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## **BIBLE MESSAGES ON TIMELY SUBJECTS**

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DIGITAL EDITION**

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## DEDICATION

To the thousands of born again, spirit-filled Christians who have not bowed their knee to Baal, those who have no thought of following the tradition of their elders or the customs of men who desire to continue to be consistent Bible Christians in this modern, apostate, compromising generation.

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## PREFACE

For several years, my good friends have unceasingly requested that I share these messages in booklet form. Such requests have fallen on deaf ears, since I humbly acknowledge my inability to write. I find it much easier to speak. However, just recently I received a definite inspiration from the Lord, and His assurance of divine leadership. This is my first attempt at such an undertaking, and I earnestly solicit your charity and patience.

I am keenly cognizant of the fact that these messages will by no means enhance my popularity. But I must be true and faithful to Him who admonished His servants to "CRY ALOUD AND SPARE NOT, AND SHOW MY PEOPLE THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS." (Isaiah 58:1) I leave the results with Him. (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

My motive is entirely unselfish. If a few souls find help and blessing, I shall be amply repaid. I send these messages out in the hope that they will instruct, inform, bless and inspire, yes ... to bring new light to those who desire to read them.

Will you please bear with me by emulating the example of the BEREANS ... who "searched the scriptures daily to see if these things were so." (Acts 17:11) **STUDY FOR YOURSELF.** Do NOT take my word for anything. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Faithfully and Humbly,  
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## 01 -- FACTS ON THE BIBLE

The world's greatest volume contains sixty-six books: (39 in the Old, and 27 in the New Testament. There are 1,189 chapters: (929 in the Old and 260 in the New) It took sixteen centuries to write by forty different authors including: Kings and Fishermen, Philosophers and Physicians, Poets and Publicans, Priests and Tax-collectors, Statesmen and Shepherds. A genuine unity exists from Genesis to Revelations, for God inspired His prophets and sages to write its messages. (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:21) Within its pages we discover the answers to "Where we came from, Why we are here, and where we are going?" The theme of the scriptures is how "Paradise Lost" through the fall of Adam, was restored by the Lord Jesus Christ's atonement on Calvary. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. No one need be lost, but all may gain an entrance to Heaven by confession and forsaking of sin.

The Holy Book is a best seller, yet it is vehemently hated by its opponents, loved and revered by its adherents. Already translated into more than one thousand languages, translators are busily engaged at the arduous but blessed task. Thus making it possible for every kindred, tribe and nation to hear and to read its glorious message.

Atheists, Agnostics, Infidels and skeptics have miserably failed in their continued efforts to destroy and banish it forever. It has stood the ages, and will continue to stand. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but MY WORD shall NOT pass away." (Luke 16:17)

The longest book is the PSALMS (150 chapters) Shortest is 2 John (1 chapter) Longest chapter is Psalm 119 (176 verses) Shortest is Ps. 117 (2 verses) Longest verse is Esther 8:9 (90 words) Shortest is John 11:35 (2) There are 8,810 promises in the Bible. 7,706 (Old), 1,104 (New) Made by God to man, 7,487. Man to man, 991. By angels, 28. By devil, 9. By evil spirit, (2) God to Jesus, (2) Man to angel, (1) Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel each contain over one thousand promises. (Total of 3,086) Seventeen books have less than ten promises each, and Titus has none. Many verses have more than one promise viz Isaiah 40:31 has four promises and Psalm 37 has 40 promises.

The Old Testament includes five books of LAW written by Moses ... also called the Pentateuch. Twelve books of HISTORY, six books of POETRY, four MAJOR, and twelve MINOR PROPHETS.

Between the ten generations from Adam to Noah, lived the three oldest men: METHUSELAH (969 years... Gen. 5:27) NOAH (950 ... Gen. 9:29) ADAM (930 ... 5:5) There were ten generations from Noah to Abraham, father of the Hebrew race. His sons Isaac and Jacob, and grandson Joseph shared honors of leadership. Moses chose to suffer affliction with his people than to live in an Egyptian palace. God then elevated him to become the first leader of the Israelite nation. With God's miraculous guidance and protection, Moses led his people out of Egyptian's bondage ... to the border of the promised land. The conquest of Canaan fell to Joshua and Caleb with the younger generation. After the death of valiant, courageous Joshua, fifteen judges ruled Israel for a period of 3000 years. (Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Abimelech, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson, Eli and Samuel) The famous Kings: SAUL, DAVID and SOLOMON each reigned 40 years. The Kingdom was divided under Rehoboam, and he was

