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Here I Stand!

MIKE WILLIS

Martin Luther nailed his 95 *Theses* in which he objected to the practices of the Roman Catholic Church to the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany on Halloween, 1517. Luther's views were condemned as heretical by Pope Leo X in the bull *Exsurge Domine* in 1520. Consequently Luther was summoned to either renounce or reaffirm them at the Diet of Worms on April 17, 1521. When he appeared before the assembly, Johann von Eck, by then assistant to the Archbishop of Trier, acted as spokesman for Emperor Charles the Fifth. He presented Luther with a table filled with copies of his writings. Eck asked Luther if he still believed what these works taught. He requested time to think about his answer. Granted an extension, Luther prayed, consulted with friends and mediators, and presented himself before the Diet the next day.

When the counselor put the same question to Luther the next day, the reformer apologized for the harsh tone of many of his writings, but said that he could not reject the majority of them or the teachings in them. Luther respectfully but boldly stated, *"Unless I am convinced by proofs from Scriptures or by plain and clear reasons and arguments, I can and will not retract, for it is neither safe nor wise to do anything against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen"* (these two paragraphs are taken largely from <http://www.greatsite.com/timeline-english-bible-history/martin-luther.html>).

Luther's stand is sometimes described as a starting point of the Reformation. Luther's stand illustrated that his commitment to obey God was greater than his commitment to the papacy. He was imitating the example of the apostles. When standing before the Jewish Sanhedrin which had commanded them not to preach in Jesus' name, Peter said, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge" (Acts 4:19). Later, when he was explaining why he and the other apostles continued to preach Jesus despite their instructions not to preach in His name, Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Perhaps there has come another time for those who are God's people to say, "Here I stand!"

TOLERANCE HAS RUN ITS COURSE

For most of my adult life ecumenism has been the doctrinal error most dominating American religion. Ecumenism is an effort for the denominations to have unity in spite of serious doctrinal differences. Rooted in modernism, ecumenism rejects doctrinal and moral absolutes. The only thing that is not tolerated by ecumenists is one who believes in moral and doctrinal absolutes. The ones who defend abortion, practice homosexuality and march for homosexual marriages, deny the virgin birth, resurrec-

tion of Jesus, and other Bible miracles, believe in Hinduism, Buddhism, or Islam can all be tolerated, being received under their umbrella of fellowship. But the one who teaches that the Bible is the inerrant word of God and calls upon those who teach something other than what is revealed in God's word to repent, are not tolerated.

We have frequently charged that the doctrines of ecumenism ultimately lead to universalism, and what we concluded were the logical results of ecumenism are now the studied practices of the mainline denominations. Liberalism has eaten the moral fibre out of Christianity. Ecumenism can tolerate anything, except one who visibly takes a stand.

One instance of this is the reaction that Terry Jones received when he considered leading a small Florida church to burn the *Quran* on September 11, 2010. Jones was lambasted for his outrageous and offensive acts, sometimes by the very same people who were defending the right of Faisal Abdul Rauf to build a mosque near ground zero in New York City. The criticism of Jones reached all the way to the White House and the U.S. General leading our forces in Afghanistan. We Americans should tolerate the ground zero mosque but not the burning of the Quran.

If you think that Islam is tolerant, you have been seeing something

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Editorial Left-Overs

CONNIE W. ADAMS

We hope you profit from this collection of shorter articles which do not require longer writings.

FOOTBALL GAME OR GOSPEL MEETING?

During a recent gospel meeting at Hebron Lane in which Bob Waldron preached, one of our young men, John Kemp, faced a dilemma. He is on the football team and was slated to play on Friday night. He told his coach that he would not be able to play since there was a gospel meeting going on where he attended church services. The coach was furious and told John that he would not be able to dress out for games the rest of the year. John missed the game and came to the meeting. His step-father went to the coach and had a serious, but reasoned talk with him, and explained how much John loved to play football, but that he valued his spiritual responsibilities above that. The coach apologized to John and his step-father and promised that there would be no reprisals. We hear so much bad news about some young people, I thought you would be encouraged to hear this account of setting priorities. I often preach in gospel meetings where football games trump the meetings. Check out Matthew 6:33.

RECENT DEATHS

WILLIAM E. WALLACE passed away in Oklahoma a few weeks ago. He had preached many years in

several states and was a son of the late Foy E. Wallace, Jr. When *Truth Magazine* was about to go out of business, Cecil Willis agreed to take on the task of keeping it alive. William E. Wallace did more than his share to help promote the paper and keep it alive. At one point, later on, he edited the *Gospel Guardian*. Brother Wallace was an associate editor of *Truth Magazine* when I also served in that capacity in the late 1960's. His wife, preceded him in death. She was from Newport, North Carolina, where I preached in my first gospel meeting in 1950. His health declined the last years of his life.

OLIVER MURRAY passed away in Texas recently. For many years he did gospel meeting work throughout the country. He was well known for his rolls of charts. For years, he spent ten months in meetings (usually two a month) and then took two months during the winter to prepare more charts for the coming year of meetings. He said he was cleaning his guns and reloading. Bobby and I had several occasions to be with him and Roberta, who traveled with him in his meetings. We had much in common and for years traded meeting schedules in hopes that we could find time to go to Branson, Missouri together. Regrettably, we were never able to work that out. Brother Murray quoted the scriptures on his charts. He led many people to the Lord. Our hearts go out

to Roberta and the family.

ARE YOU HEARING TOO MUCH PREACHING?

For several years, there has been a trend in denominational churches to discontinue Sunday evening services. They have decided that such meetings interfere with family plans, or social interests. A recent article in the *Grand Rapids Press*, Grand Rapids, Michigan, "Churches Find Empty Pews at Sunday Evening Services," reported on this decline in some local churches.

This trend has also been noted among some churches of Christ. A few places have added a short service on Sunday morning and have no evening service at all. In some places this has been done because of members having to travel many miles to attend. Some places have decided to offer Bible classes in the evening and have no preaching. There are a number of congregations now which hear one gospel sermon a week and it is often of the shorter variety. What do you make of this trend? Have churches been having too much gospel preaching for their own good?

A SURVEY FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Did Christians in New Testament days only congregate to observe the Lord's Supper and give on the first day of the week? We know they did that from Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. But they also gathered on

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other occasions for a variety of scriptural purposes.

1. They gathered “daily with one accord in the temple” (Acts 2:46). Why, they had a protracted meeting to hear the apostles’ doctrine (Acts 2:42).

2. They had a prayer meeting when Peter had been imprisoned and after James had been executed. “Many were gathered together praying” (Acts 12:12).

3. The church at Antioch had a gathering to hear an evangelistic report when Paul and Barnabas returned from their first preaching journey. “They rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27).

4. In Acts 15, the apostles and elders and the whole church met to hear divine revelation on the issue of receiving the Gentiles apart from the demands of the law of Moses. They heard from Peter, Paul and Barnabas, and James.

5. In 1 Corinthians 5:4 Paul gave instruction as to how to deal with an immoral brother “when ye are gathered together.” Nothing is said about when that gathering was to take place.

6. 1 Corinthians 14:23 speaks of when “the whole church be come together in one place. In verse 26, he again said “when ye come together.” While Paul addressed the use of spiritual gifts in chapters 12, 13 and 14, he spoke of singing, praying and teaching in these gatherings so that all might be edified (vv. 15, 9, 12, 26). No reference is made to the time when

the whole church comes together in one place. While we do not have these spiritual gifts now, we still can come together to preach, pray and sing. That is exactly what we do on Sunday night, Wednesday night and during gospel meetings.

7. Elders are to “admonish” those under their charge. Are there limits on when they may do this? They are also to “labour among” the saints (1 Thess. 5:12-13). They are to “exhort and convict gainsayers” (Tit. 1:9). There are some who “labor in the word and doctrine” (1 Tim. 5:17). They are charged to “feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof” (1 Pet. 5:2). Christians are instructed to “obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account...” (Heb. 13:17).

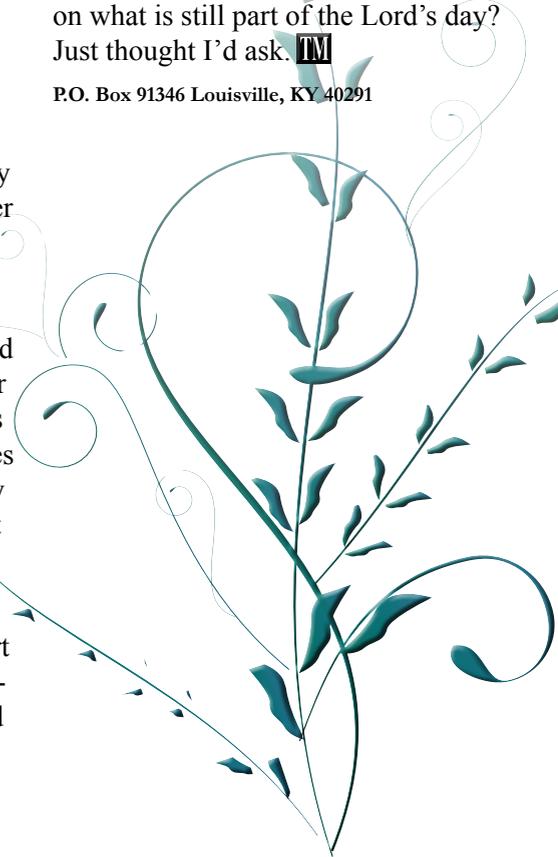
Surely, the discharge of these sacred obligations on their part involve plans to bring the whole church together in one place, whether Sunday night, Wednesday night, or some other appointed time, or during protracted meetings to hear the gospel preached that we may be edified and that strangers among us may hear the word and be led to obey the Lord. A regular meeting on Sunday evening (which is still part of the Lord’s day) well serves any of these scriptural activities. Why any faithful Christian would not want to be a part of such a gathering, has always been a mystery to me.

Perhaps, preachers bear a good part of the blame for not studying and preparing material from the word of God which is interesting, well presented

and which is timely. We have the good fortune of being members of a congregation (Hebron Lane) where there is seldom much difference in attendance at all weekly scheduled gatherings. Sometimes we have more on Sunday night than in the morning and sometimes on Wednesday night. Our elders have planned these meetings for the purpose of strengthening the church and reaching the lost who visit from time to time. When members begin to miss, they view that with concern and find out if there is a problem. While this is not the case in every place, it is at that place.

