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Be Strong and Courageous



MIKE WILLIS

Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go (Josh. 1:6-7).

These are the words that God spoke to Joshua when He called him to lead the children of Israel in the conquest of Canaan. What an insurmountable task he faced, when viewed from a human perspective. The twelve spies accurately expressed that perspective at Kadesh-barnea almost forty years earlier.

We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan (Num. 13:27-29).

There were reasons why Joshua and the people might cower before these entrenched enemies. Nev-

ertheless, God assured them that they could and would be victorious so long as they did not depart from God's word, turning either to the right or to the left. God promised, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Josh. 1:9).

The rest of the book of Joshua confirms the veracity of God's promise and the certainty of failure should Israel depart from God's word. Victory depended upon God being with Israel.

GOD'S PRESENCE

Proof of God's presence was not long in coming. When God ordered that Israel enter the promised land, He parted the waters of the Jordan River, just as He had parted the waters of the Red Sea to allow Israel to escape Egyptian bondage forty years before (Josh. 3:9-17; Exod. 14). The waters were parted to prove to Joshua and Israel that God was with them: "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you" (Josh. 3:7).

The first city conquered was Jericho and that in a way that demonstrated God's presence with His people to assure them of victory over the Canaanites. The divine strategy for conquering the city was delivered to Joshua by an

angel of the Lord (Josh. 5:13-6:5). From a military perspective, the strategy was worse than useless. But God wanted Israel to know that He had given Jericho into their hands (Josh. 6:2) so the conquest happened just as He promised.

ISRAEL'S VULNERABILITY WITHOUT GOD

The conquest of Jericho is followed immediately by the narrative of the conquest of Ai. The village of Ai was certainly unimportant from a military point of view. It was a small town of relatively inconsequential significance. Why then did Joshua take two of his twenty-four chapters to describe the conquest of Ai, while not giving the battle reports of Arad, Bethel, Aphek, Taanach, Megiddo, and other more substantial victories (cf. the list of thirty-one kings captured in Josh. 12:9-24)? The narrative of the battle at Ai is emphasizing a theme that the book of Joshua is written to produce — that so long as Israel has God on her side, she can be victorious over all of her enemies, but when she disobeys God, even those enemies who are less powerful than her can defeat her.

So the narrative of Ai abuts the story of the conquest of Jericho, not only because they follow chronologically, but also because



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How Can We Be Like Jesus?



OLEN HOLDERBY

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Peter 2:21 makes Jesus our example. “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.” While this statement is made in the context of suffering; it also, to this writer, suggests much more than just following His example in suffering, Preachers and teachers often urge their hearers to be more like Jesus. One of the songs we sing, “O To Be Like Thee,” expresses both a wonderful and proper sentiment. In some ways we cannot be like Him: we have no miraculous powers, we have only limited wisdom, we are not sinless, etc. Yet, there are many ways in which we can be like Him, perhaps more than we like to think. Some have been known to use the fact that we are not sinless, as was He, as an excuse to knowingly and willingly do sinful things. It is not within the scope of this article to deal with this thought, but we would insist that such thought is the product of either ignorance or dishonesty. How, then, can we be like Jesus?

As a Teacher. As a gospel preacher, this thought becomes extremely important to me; however, His example in teaching applies to everyone of His followers. God set the course of His teaching some 1500 years before He was born, “I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto

thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him” (Deut. 18:18). In Acts 3:22, Peter quoted this verse and applied it to Jesus. But, we need a closer look at this Old Testament passage. According to this statement, God was to put His own words in the mouth of Jesus and Jesus was to speak all that God commanded Him. According to John 17:8, Jesus gave the very words which He received from the Father to the Apostles. We already know that the Apostles wrote those words down, and we have them upon the pages of the gospel (Eph. 3:1-5; 1 Pet. 1:25). Based upon these facts we can accurately say, if it is not in the gospel, Christ did not speak it; if Christ did not speak it, God did not command it! Jesus never left anything unsaid that needed to be said. He never tried to entertain an audience, but always kept God’s word before the people. He was not mean in His tactics or methods; at the same time, He was plain and often pointed. Even His enemies recognized the source of His message (John 3:2; Matt. 22:16). Jesus taught daily (Matt. 26:55), and He called names where necessary (Matt. 23). Jesus spoke all that God commanded, nothing more and nothing less. This is how we can be like Jesus as a teacher! But, are we like Him here?

Our Attitude Toward God. We can be like Jesus in this way. “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” (John 6:38). This passage assigns purpose to His coming into the world, why He was here! Jesus puts the things of God first in His life and teaches us to do the same (Matt. 6:33). We can do this only if we love God supremely, with all the heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37). If we really wish to do so, we can be like Jesus in our attitude toward God. Are we like Him in this way? Work on it, my friend, for here is where it all begins.

Our Attitude Toward God’s Word. This is yet another way in which we can be like Jesus. Jesus said that God’s word was truth (John 17:17). He said that He would speak just what the Father had said unto Him (John 12:49-50). We should already know that God’s word will give us the answer to all that God expects of us (2 Tim. 3:16). When we offer anything more than God’s word, we are saying that God’s word is not sufficient. This is true whether we like it or not! Do we have this kind of attitude toward God’s word? We can, and we must!

Our Attitude Toward the Lost. One verse plainly shows Jesus’

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attitude toward the lost, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Such is the purpose of preaching the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15-16). The gospel is God’s power to save (Rom. 1:16); and, Jesus had this in mind as He constantly urged men to believe and obey the message from heaven. The death of Jesus, for the lost, is sufficient proof of His attitude toward the lost. Paul had the same attitude toward his fellow Jews (Rom. 9:3). If we love the lost that much, we shall find ways to talk to them about their soul’s salvation. Are we like Jesus in this respect? We should and we must be!

Our Attitude Toward Error. For some one thousand years before Jesus was born the Psalmist plainly stated the right attitude toward error: “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way” (Psa. 119:104). Jesus manifested this attitude constantly; He knew the danger involved — that false ways would lead people to hell. This would defeat the very purpose for which He came into the world. Do we have the same contempt for error which was possessed by our Lord? We should, and for the very same reasons!

Our Attitude Toward False Teachers. Yes, we most certainly need to be like Jesus in this respect. In Matthew 23, He repeatedly called them by name and condemned them. Falsehood cannot spread without the false teacher to

spread it. Jesus knew that the false teacher must be challenged, must be exposed, and urged to repent. God’s people must have protection from the false teacher and his error; and this can be provided best by those who teach or preach God’s word. Jude 3 so often falls upon deaf ears. “Beloved, ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Do we have this kind of attitude toward the false teacher? Can we afford to have anything less?

Our Mind Set. One passage will be sufficient here, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5). To focus our attention on this truth, we should remember that with the mind we think, feel, and purpose. Therefore, to be like Jesus here, we must learn to think, feel, and purpose as did He. Yes, it is often difficult; but it is not impossible!

In Morality. Was Jesus guilty of adultery? Was He a drinker of intoxicating drinks? Did He take the name of His God in vain? Did He steal, lie, or cheat anyone? No, He “did no sin” (1 Pet. 2:22). “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us *from all sin*” (1 John 1:7). Add to this last verse from that same chapter, verse 9, and we have the means by which we may eradicate our own sins. However, both those thoughts begin with an “if.” Yes, we may be like Him in morality;

but it is not unconditional; and, it often takes a good deal of effort. When we do those things which are wrong or questionable, over and over, the result will soon be a “hardened heart” toward these things. Then we will continue in sin, while denying it all the time.

As a Child. Yes, we can start early in being like Jesus. Parents have an obligation to their children to point them in this direction (Eph. 6:4). Please read Luke 2:51-52. Verse fifty-one tells us that Jesus was “subject” to His parents; then, verse fifty-two says, He “increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” In this quoted verse, we can notice at least four ways in which Jesus grew: intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. Do you wish your children to be like Jesus? Then, here is your job. And, again I say, it can be done!

Other Ways. There are other ways in which we should be like Jesus: By showing no respect of persons (Matt. 22:16; James 2:9); in humility (Matt. 11:28-30; Phil. 2:7-8); in not seeking revenge (1 Pet. 2:23); His prayer on the Cross (Luke 23:34); and His obedience to the Father (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8-9). The list is almost endless. We should set our sights higher and higher, from day to day, to be like Him, until finally we stand in His presence and hear Him say, “Well done, thou faithful and good servant.”

How Does God Draw People To Himself?

MARK MAYBERRY

INTRODUCTION

Some mistakenly think they are drawn to God through the direct operation of the Holy Spirit. However, the gospel is God's power unto salvation (Acts 10:34-35; Rom. 1:16-17).

Some mistakenly think they are drawn to God through human intuition, reason, and philosophy. However, divine truth is often hidden from those who are wise and intelligent (Matt. 11:25-26; 1 Cor. 1:18-31).

In contrast with the speculative systems of men (1 Tim. 1:3-7), Christianity is a religion of The Book, rooted in divine revelation (1 Cor. 2:6-16).

Let us consider the text of John 6:44-45, where Jesus Christ says,

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me."

No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

God draws men. The word translated "draw" means "to drag." Used literally, it means to move an object from one area to another in a pulling motion. Used figuratively, it means to draw or attract a person in the direction of values for inner life. God draws us with His love (Jer. 31:1-6; Hos. 11:1-4), the

ultimate expression of which is the death of Jesus Christ on the cross (John 12:27-33; Rom. 5:6-11).