the first King for Judah (southern) This group had 20 Kings to Zedekiah: 14 were wicked and six were good Kings. The Kingdom lasted 300 years until they were taken into Babylonian captivity in 600 BC. Seventy years later, a remnant returned to Jerusalem and re-built the city under the direction of Ezra and Nehemiah. The ten tribes forming the Kingdom of Israel rebelled against Judah and chose Jeroboam as their first King. Eighteen other Kings followed his evil example to King Hoshea. Not one good King among this group of nineteen. This Kingdom lasted 200 years until they were taken into Assyrian captivity in 721 BC. They are known as the ten lost tribes ... nothing more is written about them.

For a period of 400 years between Malachi and Matthew there were no prophecies.

In the New Testament we have the four GOSPELS revealing Christ's Birth, Life, Ministry of Salvation and Healing, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. ACTS relates the phenomenal growth of the work of the Apostles after Ascension. The twenty-one EPISTLES (14 Pauline and 7 general ... John 3, Peter 2) James 1, Jude 1) disclose the growth, establishment, spiritual and numerical advancement of the churches. REVELATIONS presents Jesus as the Sovereign, Victorious and Conquering King.

It is comforting and heart-warming to know that this nation was founded upon the HOLY BIBLE. How inspiring to know that the Chief Executives in the White House honor God's word, and refer to it in Congress. Yet, it is heart-breaking to note that our schools do not revere it as they once did. The Bible Society states that only eleven of the states require Bible reading, while 33 of them do not, and three prohibit it. In Illinois, the Bible has no right in the public schools, but at the same time requires its prisons to furnish a Bible for each convict at the expense of the state. How tragic and inconsistent!

I wish to salute the GIDEONS and the POCKET Testament League and others who are doing an excellent work of distributing the Holy Bible in the Schools, Colleges, Hotels, Motels, etc. May God bless them all.

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## THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth) a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents. -- Author Unknown

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## A CHRISTIAN'S TESTIMONY

The Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered this wonderful temple called Christianity. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament art gallery where the pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hang on the wall. I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the spirit swept the keyboard of nature, and brought forth the dirge-like wail of the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, to the grand, impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel. I entered the chapter of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon, and the Lily of the Valley's sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business office of Proverbs then into the observatory room of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, some pointing to far-off events, but all concentrated upon the bright and Morning star, which was to rise above the moon-lit hills of Judea for our salvation.

I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the formation of the infant Church. Then into the correspondence room where sat Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James and Jude ... penning their epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation where all towered into glittering peaks, and I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried:

All hail the power of Jesus' Name,  
Let angels prostrate fall:  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all."

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## 02 -- THE MATCHLESS CHRIST

In these days of competition and comparison, I feel that it is nothing short of blasphemy to compare the life of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with that of such leaders as Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster, etc. Christ is the Unique, Unequaled, Unexcelled, Incomparable, and Matchless ONE.

Christ stands absolutely alone in His Birth, Early life, Ministry, Death and Resurrection. No other has had such a miraculous, supernatural virgin birth. (Isaiah 7:14) His early life was spent in Nazareth with the exception of two years in Egypt. At the age of twelve, we find him attending the Passover feast in Jerusalem where He ably confounded the doctors and lawyers. He returns home, and was subject to His parents. (Luke 2:52) "He increased in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man", and expects His followers to do likewise ... (grow mentally, physically and spiritually) Then there is silence for eighteen years, when He suddenly appears at the river Jordan to be baptized by John the Baptist.

He began His ministry in Nazareth (Luke 4:18) He received a revelation, from God, and had a message to deliver. He lived on intimate relations with His Father, and spent much time in prayer. His teachings divulged a new and living way . He taught the equality of man through the Golden Rule, that LOVE would always conquer hate. His was a sinless and model life, a PERFECT example for His followers to emulate. His life WAS and IS a ridicule to those who live in the flesh.