Are you hearing too much gospel preaching, or studying the Bible too much? Or, like the denominational churches, have social interests and lack of spiritual appetite dampened our enthusiasm for an extra meeting on what is still part of the Lord’s day? Just thought I’d ask. **TM**

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Freeing the Chilean Miners

STEVE WALLACE

Many in our nation and the world were recently riveted to their television sets as the drama of the final days of entrapment and spectacular freeing of the Chilean miners played out before them. The reality of the life-threatening state of the miners along with the concern, effort, and ingenuity on the part of the rescuers was impressive, but to witness the miners being freed one by one from their seemingly hopeless entombment was wonderful. Our attention turned gradually from one stage of relevant news to the next.

1. *The seemingly hopeless state of the miners.* Before modern times anyone trapped 2,000 feet underground would be counting his days and preparing for the grim, inescapable reality of approaching death. Even with our advanced technology there was great concern regarding the possibility of the Chilean miners' survival.

2. *The effort made to free them.* People from different nations united. Language barriers were overcome. The minds, ideas, and experience of seasoned men in related fields were pooled with one objective: *rescue those miners.*

3. *The joy on their part and that of all observers upon their being freed.* The first man brought happiness but he also brought hope that all would follow him. The exuberance and appreciation of Mario Sepulveda, the second miner to emerge from the capsule, no doubt roused many drowsy

EST watchers to an alert and even exuberant state. *Men who had been facing almost certain death were alive and out of danger!*

A SPIRITUAL APPLICATION OF THIS SERIES OF EVENTS

We bemoan the lost and hopeless state of the masses of all nations in our day. Sin, false religion, agnosticism, and so many other forces have people in a state similar to that of the entombed miners, except that the consequences are eternal in nature (Rom. 3:23; 1:20-28; Matt. 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:7-9). *The greatest rescue mission of all time has been mounted to save them.* God sent His own Son into the world (John 3:16). The accounts of His life of service, supernatural acts of compassion, mercy and grace, boundless love, and atoning death have

drawn those of all nations, saved them from their sins and led them into lives of service to Him (Acts 1:8; 9:31; 10:1-48; 11:19-26; 14:28; Rom. 6:17-19). These disciples have pooled their ideas, abilities, energy, funds, time, etc., with one objective, *free those lost in sin and help them to serve God* (Mark 16:15,16; Matt. 28:19,20). Countless scenes of joy have been witnessed both in the inspired historical accounts of the first century and since (Acts 8:39; 13:52; 15:3; 16:34). Heaven awaits the final scenes with joy beyond present comprehension (Rev. 7:9-17).

The great effort to free the trapped miners is finished. The greatest rescue mission of all time is still going on. Are you a part of it? 



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“Worship Is Like Going To A Mall”

STEVE DEATON

“Worship is like going to a mall,” Millard said. ‘There are all kinds of stores. Some people like specialty shops. Some like department stores. When you have variety, people can go where they like.’” This jewel of a quote came from Kent Millard, “senior pastor” of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, as recently reported by the Associated Press.

The news story related how the UMC is seeing an overall decline in membership, as are most denominations. In an attempt to turn things around, the UMC commissioned a survey to find out what people want so they will attend services and remain as members. According to the survey, one thing people want is a mix of traditional and contemporary worship services. That is where Kent Millard and St. Luke’s come in; they have offered both for a number of years and their membership is growing.

Yes, churches can grow their attendance and membership by offering a variety of worship styles and formats. Yes, they can draw large crowds with modern music, intriguing dramas, recreational activities for youth, and dynamic motivational speakers. No question about it. What they cannot do with all of these is save souls. Only the gospel can do that (Rom. 1:16).

Denominations gave up even their perverted version of the plan of salvation years ago. Preaching, they saw, did not attract as many people as ac-

tivities. So, they offered the latest and greatest entertainment and gimmicks. After the new wore off and another great thing came along, their memberships dwindled. The “non-denominational” churches rule the day. Now, traditional denominations are playing catch up.

As the people of God, we have to be careful not to fall into the devil’s trap on this. We cannot think that because our numbers are stagnant or falling that we should start to mimic the churches of men. Our duty is now and always has been to preach the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). Some will like it, many more will not (John 3:19-21; Matt. 7:13, 14). Still, it is the only way men will truly be brought to the Lord and saved (1 Pet. 1:22).

Worship in the Bible is not like going to a mall. It consists of five things:

preaching, giving, the Lord’s Supper, prayer, and singing (Acts 2:42; 20:7; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Paul taught this same pattern everywhere (1 Cor. 4:17). He did not tell the Ephesians to treat worship of the Lord like going to the market place; pick the vegetables or meat, buy pottery or copper vessels, choose purple robes or brown gowns . . . use instruments or not, have plays or rock bands or youth lock-ins. Rather, he taught them and teaches us to worship God according to His will. Anything other than this is sin (Gal. 1:6-9).

Let us determine to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23, 24), keeping the conviction that the gospel will draw good and honest hearts to Christ (John 6:44, 45). **TW**



How Does Withdrawing Affect Family Relationships?

BILL CAVENDER

QUESTION 1: “I have a niece who has been disciplined by the church of which she was a member. I do not know/understand the position in which that puts me in my family. I realize that a child who is disciplined and living at home is permitted to eat with his/her family. However, when the child is grown and out of the house, and has his/her own home, is it the same? What is a grandmother to do in this situation? Is that ‘disciplined one’ permitted to attend family gatherings? This child never got together with her church family and was very much to herself. So when she was disciplined, even though we were not members of her home congregation, some have felt we should honor that discipline by avoiding social contact with her. If she saw no difference in her extended family (many of whom are Christians), how would she benefit from the discipline?” (Kentucky)

QUESTION 2: “If a Christian withdraws himself from a congregation because they are in error, should he continue to socialize with those brethren on a regular basis? Also, should the brethren he withdrew from socialize with him as well?” (Texas)

Our Lord Jesus and His Holy Spirit-directed apostles taught us in the New Testament that there are certain acts and types of behavior among God’s children which are not to be permitted, condoned, and tolerated in

the Lord’s congregations. These are:

1. One who is *impenitent* and *unforgiving*, even when the sin and guilt of this offender are clearly established by testimony and by sufficient witnesses (Matt. 18:15-20, 21-35). One who is unforgiving is *most* unlike our Lord Jesus.

2. Mark and avoid those who cause *divisions* and *offenses* (“obstacles, hindrances”) contrary to the doctrine of Christ (Rom. 16:17-18). Deliberate disobedience to the doctrines and commandments of our Lord are not to be tolerated among faithful brethren and true churches of the Lord. Divisiveness and teaching error are subject to church discipline.

3. *Incest, fornication, all types of moral deviations and offenses*. “But now I have written unto you *not to keep company*, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one, *no, not to eat*. . . . Therefore *‘put away from among yourselves’* that wicked person” (1 Cor. 5:1-13; see also 1 Cor. 6:9-11, 13-20; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-6, and many other Scriptures).

4. The *disorderly, busybodies, lazy who will not work*. . . . “disorderly” (Greek: *ataktos* — “signifies disorderly, with slackness [like soldiers not keeping rank], 2 Thess. 3:6; in verse

11 it is said of those in the church who refused to work, and became busybodies [compare 1 Tim. 5:13]” [W.E. Vine’s *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*]). “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that *ye withdraw yourselves* from every brother that *walketh disorderly*. . . we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. . . .” (2 Thess. 3:6-15).

5. 2 John 9-11 — “Whosoever goeth onward (‘transgresseth’), and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed (‘give him any greeting’). For he that bideth him God-speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” The false teacher *is not to be fellowshipped or encouraged*.

These are some of the New Testament Scriptures that teach us the reasons, the grounds, the offenses against God and each other, which would lead us to “withdraw ourselves” from a brother or sister in God’s family, and would result in having no social contact with that erring brother/sister. These Scriptures deal with *the church relationship*—our relationship with our brothers/sisters in the family of God, the church. These Scriptures, it

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seems to me are easily enough understood. It would take quite a bit of help to misunderstand them!

The difficulties arise and questions are raised when we begin to, or need to, apply these principles and teachings to our other relationships in life: (1) the *family* relationship; (2) the *business, job, economic* relationship; (3) the *friends, community, neighbors* relationship; (4) the *fellow-citizen, civil, governmental* relationship.

1. When a congregation “withdraws fellowship” from a member, publicly disapproving of the conduct of that erring member, declaring the congregation no longer recognizes that brother/sister as a member among them, then we are not to socialize (“not to eat”) with that person (1 Cor. 5:1-13). We must be very careful in such a process, making sure that all the members of the congregation participate, knowing what the offense of the guilty is, and that diligent efforts have been made by the congregation to pray for the offender, and try to restore the offender, prior to withdrawal (James 5:19-20; Gal. 6:1-2).

This congregational withdrawal of fellowship pertains to that congregation *only*, and is not bound upon any

other congregation. Each and every congregation should be careful about whom is accepted into membership and fellowship (Acts 9:26-30). Neither is this congregational withdrawal from a member bound upon families, business relationships, community, and neighbor relationships, and civil/citizen relationships. Congregational withdrawal from an erring member is not designed to disrupt family and other relationships of life. The sin committed by the unfaithful member which results in congregational disfellowship



may be of the type that will result in family disruptions and withdrawals also, but it may not be so either.

2. A family may have already withdrawn from a family member for an offense against the family prior to action by a congregation. Or, some family members may have withdrawn from a family member, and other members

of the family may not have done so. Or, it may be that the family members are not Christians and could care less what a church has done and/or what the Scriptures say and teach about sin and non-participation in sinful conduct. Or, it may be that family members are Christians and agree with a congregational action against their family member, and try to enforce it. All sorts of scenarios are found in families, and among the family members, as to how the family copes with and deals with sinful conduct

and violations of family standards of behavior. A family has to deal with its own family members. It is not necessarily bound by what a congregation has done. One thing is for sure — if we are Christians, in the family, in business relationships, in civic relationships, in neighborhood-friends activities, we will “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11). A Christian cannot con-

done, and participate in, sinful words, deeds, and conduct, as we walk by faith in this sinful world. Each family member will have to determine, for himself/herself, how we deal with misconduct in the family relationship, according to our personal knowledge of God’s will for us. A husband/wife may have to withdraw from his/her spouse according to what the

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offense is, perhaps adultery. We deal with the family member according to what the offense is, and how it affects the family.

