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Helping Those Who Are Suffering

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From time to time, each of us has visited someone who was complaining about his situation in life. Maybe he had been diagnosed with a terminal illness, was going through the trauma of a failed marriage, was the victim of a senseless crime, or some other malady. Sometimes those who go through such tragedies make some seemingly senseless statements:

“I wish I were dead.”

“I had rather be dead than go through this.”

“Why has God done this to me?”

“I see no purpose in continuing to live.”

On occasions such as this, one may be tempted to chastise the sufferer for his “blasphemous” words. Before you do, consider the words of another man who was facing some of life’s tragedies—Job. He is described by the Lord as “blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil” (Job 1:1). Even James said about him, “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). Having no question about the strength of Job’s faith or perseverance, now listen to his words, as quoted from the English Standard Version:

Let the day perish on which I was born,
and the night that said,
“A man is conceived.”

Let that day be darkness!
May God above not seek it,
nor light shine upon it (3:3-4).

I loathe my life; I would not live forever (6:16).

I loathe my life.
It is all one, therefore I say,
He (God) destroys both the blameless and the
wicked (9:21-22).

Asking to meet God in court to argue his case, Job said,
Behold, I have prepared my case;

I know that I shall be in the right (13:18).

Why do you (God) hide your face
and count me as your enemy?

Will you frighten a driven leaf
and pursue dry chaff?
For you write bitter things against me
and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.
You put my feet in the stocks
and watch all my paths;
you set a limit for the soles of my feet (13:24-28).

The harsh words spoken in the first set of quotations are not worse than those spoken by Job. So what can we learn from the case of Job?

1. Suffering men say things they ought not to say.

In the end of the book of Job, God confronts Job for his harsh words. God meets Job as an antagonist in court saying,

Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?
He who argues with God, let him answer it (40:2).

Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me.
Will you even put me in the wrong?
Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?
Have you an arm like God,
and can you thunder with a voice like his? (40:7-9).

Job confessed his sin saying,

I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
“Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and make you make it know to me.”

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes (42:2-6).

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Looking for Loopholes

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Human law is fallible. Many a known criminal has been set free through some legal technicality, some “loophole” in the law. Divine law is perfect. “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward” (Psa. 19:7-11).

The gospel is called “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 8:2). We are told that, “if a man strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully” (2 Tim. 2:5). Concerning the new covenant, God said, “I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts” (Heb. 8:10). James said the blessed man is the one who “looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein” (Jas. 1:25). John wrote that “sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4).

In spite of the whinings periodically of those who are about to make shipwreck of the faith, and who, as sectarians often do, have lashed out against “legalism,” the fact remains that God *does* have a law. It is as perfect as the lawgiver. Disregard for that law shows disrespect for the author of it. When Jesus sent the disciples out on the limited commission, He said, “He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me” (Matt. 10:40).

We are the blessed recipients of divine revelation. That revelation is the “gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). It is an objective standard by which all shall be judged in the last day (John 12:48). It is calculated to make the man of God “perfect, completely furnished unto every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The revelation of this system of truth was not inspired by human merit but by divine grace.

But divine favor is conditionally received. It is possible to frustrate the grace of God (Gal 2:21) and for those who have come into divine favor to fall from grace (Gal. 5:4).

God requires obedience to His law. Jesus said, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). In answer to the question of the Jews on Pentecost, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you” (Acts 2:37-38). The Son of God learned obedience and “became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Heb. 5:8-9). The divine promise is that, at the second coming of Christ, He will “take vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 1:8). It is not our right to sit in judgment on God and determine what is just or loving. He is the potter and we are the clay. “But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things” (Rom. 2:2).

PARDON FOR THE ALIEN SINNER

God’s plan of redemption, made possible by the blood of Christ, calls for the alien sinner (one who is not in the family of God) to believe the gospel, repent of his sins, and to be baptized for the remission of those sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). These were the conditions of the Great Commission to be preached in all the world until the end of time.

But this does not suit modern religionists. They must somehow find a “loophole” in the law of the Lord. So, they set forth hypothetical cases designed to arouse human sympathy and ending in a blatant denial of what the will of God plainly says. They wonder about the man who believes in Christ, has repented of his sins, and, while on the way to be baptized, has the misfortune of being killed by a limb falling on him. Or, there is the young man in his foxhole in war who is wounded and calls on the Lord to

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save him when there is no chance for him to be baptized. Or, we hear of coal miners trapped by a cave-in. All of these cases are supposed to prove that “He that believeth and is *not* baptized, shall be saved.” But that is not what the Lord said. Those who bring up such cases want gospel preachers to make a loophole in the law of the Lord and preach pardon where none was divinely offered. But, is there not a chance that God will show clemency? If so, He has not revealed it in His word and we are not at liberty to speak for God. Faithful servants of the Lord do not preach loopholes. They tell the sinner what the Bible says and call on him to practice that. It is on this basis that God offers His grace.

PARDON FOR THE ERRING CHILD OF GOD

God has a second law of pardon for erring children in His family. When Simon, who believed and had been baptized, tried to buy the power of the Holy Spirit with money, he was rebuked for his sin and told to “repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee” (Acts 8:22). In 1 John 1:9 we are told, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” As God’s children, we stand continually in need of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. John said that is granted on the condition of confessing our sins. Now that is what the word of God says. We have had some to argue about “sins of ignorance” or those for which no repentance is expressed. They have fallen back on the Calvinistic doctrine of the imputed perfect righteousness of Christ. The fact is that God does not impute sin to the one who is forgiven. If God forgives His children on any other terms than repentance, confession and prayer, then we would like to know where the perfect law of the Lord says that. The truth of the matter is that those who advocated this were not as much concerned about “perfectionism” as they were about finding a loophole big enough to drag in instrumental music, premillennialism, institutionalism, and you name it. Loopholes have a way of enlarging themselves. The old saw that says “nobody is perfect” is supposed to be elastic enough to include every digressive practice and speculative movement that those who chafe under divine law can invent.

MORAL LOOPHOLES

I am willing to affirm that it violates the law of the Lord for a Christian to socially drink intoxicants (1 Pet. 4:3-4). Now, we have worldly church members (and some preachers) who see nothing wrong with a Christian drinking wine or beer. They want preachers to find a loophole. Not me.

“Oh yes, I am against fornication, but if a couple is *really* in love and intends to marry anyhow, then what is wrong with sex before marriage?” There again, the rationalization seeks a loophole in the law which plainly says “Flee fornication” and which says such conduct will keep one out of heaven (1 Cor. 6:18-20; Gal 5:19-21).

“Yes, I know the Bible says, ‘Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and marrieth another, commits adultery, and whosoever marrieth her that is put away committeth adultery’ (Matt. 19:9), but what if all that happened before they became Christians and were alien sinners? Or what if they divorced for some other reason? Should we be so restrictive?” I’ll guarantee you that, if you look long enough, you will find a loophole expert who will make you feel good about circumventing the law of the Lord and who will comfort you, in an adulterous relationship. But, remember, “the law of the Lord is perfect.”

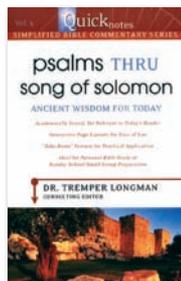
“Of course, I am against immodesty, but what is wrong with a decent mini-skirt, or respectable shorts which expose the thigh?” Or, strapless, backless, plunging neckline wedding dresses? “You know it is so hard to find anything else these days.” Then don’t use the word “decent” or the word “respectable” in referring to such exposure. 1 Timothy 2:6-10 is still there and what it says is not all that hard to understand, unless you are looking for a loophole.

“Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself, it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). Proper respect for divine wisdom manifests itself in humble submission to the will of the Lord. His commandments are not grievous. May the Lord help us to preach and practice what His law says and stop looking for loopholes.

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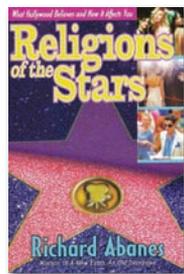
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Barbour Publishing has been working on printing a “simplified Bible commentary series” for the past few years that covers the entire Bible in 12 volumes. Psalms Thru Song of Solomon is their most recent edition to this series. This set of commentaries is called Quick Notes because it is designed to give the Bible student a brief introduction and overview of each book of the Bible. Each book is treated with introductory material (author, purpose, occasion, etc.), outlines, and chapter summaries. A “Setting Up the Section” gives a summary of each passage of Scripture. The “Critical Observation and Demystifying” sections offer specific insights and explanations of difficult passages. The “Take It Home” section offers questions and tips for practical application of the Bible. Barbour’s Quick Notes series is not meant to be an in-depth or critical study of the Bible, but it does meet its goal by giving the student a good grasp of the basic Bible message. While this series is promoted as “academically sound,” each reader will want to exercise caution when reading as one should do with any Bible commentary written by men. Traces of theistic evolution (Genesis 1), Calvinism (Romans 5), and premillennialism (Revelation 20) can be seen in the comments of some of the series authors. However, in most

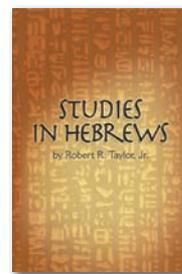
cases, the authors simply offer the different theological and historical views on a passage and let the reader decide for himself. The Quick Notes series is recommended for the Bible student who wants an introductory and practical understanding of God’s word. This series would work well for personal Bible study, Bible class preparation, and small group Bible study. Volume 6 (Isaiah through Ezekiel) and Volume 7 (Daniel through Malachi) are forthcoming.



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Why is Scientology such a controversial religion? What does the Kabbalah teach? What religions are embraced by Tom Cruise, Madonna, Oprah Winfrey, Donny and Marie Osmond? How does Christianity line up with the popular religions of Hollywood? Inside Religions of the Stars, you will find the answers to these questions and more. Richard Abanes, a former actor, blends his knowledge of the entertainment industry and his expertise in the area of world religions in this very informative book about Hollywood religions. Abanes is very knowledgeable of this topic, having written over twenty books specializing in the area of world religions, cults, the occult, and pop culture. Using skillful research and apologetic defense, Abanes does a remarkable job of exposing the er-

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Questions & Answers

QUESTION: When Matthew 27:44 speaks of the thieves reviling Jesus, was Matthew using a synecdoche in referring to the two of them when there was actually only one reviling Jesus (Luke 23:39-43)?

