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## Carpe Diem!

**C***arpe diem* is a phrase from a Latin poem by Horace. It is popularly translated as “seize the day.” The general definition of *carpe* is “pick, pluck, pluck off, gather,” as in plucking, although Horace uses the word in the sense of “enjoy, make use of.” The quotation is from *Odes* 1:11, which is reproduced below:

Don't ask (it's forbidden to know) what end the gods will grant to me or you, Leuconoe. Don't play with Babylonian fortune-telling either. It is better to endure whatever will be. Whether Jupiter has allotted to you many more winters or this final one which even now wears out the Tyrrhenian sea on the rocks placed opposite—be wise, drink your wine, and scale back your long hopes to a short period. While we speak, envious time will have {already} fled. *Seize the day*, trusting as little as possible in the next.

Sometimes the phrase *Carpe Diem* has been used to justify an hedonistic lifestyle: “Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die!” However, there is a true, biblical sense in which one should “seize the day” and enjoy its blessings to the fullest.

### THE MESSAGE OF ECCLESIASTES

Solomon's book of Ecclesiastes opens with the exclamation, “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity” (1:2). Impressed with the futility of life, Solomon started a quest. He said, “And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven” (1:13). His purpose was to find out how men should live in view of the vanity of all things. He said, “I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, *till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives*” (2:3). In a methodical examination of finding meaning to life in the pursuit of wisdom, pleasure, work, accumulation of wealth, and other things which most of us spend our entire lives trying to achieve, Solomon concluded that

all of this was vanity. The aspirations which men pursue are merely “grasping for the wind” (2:26, NKJV).

Were I the one making such a statement, one might conclude that the person is just saying “sour grapes.” “Sour grapes” is an expression originating from the Aesop Fable “The Fox and the Grapes.” It refers to an unattainable goal and human reaction to it. It refers to the nature of humans to rationalize why they wouldn't want it anyway. But, “sour grapes” is not the case for Solomon, the author of Ecclesiastes. Like Bill Gates, he could speak about what happiness wealth can give to a man, because he has experienced it to the fullest. Like George W. Bush, he could comment on what happiness political position and power can provide for a man. Like Hugh Hefner, Solomon, who had 700 wives and 300 concubines (and without the sin involved in the immoral lifestyle of Hefner), can speak about what sexual pleasure can provide for a man. Having experienced all of these things and having analyzed them one by one, Solomon concludes, “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!” What you might not believe coming from the mouth of a relatively poor, politically powerless, monogamous preacher, perhaps you will believe when it is spoken by one of Solomon's attainment and experience. In an age when men pay premium prices to hear successful men speak at various fund-raising “luncheons,” will we listen to the wisest, richest, most politically powerful man of ancient Israel—King Solomon?

### HOW THEN SHOULD WE LIVE?

If all of life is vanity, how then should we live? Some charge that Ecclesiastes is a pessimistic book because of its negative assessment of those things most Americans spend their lives trying to attain. I do not agree with that assessment. I think Solomon gives us a healthy dose of reality in calling our attention to the vanity of try-

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# Ambassadors for Christ

**“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God” (2 Cor. 5:20).**

It is commonly taught that, since all Christians are the light of the world and we are to glorify God before men by our teaching and action, this passage applies with equal force to all of us. It is my conviction that the context of the passage refers to the apostles and not to all of us generally.

Who are these “ambassadors”? They are the same ones who had “the ministry of reconciliation” (v. 18) and the “word of reconciliation” (v. 19).

On the Sunday night following the resurrection, Jesus met with the apostles and said, “As my Father has sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and saith unto them, ‘Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whoso soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained’” (John 20:21-23).

They were sent with a special task, to announce the conditions on which God would remit sins. All who would receive that message and act upon it would be forgiven. Those who rejected it would not be forgiven: their sins would be retained.

Their service in this regard was the “ministry of reconciliation.” They were special ambassadors entrusted with this assignment. The message itself was “the word of reconciliation.” As special “ambassadors” of heaven’s court, they were endowed with the necessary credentials to prove their ambassadorship. Paul said at Corinth, “Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders and mighty deeds” (2 Cor. 12:12). Miraculous powers were their badges of authority.

To reject an ambassador is to reject the government which sent him. When Jesus sent them on the limited com-

mission, He said, “He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me” (Matt. 10:40).

To reject the Holy Spirit guided teaching of the Lord’s ambassadors is to insult the king who sent them. We hear it said that the words of the apostles are not as important as what Jesus said. After all, we have “red letter” editions of the New Testament with the words of Jesus clearly indicated. What Jesus said personally was important. But, He said to the apostles, “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth. . . . and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you” (John 16:12-14). On Pentecost, these ambassadors spoke “as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4). Paul said he received by “revelation” what he preached (Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:2-4). This is the same message revealed to all these ambassadors. “But God hath revealed them to us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God” (1 Cor. 2:10). Later in that same chapter he said, “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (v. 13). Ambassador Paul wrote this to the Corinthians, “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord” (1 Cor. 14:37). Whether the print is red or black ink, if an inspired apostle wrote it, then that is as much the word of Christ as what Jesus said Himself while here on earth.

Some preachers have been known to say, “We need to major in the gospels and minor in the epistles.” Such loose thinking came from the distinction drawn between gospel and doctrine, popularized by W. Carl Ketcherside and fel-

# Falling on Hard Times



JUSTIN MONTS

The economic situation appears to be the driving force behind much of our politics in this country. Jobs, health care, the housing market, and gas prices have taken center stage. Meanwhile, moral issues such as the rights of the unborn and defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman have taken a back seat. References to God are left out altogether by politicians. It is a disgrace.

In walking through the annals of history we find that every country had its financial ups and downs, but there were other factors that led to their complete disappearance. The historian Will Durant said, “No country is conquered from without until it has destroyed itself from within.” We destroy ourselves from within by



moral decay. Falling on hard times economically pales in comparison to falling on hard times morally and reaching new depths of depravity. Sodom and Gomorrah were two of the wealthiest cities in the Bible, but they fell on hard times when God destroyed them because of their sin (Gen. 19:13). Will our country learn what makes a nation strong? “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Josh. 1:8). It falls upon God’s people to teach America the truth!

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low travelers. The gospel *is* the doctrine and the doctrine *is* the gospel. These ambassadors went forth with divine credentials and presented heaven’s message so we could become reconciled to God and remain in that relationship. Jesus had said to them, “Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matt. 18:18).

Now, do we have a responsibility to teach the truth and to exemplify it in our conduct? Absolutely. Paul said we are “in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Phil. 2:15). Timothy was instructed to “preach the word,” but also to “be thou an example of the believers . . .” (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Tim. 4:12). All who believe through the word of these ambassadors are

to be “one,” “that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:20-21). All of us are to “walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col. 1:10).

But don’t claim a role which was unique to the Lord’s apostles. They were His ambassadors in a sense that I cannot be, and neither can you. We do not have the special credentials they had. Their message was certified and we may, with all boldness and assurance, preach the same message which they long ago delivered by inspiration. When we do, we need to document what we preach by citing the place where inspired men said it, whether first spoken by the Lord or by His ambassadors.

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# Abstain from Alcohol, Defeat Satan's Advance



RON HALBROOK

People drinking modern alcoholic drinks are affected from the first few drinks. A Christian should never be intoxicated. Peter spoke as an Apostle of Christ under divine inspiration when he warned that we must be sober at all times in order to resist the devil:

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (1 Pet. 5:8-9).

The word “sober” is used here as a metaphor for the state of the mind which is morally alert, but the word means literally “to be free from the influence of intoxicants,” “to abstain from wine” (W.E. Vine, *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, IV: 44, 201). The Christian’s mind must not be impaired by intoxicants or by any other influence. We must be morally alert at all times and under all circumstances because Satan can advance his agenda of temptation and sin when our minds are clouded, confused, and deluded.

In order to defeat Satan’s advance, it is important to know that intoxication begins with the first drink of alcoholic beverages. Driver education manuals and state driver’s handbooks often contain such explanations. Queensland is a state in Australia. Here is a very direct and forceful statement from the Queensland Government Office of Liquor, Gaming, and Racing on their web site:



## Intoxication

It is an offence to sell or supply liquor to someone who is unduly intoxicated or disorderly.

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“a state of being in which a person’s mental and physical faculties are impaired because of consumption of liquor so as to diminish the person’s ability to think and act in a way in which an ordinary prudent person in full possession of his or her faculties, and using reasonable care, would act in like circumstances.”

## How it happens

Intoxication occurs when the first drink of alcohol commences its passage through the body. Alcohol can affect a person’s behaviour within minutes of that first drink.

When alcohol builds up in a person’s bloodstream it affects behaviour. At some stage, the loss of control becomes so great that the person is considered to be “unduly intoxicated” (<http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/industry/liquorCompliance/intoxication/index.shtml> accessed on March 17, 2009).

The explanation added that the speed and progress of intoxication vary from person to person according to gender, size, fitness, health, state of mind, rate of drinking, food, and medication. This information is provided by a government agency concerned with legal matters, not moral standards. The simple fact is that intoxication begins from the first drink.

After the first drink, with each additional drink the state or degree of intoxication increases. Ancient wines resulting from natural fermentation were generally diluted with varying mixtures of water, such as two or three parts water to one part wine. Drunk in moderate amounts, such wine had no intoxicating effect. The bladder of the drinker was often affected before his mind.

