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## Tomb of King Herod Discovered at Herodium

On May 8, 2007, the news outlets reported the discovery of the tomb of Herod the Great. Professor Ehud Netzer of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Institute of Archaeology led the excavation at Herodium, together with Yaakov Kalman, Roi Porath, and participation by local bedouins. (Netzer prepared his Ph.D. dissertation under the oversight of Yigael Yadin who excavated Masada and is a highly respected archaeologist and scholar on Herod the Great.) The search for Herod's tomb began over thirty years ago (1972) and continued until last summer to focus on the Lower Herodium at the Tomb Estate. Only when this failed did archaeologists look on the slope of the hill where the tomb was finally discovered.

Herodium was one of Herod the Great's most outstanding building projects. (Other projects include his massive constructions at Caesarea Maritima, Masada, and the reconstruction of the Temple.) Herodium, which is located about eight miles south of Jerusalem and about two miles from Bethlehem, was built between 24 and 15 B.C. to commemorate a victorious rear guard action on his flight to Masada in 40 B.C. (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XIV.xiii.9). Josephus wrote, "And in this place where he overcame the Jews, it was that he some time afterwards built a most excellent palace, and a

city round about it, and called it Herodium." The location looks like a peak in the shape of a volcano. But it is not a natural peak; it is the citadel of a palace complex. Herod the Great entertained Agrippa, son-in-law of the emperor Augustus, here in 15 B.C. (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XVI.ii.1). Herodium was captured by the Romans in A.D. 71 under Licilius Bassus (*Wars of the Jews*, VII.vi.1).

### Josephus describes the citadel:

When this wedding was over (Herod's marriage to Mariamne, daughter of Simon, son of Boethus, mw), he built another citadel in that place where he had conquered the Jews, when he was driven out of his government, and Antigonus enjoyed it. This citadel is distant from Jerusalem about three-score furlongs. It was strong by nature, and fit for such a building. It is a sort of moderate hill, raised to a further height by the hand of man, till it was the shape of a woman's breast. It is encompassed with circular towers, and hath a straight ascent up to it, which ascent is composed of steps of polished stones, in number two hundred. Within it are royal and very rich apartments, of a structure that provided both for security and for beauty. About the

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## Editorial Left-overs

### Bouncing Back

During the winter I had two rounds of eye surgery to correct a problem related to pressure caused from glaucoma in my right eye. Complications during the first surgery left me without sight in that eye. The doctor thinks it will clear up in time and there is some improvement. Many have called or written and that has meant much to me. If my full sight returns, I will be thankful. If it does not, I will still be thankful for the good eye I still have and will “make do” (as my mother used to say) and keep on with my work. I am now into the meeting schedule for the year and grateful for every opportunity to preach. “Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:16).

### W.R. Jones

On April 2, I attended the funeral services of the well-known and much loved gospel preacher, W. R. Jones. Services were conducted in Conroe, Texas with burial at Nacogdoches. He was eighty-three and had preached the gospel for sixty years. His local work had been done with a number of churches in Texas and he had preached in meetings in several states. At the time of his death he was serving as an elder with a congregation for which he formerly preached. When he preached at Mound and Starr in Nacogdoches, I went there for a meeting. He and his wife, Jean, met me in Houston and drove me to their home. On the way, he asked me what I planned to talk about in the day services through the week. I said that since they had about sixty college students attending there, I thought it might be good to speak about the Mosaic Authorship of the Pentateuch. There was a long silence. Finally he said, “Well, brother Adams, why don’t you just preach the gospel to us?” That was W. R. Jones. Since he was driving, it was night and I was in the back seat, he could not see the twinkle in my eye. But what he said was good advice for all preachers. Mike Dubose, a longtime friend, conducted the service. The audience was large with people standing at the back and down the side walls. Our good wishes are expressed to Jean and their two sons and families. We are “going down the valley, one by one.”

### East Texas, Rain and Water Moccasins

You have heard that “when it rains, it pours” haven’t you? Well, in no place on earth is that truer than near the

Gulf coast of Texas. Five to ten inches in one day is not all that rare. It also washes up snakes. The day after we left our son’s house near Baytown, his wife, Julie, found a water moccasin in the bathtub. It evidently came in through the drain. Not to worry. Julie took care of him with two phone books. That’s right, phone books. The first book wounded him, but it was the thick, heavy Yellow Pages that did him in. There are some advantages to living in a large metropolitan area like Houston. They have thick phone books! It’s a good thing my wife did not discover that snake. She would still be running!

### Jehoiakim’s Penknife

When Jeremiah’s prophecy of the coming Babylonian captivity was read in the hearing of Jehoiakim, after Jehudi had read three or four leaves, “he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth” (Jer. 36:23). The prophet hoped the message would bring about repentance. He said, “It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the Lord hath pronounced against this people” (Jer. 36:7). But burning God’s message did not change what God had decreed.

There are still those who cut out the parts of the Bible they do not like. The homosexuals do not like Romans 1:24-32. They don’t want to hear it and they can’t tolerate those who want to read it to them. They can’t abide 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Those who favor “gay marriages” don’t want to hear, “Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every *man* have his own wife, and every woman have *her* own husband” (1 Cor. 7:2).

Marriage here is clearly between a man and a woman. There are many other applications of this to both moral and doctrinal issues, but you get the point. Cutting out what you don’t like and burning it will not change what God said. “The word of the Lord endureth forever” (1 Pet. 1:25).

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The philosophers on Mars Hill in the city of Athens gathered together regularly to hear or to tell some new thing. Reminds me of an area I know of where men gathered at the local barber shop, not for a haircut except occasionally, but to hear and to tell some new thing. Some called it the “spit and argue club.”

Well, those men in Athens were sort of like that. They thought the apostle Paul might have some new thing and for them it was new as they had not heard the gospel of Christ before. What an opportunity Paul had. I wonder how he felt in that amphitheater all alone preaching the gospel. Yet we know the Lord was with him (see Acts 17:16-34; Rom. 8:31). He did not shun to do his duty but he preached the gospel and told them about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead. As a result some believed and others said they would hear him again.

We have so many today, including some church members, who want always to hear some new thing.

Where the gospel is concerned, which is the doctrine of Christ, we dare not try to change the message so as to come across as some “new thing.” In Galatians 1 Paul pronounced the condemnation of God on either man or angel who would be presumptuous enough to try to change the message of God into “another” gospel.

We need to content ourselves with the Word of God as it is and not always be seeking to add to it, subtract from it, or renovate it in any way. God’s word is complete and absolute truth. It needs no window dressing or updating. It is always revelant. Sin continues to be man’s problem; the gospel of Christ continues to be the antidote through the blood of Christ. What more do we want and what more do we need? We have all we need in the inspired Word. We need to put it into practice. That is all we need.

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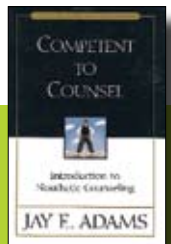
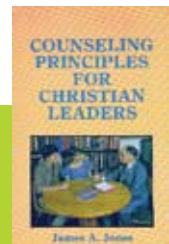
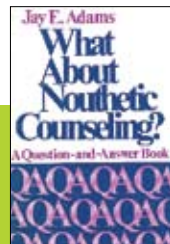
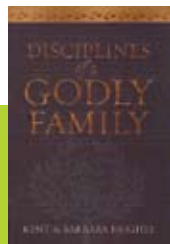
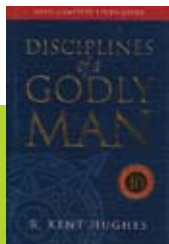
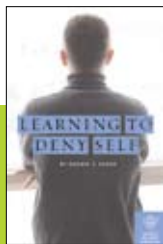
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## A Truly Twisted World

### Spanking Ban?

A state lawmaker has introduced a spanking ban. The proposal is that spanking any child under four years old would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to \$1,000 fine and one year in jail. The representative is still trying to define spanking.

Also, a recently released movie graphically depicts the rape of a twelve-year-old (played by child actress Dakota Fanning).

What do the two of these have in common? California. The same state that hails the rape of a twelve-year-old as an important issue to discuss—by filming an actual child in a rape scene—is also the state where parents may be jailed if they swat little Johnny on the behind for using markers on the kitchen cabinets.

The Bible teaches that parents have a responsibility to raise their children in a godly manner. “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). Certainly, this responsibility includes preventing a child from being exploited or



abused.

To allow a girl to be filmed in a rape scene is an abdication of parental duty. So is physical abuse of a child. However, spanking is not.

The Word of God endorses spanking as a form of discipline. “He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Prov. 13:24). To abstain from ever spanking your child is evidence that you really do not love him. Even if California law criminalizes spanking, Christians have the authority from God

to do it. “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

### Death Bed Sex

A hospice in Oxford, England helped a dying man lose his virginity. The report comes from the *Daily Telegraph* in London. His caretakers arranged for a prostitute to visit the twenty-two-year-old man who has muscular dystrophy. And, get this, it is a “church-run” hospice.

The “sister” involved in arranging the fornication said, “It is not our job to make moral decisions for our guests. We came to the conclusion that it was our duty of care to support Nick emotionally and to help ensure his physical safety.”

What did Nick say about it? “It was not emotionally fulfilling . . .”

Sin is sin. Sexual immorality is condemned whether it is done by two “consenting adults” or a terminally ill man with a prostitute (1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Gal. 5:19-21).

Further, we can see how morally bankrupt the religions of men have become. They all eventually reach this point. Why? Because when man leaves the Word of God as the sole source of authority there is no stopping place. Sex with prostitutes can be justified as simply fulfilling a dying wish.

# May Only the Church Teach the Gospel?

It is being said, *only the church is to preach the gospel, not an organization separate from the local church*. It is true that the church is to preach or teach the gospel as the church is “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). Churches “sounded out the word of the Lord” in New Testament times, like the church of the Thessalonians did (1 Thess. 1:8). No one, that I know of denies that the church is to preach or teach the gospel. Do you? The question is, can others than the church teach the gospel or is preaching or teaching the gospel the exclusive work of the church? So, we take a look:

**1. A Religious Journal.** If only the church can teach the gospel, then one could not have a journal where the gospel is taught. Yet there are journals that are incorporated, separate and apart from the church, teaching the Bible. These papers are another organization, different from the church, which have been set up to teach. Why would one write for such a paper, if he thought *only the church is to teach the gospel*? The paper, editor, and contributing writers are not the church, you know! If it is OK to publish and write for a journal; what makes speaking those same words to a live audience all bad?

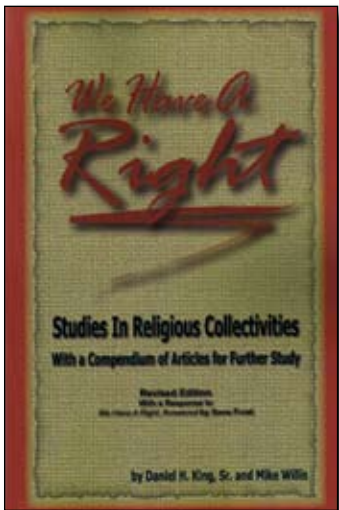
**2. A Family Bible Study.** Lots of families have Bible study in their homes. A family acts independently and is a separate entity from the church. A father, mother, and children are not necessarily the church. Can a father “bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4) if *only the church is to preach the gospel*? A family cannot do any Bible teaching, since a family is not the church! A family is a group of persons

acting in concert and that’s what a collectivity is. Any one opposed to this Bible teaching? A father, a mother, or a child is not the church. Maybe some have forgotten that “the body is not one member, but many” (1 Cor. 12:14).