Christ raises men. Depending upon the context, the word translated "I will raise" may have different meanings. Here it refers to the believer's hope of being brought back to life from the dead (John 6:35-40, 44-45, 53-58). A glorious resurrection awaits the faithful (1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught of God."

It is written in the prophets. The word translated "prophets" refers to a person inspired to proclaim the will of God, a foreteller or forth-teller of divine truth. Fore-shadowing the spiritual nature of

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Suggestion. Is it expecting too much to suggest that we test all that we plan or try to do by asking ourselves the question, "What would Jesus do about this?" Do we really wish to be like Him? It is necessary, you know if we wish to get to heaven! **TM**

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the Messianic Kingdom, the Old Testament prophets emphasized the importance of knowledge and understanding (Isa. 11:1-9; Jer. 31:31-34).

They shall all be taught of God. The word translated “taught” pertains to either the recipients or content of instruction. The New Testament is an authoritative revelation of the mind of God (1 Cor. 2:12-16; Eph. 3:1-5).

Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

We must hear. As used in this context, the word translated “hear” means that one must give careful attention to the inspired message of truth. Christ’s admonition is repeatedly expressed: “He who has ears, let him hear” (Matt. 13:3-17; Rev. 2:7,

11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22; etc.).

We must learn. The word translated “learn” means to gain knowledge or skill by careful instruction. Learning is the essence of discipleship (Matt. 9:12-13; 11:28-30; 24:32-34). Avoiding the perils of false precept or practice (Rom.

16:17-18; 1 Cor. 4:6), let us remain faithful to the inspired message of truth, the gospel of our salvation (Col. 1:3-7; 2 Tim. 3:13-17).

We must come. As used in this context, the word translated “come” means to proceed on a course with a destination in view. To be saved, we must respond positively to the Lord’s invitation (Matt. 11:28-30), counting the cost (Luke 6:46-49), with genuine commitment and cross-bearing (Luke 14:25-28).

CONCLUSION

What must one do to be saved? He must hear. He must believe. He must repent. He must confess. He must be baptized. He must remain faithful. What must an erring child of God do? He must repent. He must pray. He must bear fruit. 



“Think of Me — Pop”

LEWIS WILLIS

DONALD FRED WILLIS FEBRUARY 9, 1934 - FEBRUARY 9, 2011

On the morning of his 77th birthday, he awakened about 6:00 a.m. with chest pains. He and his wife, Marilyn, considered the medical situation for about an hour, and then called their son, Charles, to come to their home. At about 8:00 a.m., they called the doctor about the chest pains, and she told them to take him to the emergency room. Upon arriving there, an EKG was performed which looked to be all right. But, further testing needed to be done. As this was in progress, Marilyn and Charles noticed that he was talking and joking with the nurses who were attending him. Suddenly, he had what appeared to be a seizure, his eyes rolled back, and the staff began resuscitation efforts, but he was gone! My older brother, Don, had departed this life ever so quickly! He left in the same sudden way that our brother, Cecil, had left in 1997.

Donald Fred Willis is survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years, Marilyn Janice Riggs, by children Cathy (David) Price; Don Willis; Charles (Dee) Willis; and Christie (Steven) Estes; by ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, O. J. and Wilhelmina Willis, and two siblings, Cecil Willis and Ouida Stover. He is survived

by two brothers, Lewis and Mike Willis, and two sisters, Sue Morris and Barbara Coleman.

Don's life as a youngster was not very different from that of most young people who were raised in East Texas during those years. Dad was a logger, and Mom took care of the family day after day. Jobs were assigned for each of her children as they grew up, and when she failed in her attempts to adequately discipline us, she turned us over to Dad in the evening to “finish the task.” I might add, he spent many evenings with his “finishing” work!

In those early days, Mom was the principal spiritual leader of the family. Dad was busy trying to make a living to support his large family. However, in time, Dad was restored to the Lord and, together, they raised a family of Christians. A young preacher had great influence over the two older children, Cecil and Don. Before the two boys had finished high school, each had been preaching for about two years. While the family attended worship on Sundays at the home congregation, Cecil and Don would each take one of Dad's log trucks, and go out to preach at small country churches in the area. At the age of sixteen, Don was preaching at Trinity, Apple Springs, Possum Walk, Antioch, and Centralia, Texas.

When Don graduated from high school, he went to Florida College. During his two years there, he preached for the church at Center Hill, near Chiefland, FL, and at the 7th Avenue church (Miami). While at the college, his love for music continued. He played “tub” (a substitute for a bass) on Tampa radio with Connie W. Adams, Weldon, and Wiley Warnock. They must have had a wonderful sound!

Don was an outstanding bass singer. His low voice could easily be heard during congregational singing. When we were all still at home, and “before we learned better,” we had a family quartet which sang at area “church singings.” Don was the bass singer, Cecil sang tenor, Mom was the alto voice, and I sang the lead. This love for spiritual singing came to define our family gatherings. One of our great joys is singing, whenever we get together. Now, three voices in our quartet are silenced, but my fervent prayer is that one day I can hear their voices again, singing praises to God, with a mighty host of angels!

When Don returned from college, he married the love of his life, Marilyn. Theirs was a wonderful bond to observe! What a faithful example of godly marriage they were! He was pleased with the

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fact that he did not miss a Sunday worship of the church for fifty-six years! He preached fifty-nine years. He was never a man to be out front, leading in the defense of the Truth, as others were. But, in all of the years he preached, he “came down on the side of Truth” in every controversy that arose. And, so far as I know, so also did most the churches with which he labored. He obviously taught the Truth in his local work.

Don was one of four brothers who have been preachers of the Gospel. Cecil used to say that he was the controversialist, Don was the personal worker, Mike was the student, and I was the pulpit speaker. I do not know how accurate Cecil was about some of that description, but I can attest that he was correct about Don being an expert at Personal Evangelism.

Don’s personal work skills were evident to brethren who knew him. On one of his stays in San Antonio, he baptized 180 people. I guess it was a good thing for the church that he left there! On one night he baptized twenty young men who were leaving for Vietnam. He baptized two of the preachers who spoke at his funeral.

His effectiveness in person-to-person evangelism was a product of his deep love for people. I can remember when he told me the first time that he loved me. Men didn’t say that to other men — not even to family — in those days! I was embarrassed at first! But in



time, most all of us have come to state our love for each other. A friend told me his grandchildren taught him to state his love. Don was the one who taught me to say, “I love you!”

My brother knew how to be serious and loving. He was also a jokester! His comedy was one of the things that endeared him to so many through the years. Those who knew him treasure some comical statement he made to them at some point in time. He not only tried to help his friends spiritually — and everyone was a “friend” — but he also helped them in many ways physically. He gave money, food, and time to many folks through the years.

Don preached for the West End and Greenwood Village churches in Houston, Highland Boulevard in San Antonio, Pleasant Valley in Wichita, KS, Floral Heights in Wichita Falls, Vivian Road in Kansas City, MO, Bellaire in Houston, Woodland Hills in Conroe, New

Caney, O’Connor Road in San Antonio, Madisonville, and back to New Caney, where he preached with his son, Charles, until he retired in 2009. He lived his last days at the family home in Conroe, Texas.

During those years, Don and his family endured some heart-breaking dealings with some of the churches. They suffered through terminations, requiring them to “pull up stakes” and move on, as many preachers have had to do through the years. He refused to preach error, and it cost him a job. Others just decided it was “time to change preachers,” and he had to leave. Back in those early days, three to four years was about as long as any congregation would allow preachers to stay. Those were traumatic times for preachers and their families. But, undaunted, Don pressed on

He loved to paint, and he helped many individuals paint their houses. In 1968, the local church in Groveton, TX asked the four Willis brothers to preach a ten-day Gospel Meeting “back home.” We spoke alternately. We all assembled at Mom and Dad’s house — with our families — for the meeting. Only Cecil had enough money to afford a motel. The rest of us crowded into our parents’ three-bedroom house. And, guess what? Don decided that would be a great time for all of us to paint the house! And, in those days, paint did not

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The Work of Elders



JOHNIE EDWARDS

Let's take a biblical look at the work of elders:

1. Overseers: When Paul called the Ephesian elders down to the little city of Miletus, he addressed their work: *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers..."* (Acts 20:28). It is the responsibility of elders to see over the work to which they have been appointed.

2. Flock Feeders: The elders at Ephesus were also told *"to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood"* (Acts 20:28). Peter exhorted elders: *"Feed the flock of God which is among you"* (1 Pet. 5:2). Elders

"must be apt to teach" (1 Tim. 3:2). Elders must have Bible teaching abilities and see that the local church is properly fed (Matt. 4:4)!

3. Example Setters: Elders are charged: *"Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock"* (1 Pet. 5:3). There is power in examples. Jesus used "salt" and "light" to teach the value of an example and concluded: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"* (Matt. 5:13-16). Members of the church should be able to look to the elders to see the Lord's teaching in action.

4. Rulers: Paul taught a young preacher: *"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine"* (1 Tim. 5:17). The Romans were told that those who rule must rule *"with diligence"* (Rom. 12:8). Elder qualifications require elders be *"one that ruleth well his house"* (1 Tim. 3:3-4).

5. Soul Watchers: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit ourselves: for they *watch* for your souls, as they must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17).

This is serious work! 

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dry in minutes. So, someone had to stand at the bathroom door with a towel, until the paint dried! If you get my meaning.