Modern wines are not diluted with water but rather are fortified beyond the state of natural fermentation to increase the alcohol content by adding brandy or other spirits. When ancient wines were mixed with various

herbs, minerals, and drugs to increase their potency, they were classed with strong drink, i.e., intoxicants. God's people were warned away from such drinks: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

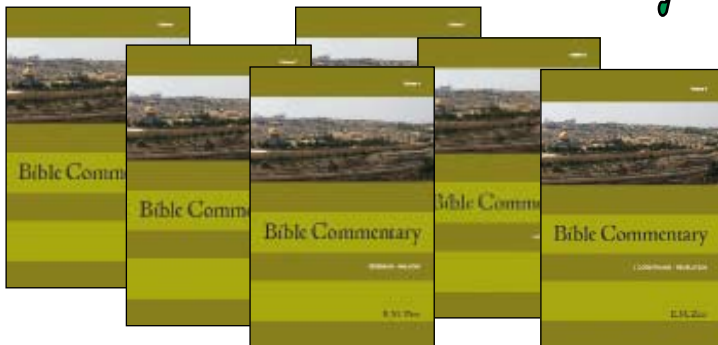
To protect our minds, defend our souls, and defeat Satan's advance, we should abstain from alcoholic beverages.

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# The Nature of God: His Name



STEVEN J. WALLACE

**“Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God’ (Isa. 44:6, all verses are NKJV unless noted)**

**T**he nature of God is a most intriguing study, one that is worth our time, and is rewarding to our commitment, love, and reverence of the Most High. If we are going to draw near to God, we need to know who He is that we seek to be close (Jas. 4:8).

Man has a tendency to try to reduce things to his own liking and perhaps at other times, he complicates things to his own justification. He tries to reduce the Bible to some handout creed or confession. He tries to reduce Christian living to one day a week and, even then, further reduce his worship to an expressed and hurried service. If a study goes beyond a defined time limit he feels compelled to bark and groan. Some have also tried to reduce Jesus to “just a man like you and me” rather than the Lord of glory (1 Cor. 2:8). While such is not the scope of this article, it should strike us that none of us knows any man like you and me whose birth, death, burial, and resurrection were prophesied; who when he lived and died actually fulfilled the ancient Holy Script, who claimed to not be of this world and proved it by ascending into the heavens, etc. He who lived and was crucified is our Lord of Glory. Man’s quest to reduce Jesus to *just a man* should not be very surprising as man has even tried to reduce God to an animal or something fashioned by man’s imagination. “Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising” (Acts 17:29; cf. Exod. 32). Perhaps we do this because we are not comfortable or find it difficult to comprehend the biblical portrait. For whatever reason, when we complicate what God has made simple or reduce what God has not, we sin. Con-

tentment and safety are in the confines of what is written, not in the halls of man’s imagination.

Isaiah speaks of the nature of God in 44:6. In this article, let us focus on the name of God. In subsequent articles, we will continue to look at the other things pertaining to God as mentioned in this inspired text.

## **JEHOVAH**

**“Thus says the LORD. . . .”** We do well to take up the nature of God by studying the name of the One we worship. He is the “LORD.” Yet, the word “lord” doesn’t describe what is meant by the Hebrew. “Lord” is not a *translation* of the word, but rather a *substitution* that came to pass by a Jewish tradition that held the name of Jehovah to be so sacred that it was dangerous to even utter lest the one, upon pronouncing it, would perhaps blaspheme. This was falsely asserted by misusing passages like Leviticus 24:16. It seems that our translators, in wanting to keep with the conscience of these Jews, followed suit by translating the word for “Jehovah” (Yahweh) almost universally into “LORD” (using all capitals to distinguish it from the appellation “lord”). “Lord,” even in all capitals, is a title, however, not a name like “Jehovah.”

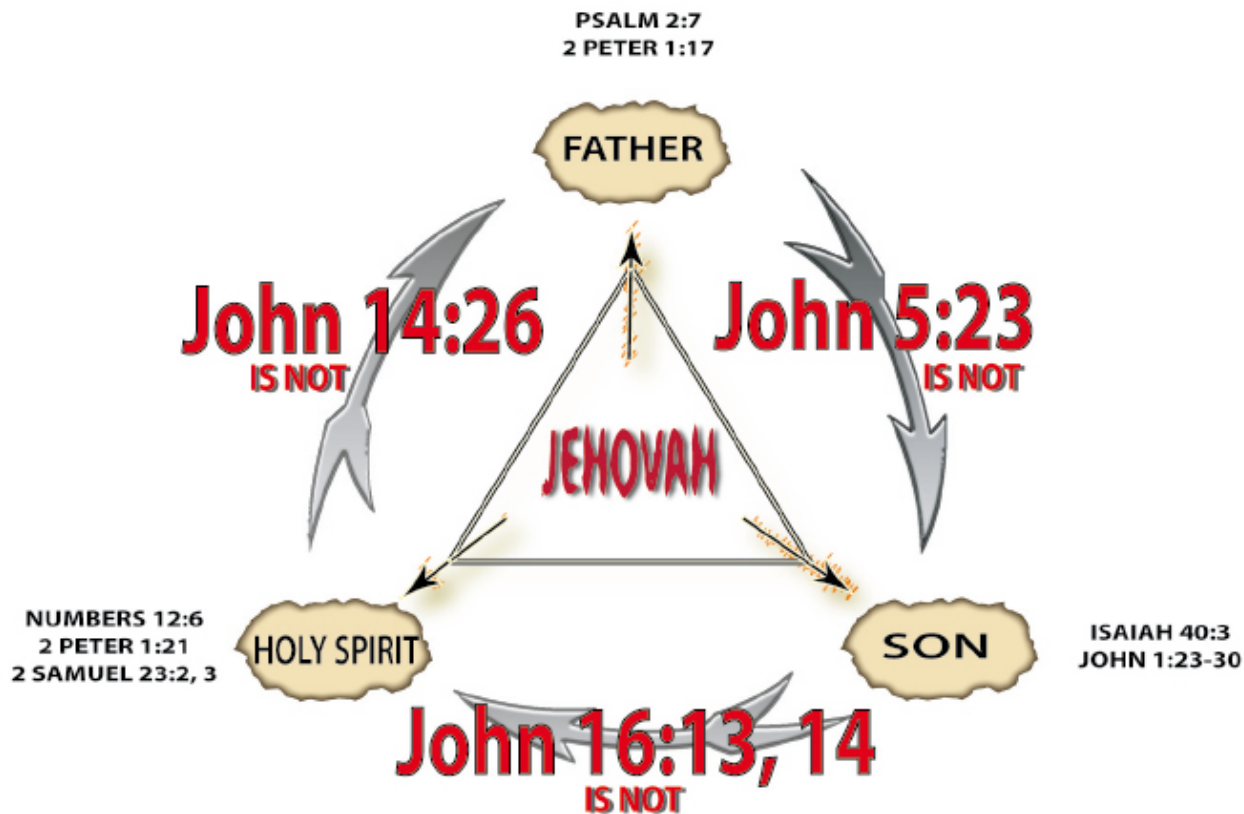
## **WHO IS JEHOVAH?**

“Hear, O Israel, Jehovah our God is one Jehovah” (Deut. 6:4, YLT). Jehovah, our God is one Jehovah! He is not one person, but one *united* Jehovah. This concept is seen in other things. One day is composed of evening and morning (Gen. 1:5). It is one day with two parts. Marriage consists of two persons who become “one” flesh (Gen. 2:24). Likewise, Jehovah is not one person but three.

*The Father is Jehovah.* This is seen in the fact that Jehovah refers to Jesus as My Son. “I declare concerning a statute: Jehovah said unto me, ‘My Son Thou art, I



# THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE ALL CONSIDERED JEHOVAH



## BUT THEY ARE DISTINCT FROM ONE ANOTHER!

to-day have brought thee forth” (YLT). This is obviously the Father doing the speaking, “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’” (2 Pet. 1:17).

*The Son is Jehovah.* Isaiah spoke of one crying in the wilderness and preparing the way for Jehovah (Isa. 40:3). This was fulfilled by the ministry of John the Baptist. He was asked if he was the Christ or Elijah and he responded, “I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Make straight the way of the LORD,’” as the prophet Isaiah said” (John 1:23). In preparing the way for Jehovah, John was preparing the way for Christ as he told the Pharisees in John 1:26-30:

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. It is He

who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’”

*The Holy Spirit is Jehovah.* Moses wrote in Numbers 12:6, “Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD [Jehovah, sjw], make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.” Who speaks to the prophet? Moses reveals that Jehovah does. In the New Testament, Peter tells us exactly which person of the Godhead speaks to prophets, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:21). Further, it can be seen by David’s own words in

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2 Samuel 23:2, 3, “The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: ‘He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.’” The Spirit of Jehovah is the God of Israel. He spoke by David and to David (cf. Mark 13:11). If we grant that the “God of Israel” and the “Rock of Israel” refer to the Father and the Son in this verse respectively, then deity of the Spirit remains, too. We still find that the Holy Spirit is on an equal par with those two as He, the Spirit of Jehovah, is mentioned along with them in unison as with many other passages of scripture (Luke 1:35; 3:21, 22; John 14:26; Rom. 15:30; Eph. 4:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; etc.). He shares in all that is considered “God,” as Peter called Him God in Acts 5:3, 4. We could align a similar argument from Hebrews 3:7-12:

Therefore, as the **Holy Spirit** says: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.’ So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’ Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from **the living God**” (Heb. 3:7-12, emp.).