**3. Home Bible Studies.** We baptized thirty people last year, as individual Christians taught the Bible in home Bible studies. We thought we were just doing what the Lord said do: “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee” (1 Tim. 4:16). If *only the church is to preach the gospel*, we will have to stop teaching the Bible in home Bible studies, since these individual teachers are not the church!

**4. Schools Teaching Bible.** A number of schools teach religious courses and these schools are human organizations. If *only the church is to preach or teach the gospel*, a school could not do so, and it would be sinful to attend such an institution. There are those who say *only the church can teach the Bible*, yet they have or are attending such schools that teach the Bible and even speak on their lectureships! Where has consistency gone?

**5. Husband/Wife Teaching.** In Acts 18:24-28, we find a husband and wife, Aquila and Priscilla, taking Apollos “unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.” Who is ready to condemn this couple, who are not necessarily the church, for teaching the Bible?



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# The Evolving Doctrine of Mary



Randy Blackaby

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of the most interesting and important women in Scripture. Her magnificent faith from the time she became pregnant until she stood at the foot of her son's cross is compelling. But Catholicism has embellished her story until today she is called sinless, "the gate of heaven," and a mediatrix between God and man.

The biblical story of Mary is marvelous. As a virgin she conceived the Christ, as prophesied 700 years before (Isa. 7:14). She was God's instrument for bringing Jesus into the world in the flesh. Her strength is evidenced in the things she endured and needs no mythological additions to make its lesson wondrous. But these facts didn't prevent men from creating "cunningly devised fables" (2 Pet. 1:16; 2 Tim. 4:1-4).

## The Immaculate Conception

Many presume "immaculate conception" refers to Jesus being born without sin. But that is not the case. Catholic doctrine teaches Mary was born without sin. "When we say that Mary was conceived without sin we mean that from the very first moment of her existence she was free from original sin, she was full of grace" (*Mary, Doctrine for Everyman*, 17). A Catholic apologist declared that the difference between Mary and other humans is that she was redeemed at conception.

At least part of the reason Catholics teach this is because they believe men are born in sin—an inheritance from Adam. But this creates a problem. How did Jesus come to be born without sin and not "catch" it from Mary? On December 8, 1854, the Catholic Church provided an answer. Pope Pius IX declared Mary had been born without sin. But it makes one wonder why

Mary said, "my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior" (Luke 1:47-48). Describing someone as your Savior implies the need for salvation.

## Perpetual Virginity

The Bible says Mary remained a virgin until after the birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:18, 23-25; Luke 1:26-35). Thus, Jesus' birth was absolutely unique. But the Catholic Church says Mary remained a virgin her entire life. "It is Catholic faith that Mary was a virgin before the divine birth, during it; and after it—Our Lady never had any other children" (*Ibid.*, 14).

But why teach this? Like our first fable, this one is rooted in another false premise. Catholic faith teaches that abstinence from marriage and sexuality is a superior spiritual position. This is behind the celibacy vows priests and nuns take. But to maintain this doctrine, Catholic faith runs headlong into conflict with the Bible. The Scriptures only declare that Joseph did not know his wife sexually "till she had brought forth her firstborn son" (Matt. 1:24-25). The Bible says Jesus had brothers and sisters (Mark 6:3; Matt. 12:46-50; Acts 1:14). And Hebrews 13:4 declares marriage is honorable, including the sexual component ("the bed").

It is interesting that the Catholic Church will "annul" a marriage and virtually say it never existed if it wasn't sexually consummated. What would that say about Joseph and Mary's marriage?

A Catholic apologist asserts sacred writers teach that Mary is the "Ark of the New Testament" and from that seeks to justify the perpetual virginity concept. He says Hebrew and Aramaic didn't have a word for "cousin" and so used the terms brothers and sisters. The New





Testament is written in Greek and that language has a word for cousin (*sungenis*), so if the inspired writers had wanted to say cousins, they could have done so.

## Assumption Into Heaven

Catholic faith teaches Mary was taken directly into heaven—implying, if not directly teaching—that she never died, as in the cases of Enoch and Elijah. This often is called “the great assumption” and that is a pretty good description. “When the course of our Lady’s life on earth was ended she was taken up body and soul into heaven” (*Ibid.*, 34).

You can’t read about this in the Bible. It comes from Catholic tradition. The Scriptures say nothing further about Jesus’ mother beyond the point where she and Jesus’ brothers are assembled with the disciples after the Lord’s ascension (Acts 1:14).

But why teach she was assumed into heaven, bypassing the grave? Again, error leads to error. It appears connected to their doctrine of Mary’s sinlessness. We learn in Romans 6:23 that “the wages of sin is death.” Why would a sinless person face the corruption of the grave? In 1950, Catholics fixed this problem by creating a doctrine that she was fast-tracked to heaven.

If Mary was sinless and taken straight to heaven without facing the judgment of our Lord, she certainly must be greater than the mighty lawgiver of old, Moses. She would be greater than Abraham, the model of faith.

## Mediatorial Work of Mary

But the evolution doesn’t stop here. Each step into error seems to force another step in that direction until complete blasphemy is the result. The doctrines of Mary’s sinlessness and assumption laid the groundwork for calling Mary a mediatrix or mediatrix (feminine



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forms of mediator). “The name mediatrix is given her insofar as she exercises this influence in heaven” (*Ibid.*, 40).

The Apostle Paul wrote, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5). If Mary mediates, that makes two mediators. A Catholic apologist says their doctrine doesn’t conflict with Paul’s words. He says Christ is the mediator between God and men, and Mary is the mediator between man and Jesus. But common logic concludes, if you have to go through Mary to get to Jesus and through Jesus to get to God the Father, you’ve gone through two mediators. Any other conclusion is religious sophistry.

In the book *The Glories of Mary* by Alphonsus Liguori, fully sanctioned with the Catholic Church’s stamps of approval (*nihil obstat*—declaration the document has no error in it; and *imprimatur*—“let it be printed”), it says Mary is “the

channel—to Jesus and from Jesus—by God’s own arrangement” (9). She is further styled “most gracious Advocate” (15) and “spouse of the king” (18).

What do Catholics believe Mary does in this role? Listen to these quotes from the same book cited above:

- By the merits of Jesus, Mary was made the mediatrix of our salvation; not a mediatrix of justice, of course, but of grace and intercession—as St. Bonaventure expressly calls her: “Mary, the most faithful mediatrix of our salvation” (97).
- And St. Lawrence Justinian asks, “How can she be otherwise than full of grace? She has been made the ladder of paradise, the gate of heaven, the most true mediatrix between God and human beings” (97).

Catholic doctrine clearly makes her pivotal in human salvation. Catholic faith teaches a person cannot be saved from sin or go to heaven without her mediation.

- “God will not save us without the intercession of Mary,” St. Bonaventure is quoted in the same book cited above (97).
- “No one, O most holy Mary, can know God but through you. No one can be saved or redeemed but through you, O Mother of God,” St. Germanus is quoted as saying (107).
- St. Bonaventure says Mary is called “the Gate of Heaven” because no one can enter that blessed kingdom without passing through her (102).

## Jesus Subject to Mary?

Many a non-Catholic may stand with mouth agape at this point, and rightly so. But the progression or evolution of this error is not yet at an end. Listen to the following quotes from the same book given Catholic imprimatur and declaration of truth:

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- The authority a mother has over her son is so great that, even though he is a monarch, with absolute dominion over all his subjects, she can never become her son's subject (113).
- *At the command of Mary all obey, even God* (emph. mine—rb). She is omnipotent, for the queen, according to all laws, enjoys the same privileges as the king. . . . Therefore, to use the words of St. Antonine, God has put the whole church not only under the patronage, but even under the power and authority, of Mary. Since, then, the mother must have the same power as the Son, Mary became omnipotent because Jesus is omnipotent (114).

Wow!

## Co-redemptrix and More Gracious Than Jesus?

Error couldn't get much more extreme than that, could it? Yes, it can. St. Albert the Great called Mary "co-helper of redemption" and the late Pope John Paul II recognized her as "co-redemptrix" in speeches in Ecuador and elsewhere in 1985. He said Mary was "crucified spiritually with her crucified Son" and that "her role as co-Redemptrix did not cease after the glorification of her Son" ([www.voxpopuli.org/zenit.php](http://www.voxpopuli.org/zenit.php)). All that remains is for a pope to make this awful assertion an "infallible" declaration.

So, it sounds as though Catholics teach Mary is virtually equal in every way to our Lord Jesus. Well, actually, Catholicism implies she is more than equal.



**When people of any faith accept error and then seek to explain their error instead of repent of it—bizarre doctrines result.**

Catholics pray to Mary or through Mary. Jesus taught his disciples to pray to the Father "in my name" (John 14:13-14). Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Peter preached as the church first began, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Jesus declared "all power" had been given to him "in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). That wouldn't seem to leave any power for Mary.

But Catholic faith claims Jesus, as judge, may be seen as too harsh, but that Mary will not refuse anyone. That makes Mary appear more full of grace and mercy than even our Lord Jesus.

The book *Mary—Doctrine for Everyman*, reads: "All power is given to thee (Mary—rb) in heaven and on earth" and "at the command of Mary all obey—even God." And, "The whole Trinity, O Mary, gave thee a name . . . above every other name, that at thy name, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth."

A Catholic apologist denied the Catholic Church teaches this and

demanded a papal, conciliar teaching, catechism or book with Catholic imprimatur that ever taught this. So, again look at the teaching in *The Glories of Mary* (*nihil obstat*, Daniel V. Flynn, JCD, *ensor liborum; imprimatur*, Joseph T. O'Keefe, vicar general, archdiocese of New York; Catholic Book Publishing Co. NY, 1081):

• St. Anselm, to increase our confidence, says this: "When we pray to the Mother of God we are heard more quickly than when we call directly on the name of Jesus—for her Son is not only our Lord but our Judge. But when we call upon the name of His Mother, though our own merits will not insure an answer, yet her merits intercede for us and we are answered" (85).

- But maybe His infinite Majesty frightens you . . . and you would like another advocate to intercede with Him. Then go to Mary and she will plead with her Son for you (123).
- Every prayer of hers is like an established law *for* the Lord, *obliging him* to be merciful to everyone for whom she intercedes (20, emph. mine—rb).

That last one is a classic. Mary makes laws for the Lord and he is obliged to follow her direction? That guts the lordship of Jesus, making him subservient to his earthly mother.

## The Lesson About Error

While this may, for many, be an enlightening insight into the strange teaching of Catholicism, it needs to serve a deeper purpose. It demonstrates how error evolves and mutates. When people of any faith accept error and then seek to explain their error instead of repent



Chris Reeves

# Book Marks

## A Quick Review of Books

Was Jesus a historical figure and are the New Testament documents historically accurate? While some religious scholars would answer, "No," the truth is that we can trust the historical accuracy of the Bible. Through the years biblical archaeology has confirmed the accuracy of Scripture and this has not changed in modern times. Recently, thirty-one archaeologists and scholars came together in Jerusalem to deliver their most recent findings on *Jesus and Archaeology*. Many of these lecturers came directly from their excavations in places like

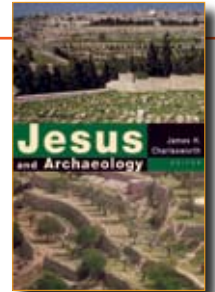
Bethsaida, Capernaum, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. The chapters in *Jesus and Archaeology* focus on answering the question, "In what ways do new archaeological discoveries clarify the world, life, and thought of Jesus of Nazareth?" The conclusion set forth in this new book is that the Gospels record real historical persons, places, and things. The teachings in the New Testament are grounded in real historical events. *Jesus and Archaeology* contains thorough and up-to-date material on Palestinian archeology, a glossary of

### *Jesus and Archaeology*

James H. Charlesworth, Editor

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archaeology terms, a good bibliography of archeology resources, and an index of Scripture and geography.