On February 12, 2011, a funeral was held in Conroe, Texas. The funeral home chapel was unusually large. A standing-room-only crowd gathered for Don's funeral. The funeral director estimated that about 400 people attended, with about eighty having to stand in the foyer. Don Hooton, one of the men Don had led to the Lord, preached

his funeral, assisted by Frank Dansby and Luther Bolenbarker, another preacher whom Don had baptized into Christ. Their words of comfort were most helpful to all who attended. Steve Garret led congregational singing which was absolutely beautiful to hear.

On the morning of Don's death, when the family returned to their home, one of them found a post-it note he had left in the bathroom before he left for the hospital. It read, "Think of me, Pop." Don, we

are thinking of you now, and we will be for years to come. We pray God has blessed you with an eternal home with Him. You worked hard in the Kingdom for Him, to assure that reward would be yours. Thank you for your boundless energy and enthusiasm, your optimistic humor, your dedicated service to so many of us, your faithfulness in preaching the Gospel, and for your unselfish love for family, friends, and our Lord! We miss you! 

JESSE FLOWERS

Kicked Off the Bus for Reading the Bible

Did you hear about this story in the news that was reported near the beginning of 2010? A Texas woman was traveling by city bus with her children to church services. While on the bus she read the Bible to her children. She was suddenly interrupted by the bus driver who requested that she stop reading the Bible. Christine Lutz's response to the driver: "No, I'm reading the Bible, I'm teaching the kids, I'm going to continue." So that's exactly what she did. But the bus driver then proceeded to pull over and escorted Christine and her children off the bus. Now to be fair, we should add that the supervisor did take the family by van to their place of worship.

Of course, neither you nor I were present on the bus when all of this occurred, so we don't know how loudly she read the Bible. But with the typical noises of a bus ride, it's hard to imagine she could have been that much of a disturbance. Certainly other folks engage in conversation regularly on buses, talk on their cell phones (sometimes loudly), or even listen to music at such a volume that many others have to endure it. Those things are allowed, perhaps reluctantly at times, but nevertheless tolerated. But not the reading of the Word of God. A conscientious mother was being kept from publicly teaching her children the

precepts of God.

Rather than being punished for doing so, this woman should have been commended by the city's mass transit system. Christine Lutz needs to be held up as the ideal example of what a mother should be doing when traveling somewhere with her children. "*You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, **when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up***" (Deut. 6:7). And yet our society rewards the evil, and suppresses the good.

But just imagine the condition of our neighborhoods, communities, cities, and nation if more mothers would diligently teach the Holy Scriptures to their offspring which are able to make them wise for salvation (2 Tim. 3:14-15). We need more mothers (and fathers) that possess the courage to unashamedly share the testimony of the Lord with their family members and others (Matt. 10:32; 2 Tim. 1:7-8).

This story certainly alarms me as to what may be on the horizon for New Testament Christians. God and His word has been kicked out of the public schools, removed from monuments and currency, and now public transportation. But



this is not the time to shrink back or shirk in our service. This is the time to stand up and be counted. As Jesus taught us: "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:13-16).

As we continue to live in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, let us not forget our vital role of shining as bright lights in this dark world (Phil. 2:16). As the Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you" (Acts 18:9-10). **TM**

The Proper Use of the Old Testament



JARROD JACOBS

Sometimes we are asked what purpose the Old Testament Scriptures serve. Sadly, some do not see the importance of studying the Old Testament at all. Friends, there is a purpose and place and a proper use of the Old Testament Scriptures. Let us find out what it is.

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ARE NOT BINDING ON US

If what we are doing is based upon the Old Testament law, we need to rethink our practice. The Bible clearly teaches that the Old Testament law was taken away and replaced by the New Testament law. This was prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31-34, and fulfilled after Christ died on the cross. 2 Corinthians 3:6-17 says this law was done away, abolished, and taken away in Christ. Ephesians 2:11-16 plainly teaches that the Jews and Gentiles are brought together in Christ under the New Testament teachings, and not the Old. The apostle Paul uses the marriage relationship to explain that the old law is gone, and we today are under a new law (Rom. 7:1-6). Further, Colossians 2:14-17 teaches that the Old Testament was nailed to the cross. The book of Hebrews, in fact, was written to show the superiority of the New Testament over the Old (Heb. 7:12-14; 9:15-17; 10:1-10).

No, we are not bound by the Old Testament today, and in fact, if we wish to be justified by the Old Testament, we are fallen from grace (Gal. 5:1-4). Let us make sure we are not binding something that God has not bound! Even though these Scriptures are not what we are under today, the Old Testament still produces much good in the lives of people today. For example. . .

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES PROVE THE DEITY OF JESUS

In a time when many deny the divinity of Jesus while upon this earth, the Old Testament points out the folly in that teaching. "The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1:43-45). Philip knew the Old Testament prophecies pointed to Christ, and when he saw Jesus, he knew He was the fulfillment of those prophecies! Jesus said, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms,

concerning me" (Luke 24:44). Jesus also challenged the people to, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). What Scriptures were extant at that time? Later, Peter taught Cornelius that the prophets gave witness to Jesus in Acts 10:43. Other passages to consider would be: Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, and Micah 5:2 to name a few. Yes, the Old Testament declares the deity of Jesus Christ in no uncertain terms.

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES TEACH US ABOUT FAITHFULNESS

Please read Hebrews 11. In this chapter, we see great faith heroes who gave up their lives, their fortunes, the praise of men, etc., in order to please God and receive that city God has prepared for them. We see people like Abraham, whom God said willingly offered his son as a sacrifice when he was told to offer him (Gen. 22:1-13; Heb. 11:8-19). Job as well stands out as a man of great patience during his hardship on earth (Job; Jas. 5:11). Elijah teaches us to have courage when it seems like we are the only ones serving God (1 Kings 18). Noah obeyed God when the world rejected God (Gen. 6:22). These great heroes,

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and many more not named in this article, demonstrated faith, obedience, patience, and courage. We would do ourselves a favor by reading these biographies in the Old Testament and trying to be like these faith heroes.

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES GIVE US HOPE

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). The Old Testament stands out because of the comfort and hope that is provided through the words recorded there. As an example of this, consider the hope and comfort provided when we see how God keeps His promises in the Old Testament. For example, 1 Kings 8:56 says, “Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.”

Joshua 23:14 also stands out as a passage that shows us that God keeps His word. Let us read it together. “And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.” Rest assured, when God

promises something, He will carry it out! There is great hope in the fact that God keeps every promise He makes.

Therefore, as we see God keeping His promises in the Old Testament, we are assured God will keep His promises today! God has not changed (Mal. 3:6; Jas. 1:17; Rev. 1:8)!

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES WARN OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEDIENCE

In 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, the apostle Paul reminds the brethren of several instances where certain people of the Old Testament were punished. Some were punished for not pleasing God (v. 5), others for lusting and idolatry (vv. 6-7). Many were punished for fornication (v. 8). The tempting of Christ brought serpents upon the people (v. 9). The people who murmured against God were also punished (v. 10). These people are just a few who stand out as examples of the punishment God will bring upon those who are disobedient (vv. 11-12).

We see another occasion where Old Testament people were named as having suffered God’s punishment due to their disobedience. In Jude 5-7, 11 we read several references to Old Testament people who were punished for disobedience. Please read the following carefully. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people

out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. . . . Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.” Hebrews 10:26-31 is another example of a New Testament passage that shows us that by looking to those who died for despising Moses law, we will see the fate of those who refuse the law of Christ. Yes, there are consequences for disobedience! How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation (Heb. 2:3)?

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES HELP US UNDERSTAND THE NEW TESTAMENT

To make this statement above is to state the obvious. Please read Luke 17:32. How will we ever understand this passage if we do not have Genesis 19 to read? When we read passages like Matthew 19:4-6 which refer to our creation, how could we comprehend these if we do not have Genesis 1-2? Luke

DON WILLIS PASSES

On his seventy-seventh birthday, February 9, 2011, longtime evangelist Don Willis went home to be with his Lord. Don's death, although unexpected, concluded a very fruitful earthly life, which included preaching stints in Florida, Kansas, and Missouri, as well as many years in Texas. Don preached for congregations in Groveton, San Antonio, Madisonville, Conroe, Houston, Wichita Falls, and New Caney, beginning at the age of sixteen and continuing until the time of his death. "His humility and patience afforded him great effectiveness in teaching the gospel in private settings. Many were brought to faithfulness by his efforts," according to his obituary.

Brother Willis is survived by his wife Marilyn, his daughter Cathy Price and her husband David, his son Don Willis, his son Charles Willis and his wife Deanna, his daughter Christie Estes and her husband Steven, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted on February 12, 2011 with Don Hooton officiating. Pictures and the full obituary are available online at <http://bit.ly/DonWillis>.

DENVER NIEMEIER PASSES

Only two days later, another soldier of the cross laid down his sword. Denver J. Niemeier of Pittsboro, Indiana, died February 11 at the age of 86. Brother Niemeier preached the gospel

for fifty-nine years, serving several congregations in Kentucky and Indiana, and was also an elder for many years in Jamestown. He and his wife, Mildred (nee Steenbergen) enjoyed a remarkable sixty-eight years of marriage. He is survived by two daughters, Sandra L. Walker and Denver S. (Hughie) Mizell; a son, Steve (Connie) Niemeier, who officiated his funeral; a brother, Charles Sonny (Vivian) Niemeier; nine grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son-in-law (Ronnie Walker), and grandson Robert Hughie Mizell, Jr.

