eph.1:4), and brought into existence by his power through Jesus Christ. The church was not a substitute for the Kingdom as the Premillennialist would have us believe. It came into existence according to God's eternal

purpose (Eph. 3:10, 11). Man cannot thwart the purpose

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of God. God envirch sioned a y, people that would know him, ose dy. least to the

greatest, and would have God's laws written on their heart. He would be their God and they would be his people (Heb. 8:10, 11). "He chose us in him before the foundation of the world . . . having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will" (Eph. 1:4, 5). To foreordain or predestinate is to "decide and design prior to acting; making out boundaries or setting limits beforehand; to determine before." To illustrate the above: He who would be President of these United States must be a

natural born citizen, being thirtyfive years of age, having lived in this country fourteen years, and be willing to take the oath of office, upholding the Constitution. It could be said that the framers of the Constitution foreordained—chose those who would sit in the President's chair. In like manner, God foreordained those whom he would adopt as sons. God did not choose or foreordain individuals-consigning some to salvation and others to damnation-but as a class of people for his own possession (1 Pet. 2:9, 10). The chosen are those in Christ by virtue of their obedient faith. They fulfill the requirements of adoption.

The church becomes a reality. When Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he announced, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Approximately six months later the church had its beginning. Peter preached Christ on that occasion and 3,000 obeyed the gospel and were added to the church (Acts 2:41, 47). Note the definite article "the." Not "a" church, but "the" church! Christ said "my church."

Christ purchased the church with his blood (Acts 20:28). The word "purchase" means "to gain; to get something for oneself." It conveys "*possession*." When Christ purchased the church, he purchased people: "for thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9). He possessed those whom he purchased. He "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto

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himself a people for his *own possession* (italics mine), zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14). Peter echoes the same truth in 1 Peter 2:9: "But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's *own possession*." He presented the church unto himself (Eph. 5:27).

There is only one church recognized by the Lord. From the time God planned the church, until it was born, only one church was in his mind. It was never God's intention to bring forth a multiplicity of churches (denominationalism). Christ built one church, and he is the head of it: "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence" (Col. 1:18). He is "head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:22, 23). That being true, Paul dogmatically declares that "there is one body" (Eph. 4:4). If the church is the body, and the body is the church, and there is one body, it logically follows that there is one church! Denominationalism has no scriptural foundation! It is made up of many bodies (churches), founded by man, wearing different names and adhering to different faiths. This is not what God planned from the foundation of the world. We "were called in one body" (Col. 1:15). We are "baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). "But now there are many members, but one body" (1 Cor. 12:20).

Oneness of those in the one body. As the church is one body, there is oneness among those who compose the one body. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul uses the analogy of the physical body in explanation and application of the diversities of gifts. There are diversities of gifts, but one Spirit. There are many members, but one body. Note the following verses, beginning with verse 12: "For as the body is one, and hath many members. And all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." "For the body is not one member, but many" (v. 14). "But now there are many members, but one body" (v. 20). The human body is made up of various members operating in conjunction with the head. Each member has its work to do, but all work together for the benefit of the body. This shows the interdependence of the different members of the body on one another. "The eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee" (v. 21). The different members complement one another. Thus the spiritual body of Christ is one body, but made up of different members,

working together as per instruction from the head, Jesus Christ. The spiritual body of Christ is "knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part" (Eph. 4:16). This contributes to the increasing of the body. There is a oneness there, a mutual supportiveness, kinship, and like-mindedness. This is the reason why we "bear one another's burdens." When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. When one member is honored, all rejoice (1 Cor. 12:26). If one member of the physical body is injured, the entire body is affected. Whether one suffers or is honored. it touches other members of the spiritual body. We "rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15). This could be called sympathetic vibration: "vibration produced in one body by the vibration of exactly the same period in a neighboring body."

Strike one prong of a tuning fork and the tone is transmitted to the other prong, hence the musical term *sympathy*.

The believers gathered in Jerusalem "were of one heart and soul . . . they had all things common." The apostle Paul exhorted the Philippians to "stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27). "Seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body: for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17).

Denominationalism has no justification in the Scriptures. Those who are being saved are in his body, the church (Eph. 5:23). "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1). May we strive earnestly to attain that ideal oneness in the one body.

"All the churches of Christ salute you" (Rom. 16:16).

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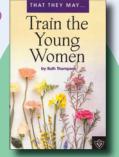
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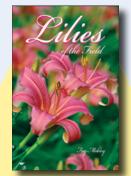


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It's the Teetotalers' Fault!

An obviously inebriated man was brought up staggering before the night court judge.

The judge fired at him: "Son, why were you drunk? What can you say that will excuse you for getting into this pitiful condition? Just look at yourself. Your hair is all disheveled. Your clothes are in a mess.

Just Dancing

The judge looked at the prosecuting attorney with abject unbelief in his eyes.

"Do you mean to tell me that you are claiming this man strangled a woman in a ball room with over two hundred couples present?"

"Yes, your honor. Everyone thought they were just dancing!"

For more reading on the lighter side



Stuff About Things by Robert F. Turner 10651.....\$3.50 You are slobbering all over yourself and are barely able to speak so as to be understood. What caused you to get into this unbelievable state?"

"I was on the train with bad companions, your honor! Four teetotalers!" the man stuttered.

To which the judge replied: "Why, sir, that is the most ridiculous

Got Caught

The preacher was waxing eloquent before the young congregation. His illustration was poignant and full of passion: "One boy chose the wicked path of sin and crime, he stole from his fellow man, wronged his brethren in the flesh, he sold his immortal soul for mere money, and eventually he ended up rotting away in a lonely prison cell. Another boy became a great lawyer, adored by many, prosperous and well to do, the pride of his mother and father. Now, I ask you ladies and gentlemen, what can the difference be between those two brothers who. together, embarked upon life's stormy seas?"

During this pregnant pause occasioned by the preacher's rhetorical question, brother Herman whispered in the ear of his wife Mabel, "Easy. One got caught!"