ANSWER: Synecdoche (“to receive together”), a useful tool for both ancient and modern writers, involves the use of some part to refer to the whole, or to the whole to indicate any of its parts. One instance of such is the Bible’s reference to an entire day when a part is meant. Common forms include the plural for the singular and the singular for the plural (Gen. 21:7; Exod. 15:1; 1 John 1:9). For this reason, this question is not an unreasonable one.

“Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing” (Matt. 27:44). The reader readily understands the reference to be to those thieves crucified along with the Lord of glory. The use of any figure of speech, including synecdoche, depends on contextual clues. Does our present context hold any clue that Matthew here refers to just one robber, or does he employ the term literally?

The reader should read earlier and later verses surrounding verse 44 to seek such clues. He will then notice that verse 38 specifies “two robbers, one on the right hand and one on the left.” The flow of thought in the chapter forces the conclusion that verse 44 refers to the same “two robbers,” not to a single robber who was indicated by the plural “robbers.”

A parallel reference to this same incident occurs in Luke 23:39-43. Luke mentions more details concerning the two, so that the reader

can understand the existence of two by their interplay with each other and with Jesus. One of them continued his reviling, while the other repented of his and even rebuked his unrepentant fellow robber.

By the kind of study here indicated, any reader can study the Bible and learn for himself what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:17). In this particular passage, he can see that Matthew’s use of “robbers” is literal, not figurative.

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The Church in Bangalore, India: Please Help!

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The Lord's work is growing in India by leaps and bounds. Liberalism has been exposed for what it is and multitudes are abandoning it and standing four-square for the truth of the Gospel. The sponsoring church arrangements with directors that control both preachers and churches have been exposed and men such as Jacob Chukka are losing their control. (For more information see "Report on India 2007," Joe R. Price, *Truth Magazine*, May 2008, 18-19.) Literally hundreds and hundreds of preachers have been converted from the grasp of institutional liberalism.

Bangalore is a city of approximately six million souls and there is only one conservative church there. Brother Joshua Mahendranath and Yerramalla Balaswamy are the preachers there working together to spread the pure unadulterated Gospel. Since 2004 several men have been going to India to train preachers converted out of liberalism as well as denominations: Joe Price and Dan Torres from the Mt. Baker church in Bellingham, Washington; Marc Smith from the Sun Valley Blvd. church of Hewett/Waco, Texas; Le Roy Klice from the church in Red Oak, Texas and Bobby Holmes of the Northside church in Mansfield, Texas. The city of Kurnool is where we decided to hold classes each year. We flew into the city of Bangalore and then traveled by SUVs to Kurnool for the two weeks of classes. Then we returned to Bangalore where we preached Gospel meetings for a week while having Bible studies with any and all who would come (many did come from around the country). In 2010 a number of factors led us to change the classes to Bangalore, which is the hub of transportation, commerce, and communication for central south India.

Our great concern and plea for the church in Bangalore is that they have no place to meet except in the house of brother Balaswamy. During this last year's preaching trip we had sixty-five people in the available room which is about 10 x 12 feet. In most worship services in India, the people sit on the floor as they did on this occasion. If they

had not, there would have been no room for more. As it was, it was "*flesh to flesh*." Brethren, this church's meeting accommodations are very cramped, at best, and will soon be outgrown. We are asking individual Christians to consider helping them with the funds needed to supply a long term location for their assemblies. Much work and money have gone into building up the Lord's work in Bangalore as well as many other parts of India, and we want to see it continue to grow in the future as in the past.

Let us look back a few years to the church in Sturgis Mississippi where they had their building taken from them by the large liberal church in nearby Starkville. Brother Ron Halbrook and Bobby Holmes wrote articles in *Truth Magazine* telling of the plight of these struggling saints and pleaded for saints who could to send whatever they could to purchase land and buy material to build a building for them to meet for worship. We secured the services of brother Thomas Keenom, who was an attorney, to do all of the legal work regarding the deed to the property, etc. Within some four months we had gathered some \$70,000.00. Brethren, this is what can be done when individual Christians join our hands and hearts together in the Lord's work. God will give the increase (1 Cor. 3:6). We purchased the land needed and had the foundation poured with plumbing in it. On an appointed day in August, about thirty men assembled at the site from around the country and, by Wednesday night, the building was completed enough that Bobby Holmes preached in it. By Friday night it was 98% completed. Brethren, this same thing can be done in far away India. Land can be purchased and the Indian brethren can and will build the building. One thing is needed: money.

The cost of land in Bangalore is **extremely** expensive since it is one of the fastest growing cities in India. The cost of land is expensive as wealthy investors buy up land and build office complexes and apartment buildings. The

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land needed to build a building will cost approximately \$26,000.00 and the same amount for building materials. We estimate the total cost of land and building materials to be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Brother Tom Roberts of the Northside church in Mansfield Texas has agreed to serve as an accountant for this fund and record every cent contributed. Brother Ron Halbrook has been gathering funds for brethren in the Philippines for church buildings and other needs for years and has an IRS Tax Exemption system under the name *Help A Neighbor*. Ron Halbrook has agreed to accept all money sent into that fund so that each person can receive a legal tax exemption for his donation. Bobby Holmes has suggested that all monies be sent to brother Tom Roberts' address so he can enter the donations into the ledger he will keep for the project. Then, he will send the funds on to brother Ron Halbrook. As we gather about \$5,000 at a time, he will send the funds to the bank account set up in Bangalore India and the church there can draw from these funds for the building. We already have a bit over \$5,000, which is a good start.

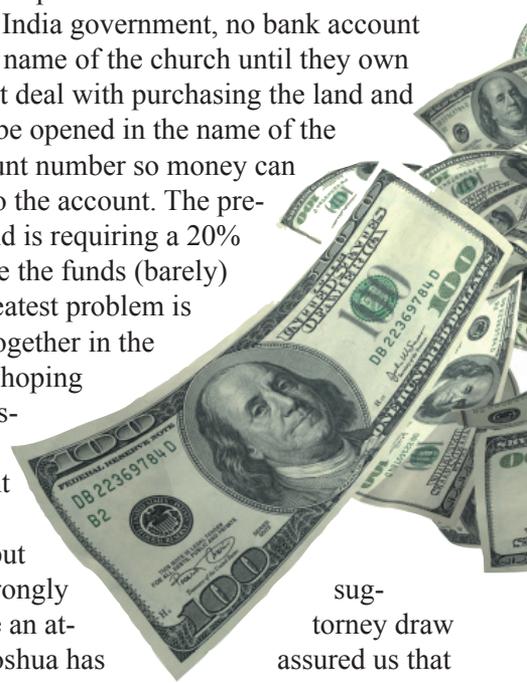
Please just examine your heart and look at your spending. Most will see that we spend money on things we really could do without. All the while these brethren in India are struggling. We are reminded of the apostle Paul's comments concerning the saints in Macedonia concerning their response to needy saints. While we are very aware that he is referring to works of benevolence, the spirit of their giving speaks volumes. They *"FIRST gave themselves to the Lord"* (2 Cor. 8:5). If hearts are first given to God, our possessions and all else we have will be used for good (1 Tim. 6:17-19). Would you be willing to commit some of your funds to helping these good brethren in Bangalore reach their goal of providing a permanent meeting house? Whatever you can send will be appreciated. It will all add up, and soon the funds needed will be gathered and these Christians can and will have a place of their own in which to worship.

Please consider this great need and help as you are able. If you have any questions concerning any aspect of this project, please contact us and we will gladly give you answers. Each of us has given years to the Lord's work in India and are very familiar with all aspects of it.

As a side note and recent update of information: An attorney was secured to be sure all of the details are in order, including a thorough search regarding the deed to the property. It has now been done and the deed is a clear deed. \$500 has been sent to take care of the attorney fees and the filing required. One problem that has been encountered is that, by law of the India government, no bank account can be opened in the name of the church until they own land. Thus, they must deal with purchasing the land and then an account can be opened in the name of the church with an account number so money can be wired directly into the account. The present owner of the land is requiring a 20% deposit and they have the funds (barely) to do this, but the greatest problem is getting the balance together in the time needed. We are hoping that Joshua and Balaswamy can work out an agreement to grant at least six months to have the balance put together. We have strongly suggested that they have an attorney draw up this agreement. Joshua has assured us that the Bangalore church has committed themselves to supplying \$5,000 US dollars for the land and building. Brethren, this speaks volumes of their faith and dedication to the Lord's work there. This is a huge sum for them. Members will have to personally borrow in order to give to the church for this work.

In conclusion, based on what has already been donated and committed, the church in Bangalore needs approximately \$45,000 to purchase land and build a permanent building. Thank you for carefully considering this need and doing what you can to help. This is where things stand at this writing and again brethren, this can be accomplished if we all *"first give ourselves to the Lord."*

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Abiding in the Doctrine

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“Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ hath both the Father and the son.” (2 John 9)

According to *Webster’s Dictionary*, “abide” means “to carry out, remain, reside, or commit.” “Transgress” means “to break a law, sin against, or go beyond.” “Doctrine” is defined as “taught principles.” The point to the quotation above by John was to directly address the heresies that invaded the Lord’s church during the first century. The objectives of this article are to identify ways in which one can violate the doctrine of Christ and reveal ways to correct such errors.

Just as people rejected Christ’s authority while John was yet alive, there continues to be a strong disregard for His authority today. Although only congregational singing is to take place during the worship services (Eph. 5:19), many brethren struggle with that particular commandment. While they readily condemn denominations for their use of choirs and instrumental music, they quickly turn a blind eye and a deaf ear toward congregations that take part in solos and group singing.

There are many instances where church authority is violated. We are specifically instructed by the Scriptures on when, as well as how to give (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Amazingly there are churches of Christ that see no problem with mid-week collections. The collection is to be observed in the same manner as the Lord’s supper.

One must always consider the doctrine not only when it specifically involves the Lord’s church, but in other areas as well. Christ’s doctrine is transgressed when poor labor is performed on any legal job (Col. 3:23). If an individual overcharges a customer for rendered service, that person has violated God’s law just as the one who commits fornication (1 Cor. 6:18). Christians must be honest in all things (Rom. 12:17).

It is necessary for people to understand that Christ’s doctrine also applies to the law of the land. If my car is parked in a no parking zone, I have transgressed the law of God, even if I do not receive a penalty. Christians must be the best law-abiding citizens in society (Rom. 13:1-5).