GEORGE ELDRIDGE PASSES

Brother George Thomas Eldridge of Seffner, Florida, passed away on February 16, 2011. Brother Eldridge had preached full time in Ohio, Indiana, and Louisiana, and later operated an accounting business in Florida. He leaves behind his loving wife of forty-five years, Lillie; brothers James and Howard; and sister; Margie Odell Travis. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Robin Lee.

ELVA HUMPHRIES SUFFERING FROM LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

John Humphries reports that his wife, Elva, has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. "Both of her legs are paralyzed so she can-

not walk or stand. Her right hand is also showing some signs of the effects of the disease as there is increasing weakness in that hand," John says. As there is no known cure for ALS, doctors are unsure how quickly it will progress or how much time she can hope to remain here. "She may have several years, but we will trust the Lord and see," John says, "but certainly prayers are appreciated for her comfort and that pain can be kept to a minimum and she does not have prolonged suffering."

HARRY OSBORNE PREACHING IN PHILIPPINES

Harry Osborne has continued his regular preaching trips to the Philippine Islands this year. Much good work is being done by Harry and other preachers who make the long trek each year; please keep them and our Filipino brethren in your prayers. Chip Foster of Granbury, Texas, made his first trip with Harry this year.

TOL BURK SUFFERING FROM PANCREATITIS

Brother Tol Burk, who has labored in preaching the gospel in Central America and the Caribbean, has been battling pancreatitis throughout the early part of this year. **TM**



News of You

JEFF SMITH

Withdrawing from the Disorderly



JOHN ISAAC EDWARDS

You are encouraged to get your Bible and carefully read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15. This teaching is seldom heard, and practiced even less, in many churches today. Please observe what the text says about withdrawing from the disorderly.

IT IS A DIVINE COMMAND

The text says, “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. . .” (2 Thess. 3:6). This command comes from the highest authority – our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ has “all power . . . in heaven and in earth” (Matt. 28:18). God “put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church” (Eph. 1:22). The relationship between Christ and the church is such that the church is “subject unto Christ” in everything (Eph. 5:24). Paul penned, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Col. 3:17). It is the desire of every faithful Christian to observe the Lord’s every command (Matt. 28:20; Rev. 22:14). Brethren who do not practice this teaching are not obedient in all things (2 Cor. 2:9; 1 Cor. 5).

IT IS A COMMAND TO WITHDRAW

The text says, “that ye withdraw” (2 Thess. 3:6). The word “withdraw” means “to abstain from familiar intercourse with one”

(*Thayer’s Lexicon*). In 2 Thessalonians 3:14, Paul said, “have no company with him.” This concept is expressed in other Scriptures: “let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican” (Matt. 18:17), “avoid” (Rom. 16:17), “not to keep company . . . with such an one no not to eat . . . put away from among yourselves” (1 Cor. 5:11, 13), and “reject” (Tit. 3:10).

IT IS A COMMAND TO BE CARRIED OUT CONGREGATIONALLY

The text says, “withdraw yourselves” (2 Thess. 3:6). This instruction was addressed “unto the church of the Thessalonians” (2 Thess. 1:1), and was to be carried out by everyone. Just as Ephesians 5:19 – “speaking to yourselves” – indicates congregational singing, 2 Thessalonians 3:6 – “withdraw yourselves” – suggests congregational withdrawal. As every Christian should be singing and making melody in his heart, every Christian ought to be withdrawing from the disorderly.

IT IS A COMMAND TO BE PRACTICED WITHOUT PARTIALITY

The text says, “withdraw yourselves from every brother” (2 Thess. 3:6). The word “every” means each one, without exception. Paul wrote the Corinthians, “if any man that is called a brother

be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat” (1 Cor. 5:11). Is there a brother who walks disorderly that is not to be withdrawn from? If so, who is that brother? “But,” someone asks, “What about when family is involved?” Anytime this action is taken, family is involved – God is our Father and we are brothers and sisters in Christ – we are God’s family. Our special relationship with one another in Christ supersedes any earthly relationship (Matt. 10:34-37). When Moses taught Israel about putting the evil away, if one’s relative was involved in evil, he stated, “thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. . . . And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you” (Deut. 13:5-11).

IT IS A COMMAND TO WITHDRAW FROM THE DISORDERLY

The text says, “withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us” (2 Thess. 3:6). The term “disorderly” means “out of ranks” and is often so used of soldiers. One who walks disorderly has deviated from the prescribed order or rule.

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In the text, to walk disorderly is to not walk after “the tradition” of the apostles. The apostles’ tradition includes what the apostles did (example) (vv. 7-9) and said (command) (v. 10). When some among the Thessalonians worked not at all and became busybodies, they walked disorderly (v. 11). Such was contrary to the example and command of the apostles. Disorderly walk is not limited to not working or being a busybody; it takes in everything included in the apostles’ tradition. For example: The apostles exemplified assembling (Acts 11:26; 20:7) and commanded assembling (Heb. 10:25). When one deliberately and willfully absences himself from assembling with the saints, how does he walk? “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle” (2 Thess. 2:15).

IT IS A COMMAND THAT INVOLVES PRIOR ACTION

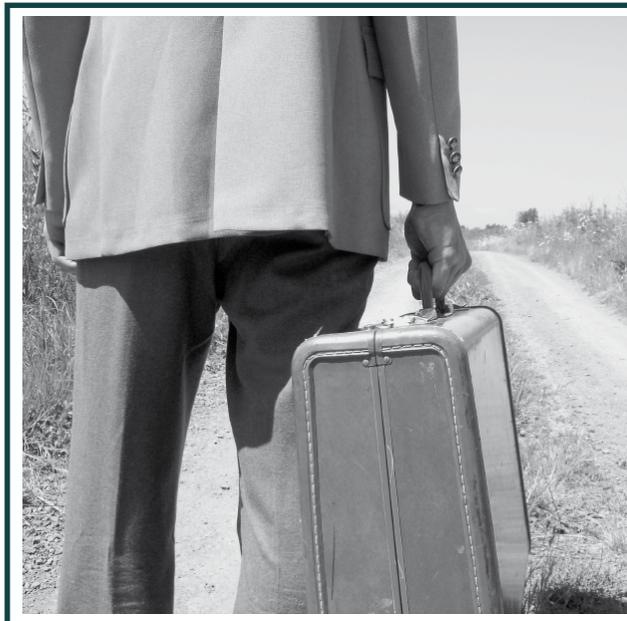
The text says, “Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread” (2 Thess. 3:12). “Them that are such” refers to “some which walk among you disorderly” (v. 11). Prior to withdrawing from the disorderly, such are to be commanded and exhorted to do as the Bible teaches. Prayerfully, they will correct their walk and no further action will be required. But, “if any man obey not . . . note that man, and have no company with him” (2 Thess. 3:14). He is to be distin-

guished by marking and withdrawn from. One might ask, “After commanding and exhorting, how long should we wait before noting and withdrawing?” We might ask, “How long after a man starts walking disorderly should we wait before commanding and exhorting?” Ecclesiastes 8:11 records, “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” In Acts 5, discipline was “executed speedily” as “Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost” and Sapphira “fell... down straightway... and yielded up the ghost” (Acts 5:5, 10). Some brethren delay action so long that it loses its effectiveness!

IT IS A COMMAND THAT HAS STATED PURPOSE

The text says, “that he may be ashamed” (2 Thess. 3:14). To be “ashamed” means “to turn one upon himself and so produce a feeling of ‘shame,’ a wholesome ‘shame’ which involves a change of conduct” (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary*). Those who walk disorderly should be moved by shame to walk according to God’s prescribed rule. The purpose of withdrawing from the disorderly is threefold: To save the spirit of such an one (1 Cor. 5:5), to keep the church pure (1 Cor. 5:6-7), and to prove our obedience in all things (1 Cor.

5; 2 Cor. 2:9). What if we do not withdraw ourselves? We remove the motivation put in place by the Lord for the disorderly to change their conduct, we blemish the bride of Christ, and we show that we are not obedient in all things.



IT IS A COMMAND THAT HAS SUBSEQUENT ACTION

The text says, “Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother” (2 Thess. 3:15). Those withdrawn from must be instructed and warned by the Scriptures. Paul wrote, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly” (1 Thess. 5:14). Withdrawing is not the end. We must continue to work to “restore such an one” (Gal. 6:1).

May there be such a heart in us that we will keep this commandment without spot. **TM**

Spring Cleaning



NATHAN L. MORRISON

Spring. That time of year when the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring. A time of new life, new beginnings, and a fresh start. It's that time of year where people (perhaps grudgingly) prepare for the age old tradition known as "Spring Cleaning." The thought of "Spring Cleaning" scares some, excites others, and is a chore to most. Many scholars believe we owe "Spring Cleaning" to the Jews! The Passover was to be celebrated with the eating of unleavened bread. By the time of Jesus the Jews had a tradition, in the weeks leading up to the Passover, to clean out their houses top to bottom of any leaven they could find. They would search out every nook and cranny to throw out any leaven they found so that when Passover came, not even their houses would have it in them. The side effect of this practice was a clean house, and unnecessary things thrown out. People still practice this type of cleaning today, though for different reasons, and call it "Spring Cleaning."

Paul applied this practice to the way we live our spiritual lives by condemning the spiritual welfare of the Corinthian church when they had tolerated a wicked man among them. He said, "*Clean out the old leaven.*" This doesn't just apply to church discipline but in the way we live our lives, "*not with old leaven,*

nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Let us look at what spiritual "Spring Cleaning" means for our lives today.