Send your funny stories and hilarious incidents to: Dan King danielh.king@comcast.net excuse for a case of public drunkenness that I have ever heard in fifty years on the bench. They are the best company that a man with a drinking problem can have."

"I don't think so, your honor. I speak from experience. I had a full bottle of whiskey and had to drink the entire bottle all by myself!"

Hot Biscuits

When one of the sisters in the congregation had to go away to visit a sick relative, sister Martha, one of the most dedicated women in the church offered to care for her eightyear-old. She arrived the first morning in time to prepare breakfast. Being the zealous homemaker that she was, she set in front of the little girl a generous helping of bacon and eggs.

The little girl looked up at her with sad eyes and said, "Mommy always has hot biscuits for breakfast."

Being one who never would want to be guilty of disappointing a little child, she hurried back into the kitchen and quickly prepared a plate of hot biscuits, which soon she laid proudly before the little girl.

"No, thank you," she said.

"But I thought you said your mother always has hot biscuits for breakfast?" asked sister Martha.

"She does," said the child, "But I never eat 'em."

The Chain Of Revelation

Johnie Edwards

This study is about how God sent his message to man. We are assured by the writer of Hebrews that "God hath spoken" (Heb. 1:1-2). God has spoken "at sundry times," meaning that he spoke at various times; "in divers manners" suggests that God spoke by many methods in time past, that is the Old Testament period. God used many methods to get his message to man in its various portions. Sometimes God spoke orally to man, then he spoke through the written law and words of the prophets. But in the last days or the gospel age, God speaks to us by his Son, Jesus Christ, who is "heir of all things." This means that Christ is heir of all things spoken by the prophets, as he is the fulfillment of what the prophets had in mind. Luke 16:16 and 24:44 nail it down that both the law and the prophets were fulfilled in Christ. A study of Ephesians 1:10-11 and Romans 8:28-30 will teach us that God is not dealing with whatever happens to us is for our good; he is telling us that his redemptive plan in fulfillment of which all things work

together. Now, let's notice how the chain of revelation fits together:

1. It All Began With God. "All things are of God" (2 Cor. 5:18). God is the divine architect as he planned it all from eternity (Eph. 3:10-11; 1 Cor. 2:9-11; Eph. 4:6).

2. Christ is the Second Link. God reconciles man to himself by Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:18-19). Christ is the sacrificial cause of man's salvation, in that he "shed his blood for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:26-28; Rev. 1:5; 1 John 1:7). Thus we can sing, "Jesus paid it all."

3. Apostles Are Next. They were "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20).

4. Holy Spirit's Words. God uses words of the Spirit to the apostles in making known his revelation. Jesus prayed, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" (John 17:20). The Holy Spirit spoke through the apostles (Mark 13:11). Verbal

inspiration is taught in that words is how God communicates his will to man (1 Cor. 2: 9-13). This is why Paul said, "How that by revelation he made known to me the mystery: (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (Eph. 3:3-5). It is by the word of God that man has faith (Rom. 10:17). Words are necessary in making known God's revelation to man. This accounts for Peter "telling words" to Cornelius "whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:14).

5. Man, The Final Link. "Be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20) "by the blood of Christ" (Col. 1:20) being "baptized into the death of Christ (Rom. 6:3-4) "in the one body" (Eph. 2:26). It's now man's time to do his part (Matt. 7:21).

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Walking In Truth Web Site

WALKING IN TRUTH will become an online paper in 2007 and

anyone who would like to contribute to the setup of the website can do so by sending any funds to Matt Adams, 5020 Forest Creek Dr., Pace, FL 32571. Since there are over 3000 on his mailing list and everyone who receives it receives it free and have for several years, it only seems fair and right that Tom O'Neal not have to bear the expense of the website setup. It will be around \$1500 to set up and maintain. Tom has been financing this paper for several years at his own expense. We, who have reaped the benefits of the paper, ought to help with the cost in appreciation for his labors over the years in my opinion. **Stan Adams**

Wal-Mart Comes Out of the Closet!



... What is the Christian to do when learning of the alliances Wal-Mart and so many other companies have made with that which is an abomination in the eyes of God (Lev. 18:22; 20:13)? ...



Perhaps by now you have already heard the sad and disturbing news. Wal-Mart, the largest retailer in the world, has joined the homosexual agenda!

I'm afraid it's true. "The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) announced today a partnership with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. as part of the company's ongoing commitment to advancing diversity among all of its associates, suppliers and customer bases. This partnership will include executive representation on the NGLCC's Corporate Advisory Council (CAC) and sponsorship of the organization's 2006 events and initiatives." This particular "partnership" began on August 21, 2006.

Later in the article, that you can read at www.nglcc.org, the cofounder and president of NGLCC had this to say: "We are honored to have Wal-Mart's support of the NGLCC. Our partnership will not only provide more opportunities for the NGLCC, but the business community as a whole. We are pleased with this addition to our organization and to our council."

Wal-Mart joins a growing list of well-known companies to partner with NGLCC. Companies with representatives on CAC include: IBM, Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, American Airlines, Intel Corporation, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, Lehman Brothers, Motorola, Travelport, Merrill Lynch, American Express, Cisco Systems, Avis, Orbitz, Intuit, Kodak, Fannie Mae, Millennium Hotels and Resorts, and Kimpton.

Boise State University in Idaho will observe "LGBT Diversity Week" October 9-13, and Wal-Mart will be one of its sponsors. In November, residents of Idaho will be voting on a constitutional amendment banning same sex marriage. Well, Wal-Mart is helping to sponsor Idaho Votes No Campaign Update and Information Workshop. This organization will inform voters how to oppose the amendment and how to get other voters support. Tragically, Wal-Mart is putting its money behind the effort to legalize homosexual marriages.