It is necessary for people to understand that Christ’s doctrine also applies to the law of the land.

One must never overlook the dangers of the tongue in discerning the will of God. It is quite possible to transgress the doctrine of Christ with the tongue. My ability to uphold God’s truth is hindered when I decide to use my tongue to utter profane speech (Jas. 1:26). It is important for all Christians to understand that they will be judged for every word that comes from their mouth (Matt. 12:36-37).

Sometimes people disobey God and are unaware of it. What people often overlook is that one’s thoughts can also determine whether Christ’s teachings are heeded or not. Even if a brother is present at every assembly, he can still transgress God’s commandment by the hatred that he holds toward his brother or sister (1 John 2:9; 3:15).

All people should realize that a transgression of God’s law is not only determined by what one does, but by what one fails to do as well. Sins of omission are equally serious as sins of commission. Even if one does not engage in certain sins, that individual is guilty when no effort is made to correct the errors of others. One should never hesitate to expose sin whenever it is necessary (Eph. 5:11).

It should be understood that continually disregarding the doctrine of God brings grave consequences (John 12:48). It will be well advised for all of us to strongly consider the following suggestions that are listed. Please remember that abiding in the doctrine is not an impossible task.

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Abiding in the Doctrine

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Be diligently informed of the doctrine. It is always wise to follow the example of the Berean Christians as we strive to continue in the faith (Acts 17:10-11). We must search God's word constantly to ensure that we never sin.

Do not be overcome with fear (2 Tim. 1:7). The one, who obeys God boldly, is likely to have a godly influence on others and is unlikely to be overtaken by Satan.

Show no partiality in any situation. It is most troubling to the Lord's church when the sins of some are exposed, while the sins of others are ignored. Brethren must be prudent in the handling of spiritual matters. God's pattern must never be ignored where anyone is concerned (Rom. 2:11).

Never rationalize sin. One of the biggest mistakes that is often made by many church members is to look at some sins as being greater than others or use one's humanity to excuse sin. Such approaches impede one's ability to see the serious nature of sin. It will be wise for Christians to regard all sins in the same manner (1 John 5:17).

Avoid unseemly situations. While Christians would not necessarily commit a sin by engaging in certain activities, they would do well to refrain from those activities when their Christian influence is at risk. We should consider Paul's advice in that regard (1 Thess. 5:22).



Be a constant watchman. Individuals must always be aware of their ability to sin. The flesh's shortcomings should always cause us to be mindful of the advice that Jesus gave to His disciples (Matt. 26:41).

Hate iniquity. It is not enough to merely avoid sin, in order to abide in the doctrine of Christ, one must even hate the idea of sin. There comes a point when it is necessary to withdraw from the workers of iniquity (Psa. 6:8).

Give God sole consideration. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). When God is considered in all things, the chances of sinning will dwindle.

Let us constantly strive to continue in Christ's teachings. Paul's advice to Titus must always be followed (Tit. 2:1).

Children Need A Father

HEATH ROGERS

Actress Jennifer Aniston has come under fire for comments that she has recently made in which she dismissed the need of fathers in having and raising children.

Aniston is reported to have said that “times have changed” when it comes to thinking about the traditional family. She went on to say, “Women are realizing more and more that you don’t have to settle. They don’t have to fiddle with a man to have that child.” These comments were made as Aniston was promoting her new movie titled “The Switch,” a romantic comedy about a woman who gets pregnant using a sperm donor.

While Aniston may claim that men are not necessary for the woman who wants to have children, God’s will as set forth in the Bible says differently.

God placed the father in the lives of children for a reason. He has charged the father with the duty of providing for the physical needs of the family. “But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Tim. 5:8). However, fathers provide more than a paycheck. They are to be involved in the raising of the children. “And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4; see also Deut. 6:6-7). Regardless of whether or not a woman wants to “fiddle with a man,” the child that she has will need a father.

If anyone would have been in a position to raise a child without a man it would have been Mary, the mother of the Lord. Her Child was conceived without a man, but the

Bible shows that God did not allow His Son to be raised without a father.

Mary was betrothed to a man named Joseph when she became pregnant. When Joseph discovered that Mary was with child, he sought to put her away privately. “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she

will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. . . .’ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus” (Matt. 1:20-21, 24-25).

You see, even Jesus needed a father as He was growing up, and God made sure that He had one.

The Bible acknowledges the reality of single parent homes. At times, misfortune arises and a loving father is taken away from his children through an untimely death. More often, sin and

selfishness result in abandonment and a child is left to be raised by his mother. Such situations are manageable, but they are extremely difficult. Why would a young woman *willingly choose* to disregard God’s will and take on the task of raising a child on her own?

Aniston and her fellow actors need to stick to what they know – reading scripts and making movies. Times may have changed, but the needs of children have not changed. God knew what He was doing when He placed both mothers and fathers in the home.



A Tribute to Leo Rogol (1932-2010)

GEORGE ROGOL

Someone said to me that what they remember about Dad is that the two main aspects of his life were his faith and his family. Because of these aspects of our Dad, my sister, Teresa, my brother, Leonard, and I are very blessed by Dad's legacy of the values he imparted to us.

One of these values was Dad's **Commitment**. Dad was committed to our Mom, the love of his

life. Because of our Dad's commitment to his marriage, my brother, sister, and I enjoyed the security and stability that is too often not found in many homes today. We never gave a second thought that our Dad wouldn't be there for our Mom and us.

Dad taught us respect for God as the creator of the world and the authority to whom we are all subject.

Another value Dad gave us as a legacy was **Respect**. Dad taught us respect for God as the creator of the world and the authority to whom we are all subject. He also taught us respect for all of God's children, and that we should respect everyone as equally precious in God's sight, regardless of his skin color, or status in society.

Dad also taught us to have **Compassion**. He was an example to us of offering encouragement and help to those in need, even if it meant making sacrifices on his part to help others. But, he also taught us that sometimes tough love is the true expression of compassion. Once, when I was in

college, my roommate moved out of our trailer, leaving me to pay the entire rent. I did not have enough money to pay the bills, and called Dad to ask if I could move back home and commute to school. To my surprise, Dad said, "No, you'll just have to figure it out." And I did figure it out, and now I realize that Dad was helping me grow as a person, which was the best way to be compassionate.



Dad's legacy also includes his imparting to us a sense of **Thankfulness**. Dad made sure that we understood how important it is for us not to take things for granted and always led us to be thankful for the blessing we enjoy in this country, and to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy, and the great sacrifices that were made by so many people in order for us to enjoy these freedoms.

Dad's legacy included teaching us the value of **Knowing Right from Wrong**. In a world where many people think there is no standard, Dad provided us with a strong and certain moral compass. He reinforced our learning and understanding of right and wrong through swift punishment for transgressions, but also taught us God's example of loving forgiveness when we admitted our errors.

One of the most important values Dad leaves a legacy was teaching us about **Love**. 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "Faith, hope, and love endure, but the greatest of these is love." We know that Dad's love for us endures, even though he is now gone.

The greatest legacy Dad leaves with us is his teaching us that God sent His Son Jesus to die for us, and we know that we will see Dad again someday.

Aspendos and Perga

MIKE WILLIS

While we stayed at Attalia, our group made two side trips — one to Aspendos and the other to Perga.

ASPENDOS

Aspendos is located a little over four miles northeast of central Serik and about twenty-five miles (40 km) east of the modern city of Antalya, Turkey. Situated on the Eurymedon River about ten miles (16 km) inland from the Mediterranean Sea, it shared a border with, and was hostile to, Side. In the first century period, this river was navigable to Aspendos. According to later tradition, the (originally non-Greek) city was founded around 1000 B.C. by Greeks who may have come from Argos. The wide range of its coinage throughout the ancient world indicates that, in the

5th century B.C., Aspendos had become the most important city in Pamphylia. The city derived great wealth from a trade in salt, oil, and wool.

In 333 B.C. Aspendus paid heavy tribute to Alexander the Great to avoid being garrisoned. Following the death of Alexander, the city came alternatively under Ptolemaic and Seleucid control. Eventually the city came under Roman control. Toward the end of the Roman period the city began a decline that continued throughout Byzantine times.

Aspendos is known for having the best-preserved theater of antiquity. With a diameter of 315 ft, the theater provided seating for 7,000. The theater was built in 155 by the Greek architect Zenon, a native of the city, during the rule of Marcus Aurelius. The theater has preserved the wall behind the

The theater at Aspendos is the best preserved theater from the ancient world.

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stage that is so frequently missing in other theaters (such as Bethshean, Ephesus, Gerash, etc.).

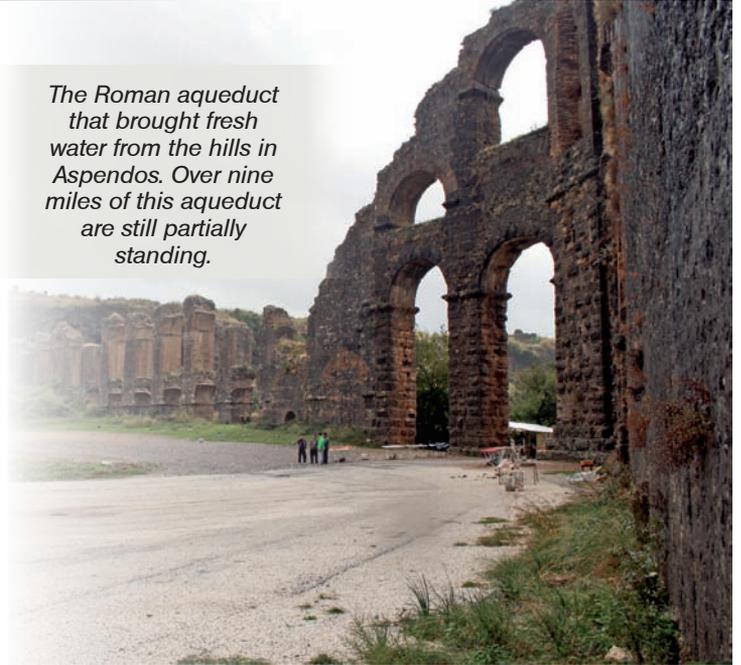
Nearby stands the remains of over nine miles of Roman aqueduct. The Romans were very adept at moving water from one area to the other. The Aspendos aqueduct is impressive. The remains of this aqueduct remind one of what is preserved at Caesarea, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in Israel.