Immoral sexual behavior has dominated American society from the 1960s to the present. In his new book, *Sexual Anarchy*, Dave Miller documents and denounces the downward spiral of American animal-like behavior he calls "barnyard morality." Miller acknowledges that sex is inherently good when kept within its proper moral framework,

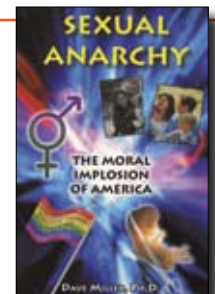
but many Americans have deviated from God's plan. Miller covers the subjects of sex in the 1960s, the devastation of divorce, abortion, homosexuality, the plague of pornography, and how sexual purity can be restored today. The plain Bible teaching on marriage and divorce is also included in this book. *Sexual Anarchy* is good reading.

### *Sexual Anarchy*

Dave Miller

Apologetics Press, Inc., 2006. 110 pages, softback.

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How did New Testament Christians live within the scope of the Roman Empire? How did Rome treat these Christians? What church-state relationship existed in the first century? What were the imperial politics, economics, society, culture, and religion of Rome during the New Testament period? These questions, and others related to the Christians and Rome, are answered in a new guidebook from Abingdon Press called *The Roman Empire and the New Testament* by Warren Carter. *The Roman Empire* is a brief,

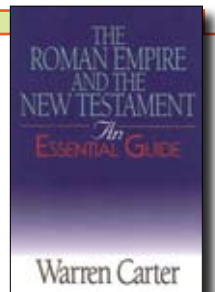
substantive, yet highly readable introduction to the Roman world of the early Christians. Carter's main purpose in this introduction is to show how the New Testament guided Christians in their relationship to Rome. When the reader understands how New Testament Christians were to live within their society, then he can understand how he is to live within his own society today. *The Roman Empire* is a part of Abingdon's "Essential Guide" series. Other informative and helpful guides in this series are *The Apostolic*

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## Why They Went (1)

In Acts 17:16ff. Paul is found all alone in Athens. The city was full of idols. We do not read of him converting many there. His leaving Athens obviously indicates that he did not have the success there he did at other places, even wicked Corinth. One would not be surprised if Paul thought somewhere in the midst of his time in Athens, “What am I doing here?” At such a time he would be forced to recount his reasons for choosing to take the gospel to far countries. This brings us to the subject of this short series.

While we will never know all that motivated the early disciples in their efforts to spread the gospel, many reasons lie on the surface in the inspired record. We consider three in this article that belong to the first century when the Lord was giving direct revelation and empowering his servants with miraculous power.

**1. The Holy Spirit told them to go and, at times, led them.** The Spirit told Peter to go with Cornelius’ servants and brethren at Antioch and to separate Barnabas and Saul for the work to which he had called them (Acts 10:19-20; 13:1-4). He also told Philip to join himself to the eunuch’s chariot and Paul not to preach in Asia or Bithynia (Acts 8:29; 16:6-7).

**2. The Lord gave them miraculous power to confirm the inspired words they spoke (Mark 16:15-20).** From the very beginning on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, we read of this phenomenon. They spoke in foreign languages which they had never learned, made the lame to

walk, healed the sick, and raised the dead (Acts 2:1-11; 3:1-8; 5:15-16; 9:32-43).

**3. God providentially protected them.** After being persecuted at Philippi and Thessalonica, it was revealed to Paul that no one would harm him at Corinth (Acts 18:9-11). The Lord promised him while he was in Jerusalem that he would preach in Rome (Acts 23:11). This happened in spite of the Jews’ numerous efforts to lay their hands on Paul and the sinking of the ship in which he was traveling (Acts 23:12; 24:1-9; 25:1-7; 27).

### Some Lessons We Can Draw From These Facts

**1. Christ is with us when we seek to spread his word (Matt. 28:19-20).** The miracles the early preachers worked made it openly obvious to every honest person that God was with them (John 3:2). What those miracles evidenced Jesus promises to all Christians: “I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee” (Heb. 13:5). As the Lord was with Paul in the many different places he went, he is with his people in the many different countries in which they are laboring today. They can read his word, pray to him, spread his gospel, worship and serve him no matter where they are in the world.

**2. God can protect his people in the midst of ungodly nations.** He protected Paul in Corinth, during his long transit from Jerusalem to Rome, and he can guard his people today no matter where they are. Therefore, they can pray to him for

protection and go forth confident of his ability to take care of them.

**3. We must allow that there may be places where God does not want us to preach (Acts 16:6-7).** This is as important today as it was in the first century. Had Paul preached in places forbidden to him by the Lord, he may have wasted precious time in the Lord’s service. Since we are not receiving direct revelation from the Lord today, it behooves us to keep tabs on the response in any given place. None or few converts might be the Lord’s way of telling us that our time would be better spent evangelizing another area, city, or country.

**4. The word of God was confirmed by miracles so that we can have confidence in its truthfulness and steadfastness (Heb. 2:1-4).** We can rest assured that *the world needs the gospel in our day*. The great commission is as relevant today as when Jesus first gave it (Mark 16:15-16). Ours is a mission that will continue to be needed as long as the world stands (Matt. 28:19-20).

### Conclusion

The Spirit has ceased guiding men by direct revelation, no longer empowers his people to work miracles, and has stopped revealing God’s providential workings. In spite of this we can draw valuable lessons from the time when he was active in these ways. Specifically, those who take the gospel into all the world today can gain much reassurance and consolation from the accounts of the efforts of their spiritual ancestors.

# “Grasping for the Wind”

Olen Holderby

In the New King James Translation, this expression is found nine times in the book of Ecclesiastes (1:14, 17; 2:11, 17, 26; 4:4, 6, 16; 6:9). The Authorized Version simply says “vexation of spirit.” The NIV has “a chasing after the wind,” while the NAS gives it “striving after wind.” The KJV, NASV, and NKJV all use the word “vanity” in connection therewith, while the NIV uses “meaningless.”

W. E. Vine defines “vanity” (*mataios*) as “emptiness as to results.” He defines “meaning” as “power, force . . . of what is spoken.” Therefore the word “meaningless” would be just the opposite, would have no worthwhile meaning. In one of the three times the New Testament uses the word “vanity,” the Apostle Peter applies it to the “great swelling words” of the false teacher (2 Pet. 2:18).

With these bits of statistics before us, may we ask, “What application may we make of these facts?” I would imagine that most readers can think of at least a few worthwhile applications.

I offer the following for your thoughtful consideration. First, have you ever tried blowing in the face or on the head of a baby (when he is in good humor)? You get his attention, he looks, but all he can see is your puckered lips. He sometimes tries to slap the air away, but he hits nothing. Well, it at least enter-

tains him for awhile. I recall that Paul spoke of running “not as one that beateth the air” (1 Cor. 9:26) nor did he fight that way. Paul’s use of the “sword of the Spirit” (Eph. 6:17) was not meaningless nor was it in vanity. He spoke the word plainly, forcefully, and consistently wherever he was and to whomever he was speaking. He used no deception and was always set for a defense of the gospel (Phil. 1:17).

Have you ever listened to a false teacher try to tell what Jesus meant in Matthew 19:9? Have you ever heard such teacher try to reason away the force of Romans 16:17 or Ephesians 5:11? Or, perhaps you have heard someone try to explain away the force of 1 Corinthians 5:4-5. Maybe you have heard someone make an effort to show that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality. If you have experienced any of these, you have heard a case of “grasping for the wind.” We sometimes may parallel this with “grasping for straws.” In any case it is something with no worthwhile meaning.

The best scenario for witnessing someone “grasping for the wind,” “striving for the wind,” or “beating the air” is found, no doubt, in listening to one trying to justify himself for not doing as he knows God has said for him to do. What a scene heaven is witnessing! And what a shame we may bring upon ourselves!

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# What I Want My Son to Know

Since the birth of my son, I have begun to realize the great joy and responsibility that I have been given. The Apostle Paul writes, “And you fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). With the decision to become a parent, and the blessing of God that has been given to me, I also have been saddled with the task of “bring him up in the training and admonition of the Lord.” I dare not let him, or God almighty down in this work. With that all in mind I began to ponder what I want him to know. In twenty to twenty-five years when he is an adult looking back on his life and childhood, what knowledge do I want him to have?

**I want my son to know the sting of the rod.** The wise man of God Solomon wrote, “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him quickly” (Prov. 13:24). We live in a post-modern society with the idea that truth itself is relative. We live in a time when “spanking” is considered barbaric. Yet the God of all creation who gives to all life, breath, and all things, has said that the person who hates his son does not discipline him. Solomon also wrote, “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him” (Prov. 22:15). The rod of correction, when used properly, is what guides us and takes foolishness away from us. It teaches children, from a young age, the penalty for disobedience to righteous authority. In addition Solomon penned, “Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell” (Prov. 23:14). The rod of correction teaches a child obedience, respect, and reverence. Thus,

when used according to God’s precepts it is an invaluable tool in raising a child in the “training and admonition of the Lord.” Proper chastisement brings forth “the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby” (Heb. 12:11). Yes, I will “spank” my son when he is of age to receive the rod of correction. Not that I look forward to doing so, but I know if it is done according to God’s plan, it will aid in his training.

**I want my son to know the God of his Father.** David, as he wrote to his son said, “And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and

understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever” (1 Chron. 28:9). David’s command to his son in writing, “know thou the God of thy father,” included the responsibility to serve him loyally and understand the benefits of seeking him and the punishment for forsaking him. I want my son to know the goodness of God. I want him to know how he loved us and gave his son for us (Rom. 5:6-8), how that he provides the things we need, for a peaceable life, if we seek first his kingdom and righteousness (Matt. 6:25-34). But I also want him to know the severity of God. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Behold, the goodness and severity of God” (Rom. 11:22). I want my son to know that there is a penalty for not obeying God. In Paul’s second letter to the church of Christ at Thessalonica, he wrote, “when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and the glory of his power” (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Yes, I want my son to know the God that his father serves.

**I want my son to know about the faith.** When I say faith, I do not mean our personal mental assent. But rather, I mean “the faith” the system of belief that originated with God Almighty. Jude wrote, “. . . contend earnestly for the faith that was once for all delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). I want my son to have a love and desire to be obedient to the faith. Paul tells us that there is only “one faith.” Notice, “there is one body and

one spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all, who is above all and through all in you all” (Eph. 4:4-6). Many labor under the delusion that there are many faiths that are pleasing to God. I have had conversations with people who were married to folks of different “faiths” or religious beliefs who said, “We want our children to know both of our faiths, and then when they are older we will let them decide.” This is the attitude of the ignorant and untaught in regard to the faith. For there is only one faith, and it must be contended for. I want my son to know about the faith.

**I want my son to know about the Lord’s church.**

Jesus promised to build his church (Matt. 16:18). The fulfillment of that is found in Acts 2. As we noticed earlier, in Ephesians 4:4 Paul said, “there is one body.” He writes to the church of Christ at Colosse “and He [Christ] is the head of the body, the church” (Col. 1:18). I want my son to know that Jesus only established one church, and that the Lord did not create denominationalism. Paul condemned, as sinful and carnal, the denominational system (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:3). I want my son to know that the true church is that which matches the doctrine, organization, and practice of the church in the Bible. Yes, I want my son to know about the church of Christ.