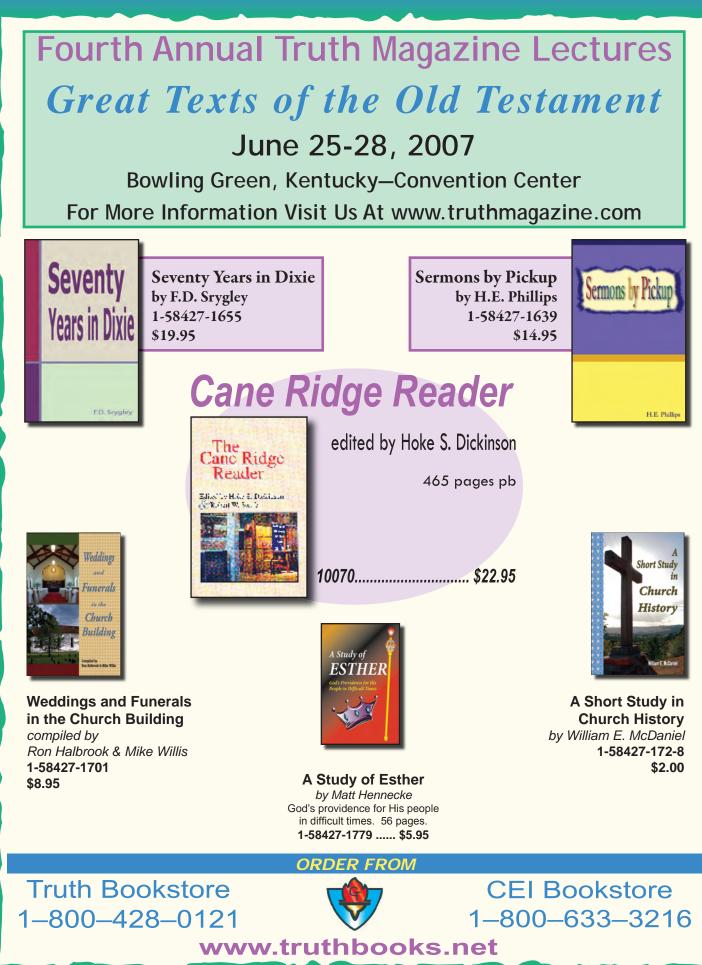
Other events sponsored by Wal-Mart: Gay History of Idaho, Diversity in the Workplace, Women's/ Lesbian Issues, Hate Based Crimes, Heterosexism, Homosexuality and Disabilities, LGBT Youth in Trouble, MCC-Faith and LGBT, and a youth dance for those age 24 and under (source: www.afa.net).

If you're like me, you are completely shocked and appalled that Wal-Mart would make such a decision as this. Surely the now deceased founder of the company, Sam Walton, would not have allowed such a departure from family values and morals.

What is the Christian to do when learning of the alliances Wal-Mart and so many other companies have made with that which is an abomination in the eyes of God (Lev. 18:22; 20:13)? Knowing full well that God's word condemns these sexual sins (Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10), what is the responsibility of the Christian? No doubt, many of us know faithful Christians who are employed by the Wal-Mart Company. Should they quit their jobs? Should we boycott Wal-Mart for their support of the homosexual agenda? And if we do decide never to shop at Wal-Mart again, will we be consistent and cut-off support to *all* businesses affiliated with this sin? Parents, will you pull your kids out of schools that in any way support LGBT diversity? These are very tough questions that all children of God are faced with in our times.

At the very least, the Christian cannot sit in silence as ungodliness increases around us (Phil. 2:15). We too must abhor that which God abhors (Amos 5:15; Rom. 12:9). And not only are we to have no fellowship with the works of darkness, but we must also reprove such things (Eph. 5:11). Each Christian and family must decide for himself or herself what must be done. Surely we all can send letters/ emails to Wal-Mart to voice our strong disapproval of their recent partnership. We can and must continue to speak out in our communities against this pervasive sin. Most likely, the biggest impact will be felt by Wal-Mart if many of their shoppers take their business elsewhere. Again, each one must make that decision for himself.

Whatever we decide to do in this fight against the homosexual agenda, we cannot afford to stand in silence on the sidelines (1 Kings 18:21)! As Edmund Burke once said: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." jafopie@hotmail.com



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The Theology Of Narnia

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With regard to Jesus' death on the cross the letter to the Hebrews states, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God (Heb. 10:12).

The Disney-released motion picture The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe has generated millions of dollars in box office revenue and has been seen by thousands of people. The success of Narnia is refreshing in an era in which movies are filled with foul language, sexual immorality, innuendo, and irreverent use of the Lord's name, since it contains none of those things. However, there is more to this film than relatively clean family entertainment. The movie, being based on the C.S. Lewis' book of the same title, carries an underlying theological message having to do with the sacrifice of Christ. Theology is defined as "an organized, often formalized body of opinions concerning God and man's relationship to God" (American Heri*tage Dictionary*). The film's underlying theological message should be examined in the light of God's word.

The Theology of the Story

The story is based on a literary style known as "supposal." In other words, Lewis wrote the story from the point of view of supposing there were a fantasy world like Narnia and then supposing that Christ were to come into this fantasy world to redeem its creatures from sin. In this fantastical scenario the Christ figure is a lion named "Aslan."

The film depicts the story of four children who step through an old wardrobe into the fantasy world of Narnia. One of them betrays the others for a time in devoting himself to an evil witch. When he repents of his folly and joins Aslan, the witch insists that the boy's blood belongs to her and that he will have to die on the Stone Table in order to satisfy her demands. However, the lion agrees to die instead of the boy and explains that, if a willing victim who has committed no treachery dies in a traitor's stead, then the Stone Table will crack and death itself will begin to unwind. Shortly after dying in place of the boy, Aslan comes back to life.

The attempted underlying parallel between Aslan's death and Jesus' death is obvious. But what is the film really teaching about the sacrifice of Christ?

Was Payment For Sin Made To Satan?

1. The film's portrayal of redemption. If the witch in the story is representative of the devil, then the story

teaches that: (a) Satan has the right to administer punishment to man because man has sinned and, (b) God had to purchase man's freedom from sin from Satan and the price that was paid to Satan for this favor was the blood of Christ.