Aspendos was one of the earliest cities to mint coins. It began issuing coinage around 500 B.C., first staters and later drachmas. The city's numismatic history extends from archaic Greek to late Roman times.

PERGA

The book of Acts records the following regarding Paul's second missionary journey: "Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down" (Acts 13:13-14). On the return phase of the first journey, the text says, "And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed" (Acts 14:24-26). These are the only refer-

The Roman aqueduct that brought fresh water from the hills in Aspendos. Over nine miles of this aqueduct are still partially standing.

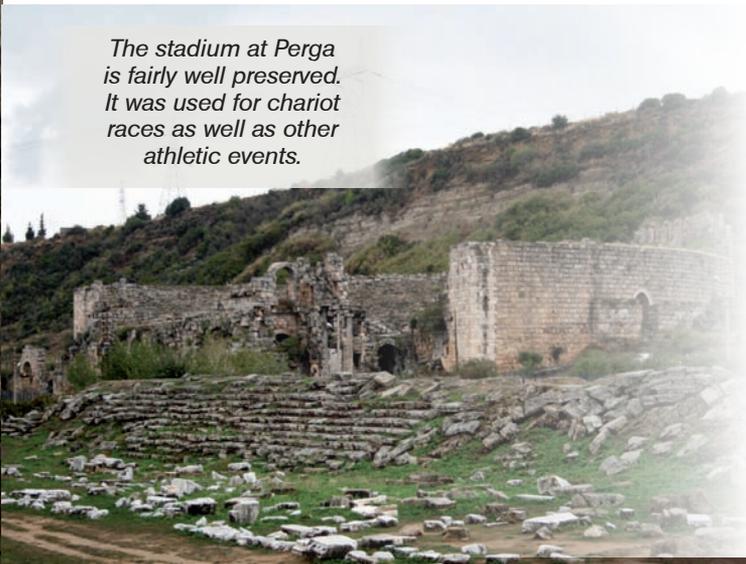


ences to Perga in the Bible. This is the city from which Mark turned back and did not continue on the first missionary journey. Paul thought that this showed a weakness in Mark's character that made him unwilling to take him on the second journey and resulted in the separation of Paul and Barnabas on that occasion (Acts 15:36-41).

The first dig at Perga was made by Arif Müfit Manzel in 1946. From 1975-1986, excavations were conducted under Jale Inan. In 1988, Haluk Abbasoglu became the lead archaeologist. In 1986, a bronze tablet was found in the Hittite capital of Hattusas which had the name of the city of Perga written on it, indicating that the city went back at least to the 13th century B.C.

Perga is located on the south coast of Asia Minor, some seven miles up the river Cestrus, near modern Murtana. The city was founded by a mixed multitude of Greek immigrants after the Trojan War. Recent excavations have turned up a number of statue bases of "founders" of the original migration and prominent historical persons who are designated as "founders." Among these was the Plancius family which had great wealth and influence in various parts of Asia Mi-

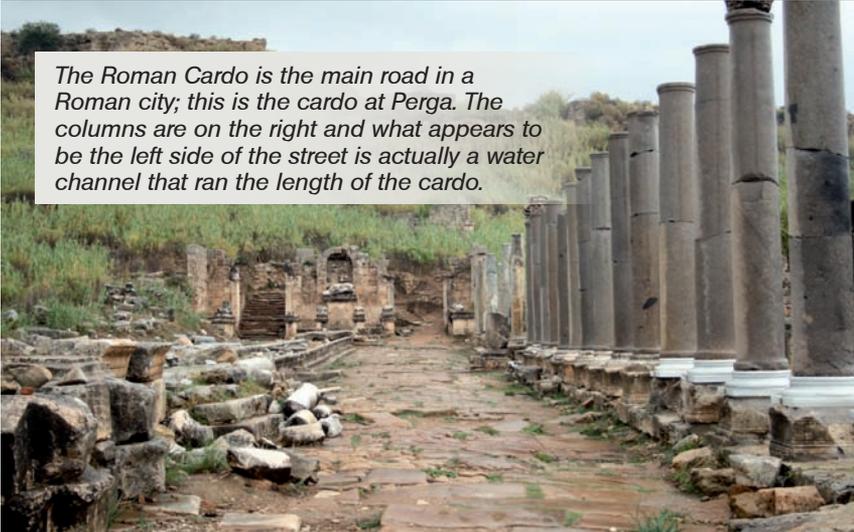
The stadium at Perga is fairly well preserved. It was used for chariot races as well as other athletic events.



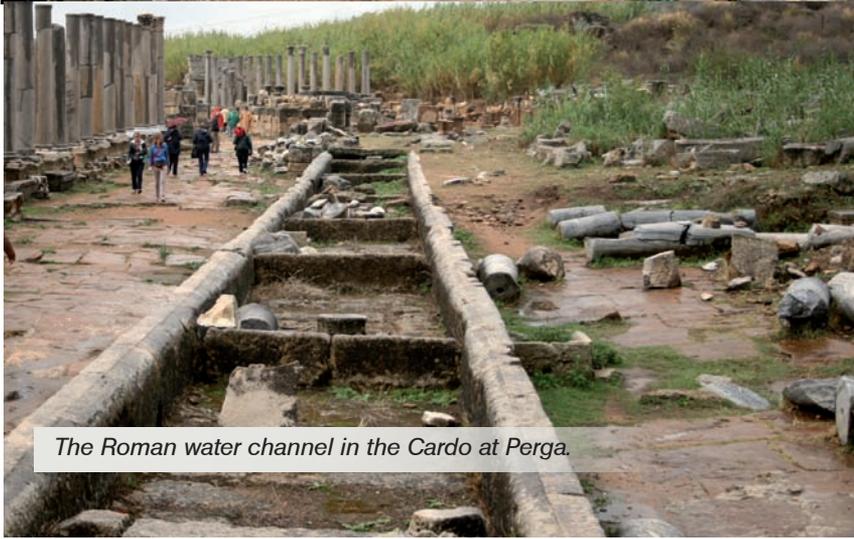
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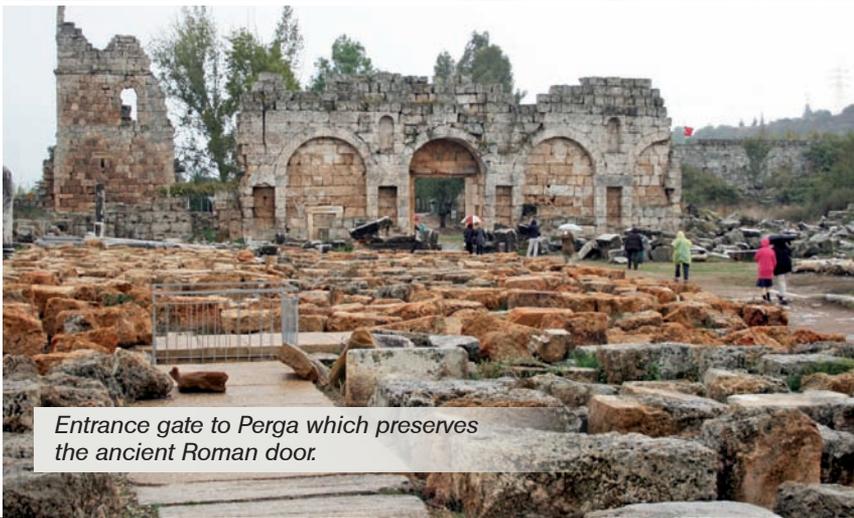
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The Roman Cardo is the main road in a Roman city; this is the cardo at Perga. The columns are on the right and what appears to be the left side of the street is actually a water channel that ran the length of the cardo.



The Roman water channel in the Cardo at Perga.



Entrance gate to Perga which preserves the ancient Roman door.

nor and were the leading family in Perga during the first two centuries A.D. His daughter, Plania Magna, seems to have exercised the most influence inasmuch as dozens of texts have been found with her name on them. She was responsible for the erection of a magnificent array of statues of the Roman imperial family just inside the south gate. She herself was a priestess of Artemis (Diana) and held the highest civic office of state (*demiurgus*). Several striking statues of her have also been uncovered.

Perga was a very wealthy and beautiful city from Hellenistic times and its remains today are second only to Ephesus among the cities associated with the Apostle Paul. Three aqueducts supplied the city with water. The towers of the third century B.C. gate are still standing and are among the most impressive of any city of the period. One of the best preserved stadiums in Asia Minor is found just outside the wall, as well as a well preserved Greek theater that would seat 14,000. There are numerous Roman baths and a very large gymnasium with a *palaestra* (lit. wrestling place) adorned with statues and dedicated to Claudius (A.D. 41-54). Once there was a temple to Artemis (as evidence by coinage of the city), but it has not yet been located.

Perga's most celebrated ancient inhabitant is the mathematician Apollonius (c.262 BC – c.190 BC). Apollonius was a pupil of Archimedes and wrote a series of eight books describing a family of curves known as conic sections, comprising the circle, ellipse, parabola, and hyperbola.

Warning & Admonition

ANONYMOUS

It is my contention that the days of preachers being “fully supported” is near an end. Of course, full support is in the eye of the beholder. Some think full support is \$3,000 per month . . . for a married man with two or three children—support that is supposed to cover his food, clothing, shelter, and health care costs. The latter is really the focus of this article.

I have been preaching since 1995 and carried health insurance for as long as I can remember. Each year the premiums have gone up, usually between \$60-80 per month. So, if the initial premium was \$200 per month, after the policy renewed it would be \$260-280. This expense is hard to keep up with, even with an increase in pay. After three or four years, the amount of support you have to spend each month begins to decrease because a greater portion of it is going to health insurance costs.

We reached a point where we simply could not keep up with the cost. So, when we relocated to work with another church, we made an agreement that the church would pay my health insurance costs separate from my salary. We took a \$5,000 family deductible (\$2,500 per person) policy to help keep the premiums down. Here is a list of premiums for years one to six: \$300, 369, 460, 585, 635, 722. As our policy renews in August of each year, we have already started paying on the new premium of \$997. Yes, that is a \$275 per month increase in health insurance with a \$5,000 deductible. This year the church is not able to cover the increase, so we have to figure out where to get another \$275 a month.