OUT WITH THE OLD

In order to live an "unleavened" life of "sincerity and truth," the leaven must be tossed! "*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice*" (Eph. 4:30-31). These things corrupt and are part of the Christian's former way of life (Eph. 2:3).

In physical terms we clean our houses (or garages), remove the trash and unnecessary things and restore order and cleanliness. We need to do the same with our lives! "Fruits (Deeds) of the Flesh" will not gain us entrance to Heaven (Gal. 5:19-21). God expects us to cleanse our lives, and to do so more than every spring. The leaven of life is darkness and Christians are not only expected to not participate in them, but also to expose them (Eph. 5:3-5, 7, 11-12)! We expose the trash and unnecessary things that have accumulated in our house by cleaning. So we must also identify and expose unwanted traits, and cleanse them from our lives! Have you cleansed out the leaven from your life?

IN WITH THE NEW

When the cleaning is done, it's nice to look upon all that space you have, isn't it? In most cases though, once the cleaning is done, rearranging takes place to make sure certain corners and spaces are not cluttered up again. When we remove the old, we must replace it with new or else the old could come back! The same is true for habits and traits in our lives. Jesus said, when an "unclean spirit goes out of a man," it seeks rest and doesn't find it. So the demon, having been removed, returns to find the house clean and in order, but empty, so moves in with new friends more wicked than itself and the man is in worse shape than before (Matt. 12:43-45)! This happens with sin (addictions or bad habits), if it is overcome but nothing good takes its place, you move from one sin (or addiction) to another! We are not only to remove the old, but we're to replace it with new. Getting rid of the malice and wickedness from our lives is only the first part; you must then fill up the spaces with kindness, tenderness, and forgiveness (Eph. 4:32)! Romans 6:4 says a sinner is baptized and rises out of the water to "walk in newness of life." The old man dies and a new man is put on with new virtues. We are to replace our old sinful desires with the

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desire for God's will (1 Pet. 4:1-2)! Getting rid of our old lives requires replacing it with a new one with new purpose, to be pleasing to God! We are to flee from wickedness and pursue righteousness, to desire God's word and practice it in our lives (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim 2:20-26; Eph. 5:8-10). Have you replaced the leaven with unleavened or have you just cleared a space?

MAINTAINING CLEANLINESS

In order to not need a "Spring Cleaning" one must be vigilant in cleaning when messes occur, to maintain order and cleanliness throughout the year. We need to ever be vigilant in our lives for we "know not the hour." We are to be alert and ready for that day (1 Thess. 5:1-6)! That means when He comes the time for cleaning will be over. We must have already been rid of the leaven in our lives! We maintain purity by constantly examining ourselves and practicing righteousness. To "practice" something is to make it a part of one's life, for it to become habit or routine. The one who "practices righteousness" is of God, while those who "practice sin" are of the devil (1 John 3:7-10). Romans 6:19 tells us that in sin we were constant (by practice), we saw no reason to change. In righteousness we are to be constant (by practice), not looking back but looking ahead!

The life of a Christian is to be lived "*sensibly, righteously and godly*" (Tit. 2:12). We do that by practicing (doing) the fruits of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-25. These aren't just good ideas, but a way of life. They must be practiced! Cleaning out the old leaven is the beginning. Have you maintained purity?

fruits of the Spirit. "Spring Cleaning" is a good idea in the physical, but essential in the spiritual if we are to live eternally with God! Paul made it a habit to bring his body into subjection (1 Cor. 9:26-27). He was afraid of becoming "disqualified," meaning he would act in a way unbecoming a Christian and be discredited after preaching the gospel. Waiting till spring could be eternally deadly! We need to get rid of sin, repent, and ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9). Do we practice "maintenance" daily? We will fill our lives with something. Empty spaces in our houses don't remain empty indefinitely, and neither will the voids left when sin is re-



CONCLUSION

We can all see the need for "Spring Cleaning" in physical terms. We may even be good at identifying areas for improvement or repentance when the time comes for "Spring Cleaning" in our lives. The area most people stumble in is the "maintenance" part. When we sin, it's easy to let our old way of life creep back into the places not yet filled in with the

moved. Make sure it is not the old leaven (sin) we get rid of, but the new (fruits of the Spirit) that will result in sanctification (Rom. 6:19)! Perhaps this spring, more than your house needs tended to. Have you thrown out the old leaven from your life? If you have, what have you replaced it with? **TM**

Guessing God's Will



JUSTIN MONTS

I was watching Studio B with Shepard Smith on *Fox News* when I first heard about Detroit students' struggles in testing. The line "Parents call for teachers to be jailed for low test scores" grabbed my eye. A sad picture of smart, well-groomed, and neatly dressed men and women locked behind bars popped into my head and compelled me to listen to the whole report, however painful it may be. You may have heard about it, too. Evidently 69% of students in Detroit tested below basic in math skills. In other words, below what was necessary to "get by." The man serving as the district's emergency financial manager said those scores were similar to children who had never attended school and who just guessed at the answers.

Parents were outraged. Lawsuits were drawn up. Jail time suggested. And Shepard Smith even proposed the possibility of burning the school down. He later apolo-

gized for the harsh criticism, but, no doubt, one could understand the frustration! Over all, when children fail sometimes teachers are to blame, sometimes parents, and sometimes children themselves. I knew that, in order to do well in school, I had to be self-motivated. Mostly, I had good teachers. Occasionally I didn't. Regardless, if I wanted to succeed, I had to

I thought, though, about how nearly 70% of those Detroit students guessed on the math portion of the exam, or at least had scores which reflected guessing. If they never received the training necessary to solve the problems, they had little choice but to guess. Admittedly, though, others resort to guessing when they've had plenty of opportunities to learn. I detected irony in all this, however. When we learn that children are guessing on academic tests, the public becomes enraged and cries are made for heads to roll. But when adults guess at God's will, that seems to be an accepted practice!

When it comes to instrumental music in worship, those

who use it cannot show in the New Testament where God has authorized it. Nevertheless, they assume He wants it. That's just their guess. And their guess is wrong. God has already told us exactly what He



give the maximum effort. We all did. Nevertheless, the problem in Detroit is clearly different, and the needs of the students aren't being met. So, they'll have to evaluate what changes in the administration are necessary to improve the education. We wish them the best.

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wants—singing (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19; Heb. 2:12; 1 Cor. 14:15; Jas. 5:13). We find no verse where He asks for playing a mechanical instrument. When it comes to the plan of salvation, many assume that we can be saved before and without water baptism. But that's nothing more than their guess. And their guess is wrong. God has already revealed that baptism is essential to salvation (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:21; Gal. 3:26-27).

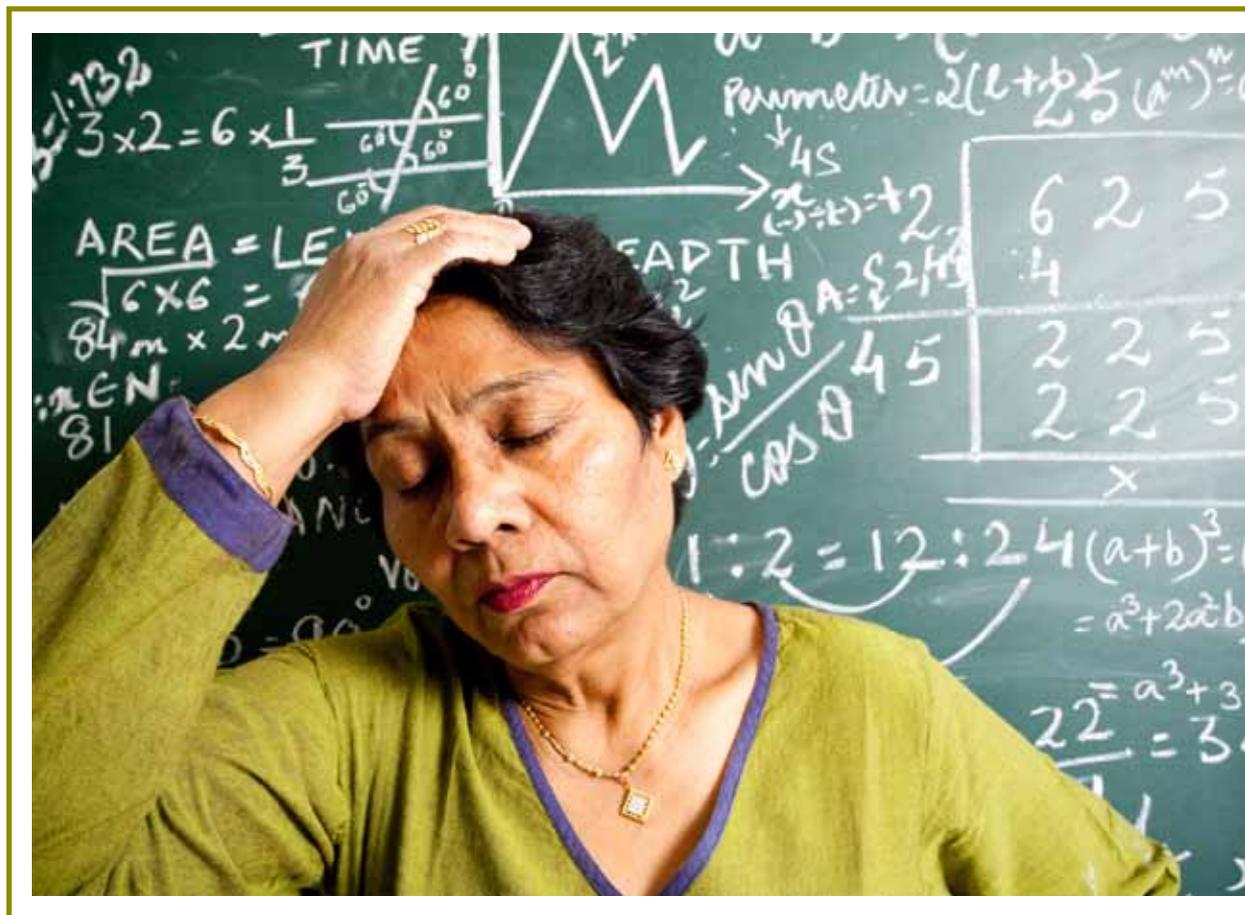
I was studying with a Baptist "youth minister" who attended the Glasgow Bible Church in town. We had our Bibles open to Mark 16:16. He saw clearly that it read, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." But do you know what he told me? "I guess we'll just have to wait until we see Jesus to find out if baptism is necessary or not. Maybe it is. And, maybe it isn't. We'll just have to wait and see." The implication was that right now we'd have no choice but to guess. I

told him, "No. Our Lord already answered the question for us in Mark 16:16. He hasn't left us in such a way where we have to guess."