So it is also in the business world and relationship. An owner, or a man-

probably affect how he deals with his employer.

So it is in the community-neighborhood relationships and activities. I do not necessarily withdraw myself from my neighbors or from community as-

in the possibility that I might be able to teach the gospel to that person and lead him/her to Jesus and to salvation.

I don't refuse to vote nor do my duties as a citizen because of all the sin in government and people, in rulers, in mis-appropriation of tax-payers' monies, etc. I go on and pay my taxes, pray for my rulers, vote, live in all godliness and honesty as best I know how, although there is sin all about me. I just have to make some choices, through my knowledge of and belief in God's will, refraining from some matters and people, and going about to do what good I can as a good citizen.

As to Question #2 above, there are brethren who do such things, but I do not, for the life of me, see how and why. If I walk away from a congregation of my brethren in Christ, feeling and believing so strongly that they are guilty of sin, false doctrine and misconduct, that I cannot worship with them and fellowship them, then I am not going to be eating, drinking, and socializing with them. This is hypocrisy to me. And how my brethren could, or would, or want to, socialize with me when I feel so strongly against them that I will not worship with them or fellowship them, is beyond me. Strange attitudes these are, as expressed in this question! Some people are funny! They do the strangest things. I cannot explain such behavior. Dear reader from Texas who sent this question: "I just don't know how to figure this one out!" I don't know of any Scripture that directly applies to this scenario. **TM**



ager, of a business is not bound by a congregational withdrawal of one of his employees. He deals with this employee according to what the offense is, and how it affects his business and his relationship with this employee. If he is a Christian, this will most probably affect how he deals with an erring employee; and if the employee is a Christian who has erred, it will most

sociations because there is a brother/sister in the church among them who has been guilty of misconduct and has been disfellowshipped, or a neighbor who is an adulterer, or a drunkard, etc. I have to choose whom I will fellowship and whom I will not. And I'll make those decisions in the context and light of my knowledge of God's word, my influence for good, and even



BOBBY L. GRAHAM

Questions & Answers

Question: What did Jesus mean when He said, “Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say” (Luke 6:46)?

ANSWER: Luke 6:20-49 presents another, more sketchy account of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, the first being Matthew 5-7; thus verse 46 is parallel to Matthew 7:21, as a close reading of the two accounts will demonstrate. The Sermon is easily divided into two primary sections: (1) Doctrinal (Matt. 5:1-7:12; Luke 6:20-42), in which the Lord gave primary instructions relative to citizens’ conduct in the coming kingdom; and (2) Hortatory (Matt. 7:13-29; Luke 43-49), in which Jesus urged their acceptance of the different principles earlier given them.

The verse in question appears in the second—Hortatory—section, and it takes its purpose from the general design of that broad section. Jesus urged their entrance into the narrow way of truth, which He had just set forth, so they could enjoy eternal life to which it leads. He then warned them about the danger posed by false prophets, who could easily lead them off course. The third basic part of His exhortation that they accept His teaching enters in the verse of our question: Their acknowledgment of His lordship has its own requirement:, namely, obedience

to His teaching. “Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?”

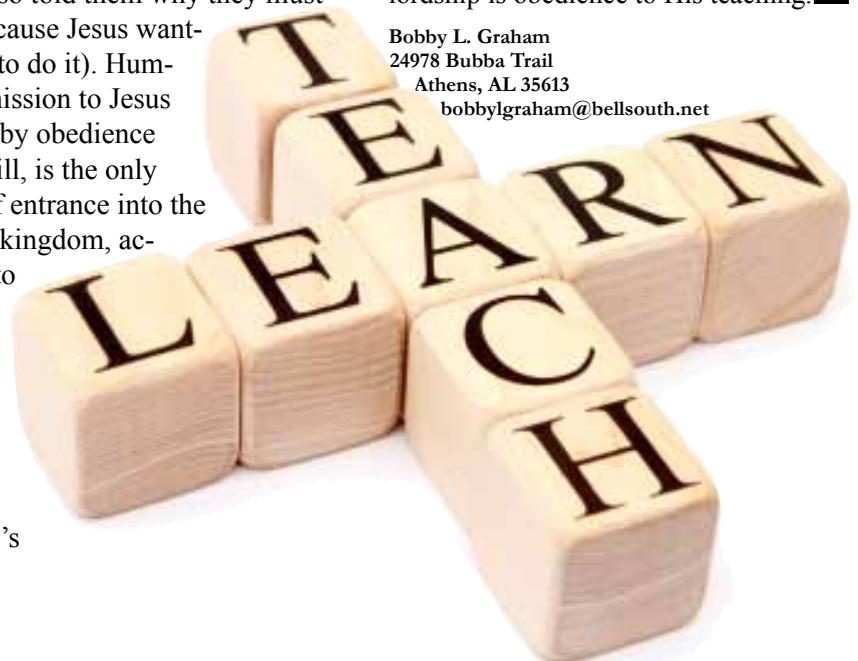
Lordship implies dominion, authority. When Peter taught the first converts on Pentecost, he called upon them to acknowledge Jesus as “both Lord and Christ.” He then tested their acceptance of Jesus’ lordship, when he commanded them to “repent and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ. . . .” Not only did he tell them what to do (repent and be baptized), but he also told them why they must do it (because Jesus wanted them to do it). Humble submission to Jesus as Lord, by obedience to His will, is the only means of entrance into the spiritual kingdom, according to Jesus in Matthew 7:21.

The explanation in Matthew’s account

is more elaborate (the principle stated in 7:21; the illustration of a failure to submit to his lordship in 7:22-23; an acceptance of such in 7:24-27; and the people’s impression of his authority in 7:28-29). Luke simply declares Jesus’ question in 6:46 and follows it with a condensed form of the parable of the wise and foolish builders in 6:47-49.

We would do well today to stress these same principles. Jesus’ authority demands our acceptance of Him, and the only adequate acceptance of His lordship is obedience to His teaching. 

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Jesus Wept — And We Do Too

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In John 11:11-36, the story is related regarding the death of Lazarus, a friend of many, most notably, our Lord. Lazarus was not an apostle, but he believed in the Lord and he was a friend of not only the Lord but also of some of the apostles. In John 11:11 Jesus says, “Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep.” Later in verse 35 we read how our Savior wept over the physical loss of his friend. When those we love die it is natural to weep and miss them, but if they are faithful we have hope in Christ that they will receive His reward and that death is not the end but the beginning. Our resurrection to eternal life is what gives us hope and we long for it.

When a person we love departs this life, it leaves a hole in our lives. Our earthly association with him has ceased. The bond we had is broken, whether it be a family bond or friendship bond. In Ecclesiastes 3 the wise man tells us that there is a time to mourn, not only over the loss of loved ones but also over the sad state of men in sin. Jesus spoke of the value of the “house of mourning.” In mourning and shedding tears there is a reminder to all of us of the fragile nature of life as we live it here. We are all just one breath from passing on ourselves. The reality is that death is a natural part of life. We are born and we live here as a vapor (James 4:14). What we do in that time of vapor determines where we will spend eternity (Rom. 2:6;

14:12). Death to the faithful child of God still leaves a hole in the lives of those left behind, but God has blessed us through His Son’s death for our sins, that to those who say goodbye to a saint, there is every reason to have peace, with where they are going.

Jesus and others had Lazarus in this life and certainly others who were dear to them. Lazarus’ life and death taught many lessons to many people, although he was not a particularly famous man, before he was raised from the dead. Our lives are also touched by men and women whom we miss and weep over when they depart. One such man to me was my friend and brother, Bob Wise.

Bob V. Wise passed away on April 11, 2010 at the age of 78. His family was with him when he departed. To his family and those others who loved him, especially brethren, he is sorely missed. Bob was a faithful child of God who had a tremendous impact on the Lord’s work in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania and the surrounding areas. He was loved by all who knew him. He was an easy man to become acquainted with. Having worked as a barber for many years, he knew everyone, it seems in the area. If he met a stranger it did not take him long to get him talking. He was responsible for helping many wayward brethren return to the Lord. He knew what it was like to be unfaithful and out of duty to the Lord, having experienced

that himself. When he returned to the Lord, he never looked back. I have heard him speak with those who were wayward and they could not deny what Bob would say to them and he had a tremendous effect on them when he spoke.

Bob loved to talk about the Word. I was privileged to hold many meetings in the area where Bob was and it was my pleasure to stay in the home of him and his beloved wife, Jean, many times. One thing Bob and we loved to do was discuss the Scriptures daily. He was an encourager to me and others who preached the gospel. He loved the Truth and was always firm in his stand for it. Not only did he love the Truth himself, but he loved to share it with others. We will never know how many were influenced to obey the truth due to the effort of Bob Wise.

Bob loved his family. He wanted more than anything in this life for all those he loved to be obedient to the truth. He wanted them to be safe here on this earth, but more importantly he wanted them to be saved eternally. He shed many tears in my presence over those who would not obey the gospel. It genuinely hurt him to hear the invitation given and no responses be forthcoming.

Bob loved godly men. Among Bob’s heroes in this life was a man named Kelly Wilson. Brother Wilson was much like Bob and they mutually

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admired one another. Kelly was what we would call today, Bob's spiritual mentor.

Bob was not a public speaker to start with. Although Bob could speak personally with anyone, he was fearful of standing before the public. He related to me that the first time he had to teach a public Bible class, pray in public or serve in public, he would get physically sick. Instead of giving in to those fears, he rose above them. He would pray, compose himself, remember the power was in the Word (Rom. 1:16), and get up and hide himself behind that Word. He became accomplished in this, not because it came naturally, but because he kept trying and would not give up. Many times he had to do all of the public duties in worship due to the small number in attendance. I admired him for this and have used his example in many lessons on the importance of developing one's "talents."