Note carefully that the “Holy Spirit says” and then the exhortation that follows against departing from the “living God.” The Holy Spirit is the living God! Not only is this seen here but when we compare the original Old Testament reference in Psalm 95:6-11 we read that it is Jehovah who is speaking.

The forceful conclusion is that all three are deserving of being recognized as Jehovah. Joel wrote, “... And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD [Jehovah, sjw] shall be saved....” (Joel 2:32). This passage was quoted in Acts 2:21 and is fulfilled in each of us when we are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). Hence Ananias asked Paul, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your

sins, *calling on the name of the Lord*” (Acts 22:16, emp. mine). Yet, when we are baptized, it is by the authority of all three (Matt. 28:19). We call on all three when we are baptized and all three are Jehovah.

## REVEALING HIS NAME

Our God first revealed this name to Moses, “And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them” (Exod. 6:2, 3, KJV). We should ask ourselves, “What does *Jehovah* mean and why was it significant that He revealed this word to Moses at this time?”

Jehovah means “The Existing One.” He is not one who “came into existence,” or one who will “go out of existence,” but one who *always exists*. Since He is the creator of time, He has existed before time began (see, Gen. 1:1; 1 Tim. 1:2). Significantly, Jehovah told Moses in Exodus 3:14, 15:

And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ Moreover God said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: “The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations”” (KJV)

## Jehovah is the Great “I AM”

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# The Nature of the Name "Jehovah"

Exodus 6:2-8

"And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them"  
(Exodus 6:3, KJV)

**constancy, permanence, dependable**

## "I HAVE" "I WILL"

Exodus 6:4, 5



I have also established My covenant  
I have also heard the groaning  
I have remembered My covenant

Exodus 6:6-8



***I am the LORD***

I will bring you out from under their burdens  
I will rid you out of their bondage  
I will redeem you  
I will take you to Me for a people  
I will be to you a God  
I will bring you in unto the land  
I will give it you for a heritage

***I am the LORD***

Note carefully how "I AM WHO I AM" in verse 15 corresponds exactly with the name Jehovah (LORD) in verse 15. The Lord not only tells us His name, but He defines it for us.

Now why is this significant? Why reveal this name at the time of Moses? Several things come into play, but basically all revolve around God keeping His covenant with His people. Israel had been kept in bondage and hundreds of years of silence from heaven have transpired. Would Israel remain in Egypt forever or would the Lord keep His word to Abraham?

...Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions (Gen. 15:13, 14).

In Exodus, the prophecy given to Abraham is being fulfilled; consequently, God is sending Moses to be Israel's deliverer with the power of the name Jehovah. It is significant, that following what God said, "And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the

name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them" in Exodus 6:3, that there is a series that follow with three statements of "I have" and another series following with seven statements of "I will" in reference to God's promise and covenant (see Exod. 6:4-8). The first series starts and ends with referencing the covenant and the last series is sandwiched between two repeated phrases "I am the Jehovah." The point is clear; Jehovah keeps His promises with as much confidence and guarantee as He continues to exist. We should reverence Him as the "I AM," for with that quality our God surpasses all things here on earth. He is not the "I was," nor the "I might be," nor the "I aspire to be," but the "I Am Who I Am." He is permanent when other things are moved, and He is constant when other things swerve.

### APPLICATION

How we should be like Him and seek to emulate His steadfast nature as best as we can in our Christian walk, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58).



STEVEN F. DEATON

## Pastor Rick's Pseudo Religion

The September 2009 issue of *Truth Magazine* carried one of my “In The News” articles titled, “Mega-church ‘Pastor’ Rick Warren Abandons The Savior.” It detailed how Rick Warren, author of *Purpose Driven Life* and many other books, spoke to the Islamic Society of North America. In his speech he said Christians and Muslims must work together to combat stereotypes, promote peace and freedom, and solve global problems. Not one word about the need to believe in Jesus as the Savior or lose their souls.

One of *Truth Magazine's* readers sent the article to “Pastor Rick” and received a response from his chief of staff, David Chrzan (yes, that is the spelling of his name). You can find the entire reply at [www.PlainFaith.com](http://www.PlainFaith.com).

One of the paragraph's stands out above the rest.

Except for his own church, Pastor Rick does very little speaking to Christian groups of believers. Instead, he invests his time speaking to groups of unbelievers that most pastors don't have the opportunity to share with. He carefully considers the opportunities that God has given him to address these audiences. These folks that Jesus died for, but would never enter a church to hear the Good News. Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” Luke 5:31 (NIV). Rick believes strongly that if you want to actively demonstrate the love of Christ to others as He commands us to, then you have to reach out to a variety of audiences. No one is ever convinced of God's love by labeling, condemnation, or anger. Rick strongly believes that if we want to behave in a Christ-like example, we must not waste any time judging others (Jesus didn't), but instead, do everything we can to build relationships of love and respect and trust with others.

Wow! Can you believe Warren actually pretends to be a Christian, let alone a “pastor”?

There is no problem that a person would choose to speak to non-Christians as opposed to Christians. Peter labored among the Jews while Paul focused on the Gentiles (Gal. 2:8). The problem is with everything else.

To say that Muslims or anyone else “would never enter a church to hear the Good News” is just false. Congregations all over the world have non-believers visit services. Paul admonished the Corinthians to conduct their worship decently and in order so that the non-believing visitors would not think they were crazy (1 Cor. 14:20-25, 40).

“Pastor Rick's” chief of staff is a deceiver for sure—or is totally deceived himself. Jesus did not say, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” He said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:31, NIV). You see, the former quote by Chrzan is false, the latter true. If Warren actually believed what Jesus said, he would have called on the Muslims to repent of their sin of false religion, believing a false prophet, and following false scripture. However, Warren did not do that. Rather, he served up nothingness to the Islamic Society of North America (transcript available online<sup>1</sup>).

“No one is ever convinced of God's love by labeling, condemnation, or anger.” Really? If that is true, then every parent, employer, commanding officer, teacher, and preacher needs to quit right now.

Jesus Christ on labeling: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . Serpents, brood of vipers. . . ” (Matt. 23:29, 33).

Jesus Christ on condemnation: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were

done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you” (Luke 10:13, 14).

Jesus Christ on anger: “When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables” (John 2:15).

Labeling, condemnation, and anger all have their place in the religion of Christ and life of a true Christian. Error must be clearly identified, exposed, rebuked, and condemned (Rom. 16:17, 18; Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 1 Tim. 1:3; Titus 1:10-13). People will not always like it, but our charge is to “preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2).

It is because of love that they are labeled, condemned, and righteous anger is stirred. God chastens those whom He loves (Heb. 12:5, 6). The same emotions and similar actions are taken by every parent, employer, commanding officer, teacher, and preacher who loves those in their charge. Can you imagine a military commander not being angry

and condemning a member of his unit who endangered the lives of all others or in rebellion endangered his own life?

Jesus did judge others. He judged all of mankind to be in sin and headed to hell unless He gave Himself on the cross. He judged the Jewish leaders to be in sin and headed to hell (Matt. 15:1-14). Because of this judgment, He warned His disciples not to follow them (Matt. 16:5-12). Anyone who claims that Jesus did not judge is either extremely ignorant of God’s word or willfully deceitful to push an anti-biblical agenda. Whichever it is, doom awaits.

“Pastor Rick” is not doing the work of a preacher. He does not have the conviction or courage to “convict the [Muslims] of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8). He is the blind leading the blind. Men and women with respect for the Lord will not follow “Pastor Rick.” Rather, they will follow the great Shepherd of our souls, Jesus Christ—and rebuke and reprove all who do not.

### Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> <http://blog.beliefnet.com/cityofbrass/2009/07/transcript---pastor-rick-warre.html>



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Back to Basics

# What Conservatism Is



JOHNNIE EDWARDS

I am afraid that not too many know what conservatism really is, even among “conservatives”! We have second and third generations of the Lord’s people who have never heard sermons on the difference between liberals and conservatives. Let’s compare the two. What do you say?

## CONSERVATIVES

**1. Ask for the Old Paths.** Since there is “no new thing under the sun” (Eccl. 1:9), conservatives “ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein. . .” (Jer. 6:16). If a teaching is new, you had better watch it!

**2. Demand “For What Saith the Scripture.”** It is written in Romans 4:3: “For what saith the scripture?” Those who are conservative demand that every teaching be scriptural. There is no finer teaching than book, chapter, and verse teaching.

**3. Speak as the Oracles of God.** The instructions of Peter are heeded by conservatives. “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever” (1 Pet. 4:11). The old motto, “*Speak where the Bible speaks, be silent when the Bible is silent; if the Bible teaches it, we teach it; if not, we remain silent*” is still good.

**4. Abide in the Doctrine of Christ.** John’s teachings in 2 John 9 are respected by conservatives: “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” The doctrine of Christ is the teaching of Christ. Paul’s command to Titus must be heeded: “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine” (Tit. 2:1).

**5. Respect for the Pattern.** God has never told man to build without giving him a pattern by which to build. This was true with Noah as he was instructed to build the ark (Gen. 6:14), of Moses as he was to build the tabernacle (Exod. 25:40), and for us today (Heb. 8:5). Whatever God says on any subject, that becomes the pattern for that subject. We have no right to “add to or diminish from” that pattern (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19).

**6. False Teachers.** We recognize there are still false teachers around just as in the first century. “But there were false prophets among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you. . .” (2 Pet. 2:1; 1 John 4:1). We are to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11).