He had no home to call his own, "the birds had their nests, the foxes had . their holes, but the Son of man hath nowhere today His head." (Matt. 8:20) He lived in poverty and obscurity, that He might become the universal man of all ages and races, yet He prepares mansions for those who love and serve Him. He never traveled outside of the country of Palestine. He had no time for rest, due to the pressing multitudes, yet He promises REST to those who are weary and heavy laden. (Mart. 11:28) He took no time out for fishing, but He taught His disciples how to fish with great results. He transformed the fisherman and tax-gatherers and made them fishes of men. When the taxes (tribute money) came due, He instructed Peter to go to the sea, cast a hook and the first fish that came up, He would find money in its mouth to pay their taxes. (Matt. 17:27)

Christ never founded a college, yet millions of Bible students have been, and are continually being influenced by His teachings around the world. He never earned a college education, or received a title or degree, yet NO MAN EVER SPAKE AS HE. He startled the Kings, puzzled the doctors, ruled the elements; defied gravitation, and calmly walked on the sea ... even the winds and the waves obeyed Him. He had no medical degree, but He cheerfully healed the multitudes who were sick, afflicted and oppressed, without fees and medicine. Lepers were cleansed, sight and hearing restored, paralytics walked again, and demons were cast out. He specialized in the IMPOSSIBILITIES, thus causing many to wonder and to doubt.

He owned no vineyards, but turned the water into pure-unadulterated wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. He owned no storehouses, yet fed the multitudes. On one occasion, 5,000 were fed with two small fishes and five loaves and 12 baskets of fragments left over. On another occasion, when He fed 4,000 with seven loaves and few little fishes, seven baskets of fragments remained. Christ endorsed economy, and is genuinely pleased when His followers live a humble and frugal life. Consecrated Christians should be reckless and extravagant in their giving to His cause, but stingy with themselves. This was the standard which Christ Himself set up for His disciples, and it has not changed. "If and will come after me, let him DENY HIMSELF, take up His cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

He never performed any wedding ceremonies, for HE IS the BRIDEGROOM. Never conducted a funeral, for He raised the dead to life. Never composed a song, yet He is the theme of many songs, sung by millions the world over. Never became an author, but thousands of volumes have been written of Him. His Word is the best seller, and has been translated in over one thousand languages. Translators are continually occupied with this glorious task. I have seen the Bible in Eskimo igloos, African kraals, Highlands of New Guinea, jungle areas of South America, grass shacks, huts, and in earth's remotest places.

Christ built no churches, yet His church is found everywhere, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. It is not operated by Teas, Bazaars, Rummage Sales, Festivals and Raffles, but by FAITH ... Tithes and generous offerings of His people.

He never marshaled an army, fired a gun, nor drafted soldiers, yet He has millions of volunteers everywhere. He was never guilty of sin, but suffered for the guilty and sinful. Never committed a crime, but was placed in prison for OUR crimes. He claimed to be the SON of GOD, therefore clashed with the religious leaders. He was hated, despised rejected and finally crucified in humiliation on a Roman cross.

As he cried, "IT IS FINISHED", redemption's price had been paid. He had won the Victory over Death, Hell and the Grave. SATAN WAS FOREVER DEFEATED. He saved the thief on the cross, forgave His enemies; was buried in a borrowed tomb. Made 11 appearances after His resurrection, and ascended to heaven to make intercession for us. He only can save and sanctify our hearts, and enable us to live a life of VICTORY in this evil world.

I can heartily recommend this Matchless Christ who is the panacea for ALL the ills of mankind.

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### 03 -- CALVINISM -- VERSUS -- AMINIANISM

The entire denominational world is divided between these two schools of theology. Calvinism is named after John Calvin of Geneva, Switzerland, and Arminianism after Jacobus Arminius of Holland.

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#### CALVINISM'S FIVE POINTS

1. Even before creation, God foreordained the fall of the human race in order that He might show forth His mercy by saving a select number of individuals therefrom. Obviously, those not included in this selection were thereby predestined to be lost, even before they existed.

(Predestination)

2. The atonement of Christ, which was to be the basis of Salvation, needed only to include those whom God had already chosen to save. All others would therefore be excluded. (Limited atonement)

3. The corruption of man by sin was so complete that it left him without the ability to call on God for mercy. (Total depravity)

4. Since God had already chosen to save certain ones, He would call them to Salvation in such a way, that they would be unable to resist His call. (Irresistible Grace)

5. Finally, those who are thus called and saved would be unable to fall away and be lost.  
(Perseverance of the Saints)

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## CALVINISM IS DIVIDED INTO CLASSES

1. UNCONDITIONAL SECURITY. The sinner is forgiven of all sins; past, present and future. If a believer dies in sin, he will not forfeit heaven, for ONCE in the fold, he cannot be lost. If he sins, he is still IN CHRIST, but out of fellowship ... will lose his rewards, but be eternally saved. This group does not usually stress repentance, but "Just believe, accept". Comment ... This is false teaching. SIN separates the believer from God and destroys fellowship. (1 John 3:3, 6) There is no unconditional security in the Bible. We must be obedient and persevere unto the end. (Heb. 6:9, Mt. 24:13, Rev. 2:10, Jude 24) Security is for the saints only, not for the sinners or professors of religion.