Bob was a delightful man to be around. He possessed a tremendous sense of humor and enjoyed life everyday he lived it. He was thankful for everyday since he felt every breath he breathed was a blessing from God. Bob had a heart attack at the age of forty and fought health problems for the rest of his life. For about twenty years he had lived his life with only a small fraction of his heart working. He did not let this stop his activity level. He told me he would rather die active than rust in a recliner or bed.

One of the things that enabled Bob to live life so fully in Christ is his refusal to pity himself and let his horrible health status freeze him from enjoying those he loved. He would

drive miles to attend a gospel meeting not just once a week but two or three times. He would mow grass weekly (acres not lots). He would bake pies and cook for the sick and needy. Bob was a giving man and did not have time for fretting over how bad things might have been for him. He was not a covetous man. He enjoyed a good lifestyle, but he stated that, if he lost it all it wouldn't matter, he would just start again. He knew that a man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses (Luke 12:15).

Bob Wise loved to hear the gospel preached. He was a friend to faithful men. If support were needed, Bob was there to plead the case. He would even give of his own funds for others so they could continue to preach.

Bob was a great cook. He learned to be good at this with practice. I will miss his pepperoni rolls and his pies. He enjoyed good food as he enjoyed everything life gave to him. Although he took a lot of medicines, he tried not to let any of that dampen his appetite for good food and godly company when he ate it. He used opportunities when he ate with those outside of Christ to talk with them about spiritual things. He was always concerned about higher things.

Bob wanted to go to heaven. Above everything in this life, Bob desired heaven. Whenever his life was over, and he knew it could happen at any moment, literally, he wanted to be ready to be with his Savior. He longed to see Him. It is my belief that he is in Abraham's bosom in comfort right now and that he now awaits the great judgment day with all the departed saved ones.

Bob was my Lazarus. I wept when he passed but I did not weep as those who have no hope, for as Jesus said about Lazarus, he is asleep (but in Christ). We often think of great men as being famous politicians, generals, preachers or elders, but great men never realize their greatness. Humble men like Kelly Wilson, Jake Rudolph, Joyner Adams, Lazarus, Job, and Bob Wise are truly great. They all simply obeyed the Lord and did their best to quietly make an impact for good wherever they were. The world has a hole in it due to the loss of Bob and other faithful brethren. But God always raises up men to serve Him. Somewhere, there are younger versions of Bob who are ready to "make up the hedge and stand in the gap" (Ezek. 22:30). Each generation must make its own stand for truth. Where do you and I stand? What impact are you making with your life? Are you letting fearfulness freeze you and render you impotent in service to God? Stand up for Jesus and be a soldier of the cross, you will never regret it. 

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News of You

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The Proverbs famously assert that, “Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country” (25:25).

We are living in age of technological wonders that our forbears in Bible times could scarcely have imagined. Worldwide communication is available to the masses with almost instantaneous results. In the twenty-first century, populism has forever altered the way that we communicate as social media augment mass media with firsthand and direct reporting of current events.

At the same time, however, many have complained that our society and even the church have entered an era of depersonalization and isolation. So much of our communicating is done through machinery that there is less face-to-face interaction and relationships suffer as a result. Churches sometimes fracture, but more broadly, the sense of brotherhood that unites believers across congregational lines wanes (1 Thess. 3:6). There seems to be fewer opportunities to rejoice and weep with those of like, precious faith. There is something sweet about being able to maintain those relationships we estab-

lished growing up, attending college, visiting gospel meetings, and worshiping where our work and recreation have taken us (Acts 20:37-38).

To that end, we want to devote a page of each issue of *Truth Magazine* to the reporting of significant news of interest to brethren beyond the reach of a bulletin. Think of Paul dispatching Timothy to Philippi because he hoped the young evangelist could bring back an update to Rome “so that I too may be cheered by NEWS OF YOU” (Phil. 2:19). The news, of course, is not always good. Sometimes it involves the deaths of beloved brethren or other sadness, but such things might have even more power to draw prayerful people together.

THIS IS THE KIND OF NEWS WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Milestone wedding anniversaries (50th, 60th, etc.) and birthdays (90th, 100th, etc.)
- Deaths of widely known individuals
- Debates scheduled, overseas preaching trips planned
- Preacher relocations, retirements (but not churches or preachers looking)
- Congregations established, relocated or merged
- Appointment of elders or deacons
- Human interest or inspirational stories (Phil. 3:17)

To accomplish this ambitious goal and to do it well, we are asking that the loyal readers of *Truth Magazine* submit this kind of news for publication. We want to provide a little flavor of the news as well, not just staccato bullet points. Let us know a little about the person or event that will add interest and feel free to submit photos as well.

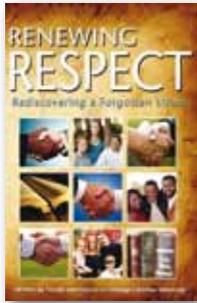
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We look forward to your submissions and being able to keep in touch that we might all be cheered by NEWS OF YOU! 



Book Review

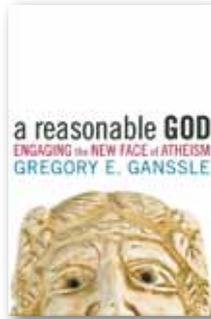
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Renewing Respect: Rediscovering a Forgotten Virtue. Bill Bagents, Editor. Gospel Advocate, 2009. 144 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-89225-568-9

Our modern culture has devalued, de-emphasized, and disregarded so many godly virtues. Values that were once held in high esteem are now discarded and even ridiculed by many. Young people are not being taught the principles and character necessary to make it through life and be pleasing to God. One such virtue that is often neglected today is respect – respect for God, the Bible, the church, and the family. In a recent book by Gospel Advocate, the important subject of respect is taught in thirteen lessons by various faculty members from Heritage Christian University. This book is called *Renewing Respect* and it touches on a key virtue that must be passed onto the next generation. The editor, Bill Bagents, states the aim of this book in these words: “We hope this book will demonstrate respect for God and Scripture ... Hopefully, people will be led to open their Bibles and to think more deeply about God’s truth” (13). The thirteen lessons cover respect for God’s creation, the inspiration of the Bible, the Lord’s church, the Restoration plea, preaching the word, Bible teachers, leadership, God’s commandments, morality, the family, the Holy Spirit, grace, and the gospel as God’s power to save. Each lesson closes with discussion questions. One critique of the book would be that the author’s comments on the Spirit’s indwelling are misleading (119-120) and

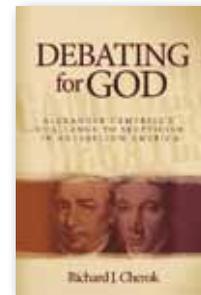
there needs to be a lesson included on respect for the pattern of local church work and organization (a respect that is lacking among institutional churches of Christ). That aside, the authors of this book do a good job of pointing out the importance of respect in the life of a Christian today. *Renewing Respect* offers a great deal of profit on this much-needed subject.



A Reasonable God: Engaging the New Face of Atheism. Gregory E. Ganssle. Baylor University Press, 2009. 191 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1602-5824-15

As atheists continue to assault and assail a belief in God, Christians need to prepare themselves to make a ready defense of their belief. The “New Atheists” (Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris), as they have been called, are vehement and persuasive in their rhetoric. They continue to gain popularity through the mainstream media. What answers are we to give their humanistic, philosophical arguments? Gregory E. Ganssle, author of *A Reasonable God*, offers the reader help to address and answer today’s New Atheist. Ganssle, a lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at Yale University, is well-informed and well-equipped to handle the arguments of the New Atheist. He writes in a short, readable style that is both philosophically informed and theologically sound. Ganssle will offer the reader a brief introduction to the new face of Atheism, the relationship of science to religion (Chapter 1), the reasonableness and rationality of

faith (Chapter 2), arguments for God (Chapters 3 and 4), and answers to atheist arguments (Chapters 5 through 7). The author concludes his work this way: “The universe as we observe it points more clearly in the direction of theism” (178). *A Reasonable God* is recommended reading for anyone interested in what the New Atheists are arguing as well as a rational defense for the existence of God.



Debating for God: Alexander Campbell's Challenge to Skepticism in Antebellum America. Richard J. Cherok. ACU Press, 2008. 224 pages, softback.

ISBN: 978-0891-12531-0

Many members of churches of Christ are aware of Alexander Campbell’s famous debate with Robert Owen in 1829 on the evidences of Christianity. But they may not be aware of the fascinating story behind this great debate, the debaters, and the religious climate of that day. Richard J. Cherok, a professor of Church History at Cincinnati Christian University, has put this interesting story of Campbell on paper and the reader of restoration history will profit greatly from Cherok’s book. The concluding chapter is most rewarding as it encourages the reader to be a contender for the faith (Jude 3) and an apologist (1 Pet. 3:15) like Campbell himself. *Debating for God* is recommended reading today in a culture where many Christians need to be reminded to stand for truth, defend it, and debate it when necessary.

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Reflections on a Tie Rack

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Hanging in the back of the building at the Priscilla Street church of Christ, Freetown, Sierra Leone, is a rack of ties. These ties represent a sufficient variety that at least one of them would look good with any color or pattern of shirt. The ties are provided for the use of any man serving in a public role during worship. The brethren at Priscilla Street do not demand that a man wear a tie if serving, but do strongly suggest it and want to make them available to those who do not own one. They are not trying to establish a man-made arbitrary dress code, but do want to encourage respect and dignity during worship.

Is that dignity and respect something that we have lost in our culture? I fear that we have become intoxicated and deceived by the casualness of our society. No longer is God held in awe and respect, but is more likely to be viewed as some kindly old grandpa or Santa Claus who will laugh at anything we do or say. We have been told by so many worldly sources (and come to believe them) that God is only interested on what's inside and not what's outside that we take that as license to dress anyway we want to when we come to worship the Almighty Jehovah.

Yes, God is interested in "what's on the inside," but not to the exclusion of the outside. Look at the details in the Law of Moses for the attire of the

priests. Is God interested in what man wears when he comes before Him in worship? It would appear that He was during the days of Moses. Adam and Eve attempted to fashion clothes for themselves after acquiescing to the temptations of Satan, and God had to make them new clothes that suited Him. God appeared to be interested in what Adam and Eve put on the outside. God instructs women as to how they ought to attire themselves in 1 Timothy 2. Yes, God is interested in our "outside."