## LIBERALS

**1. New, Not Old Things.** Many are not content with the old paths, but seek new unauthorized things. These, like those in the days of Jeremiah, say, “We will not walk therein” (Jer. 6:16).

**2. Little Scripture Used.** The use of Scripture is scarce in many of their sermons today. Maybe, none at all is used. Often the plan of salvation is never taught. Poems, stories, jokes, personal experiences, and the like are the focus of many of the sermons.

**3. God’s Oracles Left Off.** Sermon topics are unrelated to the Bible with no emphasis on “the oracles of God” (1 Pet. 4:11).

**4. No Doctrine Bounds.** Many deny that 2 John 9 refers to the teachings of Christ, but assert that it refers to the teaching about Christ. So, no restrictions are placed on their teaching! Only the positive is taught.

**5. No Pattern.** They fail to see that there is a pattern laid down in the Bible by which we must go. In fact,

many are asking for a new way of looking at the Bible. This is called a new hermeneutic or teaching “where there is no pattern” concept. We are told the old way of a command, apostolic example, and necessary inference doesn’t work anymore!

**5. Redefine the False.** Many have redefined false teachers as those who have a bad character. This stand-

ard would eliminate many who are teaching a false doctrine. Isn’t a false teacher one who teaches false doctrine?

We need to get to teaching folks the difference between being conservative and liberal as Ezekiel said (Ezek. 44:23).

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MIKE WILLIS

## ANTIOCH OF SYRIA

There were a number of cities built by various Seleucid kings which bore the name Antioch in honor of rulers who wore the name of Antiochus. Two of them were Antioch of Syria and Antioch of Pisidia.

Alexander the Great was the first to imagine the city of Antioch, according to the fourth-century writer Libanius. After defeating the Persians at the Battle of Issus in 333 B.C., he stopped at the future site of Antioch, drank from the water of its sweet well, and declared that it “tasted like his mother’s milk.” He resolved to build a city on the site. He died before accomplishing this.

After the death of Alexander the Great (323 B.C.), his kingdom was divided among his generals. The northern area was given to Seleucus Nicator (358-281 B.C.). Seleucus built his capital on the Orontes and named it after

his father, Antiochus. Seleucus Nicator made Jewish people citizens of those cities which he built, including Antioch (Josephus, *Antiquities*, XII. 3.1).

The Seleucid kingdom was ruled from Antioch until 64 B.C. The Seleucids vied with the Ptolemies in Egypt for control of Palestine from 323 to 198 B.C., when Antiochus the Great won control of the region and held it until the Romans moved into the region. Seleucid rule was at first welcome by the Jewish people, but the situation soon changed. During the reign of the tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes (175-163 B.C.), the Jews in Jerusalem were ordered to offer pagan sacrifices on their altar in the Temple, leading to the Maccabean rebellion. The situation of the Antiochian Jews must have been quite difficult. With the coming of the Romans, their situation improved and Jews in Antioch enjoyed the status of a *politeuma*, a “political state” according to Josephus.



Orontes River

Antioch became an important military center after it was incorporated into the Roman Empire in 64 B.C. by Pompey. He made Antioch the capital of Syria and used it as a staging area for wars against its eastern adversaries. The Romans expanded the development of Antioch under Augustus (27 B.C. - A.D. 14) and Tiberius (A.D. 14-37), colonnading its main north-south street and building numerous public



buildings. Herod the Great paid to pave with marble the main thoroughfare in Antioch. Tiberius Caesar later built the colonnades that are there. During the Jewish rebellion, Herod Agrippa II and other Jews opposing the rebellion, met Vespasian in Antioch (Josephus, *Wars of the Jews* III.2.4). Perhaps this is the reason that Vespasian and Titus continued to act favorably toward the Jews in Antioch, even after the Jewish rebellion (Josephus, *Antiquities* XII.3.1). After the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70, Titus enjoyed a triumphal entry into the city of Antioch in celebration of his defeating the Jews. Josephus tells of a serious threat to the Jews in Antioch in *Wars of the Jews* VII.3.2-4).



St. Peter's Church

After the destruction of Seleucia Ctesiphon in 165 B.C., Antioch was the third largest city in the Roman world, ranking behind Rome and Alexandria, Egypt (Josephus, *Wars of the Jews* III.2.4). Estimates of its population range from 600,000 to 100,000 (Pacwa, 265). The Christian orator John Chrysostom (345-407) estimates that its population was 200,000 during his time. The city was located on a major trade route from the Middle East to Palestine and Egypt, causing it to be a thriving commercial center in the first century.

Antioch played an important part in first century Christianity. Nicolas, one of the seven appointed to serve the daily ministrations to the widows, was a proselyte from Antioch (Acts 6:5). After the persecution following the martyrdom of Stephen, those who scattered from Jerusalem took the gospel to Antioch where they began preaching the gospel with much success to the Greeks (Acts 11:19-20). When news of this reached Jerusalem, the saints sent Barnabas to investigate the situation. When he saw that things there were in order, he brought Saul to join him in the work at Antioch. They labored together for a full year in Antioch. Perhaps it was during this time that Paul suffered persecution at Antioch (2 Tim. 3:11). During this time, the disci-

ples were first called Christians (Acts 11:26). This new church sent relief to help the poor among the saints at Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-30).

From Antioch, Paul and Barnabas were sent on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:1-3) and to that church Paul reported on all of his missionary activities (Acts 14:26; 18:22).

The church at Antioch played a determinative role in working out whether or not Gentiles had to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses in order to be saved. Paul took Titus as a test case and with other brethren (including Barnabas) went to Jerusalem for what is generally called the Jerusalem Conference (Acts 15). Though it was revealed that Gentiles could be saved without keeping the Law, Galatians 2:1-14 records a major conflict that occurred in the church when Peter came to Antioch and refused to have table fellowship with Gentiles. Paul resisted him.

Undoubtedly the church at Antioch played a significant part in shaping Christianity into a world religion instead of just another sect of Judaism.

Modern scholarship suggests that Matthew might have been written at Antioch and some think that Luke might also have penned his gospel at Antioch.

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# Antioch of Syria

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Antioch was the home of the famed Christian orator, John Chrysostom, who wrote *Homilies Against the Jews*. Another famous “Christian” character was Simeon Stylites, who was supposedly buried in Antioch. He lived for thirty years on a 60-foot-high column in the mountains east of the city.

Today the city is known as Antakya, a bustling small city that occupies much of the ancient site. There are ruins of the walls, the hippodrome, a large structure that might be the foundation of Diocletian’s palace, masonry works to control flooding, and aqueducts. However, most of the ancient city lies below the present town of Antakya. The most important artifacts that have been found are the magnificent mosaics found during the 1932-1939 Princeton University and Sorbonne (Paris) excavations (housed at the Antakya Museum, the Louvre, and the Princeton museum). Over 300 mosaics were found and removed; one of the earliest was moved to Worcester Art Museum and reconstructed (<http://www.worcesterart.org/Exhibitions/Past/th.html>). There is a little evidence of a Jewish population in Antioch.

Visitors are shown Saint Peter’s church, a natural cave on the western slope of Mt. Staurin (the mountain of the Cross), the eastern extension of Mt. Silpius. The cave is thought to have taken its present-day appearance during the medieval centuries after the crusader’s conquest of Antioch in 1098. A stone chair on the altar of the church was put there to commemorate the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter to celebrate the he was the first bishop of the city, an apparent Catholic myth.

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A view of the modern city of Antakya



# Planned Parenthood Director Quits



JESSE FLOWERS

**W**hy did Abby Johnson quit after working at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas for eight years? She had a complete “change of heart” after watching an abortion on an ultrasound last month. Here’s what she said in a recent interview after being asked how her conversion took place from a pro-abortion person to a pro-life person:

I actually saw an ultrasound-guided abortion procedure, which is not very common in large abortion facilities like Planned Parenthood. They’re a more lengthy procedure. But I did actually get to see an ultrasound-guided procedure. And what I saw on the screen was a 13-week baby fighting for its life. What I saw was this baby fighting, and I had flashes in my head of my own daughter. I remember having an ultrasound at 12 weeks with my own daughter, and I just was thinking – “what am I doing?” I had never seen this before, and Planned Parenthood really tries to instill in their employees, and the women that are coming in for abortions that this is not a baby. This is just a mass of cells. “Don’t say baby in the clinic. Don’t say baby to the women that are coming in for an abortion.” And you begin to believe that it is not a life.

I wonder how many more would experience a “change of heart” if they too could witness the horrors of an actual abortion procedure like Ms. Johnson. Surely more would convert from pro-abortion to pro-life if they were more informed about the stages of development within the womb of an expectant mother (visit: [www.whyprolife.com/life-in-the-womb/](http://www.whyprolife.com/life-in-the-womb/)).

*But what do the Scriptures reveal to us about life within the womb?* “But the children struggled together within her...” (Gen. 25:22). “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations” (Jer. 1:5). “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in

my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them” (Ps. 139:13-16).

I wish so much that people would exercise their “pro-choice” to do the will of God by: (a) abstaining from fornication (1 Cor. 6:9, 18; Gal. 5:19; Heb. 13:4; Rev. 21:8), and (b) respecting/valuing human life (Gen. 1:26; 9:6; Matt. 16:26).