Why am I writing about this? Three reasons: (a) warn people about the coming increases; (b) inform brethren what preachers are facing; (c) share my thought on a new reality.

First, as stated above, our policy renews in August of each year. We knew our premiums would go up as they normally do and would increase more because of the new health care law. However, we expected \$150 or so, not

\$275 per month. Our health insurance cost is about to exceed our mortgage. It is hard for us to fathom this fact. For those of you who buy your own insurance, get ready for major increases.

Second, some brethren are totally unaware of the burden health insurance is on preachers. Those who are self-employed have an idea, but most brethren work for someone else. Their policies in general require some payment each month and a co-pay for doctors visits. However, the company shares in the health care cost so the real cost for their health insurance is not realized. I am unaware of anyone who works for a company that pays \$997 per month for health insurance with a \$5,000 family deductible.

Third, I believe the time when preachers are “fully supported” is pretty much over.

Third, I believe the time when preachers are “fully supported” is pretty much over. Either the preacher and/or his wife will have to secure income and/or benefits apart from the local church. This is biblical as Paul often worked to support himself and those with him (1 Thess. 2:9; Acts 18:1-3). Yes, preachers have the right to receive support from churches (1 Cor. 9:1-14; 2 Cor. 11:8; Phil. 4:15-17). However, this does not mean they have a right to full support or that a church has the ability to provide full support.

My admonition to preachers is, develop another means of support . . . and fast. To churches, I urge you to see the reality of what is happening and not try to limit a preacher from engaging in secular work. Give him the leeway to provide for himself and his family. Don't view the preacher as property of the congregation. See him as a member who greatly contributes to the well being of the church who should be fairly compensated and free to secure income to provide for his family.

“IS THERE A GOD?”

STEVEN J. WALLACE

“Is there a God?” Such is the question asked by countless numbers throughout time. This question has been met with a resounding answer by a myriad of voices in switching the “is” and “there.” So we gladly join the ancient echo asserting, “There is a God!” As a shepherd boy, David stood before a giant of a man and an imposing army of infidels and said, “And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel!” (1 Sam. 17:46). And such happened. Hundreds of years later, Daniel made this assertion to one of the most powerful rulers the world has ever known. He exclaimed to the perplexed Nebuchadnezzar, “But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days” (Dan. 2:28). Likewise, this happened.

The fact that you are reading this warrants another question. “Why are you interested in knowing there is a God?” If it is merely for academic interest, then pursuing this answer any further matters little. If however, the impact of this answer weighs heavy on your mind, then please read on. If the answer to this question is sought so that you might develop a positive obedient relationship to the Creator, then please diligently investigate the claims that are made for the existence of God.

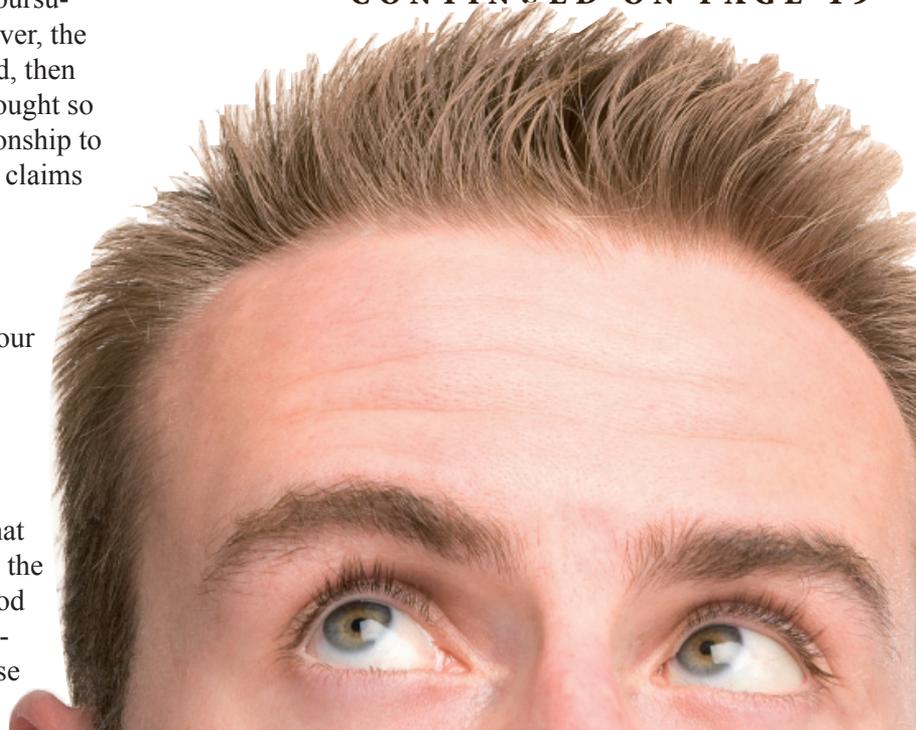
ANSWERING THE SKEPTIC’S DISSENT

There are some dissenting voices that answer our question in the negative. Some of the reasons for their contention are listed below:

Evil exists in the world. “If a good God exists, why doesn’t He eliminate all the evil in the world?” Yet one could argue just as effectively that the reason there is any good and righteousness in the world is because of a good God. The fact that good exists should suggest there a giver of good. Inanimate matter cannot create goodness. Further, those

who complain about evil are often engaging in what is evil (cheating on taxes, lying, fornication, etc.). God has created man as a free-agent and with such comes the ability to choose evil or good. If the presence of evil denies the existence of God, then shouldn’t the same prove the existence of an evil spirit? But then again, atheism rules out that possibility too; therefore those who make the above argument do not really believe in it. **Religion is self-contradictory.** “If there is a God, why is there so much contradictory confusion in religion?” Yet, there is confusion and contradiction sown among any field of study that man engages in (health, science, child rearing, politics, etc.). It doesn’t disprove God, but rather proves the fallibility of man’s thinking. God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33). Truth is clear, but it is man who makes it confusing by adding self-will to it (Jas. 3:16). Hence, Jesus warned that division would come because of Him and yet, at the same time, prayed for unity to be achieved (Luke 12:51; John 17:21).

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Theists behave immorally. “If there is a God, why do those who follow Him engage in immoral behavior?” Yet, the irony here is that, if there is no God, then there is no real reason to gage if something is immoral or not? Any person’s subjective standard of right or wrong would be just as valid as the next person’s. Lying, stealing, homosexuality, polygamy, nakedness, pedophilia, adultery, murder, suppression, racism, etc. would simply be a matter of one’s own choice, outlook, and law. If the fact that some theists behave immorally discounts the existence of God, then why doesn’t the fact that some atheists are capable of making morally pure decisions prove there is a God? “Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes” (Eccl. 7:29). If a good carpenter can build a house that one day falls down, why would it be inconceivable that a good God could build man right who could later seek out evil?

Faith is a fallacy. “Anything can be proven by ‘faith’ so ‘faith’ is futile in proving anything.” When secularists speak against faith, it is evident that they do not understand what faith is. Yet their grievance is with the contradictory nature of those who claim to have faith and use it as a scapegoat to not answer inquiry. Proper faith welcomes inquiry and is ready to give answers (1 Pet. 3:15). All “faith” is not equal. High quality faith is measured in the *quality* of evidences, the strength of reason, and the credibility of testimony. For example, who would believe the sun is cooler than the moon? The fact that temperature seems to consistently rise when the sun is observable implies the sun is hotter. Since it is consistently that way, the sun must be hotter than the moon. Furthermore, while none of us has personally met George Washington, we can be fully convinced that he was our first president and founder of this nation based upon historical literature. So even the Christian faith is based upon quality testimony

“If there is a God, why do those who follow Him engage in immoral behavior?”

and compelling *evidences*, rather than human speculation, so that we might have a *full assurance of faith* (see Rom. 10:17; Heb. 10:22; 11:1). Jesus did not shy away from providing evidence for His claims. “But if I do, though you do not believe Me, **believe the works**, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him” (John 10:38). The evidence to believe the claim was in the works that Jesus provided. Little evidence does not produce a strong faith, but rather a blind faith. No one escapes from having a form of faith. The “unbeliever” has to himself a belief. Even though there is no scientific evidence, many “unbelievers” believe that matter is eternal and that sometime in the past, non-living material spawned living material. Such is a faith, but a faith without any sustaining scientific merit. The unbeliever has faith that there is no God, yet he cannot prove there is no God. To prove that there is no God in the universe, the unbeliever would have to traverse the universe, observing all that is observable with the naked eye as well as all that is not. Amazing as this would be, he would have to see it all at the same time. Think about it, he would have to be a god to prove there is no God!

God is a “no show.” One atheist asserted,

“...when you read the New Testament and very early fathers, visions, miracles, visitations and so forth seemed to be expected. Pardon me then if I expect that the same God ought to be similarly visible today. But of course He isn’t. **All** (emp. his, sjw) the apostles needed more than vagaries and promises. They hid in the upper room and were convinced it was all over, until the risen Jesus appeared to them. Thomas wouldn’t believe the other apostles until he could see Jesus. Paul wasn’t listening to anyone’s arguments or evangelization until Jesus hit him with a flash-bang. And when the apostles went out, they backed up their words with demonstrations of God’s power. So pardon me for expecting an active, ‘on site’ God, like the one described in the Bible.”²

Interestingly, four major flaws are evident from the above. First, those who could beckon miraculous power were unable to use it for eccentric and selfish purposes. The article referred to above also chastened the existence of God, due to no answers being given for a prayer that