The apostle Paul said in Philipians 2:12, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Learning what we must do to be saved requires study, and Paul touches on the attitude that we must have in the process! We're to do this with fear and trembling. With such a cau-

tious outlook we'll not resort to guessing about what pleases God. Paul said again in Ephesians 5:17, "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is." I like how it's put in the RSV, "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." To guess is to act foolishly. We need not do that but rather "*understand* what the will of the Lord is." God's word is *understandable*. It's up to us to learn it, apply it and do it.

You don't want to play the guessing game with God's will. 



Questions & Answers



Question:

In the absence of having elders and deacons, the baptized men of the congregation have taken the responsibilities to lead as best we can determine by the Scriptures the direction and work of our local congregation. I believe we are doing everything “decently and in order.” In our adult class last Sunday, the question came up (as we were studying the qualifications of elders and deacons) if a congregation could have deacons without elders? This is my question to you. I stated that I did not know of any example, command, or necessary inference in the Scriptures to the contrary, but that the safe path to follow is not to have appointed deacons without an eldership. A good discussion ensued and there was no disagreement to the position I presented.

Answer:

I believe our questioner has expressed what I would here advise. It is commendable that the brethren do not insist on doing something for which there is no New Testament authority—using unqualified men as elders or having deacons without elders. It is easy to conceive of a situation in which some group began to use the one-man pastor system, because they did not have a plurality of men able to serve. The simple truth, however, is that to act on such a matter is to act without authority, thus to work lawlessness (*anomia*, Matt. 7:23). Human ingenuity or creativeness, good intentions, or doing right on

other matters does not substitute for obeying the Lord’s will on this matter. If such is not the lesson in Matthew 7:22-23, what is being taught? In Acts 6, the apostles were acting in the role of overseers, as seen in

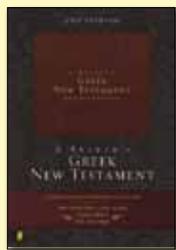
their directing the congregation to see to the matter, their appointing the men to serve, and their earlier role as overseers of congregational finances at the end of Acts 4. In the absence of elders, a congregation can work out a practical plan for taking care of the Lord’s work, based on principles found in the New Testament. Doing so must include using certain ones to tend to different duties, but their doing their duties does not make them deacons in the sense of the New Testament. **TM**

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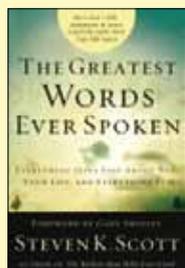
A Reader's Greek New Testament, Second Edition. Richard J. Goodrich and Albert L. Lukaszewski. Zondervan, 2007. 575 pages, Italian Duo-Tone cover.

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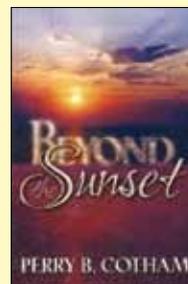


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New Wineskins on Galatians and the Instrument



KYLE POPE

New Wineskins, an online magazine published by the more liberal-minded of our institutional brethren, devoted its September/October 2010 issue to the topic of instrumental music in worship. One article, written by Jay Guin, an elder at the University Church of Christ in Tuscaloosa Alabama, entitled “On God’s Salvation, Galatians, and the Instrument,” raised some important issues that should be addressed in our understanding of this issue and the biblical doctrine of salvation by faith.

Guin begins with the assertion that our debate really has been misguided. He writes:

It’s really about who God is and his eternal plan for his people. Did God send Jesus to save us to worship a cappella? Or did he have entirely different purposes in mind? That’s the question.

This is an interesting assertion. Guin in essence, acknowledges that how one interprets this issue is a reflection of a broader view of the very nature of God and the gospel itself. I agree. Whatever conclusion one draws we can’t minimize it to say it is only about a minor aspect of service to God. On the contrary, our view of God and the gospel affects how we determine this issue.

From this assertion Guin goes further to address the conception

of a God who would “damn over a piano.” He writes:

Once you envision a God who damns over such things, there’s really no end to the rules that your God might damn you over.

Guin’s description that our capacity to “envision” certain things about God, determines the reality of who God is, is interesting. I would hope that he means by that, that we shape a vision of God from what is revealed in Scripture. This is how we know Him—by what He reveals about Himself. As such, we can “envision” a God of such tender mercy so as to forgive a persecutor like Paul (1 Tim. 1:15), an adulterer like David (2 Sam. 12:13), or a coward like Jonah (Jon. 2:7-10). Yet we are also forced to “envision” a God who expects such absolute obedience so as to destroy Nadab and Abihu for offering profane fire (Lev. 10:1-2), Uzzah for reaching out to steady the ark of the covenant (2 Sam. 6:6-7), and the house of Jeroboam for establishing elements of worship to God which He never commanded (1 Kings 14:7-16). If Nadab and Abihu, Uzzah, or Jeroboam had envisioned a God who would not damn over such things, it would not have changed the fact that He did. We know Him by what He has revealed about Himself.

Before moving to consider Ga-

latians, Guin charges those who would divide over the instrument with sin. Charging that concern for scriptural authority for the instrument is the same as a son failing to follow his father’s instructions to mow the yard because he is pondering if he is permitted to listen to an iPod while mowing, Guin quotes Luke 6:43-44—“each tree is known by its own fruit.” He then concludes:

Rather than seeking to justify a body of teaching that has led to sin, that is, division upon division — we should instead re-investigate the scriptures to see what God truly calls us to be.

We must take this very seriously! I agree that Jesus condemns division (cf. 1 Cor. 1:10; 3:3), but Jesus also condemns adding to His word (Rev. 22:18-19), and failing to abide in Christ’s teachings (2 John 9). We strive to call men out of division unto unity on what the word of God teaches. We can only do that if we set aside our preferences, wishes, and traditions in religious matters. We can only do this if we will be content to do what New Testament Christians did, and that alone. We should “re-investigate the Scriptures to see what God truly calls us to be”—and then we must accept (and be content with) what we find there.

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Guin begins his consideration of Galatians with a quote from Galatians 2:3-5 that describes Paul's refusal to circumcise Titus when he went to Jerusalem. Guin observes, regarding this decision:

It would have been much easier just to submit to their scruples and have Titus and other Gentile converts circumcised. It would have kept peace in the church. In a sense, it would have produced unity. It would have ended the controversy!

With this, Guin shows us the thrust of the application he intends to make of Galatians to the question of instrumental music in worship. He will argue that New Testament teaching on circumcision serves as a pattern for how we should view the question of the instrument. However, we must note at the onset some significant differences:

1. Circumcision is a matter that God has addressed directly. He has revealed that Gentiles need not be circumcised (Acts 15:23-29), the blessing of forgiveness is not only for the circumcised (Rom. 4:7-10), yet it is not better or worse if one is circumcised (cf. Timothy's circumcision, Acts 16:3). What God has revealed about music in worship to God is the command to sing (Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19).

2. Binding circumcision reflected reliance upon the Mosaic Law. The focus of Paul's argument will be that, if circumcision

is bound, it makes one "a debtor to keep the whole law" (Gal. 5:3). This is why Paul refused to yield to such falsehood, because it constituted a rejection of the Law of Christ—the gospel. In contrast, the use of the instrument would reflect a return to Mosaic (or at least Davidic) practice. It is not found in the gospel.

3. Those who were binding circumcision are identified by the Holy Spirit as "false brethren." We are not left to wonder how the Lord viewed those who bound circumcision—they are "false brethren" (Gal. 2:4). In contrast, the Lord has not revealed His view of those who reject the instrument (nor for that matter those who accept it). If circumcision is a pattern for our treatment of the issue of instrumental music, are those (like myself) who reject it "false brethren"? Must we conclude that God will "damn for not using the piano" as He would damn those who bound circumcision?

Guin goes on to quote the first verses which record Paul's rebuke of Peter for separating himself from the Gentile Christians (2:11-14). Guin comments that Peter . . .

. . . Stood condemned because he drew the lines of fellowship too narrowly — so he could get along with brothers with scruples. Think about that one long and hard. Did someone suggest there is safety in withdrawing from those who don't honor our scruples? That we should break fellowship just

to be sure of our salvation? It doesn't work that way!