Remember, that one of the things that God hates and is an abomination in His sight is “hands that shed innocent blood” (Prov. 6:17). I hope and pray that many more in our nation will come to the same realization that Abby Johnson did – that there is the precious life

of a baby growing and developing within the mother’s womb. The entire birth process is an awe-inspiring gift from God. Indeed, brethren and friends, we have been fearfully and wonderfully made!



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BOBBY L. GRAHAM



## ELEVENTH TRIP

On November 2, 2009, I left Huntsville at 6:30 A.M. for this trip to Belize without anyone to accompany me. The trip to Houston and on to Belize City (arrival at 3:39 P.M.) went without any problems. Along the way, I encountered Olen Britnell and Bert Wilson, two North Alabama brethren headed to Ecuador on a preaching trip. Time spent in visiting and eating lunch with them in the airport caused the time to seem to pass more quickly. Upon my arrival, Dana and Carol Whisler, old friends and long-time workers for the Lord in Belize, met me at the airport. Although it was wonderful to see them, it saddened me to see Carol using a walking cane because of weakness in her legs, though I knew she was using it. Again I had been asked to return to teach the brethren in the two congregations in San Narciso and Orange Walk Town. I had already considered not staying with the Whislers because of Carl's health problems.

## COROZAL TOW

On my first trip to Belize in 1999, I stayed with the Whislers in Corozal Town, where the congregation then

met, though we had preaching in the village of San Narciso for a few nights. On this eleventh trip I stayed with the Whipples here, hoping to burden the Whislers less and also to stay in the same location the entire trip. The private room where I stayed is located on the back side of the house; it is attached to the house with its own bath room. I can say nothing but good concerning the hospitality and the helpfulness of the Whipple children. They were great in this department!

## ILLNESSES

I don't remember another trip to Belize when there was as much sickness, most of it somewhat minor but a few cases more serious and prolonged. The more serious cases include Carol Whisler, Roberto Suarez (cancer in the liver from another part of his body), Pablo ?, Sharon ? (miscarriage), and Aniseta (94-year old mother of Bartolo). Carol made a trip to Johns Hopkins during my stay to have a second test for Lyme Disease, but she will not know the results for another month. There were many cases of "flu." I tried to dodge it each time I saw it coming.

## ORANGE WALK LESSONS

Thursday through Saturday and Sunday morning I taught five lessons concerning family problems: Irresponsible Parents, Child Abuse and Wife Abuse, Preventing and Solving Family Problems, Disciplining of Children, and The Cares of This World. Attendance was good most nights and especially Sunday, when several visited from San Narciso and the Tostis came from Blue Creek. There was considerable sickness for this church of 25 people.

## SAN NARCISO

Originally I was requested by the church here to teach about the family. My lessons included Marriage—Foundation of the Family, Man's Counterfeits in Family Matters, Disciplining of Children, Solving Family Problems, The Cares of This World, and Converting the Heart. Attendance was good most times, but several of this group of 75 were sick.

## SONG LEADING HELP

Last year Joe Greer worked some with Luke Whisler and John, two young boys in the Orange Walk church, in song-leader training. When I learned for sure that Joe was unable to go with me this time, I decided to continue some of this training, as my time would permit. We did work on pitching songs and especially on beating time one afternoon. Af-

ter our trip last year the congregation in Elkton, Tennessee, sent R.J. Stevens' DVD's and some pitch instruments to help them in their study. This year I took a copy of Stevens' book *Sight Singing and Song Directing*.

## STUDIES WITH GREG AND JEOVANI

I was able to study with Greg some mornings and during our long drives from place to place. We studied a current error regarding the place of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, whether OT or NT. Certain iconoclasts among brethren have begun teaching that they belong to the Old Testament, because (they say) the teaching of Jesus was intended to clarify and establish the Law of Moses, even when he taught concerning divorce and remarriage. The clear error of this position is easily established by a brief survey of Jesus' prospective teaching regarding the coming kingdom, the coming Spirit, and the place of marriage in God's plan from the beginning. Much of our conversation and study time related to Greg's email correspondence with an American sceptic regarding the Bible and the resurrection of Jesus. We also talked about the Lord's teaching about women versus the world's general expectations for women. I look forward to these opportunities to help men teach others (2 Tim. 2:2).

## GREG'S WORK IN MEXICO

Greg Whipple goes to Chetumal just across the border to teach on Tuesday afternoons and Sunday mornings, taking



Abraham and Carlos from the San Narciso group on Sundays. Once every four to six weeks he also goes some 6-8 hours into the Yucatan Peninsula, as far as Cancun, to work with some other Mexican groups for an entire week. It is good that he has this opportunity and the respect of brethren who allow him to help them. His Sundays are especially busy because of these trips Sunday morning and his work at San Narciso at the time of their regular services (2:30-5:00 P.M.).

## JOYS AND SORROWS

Anyone who has worked with a congregation of Christians long enough has experienced the sorrows that result from straying Christians, deaths, and problems among brethren, as well as the joys coming from stable faith, spiritual/numerical growth, beginning of new churches, repentant brethren, the solution of problems, and conversions. From the eleven years' experience I have had with the Belizean Christians, I had witnessed all of these sources of joy and sorrow. I have watched the composition of the churches change much, as reflected in the pictures reaching back to 1999. One of the major signs of progress so notice-

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able is the reduction in big problems plaguing the churches. Such positive conditions elicited frequent commendations in Paul's letters. The brethren in Belize deserve our commendation, and especially the mature workers like Dana and Greg, who have continued to labor when labor was difficult.

## BUSY SUNDAY

One benefit of taking another worker with me on these trips is the help of that man in teaching some of the lessons, especially on Sundays. This year I went alone and needed to speak four times on Sunday. The travel between the different locations made this an especially long day. A late Saturday night bedtime, necessitated by speaking an hour away that night in Orange Walk Town and a San Narciso men's meeting lasting longer than usual until 10:00, did not help. The day began with breakfast at 7:00 A.M., leaving for O.W. at 7:30 to join Jeovani in San Roman (18 miles) to travel to O.W. about 8:00 (25 miles with 15 people in the Mitsubishi pick-up), and O.W. teaching at 9:00 and 10:00. After we finished there, we returned to the Suarez's house in San Roman for lunch (25 miles) and then on to San Narciso to speak twice during their class and worship times at 2:30 P.M. and 4:00 (1 mile). After San Narciso returned to the Whipple's house in Corozal Town (18 miles). Yes, the day was long and tiring, but it was a "good" tired! I wouldn't have it any other way.

## PLANNED TRIP TO CHETUMAL

Tuesday trips to Chetumal usually have a dual purpose—Greg's teaching two classes and Christine's shopping in less expensive stores. Our Tuesday plans were altered by sickness in the Whipple family. Not only was Greg ill, but also Glendy, his translator, was too sick to make the trip. Some of the other children also did not feel well enough to travel. The distance is not that bad (20-25 miles), but crossing the border twice is sometimes a chore. In addition, there was their disability and the likelihood of spreading something to others in Mexico. I had planned to go primarily as an observer of the two classes, but this trip was cancelled.

## A TOUCHING SCENE

Brother Bartolo's late arrival to open the church building in San Narciso was unusual for this prompt man. He briefly apologized to those of us waiting that Sunday afternoon, though he was still there 20 minutes before the 2:30 beginning time for service. When he made announcements, he gave more explanation for his tardiness. His mother Aniseta was gravely ill and evidently he was needed at home for a little while. He then asked the Christians who could do so

to come to sing to his mother in what the family thought would be her last hours. At 7:00 a large number of them came and sang songs, which she said she heard. It reminded me of our family's singing softly in the hospital Intensive Care Unit as Mother was dying shortly after midnight on that Lord's Day of January 22, 2006. Sister Aniseta did improve a little, but her days appear to be coming to a close.

## GREGORIO'S STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

The first time I met Gregorio, I was standing on the ground but he was in a deep hole in the ground, where we was working on a new septic pit. Since then we have studied together a few times. He has been to visit San Narciso when I was speaking there more than once. Of course, I was elated to learn from Greg's report in recent months that he is a new Christian. Sunday he stood before the congregation for the first time to make some remarks at the table before the Lord's Supper. He asked for the privilege of thanking the church for helping him. He told them that, when he started considering obeying the gospel, he first decided to attend as a visitor to learn of their love for each other. I immediately thought of Jesus' own words to His disciples about their love for each other as the way others would identify them as His disciples (John 13:35). He then also stated that he was a bit nervous on this, his first occasion, to speak to them, but that it would be good if every time were the first time. When the time came for his prayer of thanks for the bread and the cup, he did include some extraneous matters. I admit that in my teaching, I have cautioned brethren to confine such prayers to the intended purpose of thanksgiving. I wonder if some of us would have scolded him for doing this. After all, it was just his first time. Do we not give a man time to grow? When the time came for the collection, he distinguished the contribution from the supper and then thanked the brethren in advance for their offerings so the church could do its work. I do not remember such happening before, but it was a nice touch. He also was present for the Saturday night men's meeting, where he told the brethren of his willingness to do more during their assemblies. This brother is growing as a result of teaching him to do all things commanded by Christ (Matt. 28:20).