The word "God" means mighty, strong, or prominent. Jehovah, God's "personal name" was held in such reverence by the ancient Jews that they refused to write the entire word. He is referred to as the "Lord most High" (Deut. 26:29), the "Mighty One" (Gen. 49:24), and the "Holy One" (Isa. 40:25) among many others. One name cannot capture the glory and grandeur of our Almighty God. His very name(s) evoke respect, awe, fear, and dignity. We ought to show respect for the God of the universe by our actions and dress when we come into His presence.

When John saw a vision of the glorified Jesus, He fell down as if a dead man (Rev. 1:17). Daniel saw the angel Gabriel and fell down on his face in fear (Dan. 8:17). After Moses spent forty days on Mt. Sinai recording the law of God, his face shone with such brilliance that the people had to put a

cover over the face of Moses (Exod. 34:29). When Balaam's donkey saw the angel, he fell down beneath Balaam (Num. 22:27). Whether a manifestation of Deity, an Emissary from heaven or even an angel disguised as a donkey, their manifestation caused men to fall in fear and trembling. Why is it then that we think we can take a light, casual attitude toward God when we come into His presence?

I am *not* advocating the establishment of an arbitrary, man-made dress code for worship. But, I am advocating a manner of dress in worship that manifests respect, reverence, and awe when we assemble to worship Almighty God.

"*USA Today*" (August 17, 2010) carried a report that judges all across the country are cracking down on what people wear to their courts. Traffic court in Bakersfield, CA, no longer allows flip-flops. An Inkster, MI, district court has banned jeans. Shorts are not allowed in Dover, DE. Another court in Delaware demands that skirts be no shorter than four inches above the knees when standing up. Their reason? According to Delaware Superior Court Judge William Witham, Jr., the courts are a place for serious business to be conducted and that demands appropriate attire. Gayle Fischer, a professor at Salem State University states that, "dress codes are the product of a casual society and ignorance of court culture."

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Let me see if I understand this: When appearing before a fallible, flawed human judge, I must dress in a way that shows respect for the court, the judge, and the process of jurisprudence. Judges all across the country are cracking down on what they consider inappropriate attire in an effort to maintain decorum.

If I must dress in a manner that shows respect when I appear before a fallible, flawed human judge, shouldn't I dress in an appropriate manner showing respect and maintaining decorum when I appear before the Judge who will determine my eternal destiny? Why would a person want to appear in the presence of an omnipotent, omniscient Judge without

being attired in a manner that shows respect?

Borrowing Judge Witham's words, "Worship is a place for serious business and that demands appropriate attire." Coming into the presence of the Creator demands that I demonstrate respect for Him. That includes my actions and my dress. I fear that some brethren have become so intoxicated by the casual society in which we live that they think nothing of dressing as if they were going to a ballgame or out shopping. Some sisters show enough flesh when they appear in worship that is difficult to look at them when speaking to them or serving them the Lord's Supper. T-shirts and jeans may be appropriate for the grocery store,

but are they appropriate to wear when appearing before the Great I Am?

Am I advocating a dress code for worship? No. However, I am challenging you to look into your heart **and mirror** and determine what your dress tells God when you bow in His presence. Brethren, we can do better!



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Conservatives in an Uproar!

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We have heard a lot lately about how our government has little to no regard for the sanctity of the *U.S. Constitution*. This document is the foundation for our blessed country which outlines the rights of the people and the restrictions of the government. Our leaders are in every sense making their own rules as they go along with no consideration for the *Constitution*. Countless numbers of people have called, written, and assembled to show their outrage for the actions of our leaders.

It has been polled that the majority of people in this country are conservatives and they are in an uproar. My question is this, where is the same zeal, fire, outrage, and outcry over the freelance, carefree approach and attitude over the Gospel of Christ? These same people who are making a stance for the return to the *U.S. Constitution* as the authority for our government take the same approach to religion as the government does to the *Constitu-*

tion. People are ready to fight for a man made document but haphazardly handle the greatest document pen was ever put to paper, the Gospel of Christ. Let's consider some reasons why we need to defend the gospel of Christ as the final authority in religion as many are defending a document of men.

1. The gospel is powerful. Just as our constitution was considered the most powerful document in our country, the gospel of Christ needs to be understood as the most powerful document in all of creation. The gospel is God's power to salvation (Rom. 1:16) but yet folks will go with the words of others or with their own feelings, much like our leaders today. As Paul writes, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). Most in religion do not consider the absolute power that has been placed within the gospel of Christ. If we could only be as Paul and consider ourselves as "appointed for the defense of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17).

2. The Gospel is Christ's. Paul wrote "Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it" (Gal. 3:15). Much as we have people trying to redefine the *U.S. Constitution* once

it has been ratified, we have people redefining the gospel of Christ. It is not man's role to redefine or change. Mark writes, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). The gospel belongs to Christ, not men. John warns us not to add to it or take away from it (Rev. 22:18, 19). And the same apostle warns us, if we go beyond it, we do not have God or Jesus (2 John 9). Will the same people who desire a hands-off approach to the *U.S. Constitution* demand a hands off approach to the glorious gospel of Christ?

3. The gospel is the final authority in religion. As our leaders are supposed to look at the *U.S. Constitution* in order to find out if they are allowed to pass certain laws and to know their limits, the same is true about all religious matters. When it comes to religion, the gospel of Christ is the final authority on the do's and don'ts. Paul writes "What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of *my right in the gospel*" (1 Cor. 9:18). Our religious rights are found in the gospel -- not in the O.T. nor the books or traditions of men but the gospel alone. Authority has been given to Christ "even as You gave Him authority over all flesh" (John 17:2). And before Jesus returned to heaven He said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth . . . teaching them to observe

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all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:18, 20).

Jesus said to teach what He commanded -- not what men feel, like, or assume.

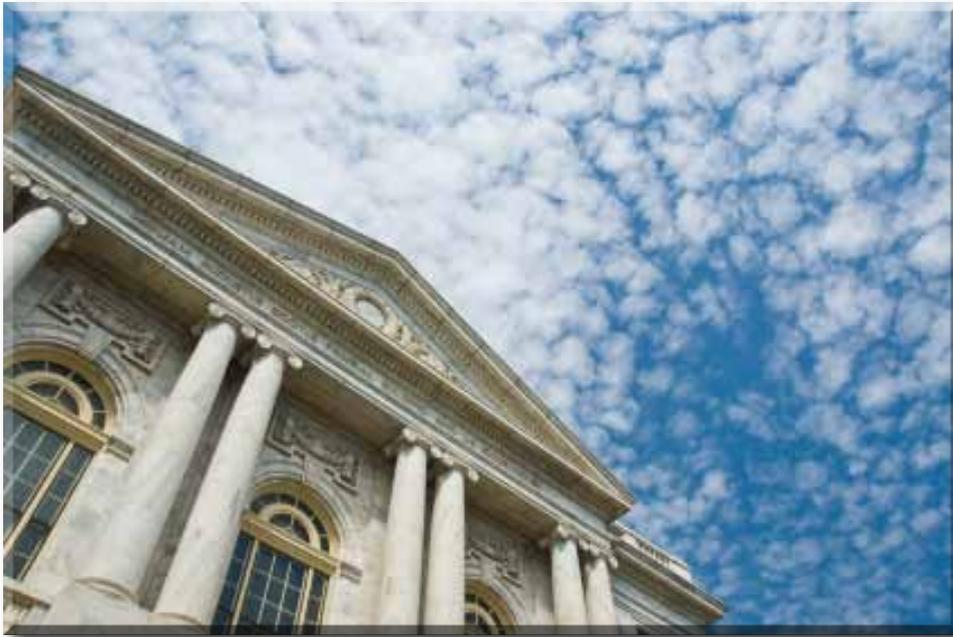
But yet we have the same principle being carried out in the religious realm as it is in Washington. Will the same

radical views or even associated with them have been voted out of office for their departure from the *U.S. Constitution*.

If this is true with men, how much more so with the eternal God! Paul says that God will judge men by the gospel (Rom. 2:16). And Jesus spoke, “He who rejects Me and does

will kill us in hell! Oh how we need to remember the words of Peter, “And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people” (Acts 3:23). Friends, do not be deceived. If we as men expect our leaders to adhere to the rules established, then why do we expect our Creator to judge off the cuff? We need to start seeing Jesus as one sitting on the Judgment throne and not as a baby in a manger or a man on a cross!

Our appeal is for all men to return to the gospel of Christ for all things. If folks can be so upset over our leaders’ departure from a document that will be burned up at the return of Christ, just imagine, if you can, how upset God is looking down from heaven at “religious people” using the glorious gospel of His Son in any old way they choose that best suits them. If folks will not tolerate it from men, then why should we expect God to tolerate the butchering of the everlasting gospel that was enacted by the blood of His Son (Mark 14:24; 1 Cor. 11:25; Heb. 10:29)? To those who love Christ they ought to be in an uproar over man’s departure from it! **TM**



people demand the gospel of Christ as the final authority in religion as they are demanding our leaders to return to the *Constitution*?

4. The gospel is the standard of judgment. When a document has been written and ratified, such as the *U.S. Constitution* for the country, and when our leaders leave it and go their own way, we the people judge them by their actions. This has been seen in various elections in the past few months. Those who have held the

not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day” (John 12:48). Has the religious world become so hardened and arrogant as those in Washington that we are above the wrath of God? Have we forgotten the words of Jesus, “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matt. 10:28)? Just as our leaders have lost any fear of our vote, we have lost fear of the One who can and



“The Silence of God”

FRANK RICHEY

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls (James 1:21).

In the above passage we clearly see that the word of God is able to save our souls. But, what about the silence of God? Can God’s silence save mankind?

I would like to begin by stating that God’s silence says and does nothing. God’s silence does not say a single thing to us. God’s silence is not able to save our souls. It is by God’s words that we are saved. It is through God’s speech that mankind can be saved! In this article, we want to explore the significance of the silence of God.

GOD’S SILENCE SAYS NOTHING AND DOES NOTHING

The silence of God doing nothing is clearly seen in the creation. Notice what happened when God spoke:

- Genesis 1:3—Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
- Genesis 1:9—Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so.
- Genesis 1:14—Then God

said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years.