The issue is more than just "lines of fellowship," it is Christ vs. Moses! Peter was not "straightforward about the truth of the gospel" (Gal. 2:14a). In what way? He was binding the Law of Moses on Gentiles but not following himself (2:14b). It is at this point that I fear Guin confuses "works of the law" with works of obedience. After quoting 2:16, ". . . a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified," Guin asserts:

Faith justifies, and works do not. If we submit to those who teach a works-based gospel, we affirm their teaching, and that contradicts "the truth of the gospel." It's not an option.

Our objective is to "re-investigate Scripture." We find here that one is justified "by faith in Jesus Christ." Agreed. Yet, we have battled for years with a denominational world that would define faith as simply mental assent. Our Baptist friends would argue this admirably. But we must acknowledge when we "re-investigate Scripture" that Bible faith is not so subjective. Bible faith comes from the hearing of God's word (Rom. 10:17). Bible faith must be accompanied by the courage of confession (John 12:42-43). In fact, Scripture will

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affirm that there must be “obedience to the faith” (Rom. 1:5; 16:26) because (as was true of Abraham) “by works faith was made perfect” (James 2:22). In this sense Abraham was “justified by works” (James 2:21). Will we allow our investigation of Scripture to shape our view of God in our definition of faith?

Unfortunately, Guin seems to define faith exactly the way most denominationalists do:

It’s believing “in Jesus Christ.” The faith Paul preaches is not a systematic theology. It’s what we confess just before we’re baptized. The faith of a 12-year old coming to Jesus, confessed

in a sentence, is enough. You don’t have to take two semesters of hermeneutics or church history to have faith.

I would agree that the babe in Christ need not understand all “meat” to be able to obey the gospel (cf. Heb. 5:14). I would also agree that the gospel is not a “systematic theology”—Paul taught the “simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Cor. 11:3). However, the very realization that leads us to argue that “believing” must move us to baptism (Mark 16:16) or confession (Rom 10:10) in order to constitute saving faith, compels us to obedience in all things (including worship in song). These are works

which demonstrate faith. These are works of obedience. None of them merits our salvation, but they are our duty to perform (Luke 17:10).

Guin does not accept that “works of the law” refers to Mosaic Law, and jumps to Galatians 5:1-4—“I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law” (5:3). He comments:

Yes, a Christian can fall from grace. One way to do it is to defeat the gospel by insisting on salvation by some means other than faith in Jesus.

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There is no compromise with legalism allowed. If we teach or practice a circumcision as a test of fellowship, as a mark of the church, or as a salvation issue, we are required to “keep the whole law.”

Guin next observes correctly that circumcision preceded Mosaic Law, but we must also recognize its connection to Mosaic Law. What else can Paul mean by “the whole law”? Circumcision was never an element of the Law of Christ. Guin here clearly characterizes opposition to the instrument as a type of “circumcision as a test of fellowship.” What law would that leave one obligated to follow in “whole”? Guin does acknowledge that...

Those with a genuine faith will seek to do God’s will and won’t live in rebellion. . . .

Agreed, but we must ask “rebellion” to what? If salvation by faith just means “believing” what constitutes rebellion? Scripture teaches that it defines rebellion and obedience (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Would I not be in rebellion if I practiced that which God had not authorized?

Guin draws his conclusion from Galatians 5:6, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.” Guin uses the English Standard Version, which puts it “neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but ONLY faith working through love” (emphasis mine). He explains:

How could Paul speak more plainly? Hope comes “by faith.” The only thing that “counts for anything” is “faith working through love.”

That’s a little different than Paul puts it. The original text doesn’t say “only.” Just as Ephesians 2:8 doesn’t say “through faith only.” Yes, faith working through love is the heart of the gospel, but can we take this to the extreme? Can I murder someone in faith because I felt I was acting through love? Of course not! But why? Because Scripture defines love, just as Scripture defines faith. What is love for God? Jesus said, “If you love Me you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

Guin’s final quote comes from Galatians 6:15, “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.” Amen. But what is involved in being a “new creation”? Guin says:

In Galatians, therefore, Paul shows us a better hermeneutic. Rather than picking apart the many biblical passages about circumcision and debating endlessly whether it’s still a command, Paul tells us to ask: Is it about faith in Jesus? Is it about love for our neighbor? Is it about being transformed to be like Jesus?

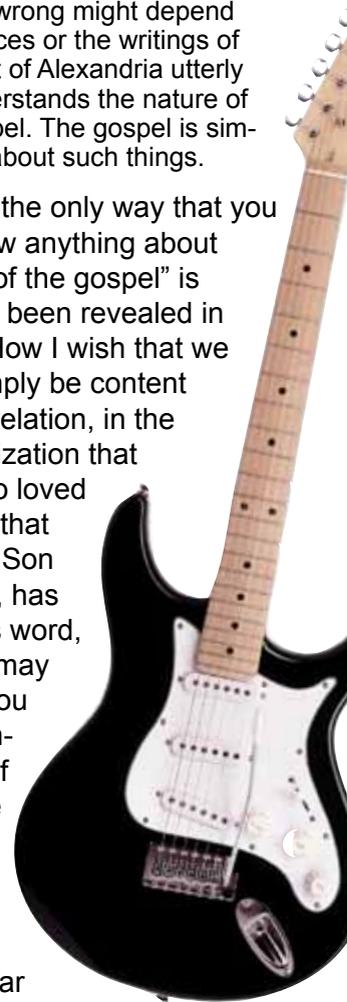
Alright, if we can do this with instrumental music, to what else can we apply this “better hermeneutic”? What other things (that the Lord has said nothing about) can I add to worship? Shall we dance in worship? Shall we have wrestling

matches? Where do we draw the line? Why is it so hard to imagine that, if God was pleased with something in the First Century, He can be pleased with it now? I suppose I just don’t understand. Guin explains:

You see, the very notion that whether the instruments are right or wrong might depend on silences or the writings of Clement of Alexandria utterly misunderstands the nature of the gospel. The gospel is simply not about such things.

Mr. Guin, the only way that you or I can know anything about “the nature of the gospel” is by what has been revealed in Scripture. How I wish that we all could simply be content with that revelation, in the humble realization that the God who loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us, has given us His word, “...that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim 3:15). Following that pattern isn’t legalism it is “faith working through love.” 

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Aspendos



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Aspendos was an ancient Greco-Roman city in Antalya province of Turkey. It is located a bit removed from the ancient city of Perga and about twenty-five miles east of Antalya (Attilia). It is located on the Eurymedon River, about ten miles from the coast.

Aspendos had an acropolis built on a steeply scarped hill, to which a lower town was added in the Hellenistic period. The city has a rich history. Thought to be founded about 1000 B.C., Aspendos was

considered one of the chief cities of Pamphylia by the fifth century, based on ancient coinage. In 389 B.C. the commander of Athens, in an effort to regain some of the prestige that city had lost in the Peloponnesian Wars, anchored off the coast of Aspendos in an effort to secure its surrender. Hoping to avoid a new war, the people of Aspendos collected money among themselves and gave it to the commander, entreating him to retreat without causing any damage. Even though he took the money, he had

his men trample all the crops in the fields. Enraged, the Aspendians stabbed and killed the Athenian commander in his tent. In 333, the city paid tribute to Alexander the Great in order to avoid being garrisoned. The city fell to the Romans in 190 B.C. The city had its most prosperous period during the time of the Romans.

From a biblical point of view, there is nothing of importance at Aspendos, but it does have significant ruins of two things: (a) a Roman theater in the most complete state of preservation of any surviving from ancient times in Asia Minor and (b) a fairly well preserved aqueduct.

THE THEATER

Those who have visited the Bible lands have seen the theater at Caesarea on the coast and probably also the theater at Bethshean, both of which are well preserved. However, the theater at Aspendos is much better preserved. With a diameter of 96 meters (315 ft), the theater provided seating for 10-12,000. It was built in 155 by the Greek architect Zenon, during the reign of the Roman Marcus Aurelius. Like most theaters, it was built into the slope of a hill. The theater has been restored to the point that it is used for musical and dramatic



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productions. The theatre at Aspendos is famous for its magnificent acoustics. Even the slightest sound made at the centre of the orchestra can be easily heard as far as the uppermost galleries. One of the most significant features of this theater is that it is so near complete that one can see what the partially restored theaters at other locales looked like when they were built.

THE AQUEDUCT

To the north of the acropolis at Aspendos, are the remains of an ancient aqueduct and two water-towers to which the water was piped up under gravitational pressure. This one kilometre-long series of arches which brought water to the city from the mountains at the north, represents an extraordinary feat of engineering and is one of the rare examples surviving antiquity. The water was brought from its source in a channel formed by hollowed stone blocks on top of 15

metre-high arches. Near both ends of the aqueduct the water was collected in towers some 30 metres high, which was distributed to the city.

An inscription found in Aspendos tells us that a certain Tiberius Claudius Italicus had the aqueduct built, and presented it to the city. Its architectural features and construction techniques date it to the middle of the second century A.D.



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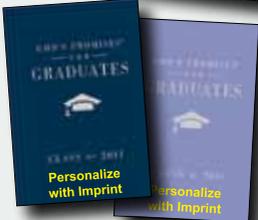
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Satan Is A Good Fisherman

It is not often we think of Satan as a fisherman—a lion or dragon maybe, but not a fisherman. I would like to suggest that he is not only a fisherman, but a very good one! Let's give credit where credit is due.