**I want my son to know what he must do to be saved.** “What must I do to be saved” is a question that many have asked. The Philippian jailer posed this question to Paul and Silas (Acts 16:30). I want my son

to know what is required of him by God in order to be a partaker of his grace. He must believe. The Lord Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). Based upon this belief he must be convicted of his sins, thus causing him to repent. Peter told the Jews on Pentecost to “repent and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). I want him to know that he must confess the name of Jesus, the Son of God. Paul wrote, “With the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10). Then I want him to know that he must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins (Acts 2:38). Baptism is not an “outward showing of an inward grace” as many false teachers have surmised, but it is “for the remission of sins.” Further, it “saves” us. Peter wrote, “And the like figure whereunto baptism doth now save us (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience before God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 3:21). Then I want my son to know that he must remain faithful unto the Lord. Jesus said, “. . . be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). Indeed, I want my son to know the way of salvation.

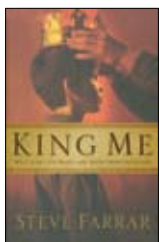
There is much more that I could say in regard to what I want my son to know when he is an adult. But, in summation, I want him to know what it is to be a member of the Lord’s church, a faithful Christian.

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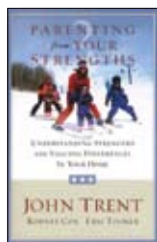
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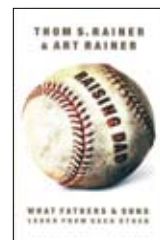
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# Redefining Satan

Steven J. Wallace

Throughout the ages, men have been masterful at redefining words, beliefs and even persons.

About 2700 years ago, Amos condemned some who: “. . . turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!” (Amos 5:7, NKJV). The turning of “justice” into bitter wormwood is indeed an interesting expression, but unfortunately is often replayed in our culture today. Keep in mind, that the redefinition of

righteousness is the funeral for righteousness within any culture. Today, examples abound where doing things illegal is often *compassionately* defended, while calling out against such is met with more and more resistance including racial and self-righteous slurs. Coming to America illegally is now termed “undocumented.” Adultery is labeled “affair.” Homosexuality is termed “alternative.” Recently, making captured terrorists sit in a cold room listening to the Red Hot Chili Peppers has been condemned as “torture”—despite the loss of over 3000 souls who perished on



9/11. I thought torture was cutting off limbs, food and water deprivation, burning out eyes and mutilating the body in some way (see Jdg. 16:21; Jer 38:6).

As Isaiah spoke, so are we today: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa. 5:20, NKJV).

## Some redefine:

- Illegal immigration as “undocumented”
- Adultery as “affair”
- Homosexuality as “alternative”

**Do not be surprised if some try to redefine who Satan is.**

## Judas?

People have also sought to redefine persons of infamy. Recently the airing of the Gospel of Judas seems to suggest that Judas was the most sensitive and sacrificial of the apostles and that

the *Gospel of Judas* is intended for those who want a deeper understanding in religion.<sup>1</sup> *This presentation of Judas has him working with Jesus to perform the betrayal.* Betrayal is portrayed in a positive light here! Any reasonable mind should know that the *Gospel of Judas* is fraudulent without the slightest credible fact that Judas even wrote it. But if people can create fiction regarding Jesus having a secret love affair with Mary Magdalene, then why not also invent sensational ideas about Judas’ betrayal? Those who jumped on the Judas bandwagon simply

want to hear and tell some new thing. Such is the way Paul classified many at Athens in Acts 17:21, “For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.”

## Satan?

It may be surprising to you to know that there are those who seek to redefine Satan as well. Manya A Brachear reported in the *Chicago Tribune* of a scholar, Henry Ansgar Kelly, who seeks to prove that Satan has gotten a bad rap!<sup>2</sup> Kelly contends that Satan is not the mastermind of evil; he asserts that “church fathers” twisted the Scriptures to make Satan out as God’s enemy rather than merely a “jaded employee.” (Does this not sound similar to the Gospel of Judas approach?) Kelly complains that it wasn’t until 1215 that men defined the devil as the instigator of sin. From there he concludes that Satan as a monster crept into pulpits.

Kelly withdraws any satanic connection to the serpent in the Garden and redefines the serpent as merely a conniving animal trying to trick Eve. He impresses upon the minds of others that Satan is God’s “hired heavy” to do God’s dirty work of testing the faith of men by citing Satan’s activity in the book of Job. Kelly exonerates Satan’s personality as merely being suspicious of human virtue and wanting it checked out.

Brachear also reported on an American Baptist, Rev. Gregory Mobley, who praises Kelly’s work and who also wrote a book, *The Birth of Satan: Tracing the Devil’s*



*Biblical Roots.* Mobley stated, there is no absolute truth about the Prince of Darkness. He prophetically condemns the lack of success for Kelly's work because the majority of people prefer "Cowboy movies" where there are distinct "good guys" against distinct "bad guys." So, did we create Satan's malicious personality because we like cowboy movies? Absurd!

The article leaves the reader with the impression that men created Satan as "tempter" in order to maintain the belief of "Original Sin." It contends that "Original Sin" is what has been used to galvanize congregations. This is obviously false. The church of Christ rejects the doctrine of "Original Sin" yet maintains the evil character of the devil. Congregations of Christ are galvanized, not by doctrines of men (e.g. inheriting sins), but by the truth. While one may inherit temporal consequences from his father, the Scriptures show that one cannot inherit the guilt, the sin or the eternal punishment of another.<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Kelly proves himself an embarrassment to not only history but also to the Scriptures when he maintains that attributing "evil" to the devil's character originated after the Bible was written. Rather, it was revealed in very clear terms by Bible writers long before the year 1215.

Has Mr. Kelly failed to read the book of Revelation when he interpreted the serpent of Genesis 3 as merely a conniving critter? John stated, "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9). The expression "serpent of old" makes no sense when isolated from the Genesis account of Paradise.

Further, the apostle Paul warned: "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Cor. 11:3).

In the same chapter Paul identifies this work of deception as being of Satan. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

Further, the promise to the serpent in Genesis 3:14, 15 would be indiscernible apart from his work being the working of Satan: "So the Lord God said to the serpent: 'Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.'"

Who is this seed of the serpent? Who is the seed of woman? What battle is involved here if not relative to Christ over Satan? We are left with the undeniable position that Satan was literally in the Garden tempting Eve in the body of a serpent.

### The Book of Job

Satan in the book of Job is not merely cynical, but an insulting

accuser: "So Satan answered the Lord and said, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!'" (Job 1:9-11).

Satan clearly accuses God of foolishly blessing and protecting Job. He also *accuses* Job of only being good because God had made his life so easy. The Lord later con-

demned Satan for inciting Him "... he [Job, sjw] holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause" (Job. 2:3, NKJV). Now if Satan can try to provoke God into ruining one with no cause, who is to say that he cannot

incite us? Make no mistake about it, Satan, in what has been considered as the oldest book of the Bible, is not portrayed as God's employee!

### What's In A Name?

Mr. Kelly would do well to note that Satan lives consistently with his name. "Satan" means "adversary," one who opposes. He is not God's "employee." He is not God's "fellow worker." He is God's *adversary*; he is our *adversary*. "Satan" was not given by men in A.D. 1215, but by God.

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## Usage?

The Hebrew word for Satan is used of the Angel of the Lord who stood to oppose Balaam when he was going to work for Balak to curse Israel (Num. 22:22; 22:32). The Angel of the Lord is not Satan, but simply opposed Balaam. Satan opposes us! David employs the word against the sons of Zeruiah. “And David said, ‘What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be adversaries [satan, sjw] to me today? Shall any man be put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel?’” (see 2 Sam. 19:22).

That is what the name literally means—*adversary*. Yet, it is the devil’s personal and proper name because that is what he is. He opposes: “Now Satan stood up *against* Israel, and moved David to number Israel” (2 Chron. 21:1). This is none other than the devil, Satan. He opposed Israel’s progress.

Unlike Mr. Mobley’s assumption that nothing absolute can be known about Satan, we submit with full fervor that Satan is the accuser of mankind. He stood against God’s people of old; he stands against God’s people today. He wants us to fail. He is at work to make us deny the Lord. A plethora of biblical writers consistently present this truth. Besides the writers of Genesis, Job and Chronicles we submit these others for your consideration. This is not necessarily an exhaustive list.

- **Opposing**—*Zechariah*, “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him” (Zech. 3:1).
- **Tempter**—*Matthew*, “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said,

‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread’” (Matt. 4:3).<sup>4</sup>

- **Takes away the word of God**—*Mark*, “And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts” (Mark 4:15).

- **Bound in affliction**—*Luke*, “So ought not

this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” (Luke 13:16).<sup>5</sup>

- **Accuser of brethren**—*John*, “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world . . . for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death” (Rev. 12:9-11). This also implies that Satan was responsible for their death (cf. John 8:44).

- **Seeking to take advantage of us**—*Paul*, “lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Cor. 2:11). Paul also refers to Satan as

working in the sons of disobedient (Eph. 2:2).

- **Adversary**—*Peter*, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8). As Job long ago depicted Satan as walking to and fro on the earth, Peter likewise states that he does so to devour prey.

- **Disputing**—*Jude*, “Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’” (Jude 9). It is noteworthy that Satan doesn’t just oppose us, he even opposes other angels and God himself.

- **Power of death**—*the Hebrew writer*, “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Heb. 2:14).



With this sample listing of verses and thoughts, five thoughts should emerge:

**One, Satan is a real being and not a figment of man’s imagination.** Neither is he merely an evil thought. Satan’s person really did tempt the second person of the Godhead in Mark 4:15. Even to reduce Satan to an evil thought results in blaspheming the purity of Christ. Christ was not tempted by his own thoughts, but by an exterior person—Satan.

**Two, Satan is evil.** Not only is he described as a lion seeking to devour us (1 Pet. 5:8). Jesus describes him as a murderer and the father of lies (John 8:44).

**Three, Satan is our enemy and not some “hired heavy” of the Lord.** He is the accuser of our brethren (Rev. 12:9-11). He is to be met with resistance on our part (Jas. 4:7). The war is real and it must be won!

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand . . . above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one (Eph. 6:12, 13, 16).

**Four, Satan has a dominion.**

I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me (Acts 26:17, 18).

Make no mistake about it, there is a “power of Satan.” “Power” here means “authority. Satan has a domain in which he works. All people live and exist in one of these two domains. We are either of the power of Satan or of God. We are either in “darkness” or in “light.”

**Five, we can resist him.** “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (Jas. 4:7). To successfully resist, we must first successfully submit to God. That is an undeniable “one-two-punch” that works in defeating our adversary.

Please also consider, the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit

that we are *children of God*, when, and only when we are “led by the Spirit.”<sup>6</sup> We are led by the Spirit when we obey his revealed word, “Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us” (1 John 3:24).<sup>7</sup>

Without keeping the commandments of God there is no fellowship with God.

But it should equally stand out in our mind that there is a spirit who bears witness with disobedience. Paul wrote, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Eph. 2:2).

There are sons of God as much as there are sons of disobedience. Our actions and inactions determine which father we have. Agreeably, John warned, “In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother” (1 John 3:10).

Of course, Satan doesn’t care if we redefine him. He would be happy for us to think upon him as a friend, rather than a foe.