2. ALL THE SAVED WILL FINALLY PERSEVERE. They may be tricked by Satan, fall into sin, but will eventually return to the fold of God before death. Predestined to be saved or lost. According to this theory, Saul and Judas were never saved.

3. NO BACKSLIDING. All the truly converted will endure unto the end. Those who fall into sin were never saved. Some of these folk are sincere, and live a separated life. However, this theory has no scriptural backing. Christians are exhorted to take heed lest they fall. (1 Cor. 10:12), (2 Peter 1:10) Many have fallen from grace, and are continually doing so. Bible examples: Demas (2 Tim. 4:10), Saul (1 Sam. 15:11,16:14), Amaziah (2 Chron. 25:14-27), Disciples (John 6:66), Hymenaeus and Alexander (1 Tim. 1:9, 20) Also (Galatians 5:7)

Co-operation between God and man is necessary for man to be saved and remain saved. God's part is to: illuminate, call, convict, pardon, justify, sanctify, to keep the believer unspotted from this world, and to present him faultless before the throne. He aids, supports, and assists His sons, by giving grace and power. He will not coerce obedience from man.

He deals with His children as SONS, not as automatic machines. Believers retain their free moral agency.

Man's part is to: hear, confess, repent, accept, obey, partake, abide, be faithful unto death.

Calvinism spread throughout Europe, more especially in Holland. Soon Koornheerts began to attack Calvinism through his writings. The infuriated clergy engaged the brilliant Jacobus Arminius to refute him. By his thorough search of the scriptures, he fully realized that the teachings of Calvinism was out of harmony with the Bible.

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## ARMINIANISM'S FIVE POINTS



1. Christ died for all men. Therefore, the Atonement is UNIVERSAL
2. In scope, and is adequate for the entire race generally and individually Christ wants to save ALL men. Those who respond to the call of His spirit are the elect or the predestined ones.
3. Mankind is corrupted by sin, totally depraved, but God extends to every man a grace, which enables him to turn to Christ for forgiveness.
4. Because man is truly a free moral agent, he may, if he chooses, resist the grace of God.
5. Because man does not surrender this freedom when he is saved, he is able to renounce his faith and be lost. (Man is a free moral agent before and after his conversion)

This truth gripped the Wesley's in England a century after the death of Arminius. The Methodists restored and vivified its message, as they preached the WHOSOEVER gospel with such power and fervor. The rigid Calvinists then began to yield, and thus the basic doctrine of PREDESTINATION was generally abandoned. Nevertheless, they retained the theory of ELECTION. (Eternal Security)

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#### 04 -- SALVATION -- THE GIFT OF GOD FOR ALL

There is much ignorance concerning this vital truth of the Bible. The fundamental churches teach that Man is born in sin, needs a Redeemer, and there is no entrance to heaven without salvation. The tragedy stems from the fact that there are too many incorrect interpretations of this paramount issue. However, there is no need to be confused or frustrated, for the Bible is very clear and simple. We are concerned only with "THUS SAITH THE LORD."

##### 1. ALL ARE SINNERS.

There is not a just man on earth that sinneth not." (Ecc. 7:20)

"By nature, we are the children of wrath." (Eph. 2:3)

"All we like sheep have gone astray." (Isa. 53.6)

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23)

Friend, this takes us ALL in: Jew or Gentile, Moslem or Hindu, Buddhist or Shinto, Catholic or Protestant, High or Low, Rich or Poor, Prince or Peasant, Royalty or Commoner, Intelligent or Illiterate. Black or White, Yellow or Brown YOU are a lost sinner and doomed for Hell whether you accept this fact or not. But thank God YOU do not have to go to the regions of the damned, because CHRIST has made a way of escape for ALL who will accept Him as their own Lord and Savior. God loved this poor sinful world, that He gave His only begotten Son to suffer and to die to make a vicarious atonement for sin.