This is not to say he gets up at 4:30 AM, stays at the lake (or river) all day, and comes home smelling fishy. He is not fishing for fish, but for the souls of men. He is keenly interested in the very best of catches (as seen in Job 1:5-7), but open to all (as witnessed by the quantities he catches). A good fisherman wanders about from spot to spot to see where the fish are. If he is unsuccessful in one spot, he will try another, and another, until he finds just where the fish are, and then he will settle down and patiently wait for several hours (if need be). Satan is just as persistent and patient while fishing for the souls of men.

A good fisherman uses deceit as his bait. He knows success depends partly on the right kind of bait, so he usually has many lures, worms, crickets, grasshoppers, bread balls, or whatever it may possibly take. His goal is to make the fish think they are getting

a good meal before they find the hook hidden in it. Satan has also many forms of deceit to use as bait. It may be the forbidden tree in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3), the gods of the Canaanites (Deut. 11:16—"we want to be like all the others about us"), the gold and clothes Achan gazed on in Joshua 7:21, the rich young ruler's wealth in Mark 10, sexual sins (1 Cor. 6:9-10), following of leaders (1 Cor. 1:10-14), etc. Time and experience has well equipped him to know which will work and which will not.

A good fisherman also knows what he wants. He knows that it often takes special bait for special fish. Some may like flies, worms, or are only available on special occasions. Some have special hiding places or are only likely to be found at certain places. Satan is also looking for special fish, and has had success with all types of fish. But his most popular catch is the "sucker." This fish is always seeking food and usually has his mouth constantly open and not too particular what he takes in. Some grab the bait much sooner than others (i.e., Simon the sorcerer in Acts 8), some are slower (i.e., Judas). But Satan is persistent and his efforts frequently pay off.

So how do we avoid getting caught by Satan, especially since he is fishing for us day and night? First, we need to look for the hook! If a fish feels the hook, he will often try to spit it back out before it can get "set." We must do the same thing—and get away from that spot and not look back. Remember Lot's wife? (See also Luke 9:12.) There is our greatest source of temptation (Jas. 1:14-16). The TV show "Let's Make A Deal" gambled on the greed of the player to "make it big," and usually he would pass up the good prizes to end up with practically nothing in the end (while hoping to hit the "one big one"). Don't be a vacuum cleaner!

We must also resist the devil and draw near to God (Jas. 4:7-8). This means we must seek God's guidance (Matt. 6:13) and study His word (Psa. 119:104). If we draw near to God, He will deliver us from Satan's lures (1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 1:10).

Satan is a good fisherman, and always after another "sucker." (Who else would want his bait, especially when God offers so much – and without a hook in it!) Don't become one of Satan's catches! **TM**

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Be Strong & Courageous

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they show what Israel can do with and without God! Jericho shows what God's people can do so long as God is on their side; Ai shows what happens when God is not with Israel.

The Joshua narrative proceeds to show (a) what happened when Israel did not consult God and made a covenant with the Gibeonites (9:14); (b) God's presence was with Israel in defending the Gibeonites from attack by her neighbors, leading to Joshua's southern campaign that is highlighted by God causing the sun to stand still and sending hailstones to destroy Israel's enemies (10:11-14); (c) God's helping Israel during the northern campaign (11:6-8).

From these lessons from the book of Joshua, one sees that God's people can be courageous in the face of insurmountable odds so long as they walk in obedience to His word. No enemy can withstand God. Paul said it best: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

APPLICATION

What does this mean for us today? First, we must acknowledge our minority status in our culture. New Testament Christians are but a small portion of a percent of the

national population. And, to make matters worse, the broader definition of "Christian," has less and less commitment to true Christian doctrine and moral standards. Many who are nominally "Christian," are for all practical purposes secularists or atheists.

Second, we must be courageous as we stand up to preach God's word. Secularism is showing its muscle in trying to silence preaching that counters its value system — opposition to abortion, preaching against same-sex marriage (and other homosexual issues), opposition to euthanasia, etc. False religions pose their own threat. Those who are not "mainstream" are depicted as sectarian bigots, if not idiots. Fundamental Christian doctrines, such as salvation through Christ alone (versus acceptance of non-Christian religions such as Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, etc.), are under assault by the ecumenical (so-called) Christian churches. Though they describe themselves as "Christian," there is little Christian about their teaching. Islam threatens the body — not only terrorist bombings such as the horrible attack on the Twin Towers in 2001, but bombings of church buildings, murders of missionaries, threats and in-

timidations, etc. As Islam gains greater control of the world, as appears to be happening in many parts of the world (not limited to the Middle East), Christians must have the courage to preach what God's word reveals, even in the face of persecution and death! "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

Third, we need to be assured that God will be with us. He will give us the victory just as certainly as He has been with His people throughout the endless ages. The author of Hebrews said it well when he exhorted Christians not to become covetous: "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'" (Heb. 13:5-6).

May God give us the strength to stand against the wiles of the Devil, regardless of its temporal consequences! **TM**



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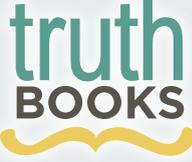
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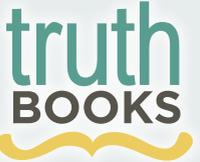
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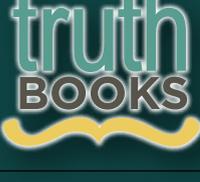
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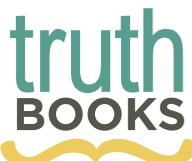
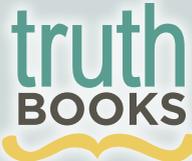
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<p>MANSFIELD, OH Southside Church of Christ 687 Mansfield-Lucas Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Leon Bond: 525-3684 Glenn Bond: 522-1965</p>	<p>TULSA, OK Woodland Hills Church of Christ 9119 E. 61 St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Oldenkamp (918) 252-1220</p>	<p>Place Your Ad Today!</p>	<p>FAIRVIEW, TN New Hope Church of Christ 7500 Jingo Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Shannon Shaffer (615) 289-1721 or 799-0162 www.newhopecoc.com</p>	<p>MURFREESBORO, TN South Ridge Church of Christ 488 Barfield-Crescent Rd. • PO 2257 (I-24, Exit 81, turn 1.5 miles on Hwy 231, south right) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (615) 425-6300 southridge.churchofchrist@yahoo.com</p>	<p>TULLAHOMA, TN Church of Christ 1625 W. Lincoln St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Mickells (931) 455-0273 or 563-7312</p>
<p>MARIETTA/RENO, OH Jct. St. Rt. 7 & County Rd. 20 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (740) 222-9160 (Daniel Ruegg) or 473-9028 (Steve Foutty)</p>	<p>MEDFORD, OR Church of Christ 1850 Spring St. (Roxy Ann Grange Hall) Corner of Spring/Valley View Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dean Blackwell (541) 773-2649</p>	<p>ORANGEBURG, SC Southside Church of Christ 1502 Binnicker Bridge Rd. (Grange Building - Hwy 70) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evangelist: Fred England (803) 939-0672 www.southside-church.org</p>	<p>JACKSON, TN Sunset View Church of Christ 3618 Hwy 70 East (Exit 87 off I-40, 7mi. @ Spring Creek) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Wilkerson (731) 987-2200 or 968-9851</p>	<p>NASHVILLE, TN Bell Road Church of Christ 1608 Bell Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Davenport (615) 833-4444 or 331-7377</p>	<p>ALLEN, TX West Allen Church of Christ 1414 W. Exchange Blvd. (2 miles w. of Hwy. 75) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry King (214) 504-0443 (972) 727-5355 (bldg)</p>
<p>NEW CARLISLE, OH Church of Christ 235 Funston Ave. (Near Wright-Patterson AFB) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Randy Blackaby (937) 849-1643 or 845-8467 (bldg.)</p>	<p>SWEET HOME, OR Church of Christ 3702 E. Long St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Building: (541) 367-1599</p>	<p>SUMTER, SC Woodland Church of Christ 3370 Broad St. Extension Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr. (803) 499-6023</p>	<p>JOHNSON CITY, TN Brookmead Church of Christ 2428 Lakeview Drive Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Kay 423-282-6251 or 426-1836</p>	<p>NASHVILLE, TN Hillview Church of Christ 7471 Charlotte Pike Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (615) 952-5458 or (615) 356-7318 Evangelist: Lee Wildman</p>	<p>ALVARADO, TX I-35 Church of Christ (E. Service Rd. of I-35, N. of Alvarado) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (817) 295-7277 or 790-7253</p>
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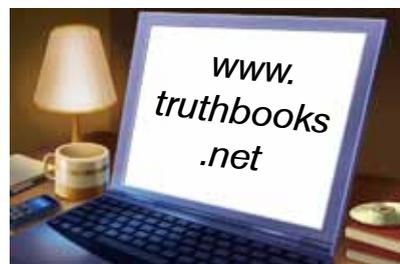
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<p>CLEVELAND, TX Church of Christ 310 E. Houston Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Davis (281) 592-5676</p>	<p>FRISCO, TX (North Dallas-Plano) 4220 Preston Rd. (Holiday Inn) Call for times of services. Glenn Henderson (972) 378-3621 Rex Payne (972) 740-1486 Al Payne (972) 712-9274</p>		<p>ODESSA, TX Crescent Park Church of Christ 1415 Royalty Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Garrison (432) 366-5071 or 413-7759</p>	<p>WACO, TX Sun Valley Church of Christ 340 E. Warren St. (In Hewitt, a suburb of Waco) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marc Smith (254) 666-1020 or 420-1484</p>	<p>RIDGEWAY, VA Church of Christ 2970 Old Leaksville Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Robert Byrd (276) 956-6049</p>
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