## WHISLER FAMILY

Recent years have seen this family afflicted by numerous medical problems. I am thankful Dana and Luke have remained relatively healthy during this time. Caleb and Hannah are doing better in recent months. Carol remains with problems still undiagnosed, though her recent second



The Whisler Family

test for Lyme Disease may provide some insights into her problems and the cure. Please pray for her and for them all. This good, faithful family has worked in Belize for ten years—first at Corozal/San Narciso for four years and then at Orange Walk for six years. They have made numerous sacrifices for the gospel, which they would not want me to mention. Dana still goes to San Narciso each Wednesday night to teach the class of teenagers. Their wish is to stay in Belize, if possible. Carol is still homeschooling the children, and Dana takes some of them to some of his classes. Congregations supporting Dana have been especially helpful with extra financial support during their illnesses.

### WHIPPLE FAMILY

This family has fared generally better in health than the Whislars. They also homeschool their children. Their location in Corozal Town is good for Greg's trips into Mexico and not bad for San Narciso. Greg introduced me to Skype, a computer telephone program, which makes it possible to call long distance free of charge to another Skype user and for an inexpensive charge to anyone with a telephone. Here again some of the children accompany Greg to some classes, and Glendy serves as his translator in some of them.

### MODERN CONVENIENCES FORFEITED

I do not here imply that these families have given up all conveniences of modern life, but they have to forfeit several of them in their situations. The list includes smooth roads, nice-looking vehicles, air-conditioned houses and vehicles, dependably safe water (they buy it in large plastic jugs), well-stocked grocery stores, inexpensive American

brands of food, mosquito-free conditions, abundance of good doctors, good schools, choice of clean, well-equipped hospitals, dependable, low-cost utilities, accessible Bible book stores for communion cups, Bibles, and song books, and trained pharmacists; *but their compensation is brethren who love and appreciate them.*

### YOU NEVER KNOW

Two days before leaving for home, Tuesday, November 10 at 5:32 P.M., my cell phone rang unexpectedly from inside my briefcase on the other side of the room. I quickly retrieved it and noticed the name of Frank Richey displayed with his number. I had looked at the phone a few times in Belize but avoided using it because of what I had heard about the high cost of international calls on cell phones. In fact, I had even been told that mine would not receive calls from the US in Belize without some special alteration. Because he is helpful with my eighty-nine year old father in Florence, Alabama, the thought even occurred that his call was related to Daddy. I did answer the phone, though I wondered about the cost of doing so. Frank, my close friend and brother, did not know I was in Belize and was calling for another reason.

### DEPARTURE DAY

Instead of having Greg and Dana take me to Belize City to the airport, I took an early flight on Maya Island Air from the small Corozal airport at 7:30 A.M. to San Pedro and then on the Belize City to the International Airport just



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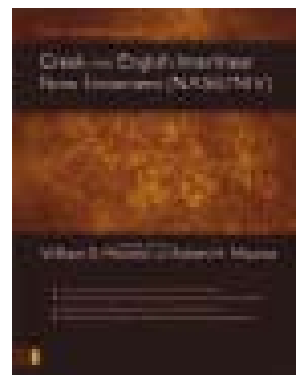
*Marriage Through the Ages*. Royce and Cindy DeBerry. Spiritbuilding Publishing, 2007. 85 pages, softback.

With the divorce rate in our nation over 50%, it is clear that many Americans do not hold a biblical view of marriage. Many couples live together outside of marriage, and those who do marry often end their marriage in divorce. The number of children born to single parents outnumbers those born into two-parent families. What is needed today is teaching on biblical marriage! *Marriage Through the Ages* by Royce and Cindy DeBerry fills that need. The DeBerry's have put together a 13-lesson workbook with questions covering the important relationship of marriage from a biblical perspective. The first lesson is a general study of the relationship of marriage as it is compared to Christ and His church. The second lesson answers the question, "What makes a good husband?" The third lesson deals with the qualities of a good wife. Lessons four through twelve cover several key aspects of marriage using Bible couples as examples (companionship, submission, communication, unity, headship, work, marital fidelity, sexual intimacy, and homemaking). The last lesson uses Bible couples to show the importance of being joined together in purpose to do good and not evil. *Marriage Through the Ages* is highly recommended. The DeBerry's

companion workbook, *Parenting Through the Ages* (Spiritbuilding Publishing, 2006), is also recommend and would make a good follow-up study to their book on marriage.

*Greek and English Interlinear New Testament*. William D. Mounce and Robert H. Mounce, Editors. Zondervan, 2008. 1198 pages, hardback. ISBN: 978-0-310-24139-3

A number of good study helps have been published through the years for those wishing to examine the original Greek language of the New Testament. Now, the new *Greek and English Interlinear New Testament* from Zondervan puts together several of these helps under one cover. The first line of the interlinear contains a reliable and up-to-date Greek text (UBS<sup>4</sup>, NA<sup>27</sup>). The second line contains a new translation by Robert H. Mounce. This line contains *both* a literal translation in italics and a smooth translation in regular font; something not found in previous interlinears. The third line contains a number that corresponds to the Greek word found in the Greek-English dictionary in the back of the interlinear. Both the newer Goodrick-Kohlenberger numbers and older Strong's numbers are referenced. The dictionary is an abridgment of the larger Mounce's *Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Zondervan, 2006). The fourth line contains a parsing of the Greek word. (Parsing is left out in older interlinears.) The margin contains a choice of two standard English translations, either the NASV/NIV or the KJV/NIV. Both the *Greek and English Interlinear* and *Complete Expository Dictionary* by the Mounces are extremely helpful tools for the beginning study of New Testament Greek and Greek word studies.



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five minutes after landing at San Pedro. I had an hour's wait for the Continental Airline counter to open and then another 2 1/2 hour's wait for my plane. I had another three hour's wait in Houston. All of this waiting then paid off when I landed in Huntsville at 9:20 P.M. I was thankful for my safety, for the fellowship with Christians in Belize, for the privilege of teaching saints and sinners, and for Karen, who was waiting upon my arrival.

### PROGRESS

Some signs of spiritual progress in the work in Belize have already been mentioned. I also witnessed more industrious Christians, some better jobs, a somewhat higher standard of living, and fewer needs on my recent trip. On the other hand, unfaithfulness to Christ by some, envy for those who have done better, covetousness, and stealing sometimes accompany such economic improvements. Only the Bible can show us how to view wealth and how to use it, thus avoiding such problems associated with

progress (1 Tim. 6:10; Luke 12:15). Some calling themselves Christians there, as elsewhere, have "progressed" too far (2 John 9). They have resorted to schools, festivals, meals, and other carnal lures to further the gospel, failing to trust the gospel to gather the right kind of spiritual material for God's spiritual building (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 3:10-15). They will gain numbers, but only the gospel gains honest and good hearts able to bear the kind of fruit which honors the Lord. They have abandoned the principles which gave the gospel a footing and the church a start in every place where it has gone and grown. Why are Christians no longer content to teach the gospel, convert souls to Christ, start New Testament congregations, and allow God to give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6)?

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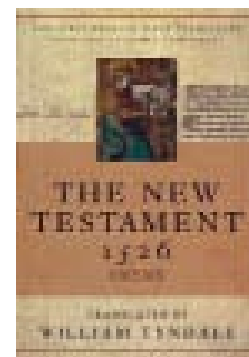
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## Bookmarks

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*The New Testament: A Facsimile of the 1526 Edition.* Translated by William Tyndale. Hendrickson Publishers, 2008. Hardback. ISBN: 978-1-59856-290-3

At a time when the Catholic Church deemed it "heresy" to have the Bible in some language other than Latin, it was William Tyndale who famously declared, "The boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the Scripture than [an educated man]." Tyndale, driven by a passion to get the Scriptures into the hands of his fellow-man, produced the first complete English Bible to be translated from the original languages. Now you can own and read this well-known translation for yourself. Hendrickson has published a facsimile of Tyndale's translation. This facsimile is taken from one of only three remaining copies of the original 1526 printing. It contains clear, legible type and original, color illustrations. Tyndale's translation, as well as three other facsimiles by Hendrickson, *The Matthew's Bible: 1537 Edition*, *The Geneva Bible: 1560 Edition*, and *The King James: 1611 Edition*, are very helpful when comparing English Bible translations today. These early English translations were produced by translators who, unlike many today, followed the literal theory of Bible translation. It will take some practice to read the Old English in the Black Letter (Gothic font) common in Tyndale's day, but the modern Bible student will be rewarded with a plain and literal rendering of God's word.



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# Crawfishing

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To “crawfish” is “to back out or retreat from a position or undertaking” (*Random House Dictionary*). We see this all about us today in politics, sports, and sadly, but true, we see it in many members of the church. Where I was raised these little in-water creatures were plentiful, and it was somewhat of a sport to catch them. They were difficult to corner, and their main speed lay in their going backwards. They could move a good distance very quickly, and then were very good at hiding. The tails of the larger ones offered a tasty morsel, if you could catch them. The smaller ones served as good catfish bait. I am not sure that this worthy creature would appreciate the comparison; in any case, it seems that their quick backward movement gave rise to the use of the term in other realms – thus it is found in our dictionaries.

## PREACHERS WHO CRAWFISH

Preachers are to faithfully preach God’s Word (John 8:29; Gal. 1:10), but some preachers will not do that. In spite of the fact that Paul declared that the gospel must be preached (2 Tim. 4:14), they just crawfish out of doing so. Preachers are to fully preach God’s Word (Acts 20:27), but we see a lot of crawfishing, with the whole *truth* not being preached on some subjects. Preachers are to forcefully preach God’s Word (Acts 9:29; 19:8). Apostolic preaching cuts deeply (Acts 2:37), unless crawfishing enters the picture.