2. Christ did not sacrifice himself to make payment to the devil. The movie's portrayal seems to follow the views of some ancient writers such as Irenaeus and Origen who believed that Satan had a rightful claim upon man because of his sin and that Christ recognized and met this claim through the payment of his blood to Satan to free man from Satanic bondage (ISBE). The Bible, on the other hand, does not portray the Lord as cutting a deal with the devil in releasing man from sin. Christ came to "destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8) and will punish the devil along with sinful men for eternity (Matt. 25:41, 46). While mankind has been redeemed from sin by the blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18-21), the sacrifice and offering of his blood were not made as payment to satisfy the claims of Satan (Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:11-12, 23-26).

Did Christ Die As A Substitute For Man?

1. The film's portrayal of the sacrifice. The lion, who represents Jesus in the story, makes it clear that, if a willing innocent victim dies in the place of one who is guilty, then death will be averted. The application is that man deserved to die for his sins, but Jesus died in man's place so that man would not have to die. In other words, Jesus suffered the penalty for our sins by dying in our stead on the cross.

2. Christ did not die in our stead. The idea that Christ substituted himself for sinful man on the cross is a very widespread and popular doctrine among those who claim to be Christians today. However, this concept of substitution is rooted in the doctrine of John Calvin, rather than the doctrine of Christ. The Bible teaches that, in dying for mankind, Jesus *suffered on behalf of sinful man*, rather than *in place of sinful man* (Rom. 5:8-9; 1 Pet. 3:18). The fact that Christ did not take man's place on the cross is seen in that sinful man was never appointed to physically die on a cross as the penalty for sin, but to suffer the "second death" in "the lake which burns with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8). Since Jesus did not suffer torment in hell for eternity, it should be clear that he did not take the place of sinful man in what

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he suffered. Jesus died to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29) rather than to take the place of all the sinners of the world.

Conclusion

The intent of this article is not to ruin anyone's perception of an enjoyable family-friendly film. However, each of us has the God-given responsibility to "test all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thess. 5:21). Denominational groups have long used *The Chronicles of Narnia* to teach young people about Christ, and there is little doubt that this latest film will be used in the same manner. Therefore, it is even more important that we make certain that our views of God, sin, and the sacrifice of Christ are shaped by the teachings found in God's Scripture rather than by the teachings found in Hollywood's scripts.

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2427 Bent Tree Rd. #2522, Palm Harbor, Florida 34683 ddann1@tampabay.rr.com The Proper Use of the Church Building

The church of Christ denotes souls called out of sin, called to Christ, set apart unto Christ, united with Christ, saved in Christ, assembled or congregated under the authority of Christ.

If a church is fortunate enough to have its own church building or meeting place, it should be used for the work of the church as defined by the Lord in Scripture. This property is not a shrine to be worshiped, nor is it a community center for secular and social activities. All of this becomes clear when we understand the biblical meaning of "the church" and when we understand the biblical mission of the church.

The Church: Souls Saved and United in Christ

The Greek word *ekklesia* means those who are called out and set aside or set apart from others. Therefore, it is a group, an assembly, a congregation, or a church. In Greek this is not a religious word but can apply to any number of people set apart from others. This Greek term "meant originally any public assembly of citizens summoned by a herald," and it passed into biblical usage to designate assemblies whether secular or religious (Moulton & Milligan, *The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament*).

Acts 7:38 speaks of "the church in the wilderness," referring to the Jews who left Egypt and followed Moses. This constituted a group or nation of people (*ekklesia*). The people of Ephesus who united to protest Paul's preaching were a riotous mob, but the Greek term *ekklesia* is used to describe this mob (Acts 19:32). When the townclerk of Ephesus quieted the rioting people, he said disputes should be settled "in a lawful assembly" (*ekklesia*) (Acts 19:39). This refers to a government council or legislature, which is a group of people set apart for a special purpose.

The church of Christ denotes souls called out of sin, called to Christ, set apart unto Christ, united with Christ, saved in Christ, assembled or congregated under the authority of Christ. That meaning may be conveyed by translating *ekklesia* as group, assembly, congregation, church, or any similar term, but the key is that Christ gathers these people. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church." This was a promise that he would call, gather, and unite in himself all men who would believe and obey the gospel. Thus, we may refer to the church as the universal body of the saved in Christ. Saved souls are the units which make up this one universal body of believers called the church (Eph. 4:4).

Christ ordained that the saved in each community or locality should band together to worship and serve him, which is why we read in the Bible of churches meeting in Jerusalem, in Antioch, in Ephesus, in Colosse, and in many other places (Acts 2:42; 8:1; 13:1; Rev. 2:1; Col. 4:16). All of these believers who met together to worship and serve him from place to place were called "the churches . . . which were in Christ" or simply "the churches of Christ" (Gal. 1:22; Rom. 16:16). Thus, we may refer to the church in the local sense as the body of the saved in Christ meeting in a particular place.

We commonly use the word "church" when referring to the *ekklesia* of Christ. The English dictionary shows that "church" is used in our language to refer to "the company of all Christians regarded as a mystical spiritual body" or "a congregation." It also shows that it can refer to "a building for public, esp. Christian, worship" (*The American Heritage Dictionary*). The context of words in any specific place will settle the actual meaning.

In the Bible, the meaning is never a physical building but the souls united to Christ in fellowship with God. Yet, in English grammar it is proper to refer to the building where a group assembles by using a term descriptive of that group. Therefore, where a school meets may be called a school, but the actual school is the people, not the building. Where a legislature meets may be called a legislature, but

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the actual legislature is the people, not the building. Where a synogogue meets may be called a synogogue, but the actual synogogue is the people, not the building. A certain Roman centurion befriended the Jews: "For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue" (Luke 7:5). Where the church meets may be called a church, but the actual church is the people, not the building. This function of grammar can be explained without compromising the meaning of school, legislature, synogogue, or church (ekklesia).