**NOTE:** PowerPoint sermons on “Redefining Satan” and other subjects pertaining to the Bible are made available here: [www.revelationandcreation.com](http://www.revelationandcreation.com).

**Endnotes**

1. For a debunking of *National Geographic’s* presentation of “The Gospel of Judas” visit: <http://www.revelationandcreation.com/audiofiles/gospel.judas.1.htm>

2. “Giving the Devil Due Process” as printed in the *Tri-City Herald*. 09.09.2006, Sec. A10; to view the article in Adobe PDF, please visit here:

<http://www.revelationandcreation.com/audiofiles/redefining.satan.htm>

3. “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself” (Ezek. 18:20). For more references read: Deut. 24:16; Jer. 31:30; Rom. 2:6.

4. We understand that these are the words of Christ, but we merely attributing them to a part of Matthew’s preaching as well. Such is the case with the passages that follow.

5. Also note that Luke records Paul’s teaching from Jesus that Satan has the power of darkness (Acts 26:18). Luke also attributes Satan as entering Judas (Lk. 22:3). This of course is not apart from Judas’ own will as men can resist Satan (cf. Jas. 4:7).

6. See “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. . . . The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Rom. 8:14, 16).

7. Also consider Galatians 3:26, 27, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

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## Singing Appropriate Verses

In the last two articles, we have discussed selecting verses to sing in worship. To default to “first, second, and last” for every four-or-more-verse hymn can have undesirable results. Likewise, singing every verse of every hymn has shortcomings.

### Verses That Make Sense

Singing select verses, or even one verse of a hymn, can be useful. However, not all hymns contain stand-alone verses. Some hymns require more than one verse, perhaps all the verses, to be meaningful. Song leaders should ensure that the selected verses make sense together and express complete thoughts.

For example, “None of Self and All of Thee” describes the process that one who is self-serving goes through to change into one who puts God first. The first three verses describe the process: (1) “All of self and none of Thee”; (2) “Some of self and some of Thee”; (3) “Less of self and more of Thee.” None of these verses depicts the completion of the process, however. Verse four completes the hymn by describing the culmination of the life-changing process, and should not be omitted.

### Appropriate Verses

The point during the service at which we sing a hymn affects song selection. Certain hymns are appropriate for opening the service, while others are more suited for closing. Not every

hymn works well as an “invitation song.” While this is obvious regarding *song* selection, it should also affect *verse* selection. While we decide whether a hymn is fitting for a certain point in a service, we should also ensure that the very verses we sing are suitable.

Many of us have sung all four verses of “Upon the First Day of the Week” before the Lord’s supper, but is that appropriate at this point in our worship? Verse one is introductory and makes the point that Jesus rose on “the first day of the week.” Verse two mentions how “disciples met to break the bread and drink the cup.” The remaining verses, however, have nothing to do with the Lord’s supper. They cover other “acts of worship”: verse three deals with giving, while verse four is about praying and singing. Singing about other things dilutes the very purpose of having a hymn before the Lord’s supper—to help us focus on the sacrifice of Jesus. We understand that our thanksgiving for the bread and cup should be focused; it is simply not an appropriate time to pray for all the things we might address in an “opening prayer.” Likewise, omitting hymn verses that deal with topics other than Jesus’ sacrifice can help the assembly focus on the Lord’s body and blood.

### Flexibility

Selecting only certain verses of hymns provides flexibility. For

example, some hymns not normally considered “Lord’s supper songs” could work well for that purpose. Consider “I Stand Amazed” as an example. While we usually think of it as an upbeat song, read the first three verses. They mention how Jesus loved and died for us, that he agonized over us in the Garden of Gethsemane, and that he made our sins his own at Calvary. Those verses, especially when sung slowly and softly, are completely fitting before the Lord’s supper.

The last verse of “I Stand Amazed” is different. It is upbeat; it expresses the joy of heaven resulting from God’s sacrifice. Please read the hymn and consider how singing the last verse and chorus after the Lord’s supper, with increased tempo and volume, could be a meaningful way to complete that part of the service because it would emphasize the joyous result of Jesus’ sacrifice.

### Verse-Level Selection

As song leaders, we should determine, down to verse level, what to sing in worship. Choosing which hymns to sing, and when to sing them during the service, is not enough. Prayerful and thoughtful selection of the hymn verses for each part of the service—verses that are appropriate and make sense together—helps us to sing with the spirit and the understanding.

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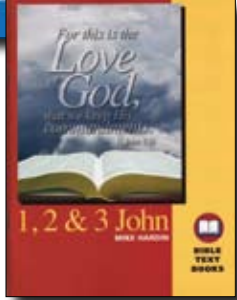
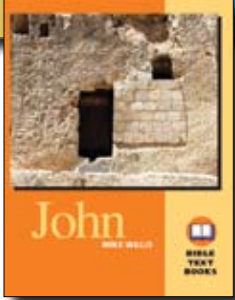
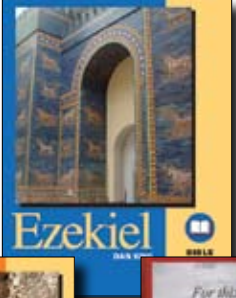
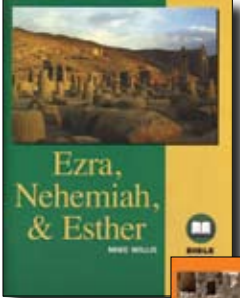
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Within the context of a discussion of the qualifications men must meet in order to serve as elders and deacons in the local church, the apostle Paul writes, “Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things (1 Tim. 3:11, NKJV).

It has often been said that behind every good man there is a good woman. While that saying may be true in many cases, it absolutely must be true in the case of those who serve as elders and deacons.

It would be easy to think of a wife’s behavior as irrelevant when considering whether or not a man is qualified to serve as an elder or deacon, because after all, she is not the one who is going to be appointed to the work. But the reality of the situation is such that the responsibilities of elders and deacons demand, in the wisdom of God, that each man serving should have a supportive, godly wife by his side. It is obvious from the qualifications of church officers’ wives listed in the above passage of Scripture that a man may be disqualified from serving as an elder or deacon simply by virtue of having an unqualified wife. A man who desires to serve as an elder or deacon in the local church may meet all of the personal qualifications given in Scripture (see 1 Tim. 3:1-13 and Tit. 1:6-9) and yet be unfit to serve due to some spiritual deficiency in his mate. No doubt, many good men have been held back in their service to the Lord by wives who did not share their level of commitment and faithfulness.

Any study of the qualifications of elders or deacons is incomplete if not accompanied by a study of the qualifications that must be met by their wives. According to 1 Timothy 3:11, in addition to meeting all of

the other qualifications given in the New Testament, men who wish to demonstrate that they are qualified to serve as elders or deacons must have wives who are characterized by the following criteria:

**1. Their wives must be reverent.** The Greek word employed here is *semnos*, which means, “to be venerated for character, honorable” (*Strong’s Dictionary*). The reverent woman conducts herself in a way that causes others to respect her. The kind of women who would be considered reverent are those who have learned “to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed” (Tit. 2:4-5). A woman is reverent if her attitude toward God and his word is what it should be and her actions follow her attitude. Other members of the church will not respect a wife who shows a lack of interest in spiritual matters, who fails to manage her house well, who has obvious moral faults, or who otherwise displays immaturity. An irreverent wife disqualifies her husband from serving as an elder or deacon.

**2. Their wives must not be slanderers.** The English word “slanderers” in this passage is derived from the Greek word *diabolos*, which is the same word that is used in Scripture to refer to the Devil. In other words, wives of elders and deacons must not behave like the devil by engaging in the spreading of false statements that are harmful to the character or reputation of another. She cannot be one who is known to engage in the spreading of gossip (Prov. 26:20), or in backbiting (2 Cor. 12:20). If a man’s wife does not control her tongue, then that man is not qualified to serve as an elder or deacon.

**3. Their wives must be temperate.** “Temperance” originally carried the meaning of abstinence from intoxicating drink. However, the word conveys a broader meaning than that, including the idea of a calm, self-controlled demeanor. Notice that in this respect, the elders’ wives are to be like their husbands (1 Tim. 3:2). An unstable woman who is prone to lose her temper and say vicious things in a fit of anger would disqualify her husband from serving as an elder or deacon.

**4. Their wives must be faithful in all things.** This qualification demands that these women display faithfulness to God in all areas of life. A woman who dresses immodestly (1 Tim. 2:9-10), refuses to submit to her husband as head of the family (Eph. 5:22-23; 1 Tim. 2:12), who doesn’t regularly attend the Bible study and worship services of the church (Heb. 10:25), or who otherwise fails to behave like a Christian (Gal. 5:19-23), is the type of woman who will disqualify her husband from serving as an elder or deacon.

## Conclusion

It is clear that many good women meet these qualifications; however, their husbands do not meet the qualifications required of either an elder or deacon. On the other hand, it is also sometimes the case that good men meet all of the qualifications required of either an elder or deacon, only to be prevented from serving due to an unqualified wife. It is important to understand that both husbands and wives must live up to the Lord’s expectations in order to fulfill God’s plan for the local church with regard to elders and deacons.

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**1. The Lost Sheep.** Jesus tells the story of a shepherd who realizes that one sheep is missing. Despite the extra energy and time that it requires, he leaves the ninety-nine behind and goes in search for the one lost sheep. When he finds it, he is not angry and ready to butcher it. He “lays it on his shoulders,” and brings it back to the fold, heralding it as an occasion for rejoicing.

The hearts and faces of the scribes and Pharisees must have burned red-hot as Jesus concluded this parable by saying, “I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” No one there had any problem understanding the point of this parable. But, Jesus was not finished.

**2. The Lost Coin.** Jesus continues, calling the audience’s attention to the fact that any woman who has ten drachmas and loses one, will “turn the house upside down” in order to find it. David Padfield states “The coin in the parable was the Greek *drachma* which was nearly equal to the Roman *denarius*, worth about seventeen cents and equal to one day’s wage. If the coin was part of the household treasury,

its loss would be a large financial hardship. More likely, the coin was part of a necklace or headdress worn by a Jewish woman and part of her dowry. The item was the sign of a married woman and equivalent to our modern wedding ring. Losing one of the pieces of this ornament would, therefore, cause dismay and worry because the sentimental value would be as great as the monetary value.”<sup>1</sup> If that be the case, men, what would your wife do if the diamond was missing from her wedding ring? Just what this woman did, both searching everywhere to find it and calling all her friends when it was found. But, Jesus doesn’t end the parable here. Again, he makes the application that his audience needed to hear: “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (v. 10). The scribes and Pharisees must have been quite “hot under the collar” to be rebuked in the presence of “sinners.” But, Jesus was not finished.

**3. The Lost Son.** Jesus teaches what is often called the Parable of the Prodigal Son. I believe that this parable is more aptly titled the Parable of the Lost Son (or Sons).

A wealthy man’s youngest son makes quite a crude request—to receive his inheritance before the death of his father. The father cannot force his son to follow the way of wisdom and so he divides the inheritance among his two sons. A few days later, the younger son goes into a far country ready to sow

his wild oats. Maybe only a parent can truly sympathize with the father—having a son away from home with lots of money and having no contact with him. What distress!

As we look at the younger son, we wonder “What are you thinking?” The wealth that took his father *years and years* to build quickly dissipates in prodigal living. That money was not only the product of years of hard work, it also should have been a source of great happiness and security for years to come, but the younger son has thrown it all away for the passing pleasures of sin (Heb. 11:25).