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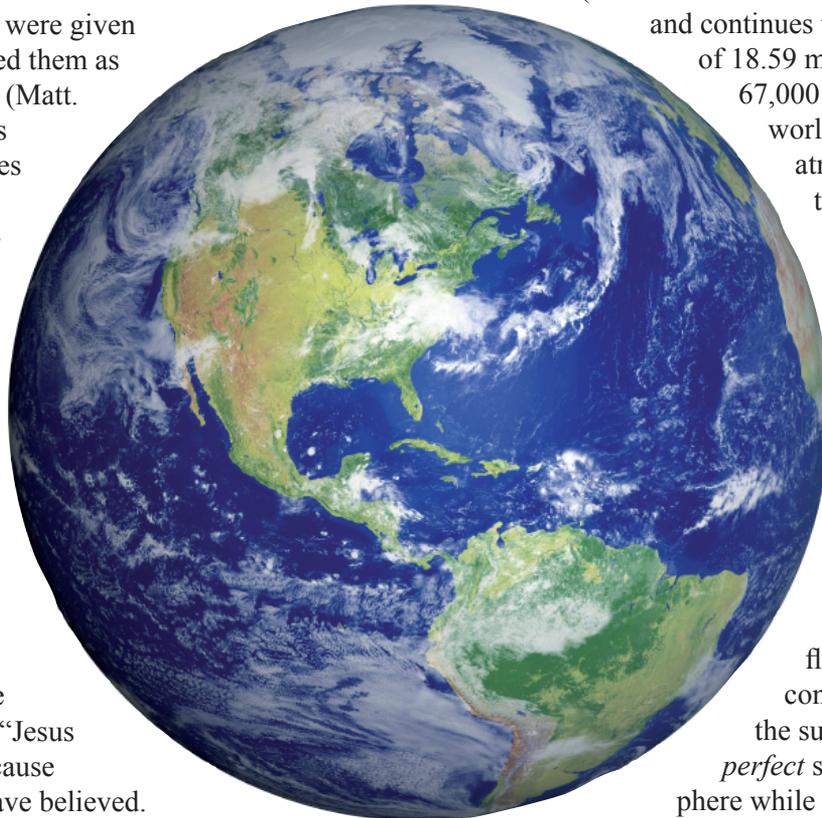
was offered up in the healing of a loved one. Yet, Paul, who clearly believed in God and in the power of miracles, could not heal himself of his own “thorn in the flesh,” nor could he expect being spared from all of the threats, beatings, and physical punishments that came upon him for serving Christ (see 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 11:23ff). He still maintained a manner of fear and trembling despite the fact that he was a miracle worker (1 Cor. 2:3). Second, the purpose of miracle working was not to entertain, but to confirm the word (Mark 16:20). Jesus charged, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign” (Matt. 12:39). They were given signs but quickly dismissed them as being done through Satan (Matt. 12:24). Once something is *confirmed*, however, it does not need to be “reconfirmed” with every subsequent generation. It has been confirmed once and for all, and there is no need for God to personally be “on site” today to re-do what He already accomplished. Third, even the greatest miracle worker the world ever knew spoke of a time and a blessed state when people would believe without seeing the actual *physical* evidence. “Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*’” (John 20:29, emp. mine). He further pointed out the futile plea of the lost rich man who pleaded for a resurrection of Lazarus so that other family members might believe and be saved.³ Finally, the fourth flaw is that the scripture that speaks of

miracles assured the early church that, when revelation was complete, miracles would cease (1 Cor. 13:8-13).

Now that we have looked at the naysayers, what are some reasons why one should believe that God does exist?

1. LIFE, LAW AND ORDER

The Universe. Is it not amazing to contemplate on the constancies of nature? We can readily count on them. Laws in nature point to a Law-giver. Please consider: our world continues to spin exactly the same way every day (around 1000 miles an hour near the equator) and continues to orbit the sun at a speed of 18.59 miles per second or almost 67,000 miles per hour. If the world stopped spinning, the atmosphere would continue to spin and scour everything on the surface of the earth. If the earth slowed down, the balance between day and night would adversely affect vegetation growth. The gravitational pull of the sun and the centrifugal force of the earth’s movement are perfectly balanced to keep the earth from being flung into outer space or conversely being drawn into the sun’s heat. The earth is the *perfect* size with the *perfect* atmosphere while traveling and spinning at the *perfect* speed at the *perfect* distance from the sun to allow life to flourish. What is the probability of a universe without purpose and a guide to create by chance an environment suitable for



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life that is fixated with discovering purpose? “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Ps. 19:1). Keep in mind that no other place in the universe has been discovered which is hospitable for life.

Also consider that our world has an abundance of water, something we may take for granted, but without which we would all die. The vast amount of water on earth is essential to fight stagnation and maintain our pristine water filtration and irrigation system described in Scripture and testified by men of science.⁴ Water from the oceanic storehouses evaporates into the heavens where it later falls upon the earth, sustaining plant life. It eventually collects in rivers and is deposited back again into the oceans. Essentially, the pure water we use, drink, and bathe in is recycled water that countless other life forms have used for thousands of years. How did this design come into existence? Who put the earth here with these laws and conditions so minutely perfect that life literally hangs in the balance? Are we to believe this is a product of chance or design? How could chance and chaos discover such fine-tuned parameters to grow life? There is no chance that the conditions needed for life could have occurred without an intelligent guide. Scientists state that some of the conditions needed for complex life to exist on earth are proper gravitational force, proper placement in the small habitable region of our galaxy, an oxygen rich atmosphere, large land mass and liquid water, a home star of correct mass and temperature, an orbiting route that is not too close or too far away from the star, a large moon and a magnetic field that is strong enough to deflect radiation. The chance of these conditions being met at the same time anywhere in the universe has been estimated to be 1/1,000,000,000,000,000.⁵

The Scriptures give us an intelligent answer as to why we observe such an orderly universe. The greatness of a house points to a superior architect. “. . . He who built the

house has more honor than the house. For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God” (Heb. 3:3, 4). As we should easily know that the architect is superior to any house he builds, so the earth, the universe’s only known house for life, cries out that there is a God.

The Micro Universe. It is a scientific law (Biogenesis) that life begets life and we can never *overstate* that fact. It has never been demonstrated or observed that non-living material could spawn living material, and yet this is a fundamental requirement for the belief of evolution. The same could be said of intelligence: non-intelligent matter cannot spawn intelligent matter. Likewise non-emotional matter cannot independently spawn emotions. The formula for life is mind-boggling, and yet there is a working complex code in play. “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well” (Ps. 139:14). David knew that there was nothing ordinary about life and now scientists are discovering that not only is physical life peculiar to earth, but that also it is beautifully complex.

Living things are composed of living cells which have a network of functions housed within. Each individual cell is like a community with distinct roles carried out by various parts of the cell for the function and health of the cell. The human frame is composed of around fifty to one hundred trillion cells that work in unison for the function of the body. Each cell (red blood cells not included) has a nucleus where Deoxyribonucleic Acid, or DNA, is found. If this microscopic double helix strand of material could be unraveled it would span over six feet in length from one single cell! Imagine therefore the total length of this informational strand of the human genome! If unwrapped, it would span to the moon and back thousands of times! This is an abundance of information, but more importantly it is *workable* information. One could swat a fly on the wall and produce, as it were, a “pool” of information. The information for life is there, but the code is broken. Like-

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wise, information must be *input* as it cannot arise out of non-information. It requires a *sender*. Who or what do you suppose placed the information within living organisms? Since man and animals are the recipient of living information, it would seem that the sender of the information must be greater than man and animal. Therefore, God is a reasonable and intelligent choice. “Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite” (Psa. 147:5).

As factual as this is, one should seemingly see the dilemma that atheism finds itself in. That life and intelligence are here cannot be denied. How life and intelligence *presently* arise cannot be denied either. The only *reasonable* explanation would be that life and its usable information and energy had to come from a reserve of greater life, greater energy, and greater intelligence. Lifeless, non-intelligent matter cannot be a suitable answer for origins. Is it not unreasonable to believe that from “nothing” came “something” and from “lifeless matter” came “living matter”? When would “nothing” produce “something”? Can you imagine how out of “nothing” came “lifeless matter” which then somehow produced “reason”? Yet for “lifeless matter” to produce “rational matter,” it would have had to intelligently reason in order to make “reason.” Honestly, does that sound reasonable?

A life-giving, intelligent, emotional, personal Creator must have been at the point of origin. Such is exactly the answer that is given from Scripture. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. . .’” (Gen. 1:26). “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being” (Gen. 2:7).

2. REALIZED PROPHECIES

We started this tract by referring to Daniel’s conference with Nebuchadnezzar and the proof that Daniel gave for the existence of God was that Nebuchadnezzar’s disturbing dream would first be told to the king and then explained. Daniel later went on to explain the dream as a revelation of events that would unfold over the next several hundred years. He foretold the rise and fall of various

world empires. He prophesied the fall of the Babylonian and rise of the Mede-Persian, then the rise of the Greek and finally that of Rome. Additionally, the kingdom of God was foretold to be established during the days of the Roman kingdom (Dan. 2:44). History shows that the kingdom/church of Christ was established during this time (see Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9). We could list prophecies regarding other nations, people, and events. We could list several Old Testament Scriptures that foretold of the coming One. He would be born of a virgin in the city of Bethlehem (Isa. 7:14; Mic. 5:2). About 1000 years before Christ, Psalm 22:16 speaks of the crucifixion of Christ, hundreds of years before the act of crucifying ever occurred and about one thousand years before the Christ came to have His hands and feet pierced. Some skeptics have tried to assert that Psalm 22:16 was manipulated by Christians to look like it was the hands and feet being pierced, but that the actual text reads “like a lion my hands and feet.” Besides the fact that such a rendering makes no sense in the passage, a Dead Sea Scroll (4QPs^d) was found dating before the crucifixion and the church which rendered it as the boring or digging through the hands and feet. With the many fulfilled prophecies given in Scripture, we are compelled to believe in God. Paul argued,

... (as it is written, “I have made you a father of many nations”) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did (Rom. 4:17).

Calling things into existence, like Abraham being a father of many nations when he was not, is prophetic. Only God could know that Abraham would become a father of many nations which was not fulfilled until hundreds of years later.

3. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Some skeptics complain that, if there is a God, why does He not show Himself? Why is He so silent from heaven? Why does He not interact with man? The good

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news is that God has manifested Himself to man. He came to earth, lived with His creation, walked among us, taught and modeled the will of the Father, and paid an awful penalty for sins which we committed.

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: *God was manifested in the flesh*, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory (1 Tim. 3:16, emp. mine).

While leaders of other world religions claimed to be prophets and teachers (Muhammad, Confucius, etc.), only Jesus claimed to be God. If Jesus was God, then there is a God! Many could claim to be God. Such a claim would be crazy for anyone to make unless he could prove it by offering up supernatural proof. Hundreds of prophecies spanning hundreds of years anticipated the coming of the Messiah who would be born of a virgin in Bethlehem, teach in parables, be rejected and betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, be killed, rise again, start a kingdom, and ascend back to the Father (Mic. 5:2; Isa. 7:14; 9:6, 7; 53; Pss. 16:10; 78:2; Dan. 2:44; 7:13, 14; Zech. 11:12). Sufficient proof to be God would entail fulfilling these types of ancient anticipations.