If the local church grows in number beyond the limits of a home, it may provide a church building or meeting place to accommodate its meetings. This building should not be venerated as a shrine because it is nothing more or less than a physical meeting place for the people who have been saved by Christ. "Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body" (Eph. 5:23). The church is purchased with his blood (Acts 20:28). Both the universal church and the local church are encompassed by his love, his saving power, and his authority in all things. As God's holy people, we worship him alone and not physical things.

Christ did not shed his blood to save the church building, and we do not worship it in any sense. No man can perform a ritual to transform this physical building into a sanctuary, a cathedral, or a basilica worthy of our reverence.

What is the proper use of this building where Christians meet? That question cannot be answered until we understand the mission of the church of Christ.

The Mission of the Church of Christ

We must learn from Scripture what is the mission or work of the local church, the souls set apart in Christ to serve him. Christ is the head of the church and has all authority to define its nature and function (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 5:23). His instruction or pattern for conducting the affairs of the church are given in the New Testament (1 Tim. 3:14-15).

The New Testament reveals that the work or mission of the church is threefold, focusing on the spiritual needs of man. This threefold mission is evangelism (1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Thess. 1:7-8), worship of God which edifies the saints (Acts 2:42; 20:7), and benevolence to needy saints (1 Cor. 16:1; 2 Cor. 9:1). When God blesses us with money, it is in our own hand and under our own power to be used for good purposes (Acts 5:4; Eph. 4:28). When the church takes a collection every Lord's day, that money is no longer under our personal control but is under the special authority of Christ to be used exclusively for the work of the church. Recreation, social meals, parties, contests, ball teams, bowling leagues, and other social activities are not the work of

the church. His will not ours must be done because he is the head of the church and the Savior of the body. It is his body, his church, not ours.

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and provide activities of evangelism, worthy of our worship, and benevolence, but not social activities. To fulfill its work, the church can provide a meeting place. That meeting place facilitates only the work of the church under the authority of Christ, not social activities. The church has no authority from Christ to build and maintain kitchens to prepare social meals, activity rooms for games and parties, or such facilities as ball fields, bowling lanes, tennis courts, exercise rooms, and gymnasiums. Using such euphemisms as "fellowship hall," "multipurpose building," or "family life center" does not provide a scriptural basis for the church conducting social and recreational programs.

The New Testament clearly distinguishes individual action and local church action. In 1 Timothy 5:16, the work done by each individual providing the needs of widows in the family is not considered the work of the church: "let not the church be charged." There is also work to be done by the local church: "that it may relieve them that are widows indeed."

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 makes this same distinction between individual action and local church action. This passage teaches that when the church assembles to function under the authority of Christ, it will provide the Lord's supper. But what about the church planning and providing social meals? "And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation" (v. 34). This does not mean we can eat only in a domicile but not under a tree, at a restaurant, at a park, or in a community center, but it means planning and providing social meals is the role of the home and not of the church. When the church ignores this instruction and provides such activities, it does not please the Lord but comes together "unto condemnation."

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" and "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:35, 63). The church has the high and holy mission of feeding our souls with the spiritual food of continued on the next page

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God's word, not providing pancake breakfasts, barbeque dinners, spaghetti suppers, and ice cream socials. We can drink coffee and eat donuts at home. "Let not the church be charged."

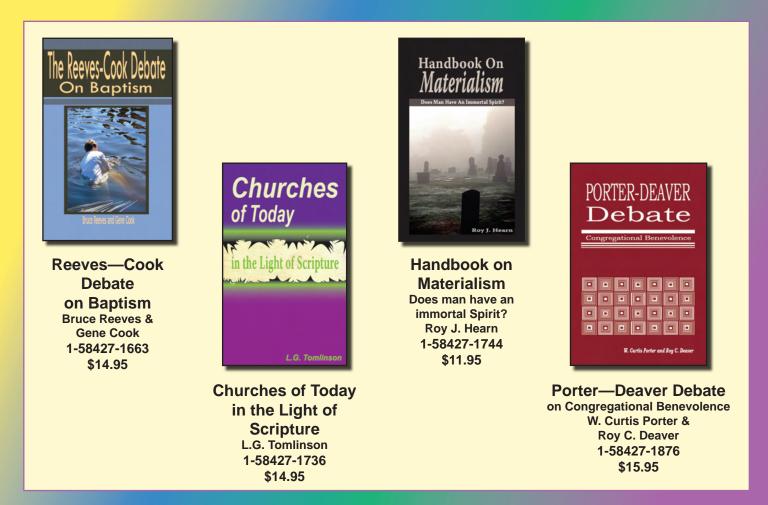
Christians, on an individual basis, can get together to eat and to enjoy each other's company in their homes or other places like the early saints. When the church first began in Jerusalem, it had no meeting place of its own but met in the courtyard of the temple complex. Daily meetings were held there for worship and instruction for a period of time, but these saints also opened their homes to extend hospitality to each other. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46). "Here the daily life of Christians is described, distinguishing their activity in the temple from that in their homes, where they ate their meals-not the Lord's Supper—with gladness and generosity" (The NIV Study Bible, 10th Anniversary Edition, 1995). Yes, social gatherings in our homes and at other places are enjoyable and encouraging, but we must not burden the church with providing social functions and recreational facilities. "Let not the church be charged."

Proper Use of the Church Building Clarified

It is clear the church building is not a shrine to be worshiped or venerated in any way. It simply provides a place for Christians to meet in fulfilling the mission of the local church. Our mission is to fulfill the spiritual work of spreading the gospel and worshiping our Lord. Secular, recreational, and social activities belong in the realm of individual action, not local church action. The church building is provided by the church for the work of the church under Christ who is the head of the church. Nothing more, nothing less. There is no authority from Christ for the church to plan and conduct secular and social activities in the church building. Such activities belong in the realm of individual responsibility.

Let the church be the church. Let the church building be the church building.