But, easy come, easy go. The son is blind-sided by a famine that consumes the land. Then, things go from bad to worse. You can hear the collective groan from Jesus’ audience when they hear that he is feeding swine—a job that no self-respecting Jew would ever consider. Now, where are the friends who must have showered the younger son with compliments and “sweet nothings” while they feasted together? Their “love” is shown to be nothing. The thrill is gone.

At this point, either it does not occur to the son to return home or something is keeping him from it. Maybe pride prevents his return—after all, what son, having left home as he did, wants to go crawling back to Dad admitting failure? Maybe it was embarrassment and shame that he had fallen so far, so fast. Maybe he hoped that his luck would soon



turn around and that he could again return to the party life. For a few days, *something* kept him there feeding swine. But neither pride, shame, nor hope fill a belly, and his was soon empty, so finally “he came to himself” (vv. 17-19). Please notice that he didn’t “come to himself” while surrounded by the friends and pleasures which he had sought. His conscience did not overcome him during a wild party so that he was forced to stop the party, clear the room, take the remaining money, and return home. If a good, honest heart had convinced him to come to himself, we might easily respect his change of heart. But, it wasn’t initially his conscience that brought him to himself—circumstances did. He was going to starve to death! He had nothing and had no other choice. It was *then*, during those most desperate of circumstances, that “he came to himself.”

Being pricked in both his soul and stomach, he decides to return home, confess his sins against heaven and man, and work as a servant. Some, hearing his reasoning in verse 17 (“How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger”) might say, “Hmm—the first thing out of his mouth is about *food*, *not repentance* . . . I wonder why he’s *really* returning home?! The words sound good but . . .” Others might say, “How dare he even ask to be allowed to return home. I’d never take him back into my house!”

In verse 20, the father sees his son “when he was still a great way off” and runs to him in compassion, likely not knowing anything about where his son has been, what he has been doing, or why he is here. The father is neither angry nor indifferent in his words or actions. In verses 22-24, despite having heard only a few words of repentance, the

father does not demand begging, groveling, or a great outward demonstration of sorrow from his son, but he quickly calls for all the symbols of home and family to be brought to him. His father receives him back, not as a servant, but as the son whom he loved despite the younger son’s betrayal.

If the parable could end here, we might add “and they all lived happily ever after.” But it doesn’t end that way, for the scene now shifts to the older son.

In verses 25-28, the older son is where he has been all along—working in the field. Hearing that his brother has returned and that there is a celebration, he is angry, has no desire to see his brother, and thus keeps his distance. Word comes to the father that now his older son is distancing himself from the family. The joy of the return of one son is now tempered by the other son’s distance. Will the father *now* explode in anger? No, verse 28 says that he comes “pleading.”

The older son responds to his father’s pleading by accusing his father of being unfair. “Why all the fuss over *him*?! He has devoured your livelihood with harlots.” (How did the older son know that for a fact? I doubt that he did.) I find it

ironic that the sin of the younger son was primarily against heaven and his father? Yet who is having trouble letting go of the past?

The father reasons with his son,

acknowledging his years of faithful service and reminding him that the family wealth all belongs to him now, but he affirms that *it is right* that they rejoice that the younger son is back. Thus, *it is wrong* if they do not rejoice and welcome him back!

### Where am I among these parables?

- Lost Sheep

Am I by faith among the ninety-nine?

Am I the one?

Am I one who has the duty of watching for others?

- Lost Son

Am I the younger son—biding time until I can do things “my way”?

Am I the younger son—having “come to myself” but not yet having faced my Father?

Am I the younger son—having finally returned to the Father, will I go back to his work?

Am I the older son—faithful in many things but lacking my Father’s compassion?

I realize that this is “just” a parable, but allow me to wonder a little—did the younger brother learn of this conversation? I wonder if he felt the cold shoulder of his own brother. The younger son already had and continued to face the consequences resulting from his decision to leave home. He now has to work the rest of his life to provide for himself, having no inheritance upon which to rely. The prosperity of the family business itself would be a reminder to the younger son of what he had wasted. The way of this transgressor is hard *without* the older brother rubbing salt in this self-inflicted wound (Prov.13:15). Yet, the irony is that as this parable ends—who is the lost son?

The ears of the scribes and Pharisees are again burning. They

# Stop Dressing Like the World!

Jesse Flowers

I can't take it anymore! My stomach churns in disgust at what a number of my brethren are wearing to services and outside of services. Christian parents are *allowing* their daughters to dress like girls whom godly mothers use to warn their sons to avoid. Is the issue of modest dress versus immodest dress really that hard for Christians to figure out? Do some among us not recognize that the clothes we are wearing (or not wearing) is flat-out immodest?

Paul exhorted the saints in Rome: *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"* (Rom. 12:2). The inspired apostle instructed Christian women to *"adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,*

*but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works"* (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

My beloved brethren, please let us give some serious thought to the following:

- ∞ When a young lady wears a skirt/dress that is split up the side past her knees exposing her thigh, I wonder, is she professing godliness or conformed to this world?
- ∞ When a woman is wearing a blouse or top that reveals her breasts, I wonder, is she professing godliness or might she just be conformed to this world?
- ∞ When a lady sits down to worship God and her dress/skirt exposes her thighs (Exod. 28:40-43; Isa. 47:1-3), I wonder, is she professing godliness or conformity to the world?
- ∞ When a female wears tight-fitting clothing that leaves little to the imagination, I wonder, does she profess godliness or does she resemble women of the world?

∞ When a young man or older man goes shirtless in public view, I wonder, does he resemble one that has been set apart unto God or the world (1 Cor. 6:11)?

∞ When a man or woman wears shorts that exposes their thighs (the area of our legs right above the knees and up), I wonder, do they appear godly or worldly?

The thing that God's people are in great need of today is a sense of shame. What some are wearing and permitting their children to wear ought to make us hang our heads in shame. Brethren, have we forgotten how to blush (Jeremiah 6:15)? Have we somehow forgotten that we serve a God that *demand*s that you and I *"be holy in all your conduct"* (1 Pet. 1:15)?

As the elect of God, let us profess godliness along with some common sense when it comes to the clothes that we wear.

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## "Lost" Parables

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get the point! Do we? Where am I among these parables?

Am I by faith among the ninety-nine? Am I the one? Am I one who has the duty of watching for others (Heb. 13:17; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20)?

Am I the younger son early in the parable, biding time until I can do things "my way"? Beware of the famine. Remember now your Creator (Eccl. 11:9-12:1). Am I the younger son, during the middle of the parable, having "come to

myself" but not yet having faced my Father? Remember that he will forgive (1 John 1:9; Acts 22:16)? Am I the younger son in the latter part of the parable? Having finally returned to the Father, will I go back to his work like the Corinthians, who by diligence and zeal "proved themselves to be clear in this matter" (2 Cor. 7:9-11)? There is no time to waste. Our Father needs us back in the field where we should have been all along (John 4:35).

Am I the older son? Faithful in many things but lacking my Father's compassion? "Examine

yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? Unless indeed you are disqualified" (2 Cor. 13:5).

The Lamb of God was crucified so that there could be rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents. If there is joy in heaven among God's angels, then let we, who are a little lower than the angels, rejoice in the same.

### Endnotes

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## Tailgater, First Church Service, Cuss At It

### Tailgater

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him.



He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn,

screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. He demanded that she get out of the car, with her hands in the air and get into the back of the police car. He then drove to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened

the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk."

"Naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

### First Church Service

A man and his grandson walked out of the young fellow's first church service. As they walked clear of the crowd and reached a point where they could talk freely, the man asked the boy: "How did you like your first church service, son?"

The boy responded, "Well, there is one thing about the whole thing that I just don't understand." "What is that lad?" the older man said.

"Since when did the Internal Revenue Service get into the business of publishing church hymnals?" he replied.

"What in the world are you talking about," his grandfather asked quizzically. "Hymn number 1040, 'I Surrender All!'"

### Cuss At It

A preacher was making his rounds to see some of the church members on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. The preacher needed a mower at his house. "How much do you want for that mower?" asked the preacher.

"I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle," said the little boy. After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike as trade for it?" The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and after riding the bike around a little while said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the mower and began to try to crank it. He pulled on the starter rope a few times with no response at all from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start." The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I am a minister of the gospel, and I cannot cuss. It has been so long since I have been converted that I do not even remember how to cuss."

The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that string for a while. It will all come back to you!"

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## Grandmothers and Mothers, Are You a Lois or a Eunice?

Sandra Waldron

Paul called Timothy “my own son in the faith” (1 Tim. 1:2). He remembered Timothy’s faith “which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice” (2 Tim. 1:1-5). He urged Timothy to be faithful to the things that he had known from infancy (2 Tim. 3:14-15). Without doubt, Paul himself taught Timothy many things, but Timothy was already a well respected young man before Paul asked him to accompany him on his journeys (Acts 16:1-2).

How did Timothy gain his knowledge of the truth? How did young Timothy become well respected in his own region? His mother and grandmother taught him the Holy Scriptures. His father was a Greek who had not allowed him to be circumcised, though the boy

worshiped as a Jew. No help came from the father.

If Paul was considering your son as a possible companion in the work, would he consider him a good choice, an asset? If not, why not?

We all know many factors go into making a child the adult he should be. Some of the answers are easy and some are hard. But there is one question we must answer before God. Are you teaching your child the Bible? The question is not: Are you taking him to church services for him to participate in a class? The question is: Are you a Lois or a Eunice? Are you personally teaching your child? Mothers are the ones most closely associated with young children, therefore we have a unique role in training them. We must feed that child’s soul as surely as we must feed his body.

Beware lest this time pass unused. Step forward and accept the responsibility. You may have to study hard yourself because you may not have been taught from babyhood. That does not relieve your responsibility. You must not fail your child. If someone failed to teach you, then that someone will deal with the question before God. It is your turn to do the task before you.

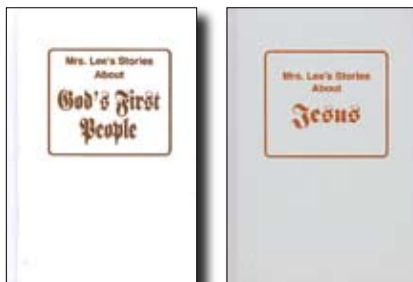
When I was a toddler, there was hardly anything on the market to help young mothers teach the Bible stories. My mother chose to write books to help fill the gap. I was only four years old and my sister was seven. She wrote so that I could

understand every word and my sister could read every word. The resulting books were called “Mrs. Lee’s Stories About Jesus” and “Mrs. Lee’s Stories About God’s First People.” Many parents and children have read and discussed the stories together. The books are still on the market, although I am long past four years old and Mother has died. The stories are still accurate and valuable. They make wonderful gifts for young parents.

Today the market is filled with a vast variety of Bible story books. Some are excellent. Some are brightly colored to appeal to a child’s fancy. Color is good; easy reading is good. But beware! Many books are not accurate in their content. Each book must be evaluated on an individual basis. Is this one accurate? Is this one teaching the primary lesson of the passage? Or is it teaching mere fluff? You will be held accountable for what you teach your child, no matter who wrote the book. Take time to review any book your child reads or hears read. Do not use it if it is inaccurate. Do not waste time if it is fluff. Make that limited time with your child as valuable as possible.

The best way of all for a parent to teach a child is to cuddle him and simply tell the story of the mighty acts of God. Learn the stories yourself until you love them. Truly love the God who did these mighty acts. And transmit that love and that knowledge to the heart of your child. It can be done. It must be done!