- Genesis 1:20—Then God said, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.”
- Genesis 1:24—Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind”; and it was so.

When God spoke, things happened. When God was silent, nothing happened. We can also see in Genesis 1 that, when God speaks to nothing, it responded. All these things just shown from Genesis 1 were spoken before anything was there to listen to what was spoken. The response to God’s words was, “There was” and “It was so.” “The earth brought forth.” The response to God’s silence was *nothing!*

Again we see the power of the word of God in the Book of Psalms:

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His

mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast (Psa. 33:6-9).

God’s words were the ultimate cause in creation. God spoke, things happened. The record tells us that through His speech, God said (Gen. 1:3); God’s word made things (Gen. 1:4), and God’s word created things.

Perhaps as important as learning what the power of the word of God could do, is learning from the other side of the coin—that when God was silent, *nothing happened!* God’s silence did nothing! God spoke to the land and told it to do something. It produced plants. God spoke to the water and told it to do something. It produced living creatures. Inanimate water brought forth life. (Inanimate water can bring forth eternal life because God said it! People today say that we cannot have life through baptism. We can, because God said it.)

During the creation, when God didn’t speak (when there was silence), nothing happened. Can you imagine that, during the creation, some animal or being shows up of its own volition? Can you imagine God looking around and seeing this entity and asking,

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“Who are you and what are you doing here?” Can you imagine a response of, “Well, you didn’t tell me not to show up at the creation!”

Let’s look at one other example of silence doing nothing. In Mark 4, Jesus was with His disciples on the Sea of Galilee, when a great storm arose and threatened their very existence. Though the disciples feared for their lives, Jesus was asleep on a pillow, lying in the boat. So disturbed were the disciples that they awoke Jesus, pleading their case that they were going to die in the storm. In verse 38 they said, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” I want you to notice that the silence of Christ did absolutely nothing, but when He spoke, He controlled nature itself. “Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39). It was only when Christ spoke, that the Word of God did something!

HOW SUCCESSFUL IS GOD’S SPEECH?

The success of God’s words (or speech) depends on the acceptance or rejection of God’s authority. We are told that “Man shall not live by bread alone, but every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4). Moses wrote: “Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left” (Deut. 5:32).

Obviously God was more successful with nature than with man. When God spoke, water listened

and obeyed. When God spoke, land listened and obeyed. Man often doesn’t listen and doesn’t obey.

There is no perfect obedience to the words of God. Paul said, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

God’s word has often failed to convert man. Although God has given us the “way to life,” there are “few who find it” (Matt. 7:14). Why is it that God’s word fails more often than it succeeds with man? The reason for the failure of God’s word in the conversion of men, is man’s free will. It is man’s failure, not the word of God!

THE HISTORY OF GOD’S SILENCE

One of the earliest lessons about God’s silence is found in Deuteronomy 4:2. God said, “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.” The lesson we learn from this passage is don’t add non-speech (silence) to God’s speech.

The second lesson we learn about God’s silence is leave secret (silent) things alone. “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deut. 29:29).

These secret things are the things God has not spoken to us about. In other words, He has not given us His words about these things. If we are to

leave the secret things, or silent things alone, we cannot presume something when God has not spoken.

But what is man’s response to God’s silence? Since the beginning of time man’s response has been to go beyond silence, i.e., to speak where God has not spoken. Paul warned about this very thing in 1 Corinthians 4:6. “Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that *you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written*, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.” Other translations render this passage as: “That ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written” (KJV). “Do not go beyond what is written” (NIV). “That ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written” (ASV).

How can we know that God has given us all the words He wishes to share with us? Well, God Himself, through inspiration tells us so: “As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue” (2 Pet. 1:3). We are also warned about adding to God’s words in Revelation 22:18: “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.”

We are to speak only as God has spoken to us. Notice 1 Peter 4:11: “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God

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may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” Religious authority comes from what God said, not from what God did not say. *Again, the silence of God says nothing!*

The biblical response to man, when God is silent, is wait, don't do

MAN'S REASONING OF “GOD DIDN'T SAY NOT TO DO IT”

What God did not say is not authority for action. Silence does not give permission. Permission gives permission. When one acts upon silence he is guilty of presumption. He presumes or assumes that action

the children of Israel complained to Moses about not having water to drink, Moses went before God with their petition. God told Moses to speak to the rock at Meribah, and it would bring forth water. “Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water

for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals” (Num. 20:8). However, Moses disobeyed God by striking the rock instead of speaking to the rock. God allowed the water to flow forth for the people and their livestock, but God said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them” (Num. 20:12).



it. An example of this is the second Passover celebration, Moses wanted to do things right—according to the word of God. The attitude was, wait until God tells us what to do and don't do anything until God speaks. “And Moses said to them, “Stand still, that I may hear what the LORD will command concerning you” (Num. 9:8).

is okay without permission being granted. David said, “Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression” (Psa. 19:13).

God did not tell Moses to *not* strike the rock at Meribah. When

Many, today, would see nothing wrong with what Moses did, rationalizing that God didn't tell Moses *not* to strike the rock. However, it is clearly seen from this incident that God's silence did not give Moses permission to strike the rock.

God did not tell Uzziah *not* to offer sacrifice before God. Uzziah was king of Israel and presumed that it was

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alright for him to burn incense before the Lord on the altar of incense in the temple of the Lord. The account of this story is found in 2 Chronicles 26:16-21. God, displeased with the actions of Uzziah, brought leprosy upon his forehead and the priests thrust him out of the house of God. We are told that Uzziah remained a leper until the day of his death.

Some, using arguments offered today, would say that God did not tell Uzziah *not* to offer incense and that the silence of God gives permission. Those who think that way need to read the story of Uzziah’s downfall closely to see what happens when people do things without express permission from God.

God did not tell David *not* to move the Ark on an oxcart. Remember the story of David moving the Ark of the Covenant and how he did so by placing the Ark on a new oxcart, rather than having the priests carry it on poles through the rings in the corner’s of the Ark. In 2 Samuel 6:6-8, we find that the oxen stumbled, upsetting the cart, and a man named Uzzah put out his hand to steady the Ark. Immediately, Uzzah was struck dead. Some might say that God didn’t tell Uzzah *not* to touch the Ark, and like David, become upset with God for striking Uzzah dead. However, God’s law concerning that which was holy had been violated, and resulted in death.

THINGS MEN DO TODAY THAT GOD HAS NOT SPOKEN

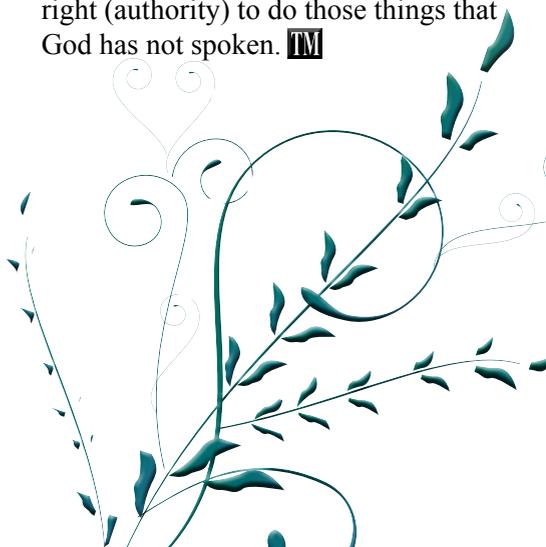
Many today do things in worship that God has not spoken about, i.e.,

things for which we have no authority. In doing these things, they have violated the law of God’s silence and have taken the position that silence gives permission. Some of these things are listed below:

- Instrumental music in worship
- Lighting candles in worship
- Taking the Lord’s Supper occasionally, rather than weekly (Acts 20:7)
- Having fund-raisers to make money, rather than a collection on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2)
- Providing entertainment at worship, or making worship an entertainment
- Having women preachers and women elders
- Praying to Mary for salvation
- Praying for souls to be released from Purgatory
- Practicing sprinkling or pouring as a mode of baptism (Acts 8:38)
- Practicing baptism for purposes other than for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Teaching that once a person is saved they cannot be lost (2 Pet. 2:20-22)
- Teaching that grace alone saves (Eph. 2:8)
- Teaching that faith alone saves. (Ephesians 2:8)
- Teaching that everyone will be saved because God is too good to damn the soul of an individual (Judgment Scene—Matt. 25)
- Teaching that the church has a right to do its work through a human institution (No scripture can be found.)
- Teaching that baptism is no longer necessary for the remission of sins (It was recently reported to me that on the Stone-Campbell Website, only two men on the website held to the doctrine of the necessity of baptism for remission of sins.)
- The Lord’s church providing recreation and entertainment—a common practice (I can remember when there was not a single fellowship hall in churches of Christ in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Has the Bible changed, or have churches changed?)

CONCLUSION

No longer are people asking for scriptural authority. Many members of the church of Christ have never heard a sermon or attended a class on the subject of authority! Peter said, “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Peter 4:11). Let us never decide that since God has not spoken about a matter, we have the right (authority) to do those things that God has not spoken. **TM**



Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage: What Does the Bible Say?

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Most people today marry, divorce, and remarry without giving any thought to what the Bible says concerning such. Would you be willing to set aside your emotions and what men say, and just consider what the Bible says about marriage, divorce and remarriage?

MARRIAGE

Marriage is as old as man himself (Gen. 2:18-24) and will continue until the resurrection (Matt. 24:36-39; 22:30).

Marriage was instituted by God.

God made a woman “and brought her unto the man” (Gen. 2:18-24). Since marriage is of God, we need to respect His laws concerning this relationship.

Marriage is the joining of male and female. “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?” (Matt. 19:4-5). God made no provision for the joining of male and male or female and female. And, marriage includes “a man” and “his wife” – not a man and his wives!

Marriage is for life. Jesus said, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Matt. 19:6). Though civil law may allow no-fault divorce, divine law does not permit divorce for every cause. Paul said, “For the woman which hath an

husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband” (Rom. 7:2).

Marriage is honourable.

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Heb. 13:4). May we honor what the Bible says about this divine relationship.

DIVORCE

The divorce rate in America is staggering! 50% of first marriages, 67% of second, and 74% of third marriages end in divorce, according to Jennifer Baker of the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri. The Bible uses the terms “divorce” and “put away” interchangeably (Matt. 5:32).