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Healing Broken Hearts

We speak of the heart as "broken" when one is overcome by grief and despair. Numerous things may cause a person to feel crushed.

Reproach

David once said, "Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee. Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none" (Ps. 69:19-20).

Someone may be shamed, scandalized, and stigmatized by his enemies. Their aim is to tarnish his record and blacken his reputation. Although he is grief-stricken and weakened, the heavenly Father still cares and will lift him up. With David he can pray, "Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters" (Ps. 69:14).

False Teaching and Wickedness

When the good prophet Jeremiah reflected on the prophets in his day who pursued iniquity and prophesied falsely, his heart was broken. "Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness For both prophet and priest are profane, yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD" (Jer. 23:9-11). When Jeremiah contrasted the wicked ways of the religious leaders with the Lord's holy words, his mind was agitated; he reeled and staggered within.

Today, it breaks the hearts of the faithful to hear professed men of God corrupting the truth and to learn of wickedness in their lives.

Rejection

It broke the heart of Samuel to witness God's people loudly demanding a king to be like the nations about them. Displeased with their evil demand, he prayed to God about it. "And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them" (1 Sam. 8:7).

No one likes to feel rejected. It is helpful to analyze the cause of the rebuff. If one realizes that the fault lies with himself, he should make corrections. If he is rejected because he has dared to do right, let him take consolation in the fact that Christ and the apostles were rejected by many for the same reason. That kind of rejection is not personal but is directed against principle and virtue.

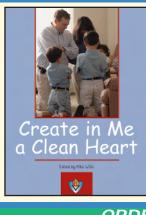
Disappointment

A broken heart may result from discouragment and depression due to failure. Parents are brokenhearted when their children go astray despite all the efforts that have been made to train them and bring them up in the right way. A wife's heart is shattered when she learns that her husband is unfaithful to her. Hearts are broken when people we know and have loved and appreciated forsake the Lord.

But the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb. 13:5). We must keep our faith centered in him. not in frail human beings.

Whatever may be the cause of a broken heart, we should remember that Christ was sent "to heal the brokenhearted" (Luke 4:18). Many who have broken hearts do not realize that sin is the ultimate cause. Through the forgiveness provided by God's grace, and through the great and precious promises of the gospel, our hearts can be healed. The Great Physician has both the remedy and the healing power. He will bind up our hearts and heal our wounds. We must learn to cast all our care upon him, for he truly cares for us (1 Pet. 5:7).

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Foreign Evangelism

Bible Lectures

The details of the first missionary journey of the apostle Paul are found in Acts 13, 14. In Acts 13, he and Barnabas came to Antioch of Pisidia where they spoke in the synagogue on the Sabbath to those assembled there (vv. 14-43). The next Sabbath day's preaching effort seems to have begun in or near the synagogue but continued somewhere else, as the Jews resisted the preaching of the word to Gentiles (vv. 44-49). Souls responded to their preaching with the further result that "the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region" (vv. 48-49). In Acts 17, Paul sought to counter the influence of idolatry in the city of Athens by teaching God's word. Initially, he spoke with people in the synagogue and to those he met in the marketplace (vv. 16-17). He then took advantage of an invitation extended by Greek philosophers to speak to a group of people on Mars Hill (vv. 18-31).

Today, the preacher who visits a foreign city does not find the door of the local synagogue open to him as Paul often did. However, excluding this difference, similarities between Paul and preachers today do exist. Where did Paul speak the word to those in Antioch of Pisidia after becoming unwelcome in the synagogue there? It is obvious that he found a place to preach both to interested parties in that city and perhaps to those in the region round about. This same challenge faces those today who follow Paul's example in going to foreign cities to spread God's word.

The Bible lecture is a means many have found helpful in reaching out to the lost in other countries today. The aim of such lectures is to bring about situations similar to those Paul sought, encouraging people to come together to hear the gospel. Let us now take a brief look at ideas for arranging and conducting them.

Making Arrangements for Bible Lectures

As it was with Paul, a suitable place for gathering people together to hear the word must be found. In our experience this always meant renting. In both Vilnius and Kaunas, Lithuania, we rented halls in institutions for giving lectures under the former Communist government. We also found suitable rooms in schools, hotels, and similar places.

Once a place for holding the lectures is secured advertising can then begin. We used two basic methods and sometimes took advantage of a third. The methods we employed for all our lectures was advertising them in a local paper or papers and handing out invitations on the street. We also sometimes rented space for our advertisements on tubular bulletin boards around the city known as kiosks. Wide advertising is crucial to the success of Bible lectures.

A further part of the planning necessarily includes the subject or

subjects to be addressed. In Antioch of Pisidia, as well as in Athens, Paul chose topics suited to his audience (Acts 13:16-41; 17:22-31). We often preached straightforward lessons on sin, salvation, and the church. However, other ways of teaching these truths often stirred up more interest. Lithuania is a Catholic country. Hence, we often aimed our subjects at the various errors of that religion. We also dealt with the errors of false religions that became familiar there after the fall of communism, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and various groups claiming miraculous activity among their members. When a Billy Graham crusade was widely advertised, we followed it with an advertisement for a lecture entitled, "What about Acts 2:38, Billy Graham?" Such preaching gives one the opportunity to teach truth by contrasting it with error.

Because we were appealing to the people in their own language, in which none of us was fluent, it was always necessary for us to have access to a capable interpreter. This not only helped in the actual presentation of the lectures but also in preparing any necessary material for them such as overhead transparencies or handouts.

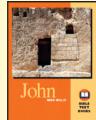
Conducting Bible Lectures

While we sometimes tried other days, we found Sunday afternoons to be the best time to hold the lectures. In our day the overhead

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projector was the main visual aid and we always tried to have one ready to go. An ample supply of tracts would be on display as well. The block of time for which we usually rented halls was four hours during which we tried to have two lectures and a question and answer period. The interest was such that we often used the whole four hours. I do not know how the frequency of Bible lectures has been handled in other countries. Our experience showed us that, if we held them every Sunday, some would come to every lecture and then express their desire to obey the gospel after weeks of hearing the word preached. In other cases, studies would result from contacts we made at the lectures resulting in conversion. In spite of the great disparity in the numbers converted, we note the similarity of arrangement and results to those found in the efforts of Paul (Acts 13:48-49; 17:22-34).