I do not know why so many preachers crawfish. Perhaps they fear the loss of jobs or fear the loss of approval. Those to whom I have talked normally base their excuse on judgment. “In my judgment,” they say, “it is best to do as I did.” It doesn’t seem to matter that they are compromising God’s Truth. Paul was willing to suffer the loss of all things in order to do his job (Phil. 3:8), but not some modern-day preachers. What a sad note Paul offered in speaking to the Ephesian

elders (Acts 20:30), “Of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

## OTHER MEMBERS CRAWFISH

Preachers are not the only ones who crawfish; other members of the church do so as well. Along with preachers, they compromise the truth. They do so by accepting error, by overlooking it, by ignoring it, by tolerating it, or by mixing it with some truth. Paul declared that we are to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). “No” meant “none” when I went to school; but, that means nothing to those who wish to crawfish.

Crawfishing is also done with reference to morals. Matthew 19:9 is either perverted or ignored. The instruction to “flee fornication” (1 Cor. 6:18), is passed up. Doesn’t it matter that Paul said that every thought was to be brought into obedience to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)? No, it doesn’t matter to those who will crawfish! A worthy thought is mentioned in Titus 2:11-12, “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” Instead of denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we encourage it by crawfishing on the subject.

Crawfishing may also be caused by cowardice. Several times in the span of just eight verses, God’s people are told not to fear their enemies (Deut. 20:1-8). I can just see Moses standing before those ancient people and asking, “Who is on the Lord’s side?” (Exod. 32:26). The men of Succoth and Penul should have been helping their brethren (Judg. 8:4-17); they later found out that



crawfishing sometimes brought punishing circumstances. Cowardice is just one more way to crawfish.

Crawfishing is also found in the area of church discipline. We all know that Christians can so sin as to be eternally lost (Acts 5:1-11; Gal. 5:4). Other passages reflect the same truth (Rom.16:17; 1 Cor.5:9-13; 2 Thess. 3:6). Church discipline has a two-fold purpose: To save the soul of the one in sin, and to protect the purity of the church (Eph. 5:25-27). A failure to do this has terrible consequences: the church eventually loses its identity, laxity brings innovations and sometimes divisions, apostasy will soon come (for one or many), souls go on to hell, false teaching finds an easy path (Col. 2:8), and, of course, Christ is not with us (James 2:10). What a sad fate, this crawfishing!

Crawfishing brings some deep and lasting disappointment. Some of the greatest disappointments of my

experience has been to have men commit themselves to a certain position; then, when brought face to face with the opposition, they crawfish. They know what the truth is and have affirmed it, but when they have opposition before them, they just cannot repeat it or uphold it – crawfishing gone to seed! James 2:9 just might help a person in that predicament.

The closing point is found in 2 John 9-11, “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into thy house, neither bid him God-speed: for he that biddeth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” Crawfishing violates this passage, from A to Z! Are you guilty?

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# The Allure of Sin

DONALD P. AMES

**M**ost of us are well familiar with the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, their homosexual practices, and the judgment God sent against them. In Jude 7, they are held up as an example of God's displeasure with sin. Also, we are familiar with Lot and the part he had in living in these cities. But I wonder how many of us have ever stopped to take a close look at the influence these cities had on Lot and his family.

Certainly the Bible presents Lot as being a righteous man, and zealous to do what was right. He had been traveling with his uncle, Abraham, from the land of his fathers into the land of Canaan, and had been richly blessed by God, as had Abraham. In fact, the Bible commends Lot as being a righteous man whose heart was vexed by the sensual conduct of the unprincipled men about him (2 Pet. 2:6-8). Genesis 13:13 says that these cities were filled with men who were "wicked exceedingly and sinners against the Lord." Yet, in spite of such men (or maybe because of such men), Lot was still willing to invite strangers into his home in Genesis 19, unaware that these strangers were actually angels sent there to rescue Lot from the impending destruction God was about to execute against these cities. He was so concerned for their safety as his guests that, when the men of the city surrounded his house, he even went so far as to offer his daughters to them in exchange for the welfare of his guests. (This was in accord with the ancient tradition which maintained that, even if your worst enemy were invited into your home, as long as he was your guest, you were responsible for his welfare. It is a credit to Lot to note that he still felt obligated to honor that tradition—despite the lack of honor amongst his neighbors). With this background, no doubt Lot felt confident he could dwell in the city of Sodom and still not really be affected by the things going on therein. Like a lot of us, he felt he could mix and be sociable, without doing anything wrong nor condoning the wrong they were doing. But, Lot *was* af-

ected by these cities in many more ways than he realized.

## THEY DESTROYED HIS INFLUENCE

Having isolated himself from the rest of the people of God by his selection of these cities to dwell in, Lot soon learned that being a righteous man in a city full of wickedness did not enhance his reputation. Rather than winning their respect, his way of living became a mockery to them. In Genesis 19:9, the men of the city said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." Even his own potential sons-in-law did not respect him; rather, he seemed to them as one making a jest as he pleaded with them (Gen. 19:14). He was mocked because he was different; he did not fit into the pattern characteristic of the city. No doubt this was very frustrating to Lot, especially since he had cut himself off from the rest of God's people, and had no one to encourage him onward.

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We, too, can lose our influence if we associate only with those of the world. We will be mocked for not running in the same excess of dissipation (1 Pet. 4:3-5). We will become marked according to the company we keep. Certainly this does not mean we are to withdraw ourselves from society (read 1 Cor. 5:10), but it does mean that we must also seek out

and associate with those who love the truth. Too many who obey the gospel do not seek such friendships, but continue to associate solely with their former friends. They become a target for the mocker, fail to understand why they are not respected for standing up for what is right, and eventually become discouraged and quit. Although Matthew tried to influence his former associates and draw them into the fold of Christ (Luke 5:27-32), he also sought to draw closer to the Lord and His disciples as well. He realized the need of their support and encouragement in standing for what was right—there is strength in numbers, be it for right or wrong (Eccl. 4:9-12)! In this case, standing alone and different in a city full of wickedness did not win him respect, but rather

mockery. The “numbers” were on the wrong side! Evil prevailed because his influence had been nullified.

## **THEY HAD CREATED AN ATTACHMENT TO HIM**

When Lot originally entered the city of Sodom, he was repulsed by many of the things he saw (2 Pet. 2:6-9). But time and prevalence have a way of building a tolerance for things—even things we may not like! We come to accept them as “the norm,” and gradually let up in our objections. Just look at what TV has done to the morals of this nation over the past fifty years! Lot was now willing to refer to the men of the city as “my brothers” (19:7), and even two of his daughters were now engaged to two men of the city (19:14). In contrast to Abraham, he had not sought out from among his own people men who would be more acceptable to God. In fact, 19:31 would seem to imply that his daughters were not even familiar with the fact there were other men available to them besides those of the wicked cities in this valley.

Now, he was being told to get out of the city, to take his family and flee, lest he too be affected by the impending destruction about to be administered by God. The Bible tells us, “But he hesitated” (19:16). His home was located there, and so was everything else that he owned! All of his “friends” lived here. Two potential husbands for his daughters lived here! He could not help feeling maybe he was not quite ready to leave it all. Finally, the angels seized them, brought them forth, and put them outside the city. In spite of all the corruption, over the years, these cities had indeed created an attachment Lot was not yet quite willing to leave behind.

Sin often creates attachments we may not even be aware of. At first, we may be repulsed, like Lot, and even vocal in our objections. But as our senses grow numb to those things we continue to see day after day, our objections begin slowly to subside. Little by little, we begin to accept certain parts of it. We wonder what might have happened to Lot, had the impending judgment not come until after his daughters were married, bore children, and partook of even more of these evil cities. Paul tells us, “Do not be deceived; bad company corrupts good morals” (1 Cor. 15:33). The longer we run with those who enjoy the pleasures of sin, the harder it is to break free of its influence. Finally, we may find we are not even interested in trying to break free!

## **THEY HAD WARPED HIS JUDGMENT**

A righteous man is one who fears God and keeps His commandments. We read that the angels told Lot to get out of these cities, and to flee to the mountains. Not only does he hesitate, but Lot then implored God to let him only go part of the way, and to dwell in the small town in the distance (19:20). He seemed to feel that, in spite of God’s plain statement, all of the cities in the valley were corrupt, that a “little sin” would not be as bad as a whole lot. Since there were not as many sinners there, maybe God would overlook their sins and that would make it okay. Though fewer in numbers, there is nothing to indicate the sin was any less intense in the smaller town than in the bigger ones. Later on, as Lot meditated on it, even the sin within this small town scared him, and he abandoned it to go into the mountains as God has originally told him to do (19:30).

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Sin has a way of appearing acceptable to us if we regard it by degrees. Some sins even look less dangerous than others. Thus, we tend to justify social drinking as against drunkenness, petting as against fornication, etc. Gradually, we become less concerned about “abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Rom. 12:9). Rather than to “flee immorality” (1 Cor. 6:13), we try to merely hold it at bay, or leave it a forwarding address. But if we would back off and really take a good look, we too would fear even the “smaller sins” and, like Lot, seek refuge and safety in the mountains, as God has instructed.

## **THEY DESTROYED HIS JOY IN THE LORD’S WORK**

Certainly we cannot expect all work to be fun, but there is a certain feeling of satisfaction that grows out of being active in the work of the Lord, and certain benefits we all reap from such (see Phil. 4:17). These Lot never got to enjoy. He had a vexed heart because of the evil he saw about him—evil which he seemed to be unable to alter. He had to be on his guard at all times, lest its influence seep even deeper into his own family and add to his distress and unhappiness. Even when he sought to do a good deed in these cities, he was placed in a position of having to offer his own daughters in exchange for the welfare of his guests. (How ready do you think he would be the next time to offer such hospitality to visitors?) Sin had deprived Lot of many of the joys he could have had in better circumstances.