In addition to the fulfillment of prophecy and the vast amount of miracles Jesus performed on earth, His greatest proof to the claim of deity is His resurrection from the dead. Skeptics wanted proof to this claim, and Jesus was willing to provide such:

So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” But He was speaking of the temple of

His body. Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said (John 2:18-22).

That Jesus really died and rose up again is evident from the fact that Pilate had Him professionally crucified. This is seen by both biblical and non-biblical sources. “But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out” (John 19:33, 34). Further proof is boldly offered by the early disciples citing a well-known prominent rich man who was at the burial of Christ—Joseph of Arimathea (see Matt. 27:57-60; Mark 15:42-46; Luke 23:50-53; John 19:38-40). Joseph was a member of the Sanhedrin which condemned Jesus to death, though he did not consent to the decision. Stating that Joseph was at his death was itself a fulfillment of Scripture which Jesus could not have manipulated. It gives solid confirmation to the death of Christ by having one like a prominent statesman at the grave site handling the body of Christ (see Isa.

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“If I do not do the **works** of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do, though you do not believe Me, **believe the works**, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him” (Jn. 10:37, 38)

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53:9). If these facts were not true, Joseph would have had the power to squelch the Christian system by denying that he was there or that the body was dead! A non-biblical source corroborates:

Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, because the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the sect of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.⁶

This substantiates that Jesus lived during the first century, that many revered Him as more than a man, that He was put to death by Pilate, and that He lived afterwards. Some have tried to assert that His body was stolen (Matt. 28:12, 13). There is no evidence for that as there were multiple sightings and interactions of Jesus with mortals afterwards (see 1 Cor. 15). Such an accusation from the enemies of Jesus only verifies that the tomb where the dead body once laid was empty. This empty tomb and subsequent sighting of Jesus is precisely what explains the change in Saul of Tarsus who was so adamantly opposed to Christianity that he would hunt down Christians, compel them to blaspheme, and cast his vote against them to be put to death (Acts 26:10, 11). Yet, his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus brought a drastic reversal in him (Acts 9; Gal. 1:11-24). Our eyes are also taken into the very grave where Jesus' body lay, and we find a very strange article that makes it impossible to reconcile with the “disciples stole the body” contention. The very handkerchief that had been around the head of our Lord was laying there, folded (John 20:7). Thieves who break in and steal do not fold useless articles nicely and put them away.

CONCLUSION

These reasons present a landslide of evidence to know that God exists. Kind reader, “There is a God” just as certainly as there is life. It is in the hope that you will, upon

that knowledge, draw near to Him in obedience. Many know that God exists but suppress the truth to justify their own morally corrupt decisions and lifestyle. “For since the creation of the world *His invisible attributes are clearly seen*, being understood by the things that are made, *even His eternal power and Godhead*, so that they are without excuse, because, *although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God*, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened” (Rom. 1:20, 21, emp. mine). The very power that is seen and tapped into from the creation cries out for a powerful Creator. Deny not that fact. “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:30, 31). He has ordered us to be baptized into that very death in order to be saved that we might rise and walk in newness of life (Mark 16:15, 16; Rom. 6:3, 4). Upon such evidence we owe Him nothing less than the confession of Thomas, “My Lord and my God” (John 20:28).

Footnotes

¹ All verses are from the New King James Version.

² Pardus, Leo, “Reasons Why I Can No Longer Believe,” <http://de-conversion.com/2007/11/08/reasons-why-i-can-no-longer-believe-2-god-as-a-no-show/>

³ Luke 16:27-31, “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

⁴ Ecclesiastes 1:7, “All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again.”

⁵ Strobel, Lee, 2006, *The Case Creator*; The Film, Illustra Media.

⁶ *The Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 18, Chapter 3.

Five Things That Can Change Your Life

JOHNIE EDWARDS

Who is there among us that doesn't need some life-changing from time to time? Would you like to be familiar with five things that can change your life? If so, please continue to read:

1. Hearing the Word of God. The first thing God has always required of man is to hear. "And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in our ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them" (Deut. 5:1). The New Testament requires that man also hear. God said concerning His Son: "... hear ye him" (Matt. 17:5). The first gospel sermon made the same demand: "Ye men of Israel, hear these words . . ." (Acts 2:22). Hearing the word of God is coupled with faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). The scriptures teach the importance of "what ye hear" (Mark 4:24) as well "how ye hear" (Luke 8:18). James encourages us to "be swift to hear" (Jas. 1:19).

2. Faith. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). God requires that we believe in Him, in His Son and in the gospel (John 8:24; Mark 16:16).

3. Repentance. Repentance is a change in one's mind that results in a change in his actions (Matt. 21:28). And, God "commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). The preaching of the first gospel sermon demanded repentance (Acts 2:38). Repentance is connected with the "blotting out of sins" (Acts 3:19). Repentance is required of an erring child of God (Acts 8:22) as he is restored.

4. Confession of Faith. Faith in Christ must be publically acknowledged. Jesus put it this way: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

Writing the Romans, Paul penned: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10). A perfect example of this confession is seen when the eunuch said: "I believe that Jesus

God requires that we believe in Him, in His Son and in the gospel

Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37). Please be aware that this is not a confession of one's sins but of his faith in Christ!

5. Baptism. Immersion in water for the "remission of sins" (Acts 8:36; 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4) and; "into Christ" and His "body, the church" (Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:13) is the baptism that changes the state of individuals.



The Outer Limits Of Absurdity?

LEWIS WILLIS

Ok, I'm not an animal lover; I admit it! I remember our childhood dog, Ole Rusty, back home in Texas. He was not an inside dog. Rusty stayed outside because our large family of kids meant, among other things, there was no room for him inside.

So, he stayed outside to alert us with barking at anyone driving or stopping by. He also helped us round up any animals we were trying to get into a pen. Rusty protected us from rattlesnakes, and was bitten several times, almost fatally. He ran possums up trees, and generally was a friend. But, I left Rusty back in my childhood and proceeded with the rest of my life.

With this background, I hope you will register the level of my surprise and disgust at the news I share with you in this article.

I held a Gospel Meeting in Blackfoot, Idaho in November, 2009. On the last day of that meeting, 11/06/09, I was reading the local paper, called *Morning News*, and I came to the weekly Religion section. The headline article was so startling that I brought it home with me for a future article. The article was from the Associated Press, in Los Angeles, CA, entitled "Church starts pet service."

According to the article, a Presbyterian preacher has been working hard to build up a church with an aging, declining membership. In his search for ideas, he came up with this idea.

"He would turn God's house into a doghouse by offering a 30-minute service complete with individual doggie beds, canine prayers, and an offering of dog treats." He expected to reinvigorate the church's connection with the community, and perhaps gain some new members.

But, when the preacher started the service with music, "one by one the pooches lay down, chins on paws, and listened."

for canine comfort. . . . The service started amid a riot of tail-sniffing, barking, whining and playful roughhousing. . . ." But, when the preacher started the service with music, *"one by one the pooches lay down, chins on paws, and listened."*

The article noted that pet services at churches are "a growing trend among churches nationwide to address the spirituality of pets and the deeply felt bonds that owners form with their animals." I must confess: Ole Rusty and I never developed that spiritual bond!

A college professor at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas found over 500 churches across the nation who are now "holding worship services" for pets.

When the Presbyterian preacher started his new outreach, "Animals big and small . . . piled into the church's chapel to worship in an area outfitted

The preacher "took prayer requests for Mr. Boobie (healing of the knees) and Hunter (had a stroke) and then called out the names of beloved pets past and

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present (Quiche, Tiger, Timmy, Baby Angel and Spunky) before launching into the Lord's Prayer." And, yes, ushers stepped over dogs and leashes "to collect donations and hand out doggie treats shaped like miniature bones in a rainbow of colors."

"More and more people in mainline Christianity are considering them to have some kind of soul"

The article further says the reason this idea of pet worship is catching on across the country is, *"More and more people in mainline Christianity are considering them to have some kind of soul"* (all emphases in these quotes are mine, LW).

So, what can be said of activities like these? What passage of Scripture might you cite as authority for a pet worship service? And, what passage teaches that a dog has a soul? If Ole Rusty had a spiritual side, a soul, I was never able to discern it through the years of my childhood. He was a good old dog, but I never heard him sing, pray, or preach. We fed him scraps from the family table, but we never served him the Lord's Supper. And, I am confident he never contributed a dime to the treasury of the church!

THE PROBLEM

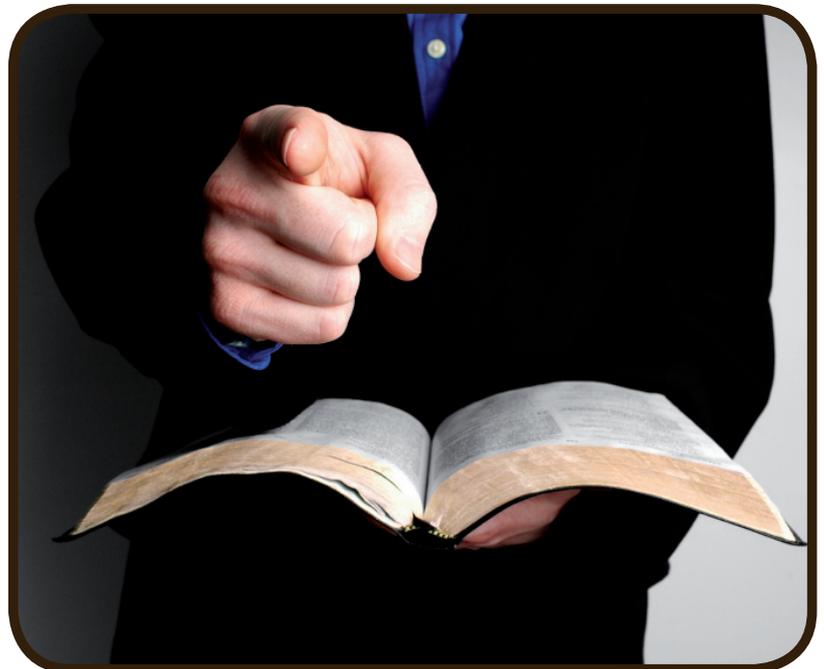
You see, as we have grown more and more worldly in our country and as well as in the churches men have invented, and as educators have promoted the error of evolution, people have come to think that they are nothing more than a higher level of animal. If these higher animals can worship God, then perhaps the lower animals or pets can possibly do the same. Now these people are careful not to worship like the Lord commanded, so they have no problem inventing worship for their dogs, cats, and birds. The New Testament spells out worship for the church (Acts 2:42, 20:7; Eph. 5:19), but this worship is not considered relevant for our times. These

victims of false teachers have not only invented their own worship, they have now invented worship for their pets. Unbelievable!