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# Children's Activities

Donna Halbrook

## I KINGS

### Memory Verse:

"King Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom" (1 Kgs. 10:23).

### Theme:

God chose David's son Solomon as the third king of Israel. He built the beautiful Temple of God in Jerusalem. Later he married many wicked women who worshiped idols. This made God angry. When Solomon died, Israel divided into a northern kingdom named Samaria (also called Israel) and a southern kingdom named Judah. Many bad kings ruled in both lands and God sent prophets like Elijah to rebuke them.

### Multiple Choice: Circle the correct answer.

- (1 Kings 1:11) Solomon's mother was:  
a. Abishag                      b. Jezebel                      c. Bathsheba
- (1 Kings 3:9) Solomon prayed for:  
a. Wealth                      b. An understanding heart                      c. Much land
- (1 Kings 11:9-11) God became displeased with Solomon because he:  
a. Turned from the Lord God of Israel  
b. Turned to worship other gods (idols)  
c. Did not keep the Lord's covenant and statutes  
d. All of the above  
e. None of the above
- (1 Kings 11:43) After Solomon's death, who became king?  
a. Ahijah                      b. Rehoboam                      c. Jeroboam
- (1 Kings 12:10) When the kingdom divided, who was king over Samaria (also called Israel)?  
a. Rehoboam                      b. Jeroboam                      c. Ahijah

### Review 2 Samuel Memory Verse:

"\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he began to \_\_\_\_\_, and he reigned \_\_\_\_\_ years" (2 Sam. 5:4).



## Tomb of King Herod

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bottom there are habitations of such a structure as are well worth seeing, both on other accounts, and also on account of the water which is brought thither from a great way off, and at vast expenses; for the place itself is destitute of water (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XV.ix.4).

Scholars knew that Herod the Great was buried in Herodium because of Josephus' account of the burial of Herod. Josephus recounts his burial:

After this was over, they prepared for his funeral, it being Archelaus's care that the procession to his father's sepulchre should be very sumptuous. Accordingly, he

brought out all his ornaments to adorn the pomp of the funeral. The body was carried upon a golden bier, embroidered with very precious stones of great variety, and it was covered over with purple, as well as the body itself; he had a diadem upon his head, and above it a crown of gold; he had also a sceptre in his right hand. About the bier were his sons and his numerous relations; next to these was the soldiery distinguished according to their several countries and denominations; and they were put into the following order: —First of all went his guards; then the band of Thracians; and after them the Germans; and the next the band of Galatians, every one in their habiliments of

war; and behind these marched the whole army in the same manner as they used to go out to war, and as they used to be put in array by their muster masters and centurions: these were followed by five hundred of his domestics, carrying spices. So they went eight furlongs, to Herodium; for there by his own command, he was to be buried; — thus did Herod end his life (*Antiquities of the Jews*, XVII.ix.3).

In *Wars of the Jews* (I.xxiii.9), Josephus also describes Herod's burial:

After this, they betook themselves to prepare for the king's funeral; and Archelaus omitted nothing of magnificence therein, but brought

out all the royal ornaments to augment the pomp of the deceased. There was a bier all of gold, embroidered with precious stones, and a purple bed of various contexture with the dead body upon it, covered with purple; and a diadem was put upon his head, and a crown of gold above it, and sceptre in his right hand; and near to the bier were Herod's sons, and a multitude of his kindred; next to whom came his guards, and the regiment of Thracians, the Germans also and Gauls, all accoutred as if they were going to war; but the rest of the army went foremost, armed, and following their captains and officers in a regular manner: after whom, five hundred of his domestic servants and freedmen followed, with sweet spices in their hands; and the body was carried two hundred furlongs to Herodium, where he had given order to be buried.

The discovery of the Tomb of Herod is the climax of the excavations at Herodium.

The approach to the burial site—which has been described by the archaeologists involved as one of the most striking finds in Israel in recent years—was via a monumental flight of stairs (6.5 meters wide)

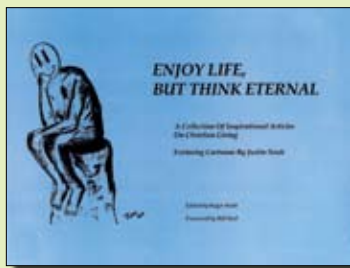
leading to the hillside that were especially constructed for the funeral procession. . . .

The location and unique nature of the findings, as well as the historical record, leave no doubt that this was Herod's burial site, said Prof. Netzer (News@HebrewU, May 8, 2007).

Netzer and his team found a 10 meter square (about 32 by 32 feet) podium. "Netzer hypothesizes that the podium supported a mausoleum," Hershel Shanks, editor of *Biblical Archeology Review* said, adding that Netzer had found fragments of both the mausoleum and a sarcophagus that had been inside it (May 10, 2007 posting on BAR website). The mausoleum had been broken into hundreds of pieces in ancient times but the base of the mausoleum was intact. Scholars think that Jewish rebels who hated Herod the Great because of his pro-Roman policies (he has been described as Rome's puppet ruler) destroyed the tomb in A.D. 66-72 during the Jewish rebellion that led to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. High quality and well decorated architectural elements were spread about the ruins.

Spread among the ruins are pieces of a large, unique sarcophagus (close to 2.5 meters long), made of a Jerusalemite reddish limestone, which was decorated by rosettes. The sarcophagus had a triangular cover, which was decorated on its sides. This is assumed with certainty to be the sarcophagus of Herod. Only very few similar sarcophagi are known in the country and can be found only in elaborate tombs such as the famous one at the King's Tomb on Selah a Din Street in East Jerusalem. Although no inscriptions have been found yet at Herodium, neither on the sarcophagus nor in the building remains, these still might be found during the continuation of the dig (News@HebrewU, May 8, 2007).

Archaeologists seem very confident that they have found Herod's Tomb, although there has not been enough time for peer review of the excavation to occur. However, Hershel Shanks is quoted as saying, "Ehud Netzer has been living with Herod the Great for 50 years, so he feels the man. He also brings an architect's eye to his work," Shanks said. "If anyone understands Herod, it's Ehud Netzer" (May 10 posting on BAR website).



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## Romans 14 and “The Faith”

**Question:** “Do matters of ‘the faith,’ such as mechanical instruments of music, church support of human institutions, water baptism, etc. fall into the category of things discussed in Romans 14?”

**Answer:** This perennial question seems to require an answer from time to time. The short answer is “No.” The long answer we shall derive from examining the passage.

Romans 14 appears in the practical section of this epistle (chapters 12-16) after what must be understood as the doctrinal (teaching) section of the letter (chapters 1-11), though we recognize that both sections impart doctrine. The difference is that the major issue of the epistle (justification with God by obedient faith in Jesus Christ) is dealt with in detailed fashion in the earlier part, while the latter part extends implications of that teaching to matters of practice in the

lives of saints. One such matter gains our attention in chapter 14.

In chapter 14 we find the apostle teaching Jews and Gentiles how to behave in relation to each other, because of their contrasting religious backgrounds. Jews, holding to various Old Testament matters still kept in their mind and conscience—restrictions regarding meats and days—found themselves in fellowship with Gentiles, who did not share the scruples of their Jewish brethren. How were they to treat each other? Was there an area of tolerance, allowing them to remain in fellowship as they served Christ? This is my understanding of the background necessitating the teaching found in this chapter.

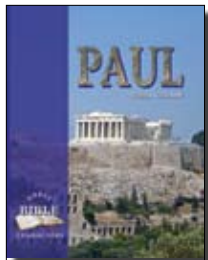
The Lord referred to their two areas of difference, both of them individual in application, not congregational/collective (cf. v. 4). There being no requirement on these matters in the gospel of Christ, they were matters for which the Lord stated no one correct position, but about which Jews and Gentiles held private convictions. They also obviously have nothing to do with moral principles upheld in this epistle and elsewhere. Baptism, presented in this epistle as the line of demarcation between a life of sin and one of righteousness (chapter 6), certainly is not included in the area of tolerance. Such other matters as the questioner mentioned (mechanical instruments of music and church support of human institutions, both of which are sinful

because they intrude into the realm of divine silence) are collective matters, determined and practiced by the entire congregation and necessarily involving the conscience of each participant, thus quite distinct from the kind of matters here addressed. Paul’s instruction allowed each to maintain a good conscience, but such congregational practices as those referenced in the question require either the violation of conscience by some or their leaving the congregation.

It becomes clear that the Lord did not deal in this section with (1) **unjustified/unauthorized** matters, for he approved the practices in this chapter; (2) **congregational matters**, for he allowed individual choice (practiced by one but not bound on another); (3) **kingdom matters**, for the King has not approved just one position on them (v. 17); or **mandated matters** (from other instruction), for he allowed liberty. All matters raised in the question fail these tests suggested in Romans 14 and therefore do not fit into this chapter.

A very narrow area is being discussed by Paul in this chapter, because of the need for Jews and Gentiles to remain in fellowship with each other while their spiritual growth allowed the weak brother’s conscience to catch up with his understanding in these matters. There was a conscience problem, not one of understanding. We must leave this teaching where Paul left it.