God hates divorce. “For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away . . .” (Mal. 2:16).

Divorce was not so from the beginning. When asked, “Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?” (Matt. 19:3), Jesus said, “. . . from the beginning it was not so” (Matt. 19:4-9).

Divorce is not lawful generally. The Lord’s teaching is clear – “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Matt. 19:6). The Bible prohibits divorce for every cause.

Divorce is lawful for fornication. Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 state the one lawful exception for divorce – fornication.

Divorce, for other than fornication, causes adultery. “But I say

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unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery..." (Matt. 5:32).

Divorce, for other than fornication, and remarriage is adultery.

"Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery..." (Matt. 19:9).

REMARRIAGE

The general rule is that a remarriage is an adulterous marriage. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife . . . and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her

which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt. 19:9). The Bible presents two exceptions to this general rule concerning taking another mate:

Remarriage is permissible for one who puts away his mate for fornication. "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery . . ." (Matt. 19:9). The man who puts away his wife for some reason other than fornication and marries another commits adultery, while there is no adultery committed by the man who divorces his wife for fornication and marries another.

Remarriage is permissible for one whose spouse has died. Paul taught, "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man" (Rom. 7:2-3).

Let us we believe, practice, and teach what the Bible says! 

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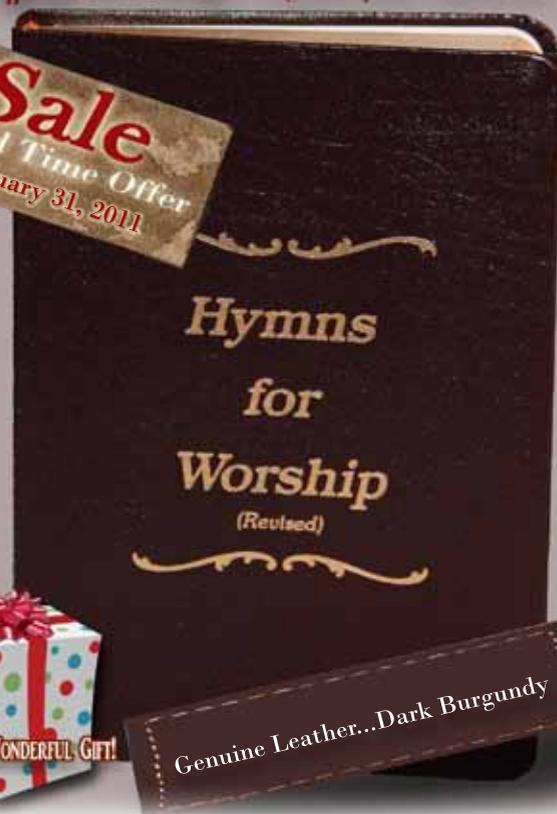
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There is Hope, Even When Learning “Hard” Lessons

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There were very few flaws in David, the honored king of Israel. Unfortunately, most of us remember his failings more than his successes in serving God. Someone has said, “Sin is sin!” Thus, it is unwise to try to characterize one sin as greater than another.

However, when the great king succumbed to his lust and committed adultery with Bathsheba, severe consequences began to rain down upon him. His own son, Absalom, raised insurrection against him and very nearly succeeded in overthrowing his government. In Absalom’s attempts to gain power, he enlisted the aid of Ahithophel, one of David’s closest counselors, whom the king called “mine own familiar friend” (Psa. 41:9). The loyalty of many in Israel was turned from David to Absalom (2 Sam. 15:13).

In this moment of crisis, David wrote Psalm 41. In that psalm, David noted the lessons he had learned and expressed his trust and confidence in God. At the outset, however, he acknowledged his sin: “... *I have sinned against thee*” (Psa. 41:4). (You will find it profitable to pause and read Psa. 41.)

DAVID’S TROUBLES

David was the victim of *evil being spoken against him*. He said, “*Mine enemies speak evil of me...*” (Psa. 41:5). His enemies were determined to undermine his rule, and they were

willing to say about him whatever would advance their cause and purpose. That same evil, despicable behavior is often evident today from those who are foes of God and truth.

In David’s case, he noted *the evil which was thought* by his enemies. They were thinking: “When shall he die, and his name perish?” (v. 5). They thought they would surely overthrow David, perhaps bringing about his death. What a perfect solution that would have been in their plot.



David’s enemies raised an *evil campaign of whispering* against him. He said, “*All that hate me whisper together against me*” (v. 7). Often slander, whispered in cowardice, can be as devastating and deadly as the sword. Even today, or dare I say “*especially*” today, a slanderous whisper-

ing campaign is effective and destructive. David said they tried this strategy against him.

At every turn, David’s foes were determined to bring him down. His adulterous sin brought this plot upon him. David said his enemies *plotted against him*. He wrote: “. . . against me do they devise my hurt” (v. 7). Absalom and his co-conspirators were seeking any opening, vulnerability, or weakness which they could exploit to bring David down.

When Ahithophel, David’s counselor, joined the insurgency, David lamented: “*Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me*” (v. 9). David’s foes *would work any evil against him* in pursuit of their objective. His enemies were no different than enemies of truth and righteousness today. Modern foes will think, say, or do anything that they think might be harmful to the Lord and His cause.

These were David’s problems; they were real. So, where could he turn, and what consolation could he expect to receive?

DAVID’S HOPES

Perhaps it was the source from which David sought relief from his troubles that distinguishes him from other sinners. *David went to the Lord!*

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Yes, he had sinned against God, but now he turns back to Him in confidence and trust that God was his only source of deliverance. He knew the Lord. David said: “*But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them*” (v. 10). If God would be merciful in forgiveness, David knew God could save him from his distress.

Everyone who struggles with the wiles of the Devil would do well to remember where relief can be found. Christians share David’s confidence. I’m reminded of the words of two songs of the church: an old one says “*He is able to deliver thee*”; a song that is new to many of us says, “*I know the Lord will make a way for me!*” Like David, our hope must be in the Lord!

David knew that *God would show favor to him*. Read his words of assurance and hope: “*By this I know*

that thou favourest me. . .” (v. 11).

In spite of his sins of the past, David had turned to serve God again, and he knew God would bestow favor and blessing upon him. Christians live with that same blessed hope!

David could rely upon the faithfulness of God; God will always do what He says He will do. David said, “. . . , *because mine enemy doth not triumph over me*” (v. 11), God’s promise was true. Many today who struggle with sin long for that same confident trust. God “is not slack concerning his promise” (2 Pet. 3:9). He has commanded us to be faithful, and He will give us “*a crown of life*” (Rev. 2:10). If we will only be faithful to God, as He is to us, help in this life and wonderful blessings await us.

David’s hope rested in *the power of God*. He wrote, “*thou upholdest me*” (v. 12). There are no limits to God’s power to deliver and save. Absalom

and his friends would never overcome the power of God, nor will any of our foes today. We can, with David, trust in God’s power to save us.

Finally, David realized he lived *in the presence of God*. He said God set him “*before thy face for ever*” (v. 12). No matter what form the enemy takes before us, we can say with David, “*In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me*” (Psa. 56:11). An old song assures us we are safe in the presence of the Lord; we are “*Safe in the arms of Jesus*.”

Even though he was distressed and troubled by his enemies, God was with the King! He concludes this psalm with these words: “*Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen.*” Indeed, **Amen!** 

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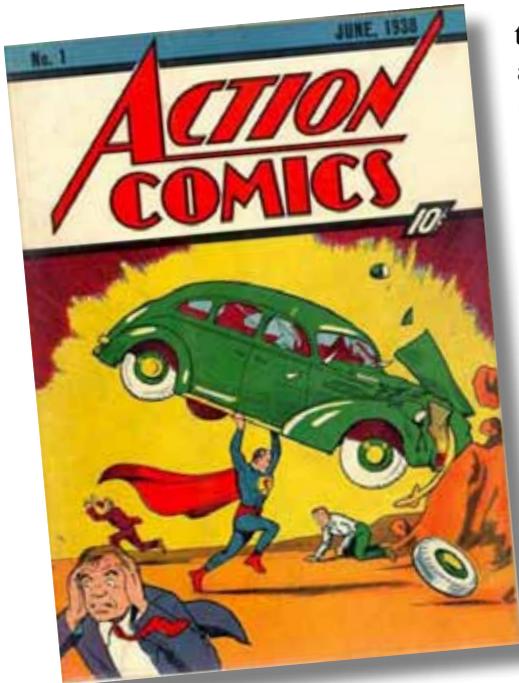
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Superman Saves the Day: The Value of Hidden Treasure

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“Superman saves the day!” But in a different way. A financially strapped family facing foreclosure was preparing to vacate their home when in packing they discovered a No. 1 issue of Action Comics, the very publication featuring Superman’s debut. Evidently only 100 copies were produced and only seven have confirmed owners. Earlier this year in February one copy sold for a million dollars. A month later another sold for a million and a half! Based on the condition of this family’s copy, Vincent Zurzolo of ComicsConnect.com is confident it could fetch up

to a quarter of a million dollars at auction. As you may imagine, this came as an astonishing surprise and a welcomed relief to this family who may now safely keep their home. Zurzolo made the observation, “You never know; you might have hidden treasure in your home which can change your life” (<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/superman-comic-saves-familys-home/story?id=11306997>).

While the story is impressive, there is a far more prized possession in the gospel. Let’s consider an analogy.

THE GOSPEL IS HIDDEN TREASURE THAT CAN CHANGE OUR LIFE.

In Matthew 13 Jesus spoke of the kingdom of heaven as a hidden treasure or a pearl of great price.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it (Matt. 13:44-46).

When one finds the truth, even if he stumbles on it, he needs to value what he has and respond accordingly!

Solomon said, “Buy the truth and sell it not” (Prov. 23:23).

THE GOSPEL WILL NOT BE VALUED BY ALL.

What is treasure to one will be junk to others! How many have thrown away collectibles like old comic books believing them to be trash or clutter? Who would not reconsider tossing these upon learning that to fans and enthusiasts they may be worth a million dollars? Beauty is often in the eye of the beholder. Paul noted that different perspectives surround the gospel too.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God... For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:18, 22-24).