The Bible tells us of man's creation: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:27). Because men are made in His image, men have the capacity to worship Him. But, nowhere does the Bible say that animals, not even our dear pets, are made in God's image.

In fact, since about all kinds of animals have been made into pets, it might be interesting to note what God did say about animals. *"And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air; upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things"* (Gen. 9:2-3). (Yes, some cultures even eat dogs!)

No, we will not begin pet worship services to help the church grow, but we will do our best as His people to worship Him as the New Testament teaches.



The Right Concept of Worship

JOHN ISAAC EDWARDS

It is obvious from the things folks say and do that many today do not have the right concept of worship. Thus, we study.

FALSE CONCEPTS OF WORSHIP

To place before our mind the proper concept of worship, let us examine false concepts some have.

1. Everything we do is worship. When Abraham was called upon to offer Isaac, he “rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you” (Gen. 22:3-5). If everything is worship, early-rising, ass-saddling, taking, wood-cleaving, rising up, lifting up eyes, seeing, and saying were worship. These were not worship, since worship was “yonder.”

2. There is a specific order of worship. Some have bound an order of worship from Acts 2:42 which says, “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” We are told worship is to be in this order: Teaching, the collection, the Lord’s supper, then prayers. Since early Christians sang (Eph. 5:19), when does the singing come? To bind a specific order of worship is to bind where the Lord did not bind!

3. It makes no difference how one worships. God has always been specific as to how he wanted man to worship Him. In Old Testament times, the Lord’s people were not at liberty to worship just any place, “But at the place which the Lord thy

God shall choose to place his name in” (Deut. 16:6). Nor were they permitted to do whatever they wanted in worship. God told them what to do (Deut. 16:16-17) and what not to do (Deut. 16:21-22). He also told them how to do it (Deut. 16:11). If it makes no difference in worship: Why did God accept the worship of Abel but not Cain (Gen. 4:1-7; Heb. 11:4)? Why did God send fire out of heaven to



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devour Nadab and Abihu for offering strange fire in their worship (Lev. 10:1-2)? Why did Jesus say, “But in vain they do worship me . . .” (Matt. 15:9)?

4. Worship is accompanied by food and fun. Sunday, August 22nd, the Ellettsville Christian Church and The Place Church held a “Come Together Festival” in which everyone was invited to come worship, fellowship, eat, and play together at a shelter house. The festival was to “be filled with great family fun.” Here was the draw: “. . . there will be live entertainment on the main stage as members from both churches work together to serve free lunch to everyone in attendance. Volunteers will be on the grill all morning grilling up burgers, brats, and hot dogs to serve. The ‘Come Together Festival’ will also feature large inflatable games for children of all ages. The festival will host its second annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Players will receive a ‘Come Together’ 3-on-3 Tourney T-shirt and compete for prizes.” A lot of folks want to go worship where they can eat and play and be entertained. Know ye not that the church of God is “a spiritual house” and “the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost” (Rom. 14:17; 1 Pet. 2:5)?

Having eliminated these false concepts, we should be in better position to have the right concept of worship.

THE RIGHT CONCEPT OF WORSHIP

When we allow the Bible, and the Bible alone, to shape our concept of spiritual things, then we will have the right concept.

1. The nature of worship. Worship is spiritual in nature: *a. God is spiritual.* “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). *b. The church is spiritual.* “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house . . .” (1 Pet. 2:5). *c. We come together to worship God in the church.* Writing the Corinthians Paul

said, “When ye come together in the church . . .” (1 Cor. 11:18). Let us not attempt to carnalize the spiritual or spiritualize the carnal!

2. The object of worship. It is not graven images (Exod. 20:3-6), not the sun, moon and stars (Deut. 4:19), not the devil (Matt. 4:10), not men (Acts 10:25-26), not angels (Rev. 22:8-9) – but God (John 4:24).

3. Kinds of worship. The Bible describes five kinds of worship: Vain worship (Matt. 15:9), mock worship (Mark 15:19-20), true worship (John 4:23-24), ignorant worship (Acts 17:23), and will worship (Col. 3:23).

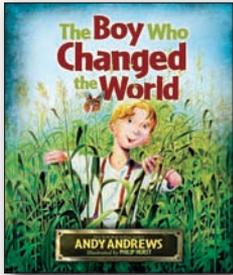
4. Elements of worship. Jesus gave two elements of acceptable worship when He said, “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). To worship “in spirit” is to worship with the right disposition. To worship “in truth” is to worship according to God’s word, which “is truth” (John 17:17).

5. Channels of worship. Acts 2:42 and Ephesians 5:19 give us the channels through which we worship God. *a. Apostles’ doctrine.* That is teaching. When the church at Troas was assembled for worship, “Paul preached unto them” (Acts 20:7). *b. Fellowship.* This takes in “the collection for the saints” (1 Cor. 16:1-2). *c. Breaking of bread.* This has reference to the Lord’s supper which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and is observed on the first day of the week (Matt. 26:26-29; Acts 20:7). *d. Prayers.* While Peter was in prison, “prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him” (Acts 12:5). *e. Singing.* “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19).

6. The day of worship. It is not the seventh day as the Sabbath law was nailed to the cross (Exod. 20:8-11; Col. 2:14-17), but “the first day of the week” (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2).

May we have the right concept of things!

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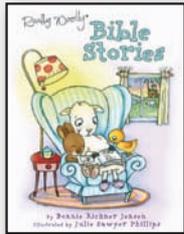


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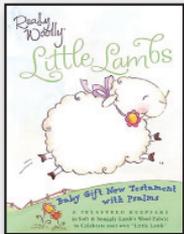


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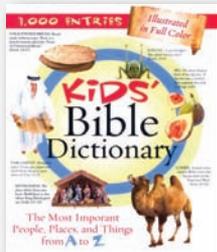
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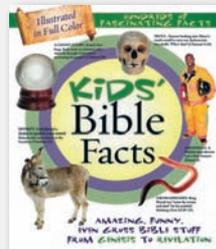


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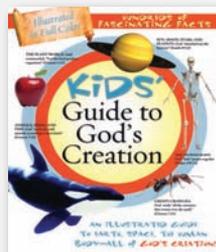


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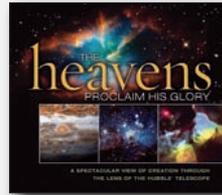
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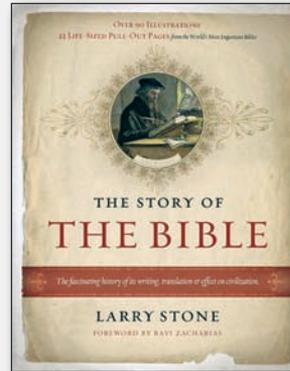


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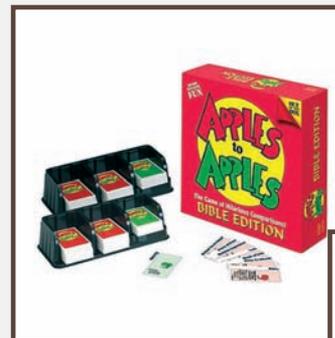
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Is it not to be expected that other righteous men, like Job, might also utter words that ought not to be spoken in the midst of their agony? As I consider myself in comparison with Job, I doubt that I would endure my loads of grief and suffering any better than Job did. Indeed, one might expect of himself and others that they are likely to go through the roller coaster emotions that Job experienced when he goes through his own trials.

2. One's friends should look beyond the words to hear what is being said! That may appear like a contradiction but it is not intended to be. When Job's friends came to Job, for seven days they saw his miserable condition and said nothing, for whatever reason (2:11-13). In chapter three, Job vented his pent-up emotions in a strong lamentation. Job's friends reacted to Job's words, without reacting to what he was saying. His blasphemous words are easy to comprehend, if one will listen. Job was saying, "*I am hurting! Help me!*" But, his friends reacted to *his words* without paying attention to *what* he was saying. For Job, these three men were "miserable comforters" (16:2) and "worthless physicians" (13:4). He said,

Your maxims are proverbs of ashes;
your defenses are defenses of clay (13:12).

Their efforts to defend God were worthless. Job sarcastically replied to them saying,

No doubt you are the people,
and wisdom will die with you (12:2).

I have heard many things;
miserable comforters are you all.
Shall windy words have an end?
Or what provokes you that you answer?

I also could speak as you do,
if you were in my place;
I could join words together against you
and shake my head at you (16:2-4).

On the other hand, Job said,

I could strengthen you with my mouth,
and the solace of my lips would assuage your pain
(16:5).

When you are in the presence of some saint who gives vent to his pain in harsh words toward God, how do you react? What kind of comforter are you? Hopefully, we hear what they are saying ("I am hurting") and provide the support they need, using our words to make their suffering easier. Rather than trying to enter with them into a theological argument about why they are suffering, which is what Job's friends did, let us respond to their needs.

These comments are not intended to minimize the blasphemous words that Job used against God. God called Job to account for his words which led Job to repent of his sinful speech. Suffering men, like all other men, must give account for their words. However, engaging one who is suffering in theological debate was not the appropriate reaction from Job's friends. They could discuss such issues at another time; he needed their comfort and help at the time. They needed to react to Job's suffering, to help him endure its pain.



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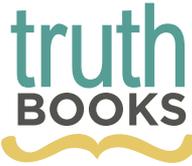
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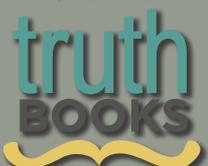
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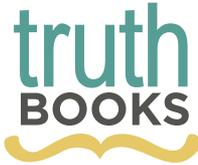
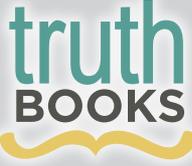
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