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We, too, can deprive ourselves of many of the joys of growing in the Lord's work by becoming entangled in the way of sin instead. In the end, when all is lost, we will have nothing to show because we did not choose to change that which was about us rather than to let it destroy even that which we had (1 John 2:15-17).

How many young couples, in rebellion to advice from others, have married non-Christians, and lived to see their Christian friends not welcomed into the home (or to be ashamed to invite them over in fear of what they might see)? How many would like to have done good deeds to others, but hesitated for fear of ridicule from their associates or mates? How many would like to have included their Christian friends in their circle of associates, but could not either because the present circle would not accept them—or because things were done that their Christian friends could not engage in and, hence, they refused to go along? And the list could go on and on.

## HE SUFFERED LOSS

Although Lot was not destroyed with the wicked cities of the valley (but came close), he did not escape the effects they had upon his life. He had to leave behind all that he had—a lifetime of effort had been for naught! Later, as his own wife looked back, she became a pillar of salt (19:26). Possibly two of his daughters remained behind. Even in the future, the effects were to be felt. Two of his own daughters got him drunk and had children by him, only to see them later become the enemies of those blessed by God, with whom he had formerly been associated (19:37-38). Yes, Lot lost a great deal as a result of his close association with these wicked cities.

Many times we feel we are not personally affected by the influences of evil about us, but are we? Just because

we may not notice any immediate effects, does not mean it has not affected us. Lot lived in these cities for some time before he finally realized what their evil influence had cost him. What about our loved ones? What toll has been taken in their lives even if we have come through it? What about their children, too? If we are not setting forth principles to guide them safely through and to preserve them from these evils, just what will be our ultimate loss? We may be paying for such for years to come in ways we never expected!

## CONCLUSION

The pull of sin is strong and very real. Today we also have the consequences revealed for us in 2 Peter 3:11-13, 17.

The stakes are high and costly.

The effort to break free of our surroundings is hard, but we must if we want to survive. God sent His own Son into the world of sin to warn and help us through His word (John 3:16-18). Now the decision is ours—will we flee the ways of sin, or regard it as “one who jested” and perish? The Jews in Acts 2:38 saw the consequences, and cried out, “Brethren, what shall we do?” And Peter replied, “Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.” Ananias asked Saul, “Why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash

away your sins” (Acts 22:16). No, this is not the end—we have just left the city! In Hebrews 3:14, Paul adds that “we have become partakers of Christ, *if* we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.” We must not look back to the pleasures of sin (2 Pet. 2:20-22), but flee to the mountains of His refuge and continue to do His will. Which choice will *you* make? Can you afford to pay the price sin is going to cost you (and it will if you don't break free from it!)—for all eternity?



# Kid's Korner

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## EZEKIEL

### MEMORY VERSE:

**“Son of man, I have made thee a watchman . . . therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Ezekiel 3:17).**

### THEME

Ezekiel preached to God’s people after they were defeated and taken captive to Babylon (also called Chaldea). At times he preached in Babylon “by the river Chebar” (Ezek. 1:1-3). God guided the mouth of Ezekiel to say exactly what He wanted him to say. Special messengers who served God in this way were called “prophets.” Ezekiel was from the tribe of Levi; God made priests from this tribe.

The first chapter explains that God has all power, wisdom, and glory. He sees and knows everything people do. God can fulfill His will and plan no matter what men do, good or bad. God’s power is like “a flash of lightning” and His glory is like a beautiful rainbow (1:14, 28).

The Jews committed many sins. They drank beer and wine to get drunk. One man would take another man’s wife. They changed God’s teaching about the right way to worship. God told Ezekiel, “Be not afraid of them,” even when they show hard faces and speak hard words because they do not like God’s message (2:4). He must always tell them, “Thus saith the Lord,” and preach exactly what God said (2:6). This is how to be a good watchman or guard of God’s people (3:17).

Ezekiel told the Jews that God saw all their sins committed in His temple and in Jerusalem (chapters 8-11). The people did not believe this and they said, “The Lord seeth us not” (8:12). When they did not repent, God let the king of Babylon defeat Judah and force them to live in Babylon for seventy years as punishment. God said, “And when this cometh, ye shall know that I am the Lord God” (24:24; 6:13; 7:9, 27; phrase repeated 65 times in the book).

God promised to bring the Jews back to Judah after He punished them in Babylon. Their hearts would be changed

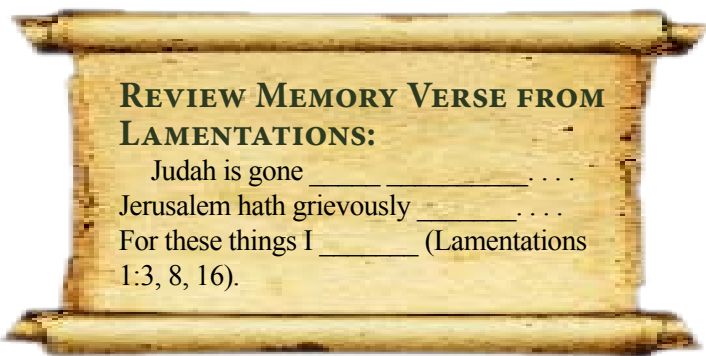
from “stone” (stubborn) to “flesh” (humble, obedient) (36:26). He would form His people into a new kind of nation with a wonderful leader—a ruler like good King David (37:21-25). He promised to give them a new clean temple not filled with sin (chapters 40-48). This means Christ would come to save all men from their sins. Christ is our great King, like David. He teaches us the right way to worship God.

### ACTIVITY - MATCHING

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| 1. Another word for Babylon       | A. Preach what God said |
| 2. Ezekiel preached at this place | B. Flesh (humble)       |
| 3. How to be a good watchman      | C. Christ               |
| 4. Hearts must turn from stone to | D. Chaldea              |
| 5. Our great King like David      | E. River Chebar         |

### ACTIVITY - SHORT ANSWER

1. What are some sins the Jews committed?
2. When Ezekiel warned that God sees all sins, what did the people say?
3. When God’s punishment came on the Jews, what did they learn or know?
4. How did God give a new clean temple?
5. What does Christ teach us?



# Carpe Diem!

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ing to accumulate wealth and possessions, and pursuing pleasure. Such things never can fully gratify man's deepest spiritual needs. They always leave man feeling an emptiness that these things cannot fill.

In light of the vanity of life, Solomon did teach man to enjoy the pleasures which life provides for him today. This is a theme reiterated several times in Ecclesiastes:

Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? (2:24-25).

So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him? (3:22).

Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God. For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart (5:18-20).

So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor all the days of his life which God gives him under the sun (8:15).

Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works. Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil. Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going (9:7-10).

The ability to enjoy the fruits of one's labors is "from the hand of God," "his heritage," and a "gift of God." Most of us have witnessed someone, who has spent most of his lives depriving himself with the anticipation of enjoying life at some future time, die before he ever does. During his younger years, he was working hard trying to advance in the company; perhaps he took a second job in order to get ahead. But, he missed the pleasure of spending time with his children, watching them pass through those early stages of life. He did not take the time to spend some special days with his wife, because it cost too much money. So, when she passed away, he spent more money burying her than he ever spent enjoying time together while they were living! Now the kids are grown and wrapped up in their own lives, the wife has passed away, and he spends many lonely hours alone. What a sad way to live!

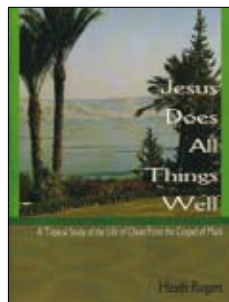
As most of our readers know, I have led tours to the Bible lands for several years. A few years ago, I was advertising a tour when a man who was well into his eighties sent in his deposit to travel with us. He was financially blessed enough that he could have taken this trip many years before. A month or so after receiving his deposit, he called to cancel the trip to Israel because his health had deteriorated to the point that he would never be able to make that trip. His opportunities to enjoy that part of God's blessings were lost forever.

Solomon teaches men to enjoy each day, making use of those opportunities which God gives us to enjoy His blessings. Without denying that one should fear God and keep His commandments (12:13-14), Solomon teaches that the ability to enjoy today's blessings is a gift from God. *Carpe diem!*



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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>ELLETSVILLE, 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: John Isaac Edwards (812) 876-2285</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>TOPEKA, KS</b> 17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</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. Evangelist: Scott Viqum (859) 236-4204 or 238-0860</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>
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<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>See YOUR ad here!</b></p>	<p><b>DES MOINES, IA</b> Church of Christ 1310 N.E. 54th Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:40 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (515) 262-6799</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Todd Chandler &amp; Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com</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>WEBSTER, MA</b> Church of Christ Webster 168 Main St. Sunday Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M. Wed Bible Study Call for details (508) 765-6067 Preacher: Peter Capoccia</p>
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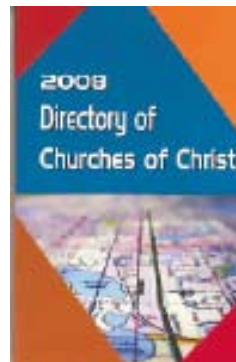
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