There were cases where reaction to our lectures was similar to what Paul experienced in other ways. Once, during a lecture period dealing with the Holy Spirit, brother Dennis Scroggins and this writer had a small group of men from a denomination get up noisily and leave the room, the last one stopping at the door to shake the dust off his feet before he went out! More than once Roman Catholic authorities intervened to get our rental agreement with a given institution canceled, forcing us to look elsewhere for a place to hold lectures.

Conclusion

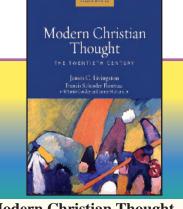
It is hoped that this article has helped readers gain appreciation for the effectiveness of Bible lectures as a means to spread the gospel. Faithful men, properly supported and motivated, with the help of capable interpreters, where necessary, can do much good via this means in most free societies today.

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A Quick Review of Books

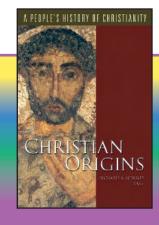


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When studying the spiritual ideas of man and how people have interpreted the Bible, it is helpful to have a history of human religious thought. This history does not tell us what to believe or how to interpret the Bible. It simply tells us what others have believed and the methods of Bible interpretation they have used. It gives us something to compare with the truth of God's word and it gives us some insight into what people have thought and written concerning spiritual matters. James C. Livingston, Professor of Religious Studies at the College of William and Mary, has documented well the history of modern "Christian" thought in two volumes. Volume 1 covers the period of the Enlightenment to the nineteenth century. Two chapters in Volume 1 are of special interest. Chapter 10 covers the controversy between science and the Bible set forth by Charles Darwin—a controversy that



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remains to this day. Chapter 12 covers the movement back to conservatism lead by Charles Hodge and Benjamin Warfield and the fight these men waged for the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. Volume 2 covers the thinking of religious leaders in the twentieth century. Several recent "theologies" that we encounter today are outlined in Volume 2 ("evangelical theology," "feminist theology," "black theology"). Religious pluralism is also covered in Volume 2. The numerous religious ideas that we encounter today are simply the left-over man-made philosophies of years gone by. Modern Christian Thought is a good source for the study of human religious thinking which often stands in contrast to God's teaching set forth in the Bible.

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This book is the book of beginnings. It records the beginning of the world, the beginning of sin, and the beginning of God's promise to send a Savior. The Savior would come through the family of Abraham. We meet Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob had twelve sons, the beginning of the twelve tribes of the future nation of Israel. His son Joseph was a man of great faith in God.

As Israel prepared to enter Canaan, Moses reminded them that they must obey the Ten Commandments and the other laws given by God.

In this book, God counted or numbered the people in the twelve tribes of Israel. Moses led Israel in the wilderness until they reached the promised land of Canaan.

After Moses died, Joshua was the new leader given by God to lead Israel into the land of Canaan.

This book teaches the people of Israel how to offer sacrifices to worship God. Sacrifices were offered by priests and all priests came from the tribe of Levi.

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua





China Becoming "like Africa" With AIDS Scourge By Tan Ee Lyn

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BEIJING (Reuters) - AIDS in China has spread beyond high risk groups such as injecting drug users, prostitutes, and homosexuals and the country is becoming "like Africa" in how the virus is transmitted, a senior health official says.

There are 190 new HIV infections every day . . . and one percent of all pregnant women in China are infected, said Hao Yang, deputy director general of the bureau of diseases prevention and control at the Ministry of Health.

That is a very high percentage. It is a generalized epidemic, he told Reuters in an interview.

We're now like Africa. Last year, we found that 48 percent of those who were newly infected contracted the disease from sex, so it's not a disease that afflicts only high-risk groups.

Africa has the world's highest number of HIV/AIDS sufferers and the virus is spread mostly through heterosexual sex.

To combat the problem, it is now mandatory for all entertainment spots in China to make condoms available and methadone clinics have mushroomed all over the country to help drug addicts kick the habit.

Hao said for China's 650,000 people living with HIV/AIDS, firstline drugs had managed to prolong lives but some sufferers were beginning to develop resistance partly because they are unaware of the importance of keeping to strict drug regimens.

The HIV virus mutates rapidly and patients who fail to take antiretroviral drugs in the right amounts or at the right time will soon develop resistance—something that is happening all too requently in China, activists say.

So many patients are just taking the drugs haphazardly. Doctors have to spend time to explain to patients how crucial it is to keep to the regimens if they want to preserve their lives, said Meng Lin, an AIDS activist in Beijing.

He added that some 60 village doctors were gathered in Beijing this week to listen to the needs of people living with HIV at a forum organized by the World Health Organization.

Refused From Praying

An Orthodox Jewish man was removed from a plane for praying. He was a passenger on an Air Canada Jazz flight from Montreal to New York. He had a prayer-book open, his head covered and his body was moving back and forth. Another passenger reported: "He wasn't exactly praying out loud but he was lurching back and forth and the action didn't seem to bother anyone." But, according to the passenger, "a flight attendant approached the man and told him his praying was making other passengers nervous." http://www.cbc.ca

More Drugs Needed

People on HIV drugs tend to develop resistance after some years and would need "second line" medicines, but there are very few of such stronger medicines available in China.

Often, Chinese sufferers find themselves having to choose between putting up with the awful side effects of these drugs, or die.

We have to prepare for this. We are now discussing with foreign companies. In a short time, we will sign some accords with these companies to bring in these drugs, Hao said.

Beijing was talking with companies such as Abbott and Gilead Sciences Inc. to bring in second line drugs, Hao said. Abbott Laboratories Inc. makes a key second-line drug called Kaletra.