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<p><b>ABINGDON, IL</b> Abingdon Church of Christ 209 N. Main Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Evangelist: John B. Wilson (309) 462-5368</p>	<p><b>BLOOMINGTON, IN</b> Church of Christ 825 West 2nd St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. 332-0501</p>	<p><b>NOBLESVILLE, IN</b> Noblesville Church of Christ 15321 Herriman Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Hughbanks (317) 770-0798 or 332-0733 www.noblesvillechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>To Make Changes To Your Ad Contact Us At andyalex@ bellsouth.net</b></p>	<p><b>BRANDBURG, KY</b> Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>
<p><b>BENTON, IL</b> Church of Christ 203 N. Central St. P.O. Box 12 (west of Wal-Mart) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Greg King (618) 438-2911 or 435-2981</p>	<p><b>CLARKSVILLE, IN</b> Clarksville Church of Christ 407 Lewis and Clark Pkwy. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (812) 941-0747 or 944-2305 KCampbell@earthlink.net Elders: 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>	<p><b>SOUTH MARION, IN</b> Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Sayre (765) 662-7457 or 674-7015 www.1peter321.com</p>	<p><b>GRINNELL, IA</b> Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Al Sandlin (641) 236-6052 (641) 236-1955 or 793-2989</p>	<p><b>CAMPBELLSVILLE, KY</b> Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (270) 789-1651</p>	<p><b>OWENSBORO, KY</b> Southside Church or Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Northside Church of Christ 2543 W. Division St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James R. Davis, Jr. (312) 961-2150</p>	<p><b>ELLETTSVILLE, IN</b> Church of Christ 303 W. Temperance St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnie Edwards Evangelist: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285 or 336-4630</p>	<p><b>LOOLITIC, IN</b> Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p><b>EL DORADO, KS</b> Emporia St. Church of Christ 1154 S. Emporia Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (316) 321-1025</p>	<p><b>CANEYVILLE, KY</b> Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 879-6152 or 274-3065</p>	<p><b>REGINA, KY</b> Road Creek Church or Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 &amp; Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (606) 754-9883, 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>
<p><b>CHICAGO, IL</b> Church of Christ 1514 West 74th Street Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James E. Scott Bldg. (773) 224-9279 (708) 339-6126</p>	<p><b>HAMMOND, IN</b> Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p><b>PEKIN, IN</b> Church of Christ (First St. &amp; Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p><b>LENEXA, KS</b> Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p><b>DANVILLE, KY</b> 385 E. Lexington Ave. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Steve Wolfgang &amp; Scott Vifquain 236-4204, 236-8506 or 238-0860</p>	<p><b>Subscribe Today! Truth Magazine</b>  <b>1-800-428-0121</b></p>
<p><b>DOWNERS GROVE, IL</b> Church of Christ 1236 63rd St. (1 and 1/2 mile E. of I355) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (630) 968-0760 www.dgccc.org</p>	<p><b>HOBART, IN</b> Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Berlin (219) 942-2663</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, IN</b> Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>	<p><b>TOPEKA, KS</b> Oakland Church of Christ 553 Wilson Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977</p>	<p><b>FRANKLIN, KY</b> 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p><b>TOMPKINSVILLE, KY</b> Lyons Chapel Church of Christ 2401 Center Point Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Frank VonDraeck (270) 487-8448</p>
<p><b>GLEN ELLYN, IL</b> Church of Christ 796 Prairie, 60137 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Joseph T. Novak (630-529-2149) (630) 858-2290</p>	<p><b>INDIANAPOLIS, IN</b> Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 86th St., 46256 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (317) 842-3613 Eric Spencer (317) 750-5939</p>	<p><b>SALEM, IN</b> Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Allen Martin (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Ridge Road Church of Christ 7001 W. 21st St., North Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. (316) 722-6622 or 744-1841</p>	<p><b>GLASGOW, KY</b> East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Camation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Lancaster (270) 678-2847</p>	<p><b>BATON ROUGE, LA</b> Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>
<p><b>MATTOON, IL</b> Southside Church of Christ 1100 S. 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (217) 234-3702</p>	<p><b>JAMESTOWN, IN</b> Church of Christ (1 Mi. south of I-74) Cor. Darlington &amp; Mill Sts. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Denver Niemeier (765) 676-6404 or (317) 892-6285</p>	<p><b>To Make Changes To Your Ad Contact Us At andyalex@ bellsouth.net</b></p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Westside Church of Christ 3500 S. Meridian Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 282-2374 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p><b>LEITCHFIELD, KY</b> Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joey Cooper (270) 259-4968</p>	<p><b>BOSSIER CITY, LA</b> Bossier Church of Christ 2917 Foster Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 747-4308 or 742-4557</p>
<p><b>PALATINE, IL</b> Church of Christ (N.W. Chicago Suburb) 1050 N. Deer Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (847) 991-1288 or 882-8084</p>	<p><b>KOKOMO, IN</b> Church of Christ 1217 S. Courtland Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua Welch (765) 453-2356</p>	<p><b>TRAFALGAR, IN</b> Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Edward Rangel (317) 878-5969 E-mail: rangellal@netzero.net</p>	<p><b>BEAVER DAM, KY</b> Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Manslick Rd. Church of Christ 4724 E. Manslick Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Frank Himmel (502) 231-8435 Office: (502) 964-3624</p>	<p><b>LAKE CHARLES, LA</b> Southside Church of Christ 3919 Auburn St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (337) 474-9122 or 436-0477</p>
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<p><b>MANY, LA</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>	<p><b>DAYTON, MN</b> Riverside Church of Christ Raintree Plaza 11311 Dayton River Road Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 11:15 A.M. (763) 742-9683</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> Grandview Church of Christ 2820 Grandview Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Danny Gardner (601) 681-4505 or 482-9543 dg1969@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Nashua Church of Christ 11425 N. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142</p>	<p><b>ST. ROBERT, MO</b> Church of Christ in St. Robert 22715 Hwy Y Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randall Duvall (573) 336-7176 or 336-5896 www.srccoc.org</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (call to confirm time) 764-9277</p>
<p><b>STONEWALL, LA</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>	<p><b>DULUTH, MN</b> Church of Christ 318 N. 18th Ave. E. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Nick Krumrei (218) 728-3233</p>	<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> 7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 483-3101</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Vivion Road Church of Christ 2026 N.E. Vivion Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Tom Kinzel (816) 453-6157</p>	<p><b>BEATRICE, NE</b> Church of Christ 7th and Bell Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. 233-4102 or 228-3827 www.churchofchrist7bell.com</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Heights Church of Christ 7801 Zuni Road, S.E. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Darrel Yontz (505) 266-7577 www.heightschurchofchrist.com</p>
<p><b>WEBSTER, MA</b> Church of Christ 168 Main St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Call for details (508) 765-6067</p>	<p><b>ROCHESTER, MN</b> N. Broadway Church of Christ 2002 Second St., SW Bible Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Luvimino D. Samaniego (501) 289-8906</p>	<p><b>SOUTHAVEN, MS</b> (Memphis area) Church of Christ 2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 7:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Landon Hope (662) 342-1132 - Church Building</p>	<p><b>KENNETT, MO</b> Church of Christ 703 Harrison St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 888-6778</p>	<p><b>LAS VEGAS, NV</b> Vegas Dr. Church of Christ 3816 Vegas Drive Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bryan Dockens (702) 648-4827 bldg. 243-4536 cell</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> SANDIA CHURCH OF CHRIST 3939 San Pedro N.E. Building D-2 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Derek Chambers (505) 830-2086 www.sandiachurchofchrist.com</p>
<p><b>PORTLAND, ME</b> Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 8 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times &amp; places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>	<p><b>ST. CHARLES, MN</b> Church of Christ 636 Whitewater Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Bible Study 2:45 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Lehnertz (507) 534-2905 or 932-3521</p>	<p><b>BLUE SPRINGS, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ 4000 SW Christiansen Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Bailey (816) 228-9262</p>	<p><b>LILBOURN, MO</b> P.O. Box 270 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-5204</p>	<p><b>RENO, NV</b> Central Church of Christ 2450 Wrondel Way, Ste. A 3578 Walden Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Monday 7:00 P.M. (775) 786-2888</p>	<p><b>BUFFALO, NY</b> Greater Buffalo Church of Christ 3578 Walden Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David Bailey (716) 691-7649</p>
<p><b>ARBUTUS, MD</b> Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, 590-2852 or 551-8274</p>	<p><b>BOONEVILLE, MS</b> Oakleigh Dr. Church of Christ 101 Oakleigh Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Building: (662) 728-1942</p>	<p><b>CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO</b> Church of Christ 121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 334-9673</p>	<p><b>RAYMORE, MO</b> Raymore Church of Christ 107 N. Woodson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Johnston (816) 322-0042 or 318-3642</p>	<p><b>SPARKS, NV</b> Sierra Nevada Church of Christ 2425 Pyramid Way Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Monday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Triplett, Sr. (775) 972-4911 retriplett@triplettweb.com</p>	<p><b>CARY, NC</b> Walnut St. Church of Christ (Raleigh) 217 Walnut St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Rick Billingsley (919) 467-0012 (919) 372-1497</p>
<p><b>SEVERN, MD</b> Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (410) 551-6549 or 969-1420</p>	<p><b>CLINTON, MS</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (120, exit 36) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>	<p><b>COLUMBIA, MO</b> Eastside Church of Christ 5051 Ponderosa Columbia, MO 65201 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 445-5497 or 636-0224</p>	<p><b>RAYTOWN, MO</b> Sterling Ave. Church of Christ 5825 Sterling Ave. (Near Sports Complex) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Norman E. Fultz (816) 358-3096 or 792-2040 www.sterlingavechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>MOORESTOWN, NJ</b> Moorestown Church of Christ in the Cherry Hill, N.J. Area Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. (856) 665-2496</p>	<p><b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b> Harris Blvd. Church of Christ 5424 E.W.T. Harris Blvd. Worship 8:30 A.M. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Various members of local congregations Don Moeller (704) 532-9242</p>
<p><b>RIVERDALE, MD</b> (Washington, D.C. area) Wilderoft Church of Christ 6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomley (301) 474-7460 or 446-1912</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, MS</b> Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>	<p><b>DONIPHAN, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. 1/4 mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p><b>ST. JAMES, MO</b> Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p><b>PISCATAWAY, NJ</b> 258 Highland Ave. Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Bible Classes 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Gary P. Eubanks (732) 463-1323</p>	<p><b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b> Charlotte Church of Christ 5327 S. Tyrone St. Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Wendell Powell (704) 525-5655 or 522-9971</p>
<p><b>CEDAR SPRINGS, MI</b> Grand Rapids Area W. Michigan Church of Christ Sr. Citizen Center, 44 Park St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. David Waldron (231) 832-2189 Michael Sewell (616) 361-8795</p>	<p><b>GULFPORT, MS</b> Morris Rd. Church of Christ 1 blk. N. of Dedeaux Rd. &amp; 3 Rivers Rd. on Morris Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Don Davis (228) 832-5529</p>	<p><b>FAIR GROVE, MO</b> Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 859-2333 (417) 736-2663</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylin churchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>VAUXHALL, NJ</b> Church of Christ Milbourn Mail Suite 6 2933 Vauxhall Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Harry A. Persaud (908) 964-8570</p>	<p><b>DALLAS, NC</b> Deepwood Forest Church of Christ 2002 Lineburger Rd., Hwy. 275 (Between Dallas &amp; Stanley) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Louis Woolums (704) 922-8985</p>
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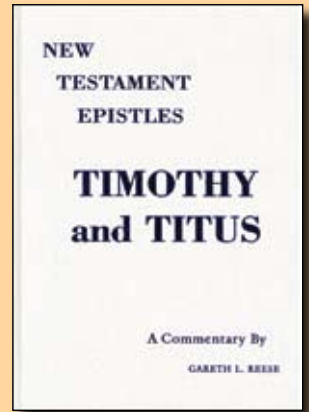
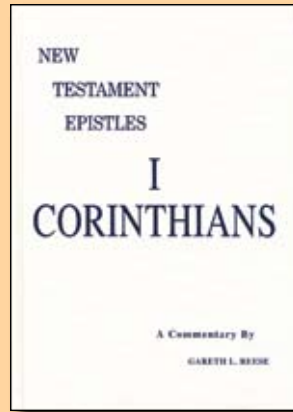
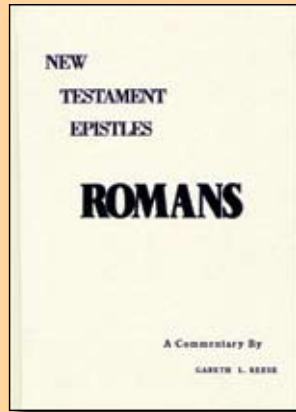
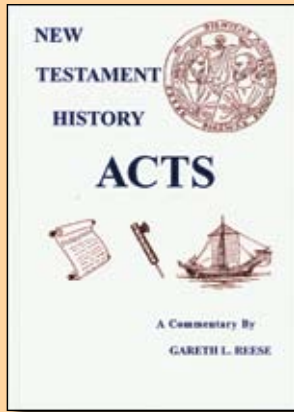
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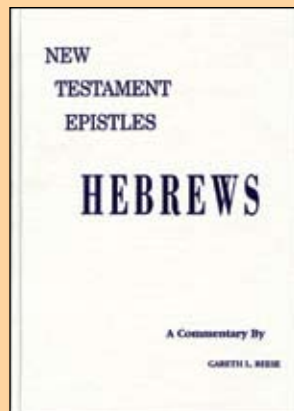
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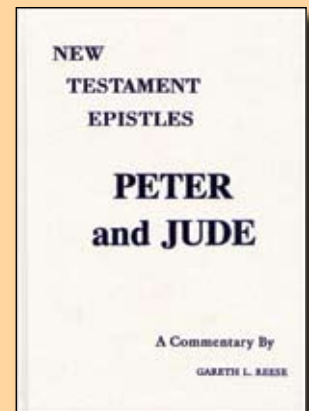
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