Not everyone will appreciate the gospel. But that does not change the fact that it is a priceless possession! It is the only object which can save our souls (Eph. 1:13; Mark 16:15-16; 1 Cor. 15:1-2)!

WE NEED TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS.

Even though this family has chosen

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to remain anonymous (and that for good reason!) the story has spread across the nation and all are thrilled to hear of the fortunate turn of events for a family in financial straits. In a tough economy people are drawn to inspiring stories of triumph. In like manner we need to show people that spiritual success can only be brought to their lives through the gospel. And that is worth far more than what money could ever buy. Let's preach from the housetops the good news of God's salvation for therein is a far more compelling story than what Superman could ever do in saving kittens from trees or stopping bullets with his chest. The gospel speaks of God's love for

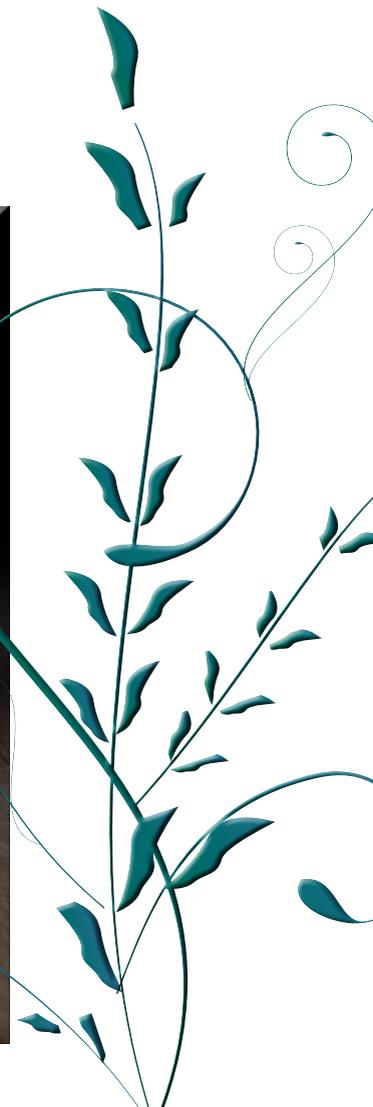
mankind and what we need to do to inherit heaven one day. Jesus talked about the joy associated with the gospel in the parable of the lost coin.

Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!" Likewise I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:8-10).

It's been said that evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where

he found bread. An internal joy and happiness must be in us prompting us to action.

Superman was a man of action fighting off villains in a storyline that fired the imagination of countless children. Christians are to be men and women of real and purposeful action doing God's work to inspire others toward serving God (Tit. 2:11-14; 3:8)! Let's work to save the world with the true treasure of the gospel of Jesus Christ! **TW**



“Children, Obey Your Parents”

DON HASTINGS

God commands children to obey their parents. “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Eph. 6:1). To be approved by God, children must obey this command, for when children disobey parents they are disobeying God! Parents have the responsibility of making sure that their children obey this command.

God did not command, “Parents obey your children.” However, this is what is happening in many homes. Children are in control of the home for they have the position of authority given to them by their parents. Parents are allowing their children to make their own decisions. Even very young children, ages 1 to 6, are deciding what: clothes they wear; food they will eat; time they will go to sleep; television shows they will watch; and parental requests they will obey.

Instead of children asking politely parent’s permission to do something, parents are submissively begging their children to comply with the parent’s desires. Parents say, “please” when telling their children something they want them to do. It should be a child saying, “Please let me. . . .” God placed parents in charge of the children!

Fathers are to bring up their children “in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). However, in-



stead of fathers training their children, children often are training parents to obey them. Children are giving the commands and expect to be obeyed. If parents do not obey them, children administer punishment upon the parents. They not only scream at disobedient parents, but they may even slap them into submission! Why do parents tolerate such humiliating behavior? Are they afraid of their children? Children should fear the wrath of parents.

Mothers are told in God’s word to “manage the house” (1 Tim. 5:14). As managers, they must exercise their knowledge, maturity, and wisdom in

making wise decisions for their children’s best interest. If mothers do not control their small children, they will suffer a lot of disappointments and heartaches later as they watch their children’s lives spin out of control.

When children defy their parent’s authority, they must be severely punished! “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Prov. 13:24). “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him” (Prov. 22:16). “Do not withhold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he will not die. You shall beat him with a rod, and deliver his soul from hell” (Prov. 23:13-14).

Disrespect for parental authority must not be tolerated! Children, who are permitted to disrespect parental authority, will not respect the authority of God, teachers, employers, police, etc. Society is reaping the bitter fruits of out-of-control, rebellious, selfish, arrogant, and violent children who have become adults.

Who is in charge in your home? You need to give an honest answer to this question. Many homes are in chaos because parents have not followed God’s teaching on how to raise children! Parents and children will be judged by God for how they fulfilled their roles in the home. **TM**

Here I Stand! (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

that I had not seen. On September 30, 2005, the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Postens* ran cartoons depicting Muhammad. Danish Muslim organizations held public protests (see their intolerance). Violence erupted in various places that resulted in 100 deaths. Protestors set fire to the Danish Embassies in Syria, Lebanon, and Iran, stormed European buildings, and burnt the Danish, Dutch, Norwegian, French and German flags in Gaza City. But, of course, we non-Muslims are taught to tolerate this intolerant behavior! Maybe there is a lesson to be learned about tolerance from the Muslims. Muslim intolerance has made it unwise to blaspheme their religion!

HERE I STAND

I repent for having been so tolerant of the blasphemous treatment of God and His word. Had I and all other Christians raised our voices in protest, God's name would not be so loosely used in profanity, the word of God and Christian people would not be caricatured and lampooned as idiotic on primetime TV. But we have sat silently while Christianity and Christ are blasphemed. We have been too tolerant!

We have sat silently while humanistic secularism has taken over our schools. Not only have they taught atheistic evolution, their doctrine has reshaped the academic disciplines of anthropology, sociology, psychology, religious studies, philosophy, and other departmental studies. Secularists have such total control of the academic institutions that an outspoken creationist is rarely employed in a state university and one who believes in the

miracles and inspiration of the Bible is rarely found teaching in religious studies. In high school education, not only can one not read the Bible to the students, there can be no prayer at school events. What a change has occurred since *McGuffey's Readers* used the text of the Bible to teach reading! We who are Christians have passively accepted these changes. We should have taken over the control of our schools and told the atheistic seculars they were unemployed. We have been too tolerant!

We have sat quietly while the godless leaders of the sexual revolution have destroyed American homes. In our area, 80% of black homes are fatherless and the graduation rate in our inner city schools is about 25%! Do you think there is any correlation? Those most frequently living in poverty are unmarried women who are raising two or three children conceived out of wedlock. Another large group of those living in poverty are those divorced women who are raising two or three children alone. Our children has been force-fed sex education without moral guidance, resulting in a lascivious society that is sexually promiscuous. Far too many homes are broken. The children are not learning at school because their parents are not or are under involved in their education. Moving into adulthood without an education consigns another generation to a life of poverty. The children in these homes see only two ways out of their poverty: (1) crime — drugs, robbery, burglary; (2) prostitution (or pole dancing). Our inner cities are full of violence mostly because of gangs

and drug wars. We have passively sat back and watched the society crumble around our ears and done nothing to fight back! We have been too tolerant!

We have amused ourselves by watching TV, becoming engrossed in sports, and chasing after materialism while the spiritual heart of the society which our parents built is eroded by atheistic doctrines and hedonism. We have been too tolerant!

It is time for God-fearing Americans to retake control of their schools and country. We do not need to accept that interpretation of separation of church and state which makes it a crime for the state to allow or provide for legitimate expressions of spirituality. In the name of separation of church and state, we have created state sponsored atheism, with its preachers being in teacher-pulpits in our state universities, high schools, and grade schools. There is no state sponsored religion when a man volunteers to pay his own expenses to travel to an event, gives his time to be there, and says a prayer so that all can hear. Which religion has been state supported by his prayer, even if he makes his petition in the name of Jesus? Is it the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, or the Mormons? And, what religion has been supported if the state officially says, we cannot have a prayer at the commencement exercises? Atheism and agnosticism! It is time for the 77% of Christians in American to tell the 5% (or less) of atheists that we are not going to let them control the schools and government.

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Here I Stand! (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31)

I am tolerant of different beliefs. American has been tolerant since its beginning. But, my tolerance of what I consider sinful behavior should not be interpreted as my approval. I am not campaigning for homosexuals to be imprisoned or put to death. What homosexuals do in their bedroom is no more state business than what I do in my bedroom. I am not calling upon anyone to go out and persecute another. I do not believe that the Baptist Church is the church of the New Testament, built by the Lord Jesus. However, I am tolerant toward those in another religion, based on our belief in religious freedom. However, one should not confuse tolerance with approval. I do not approve the Baptist Church anymore than I approve of homosexual acts. What homosexuals want is not tolerance—they already have that; they want approval and I cannot and will not give it. I intend to preach that homosexuality conduct is sinful! They can believe about me whatever they wish, but *here I stand!*

I intend to use my energies, money, buying power, and other influence to shape America toward Christian values. I call upon other Christians to awake from their stupor and let their voices be heard in the community schools, the county government, the court houses, the state house, and the White House! Let them know that *here we stand!*

Islamic media are going to have to come to grips with the fact that many God-fearing believers think that Muhammad is a false prophet, and that the *Quran* is no more inspired than the *Book of Mormon*, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, the *Bhagavad-Gita*, or the *Rig-Vedas*. Christians preach that salvation is available through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the incarnate God who gave Himself on Calvary for the sins of mankind, whether Muslims like it or not. *Here I stand!* 

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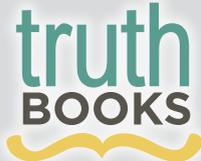
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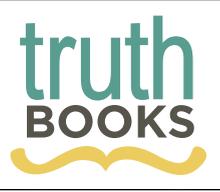
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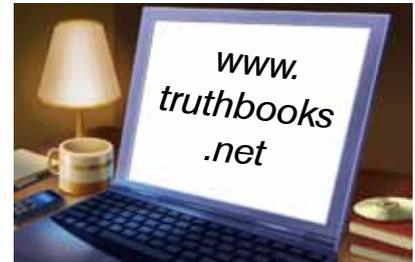
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