Beijing and Abbott are now hammering out the price, which Hao said was still too high for China and he called on the company to pay heed to its "social responsibility."

Beijing provides free HIV drugs for its citizens, but non-government groups say only very few benefit from that policy.

HIV/AIDS became a major headache for China in the 1980s and 1990s, when hundreds of thousands of impoverished farmers became infected through botched blood-selling schemes.

Although this practice has since been stopped, it has left behind some 75,000 orphans, some of whom are infected. Those who aren't will probably live under a long, dark shadow of stigma for the rest of their lives.

Israel's Dirty Girdle

Olen Holderby

Throughout the Bible God has used signs, figures, examples, and illustrations to warn of impending destruction. Our text, Jeremiah 13:1-11, is one such case,

Thus saith the Lord unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. So I got a girdle according to the word of the Lord, and put it on my loins. And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock. So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the Lord commanded me. And it came to pass after many days, that the Lord said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. Then I went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the place where I had hide it: and, behold, the girdle was marred, it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Thus saith the Lord, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah. saith the Lord; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

Comment

Jeremiah was to wear a linen girdle for a time. This was odd, because most of the prophets of God appeared to wear leather girdles. Linen is very durable, but to put it in water would shorten its usefulness. Then, Jeremiah was to hide the girdle by the Euphrates River in a hole in the rock; high water would wet it and low water would dry it out, and this would speed up the decaying process.

After many days Jeremiah was to go and dig up the girdle. He found "the girdle marred, and profitable for nothing." Then, the Lord assures Jeremiah, "After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem." (Illustrating this once, I held a piece of rotten cloth before the audience, easily tore it to shreds and dropped it upon the floor. The janitor did not appreciate that, but it made my point.) The Jews prided

themselves with a false security surrounding Jerusalem.

Jeremiah had made two trips to the Euphrates, and all he had to show for it was a rotten girdle in hand. The Jews were like the girdle in two respects: The girdle would cleave to the loins as the Jews once cleaved to God; now, both girdle and Jews were "good for nothing." Over 100 years before Isaiah had pleaded with these same people, "Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil . . . Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:16, 18).

But, why were the Jews in this condition? Verse 10 gives the full answer: They just would not listen to God's word. They apparently intended to serve and honor God, but would do so in their own way. This was a fatal mistake. In verses 12-17, it is made clear that God intends to destroy them. Yet, in verse 27. God pleads, "Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! Wilt thou not be made clean? When shall it once be?" God's original purpose and plan for them had been thwarted (see v. 11) by their rebellion. Now, God's divine justice demanded that he follow through with the proper punishment.

Can we not see some lessons in this story which can teach something to God's people today? Are we "good for nothing" and do not see it? Just here I think of Revelation 2:1-7. Clean up or else! What do you think?

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Is Anything Sinful?

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enlightened society cannot see anything wrong with the practice! The same moral relativity that introduced abortion on demand is now fighting for legalized euthanasia. Disrespect for life on both ends—at birth and at the end of life—has led to disrespect for life in the middle. We live in a society of drive-by shootings and almost nightly murders in major cities because a drug deal went bad or two people living together got in a fight. Our society is breeding pedophiles and child abusers.

Not until men become convinced that something is broken will they look for its cure. At the present, the majority seem to think that the moral relativity approach to ethics is better than the ethics of Christianity. But, men do not have to learn to be content in the society which is. There can be a better society.

The good news of the gospel is that society can be changed through the influence of the preaching of the gospel. Men and women can be taught moral responsibility to their Creator and given the revelation from God that reveals what is right and wrong. Men can be held accountable for their disobedience to God's word with reference to "thou shalt not kill" (even with respect to abortion) the same as they are held accountable for disobedience to the command, "Thou shalt not steal."

Those of us who were raised in an America that was deeply influenced by Christian ethics can remember the days when we left home without locking our doors, parked our car with the windows down because of how hot it was, thought that one who was unfaithful to his mate in marriage was guilty of immorality, and expected children to be reared by both of their natural parents. What was can become what is, if one will reject the world view of our age with its relative ethics and return to the Christian world view with its ethical teachings. What kind of society do you wish for your children and grandchildren?

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convinced that a brother is mistaken in his application on a passage, does it necessarily follow that he accepts all, or any, of the consequences we see down the road? Because we think a brother is at point "A" does not mean that he has arrived at point "Z" bag and baggage. Is a brother whose life and work have promoted truth while opposing error to be regarded as a sinister force whose every movement is calculated to strengthen his hand in the nefarious business of dominating the brotherhood?

If I did not believe that papers provide a medium for doing good, then I would urge that this one cease to exist. Nor do I believe that the abuse of a thing argues against the thing itself. During the years I edited a paper, I tried to be sparing in offering advice to other editors. An editor's chair is a very difficult place to sit. Anyone who thinks that he alone occupies it with infallible judgment needs to get down on his knees and pray awhile. What to print and what not to print is a monthly concern. When must an issue be addressed? How far shall a controversy be allowed to run without deciding that enough is enough? Shall we wait until we have read the latest issues of other papers and then write reactionary articles? Do barbs and slurs merit space? Where is the line between restraint and cowardice? Who is the final judge of the hearts of all men?

There is a need to "redeem the time" because "the days are evil." Whether we write or do our teaching in a different format, the example of Paul is worthy of emulation. How we behave toward one another may well determine where we spend eternity. Paul said his behavior was holy, just, and above reproach. Can we all say the same?

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Connie W. Adams Available for Meetings

I just learned that brother Adams has some slots available for meetings in both 2007 and 2008. Perhaps there are some churches which have not already scheduled their meetings this year or next which would be happy to learn that he is available. As many of our readers know, brother Adams has busied himself in gospel meetings for about twenty years. If you would like to contact him about a meeting, you may contact him via e-mail at conniewadams@insightbb.com or by phone at (502) 762-1180. The sooner you contact him, the more time slots you will find available. Mike Willis

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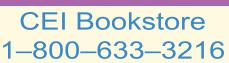
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