## 2. ALL MUST BE SAVED.

"Ye must be born again." (John 3:3)

"Being born again of incorruptible seed, by the word of God." (1 Pet. 1:23)

"By grace are ye saved (unmerited favor) not by works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

Salvation is three-fold: Initial, full and final.

JUSTIFICATION ... saves us from the guilt of sin, makes us citizens of heaven.

SANCTIFICATION ... delivers us from the power of sin ... we become Christian soldiers.

GLORIFICATION ... delivers us from the presence of sin in heaven.

Justification and Sanctification ... the first two experiences are attained here on this earth. Final Salvation takes place in heaven when our bodies are glorified.

## 3. HOW MAY WE BE SAVED?

### MAN'S WAY

(1) Any religion will do just so one is sincere.

(2) Accepting the Christian religion. (No religion has any power or authority to save a man's soul from sin) Only Christ ... (Acts 4:12)

(3) Church membership. (You can join all the churches in the world, and still be eternally lost. No church has power to save. You cannot join the royal family of God, **YOU MUST BE BORN** into the family.

(4) Practicing the Ordinances: Baptism, Communion, Confirmation. (None of these have the power to transform a sinner and make him new)

(5) Signing a card declaring intention to live a Christian life. (Thousands have done this including myself, with no results)

(6) Works of Righteousness. (God says **OUR** righteousness is as filthy as rags) (Isaiah 64:6)

(7) Keeping the Ten Commandments. (It is absolutely impossible for an unsaved soul to keep all the Commandments. Only Christ in the heart and life can enable the born-again believer to keep them)

(8) Denying the existence of sin. (This is utterly ridiculous)

(9) Reformation. (It is incredible to believe this)

(10) Asceticism. (This is worthless, unless the life has been changed)

(11) Unitarianism. Fatherhood of God, and Brotherhood of man ... we are saved ... no need to repent ... (this is inconceivable)

(12) Do the best I can ... (this is utterly futile)

(13) Give life as a G. I., Fireman or Policeman ... the teaching is that when these individuals give their lives for their country, or die while trying to save lives from a fire or murder, they deserve heaven. (There is no scriptural backing for this false teaching) All these ways that man has concocted will not avail at the Judgment.

#### GOD'S WAY

(1) Believe that you are a lost sinner, no redemption out of Christ.

(2) Repent of all your sin with godly sorrow. (Luke 13:3, 1 John 1:9)

(3) Forsaking all sin once and forever.

(4) Believe God's word. Stand on FACT not feeling. Feelings change frequently ... FACT remains ... it is unchangeable.

(5) Make Restitution for all sin. (Luke 19:8)

(6) Practice His presence daily with faith and obedience.

(7) Confess Christ to all. (Rom. 10:10)

You are now God's child ... don't allow the devil to defeat you. There is VICTORY all along the way for you. (Rom. 1:12), (2 Cor. 5:17)

It is all important that you pray, read and study the Word every day.

Walk in the light as He sheds it across your pathway. (1 John 1:7)

Make a total commitment, surrender to the Lord Jesus Christ without any reservation. **KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS ONLY.** Do not look at people. They will fail and disappoint you. **JESUS NEVER FAILS.**

Here are the Bible evidences that one has been born-again:

1. His Spirit bears witness with your spirit that you are His child. (Rom. 8:16)
2. No condemnation on your heart. (Rom. 8:1)
3. Peace with God, also your fellow man. (Rom. 5:1)
4. Life of separation from the world. (1 John 2:15. Jas. 4:4)
5. Do not practice sin. (John 3:8-10) It is possible to be tricked by Satan and fall into sin, but confess it promptly to God and to your fellowman.
6. Keep God's Commandments. (1 John 2:3, John 14:15)
7. Love the brethren. (1 John 3:14)
8. Be His faithful witness. (Acts 1:8) Note 2 Peter 1:10. Amen.

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#### SELECTED POEMS

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#### A JOB FOR ME

The Lord had a job for me  
But I had so much to do,  
I said, "You get somebody else  
Or wait till I get through.  
I don't know how the Lord got along.  
But I felt kinda sneaking like  
I knew I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord,  
Needed Him right away  
But He never answered me at all  
And I could hear Him say  
Down in my accusin' heart.  
Child, I've got too much to do  
You get somebody else,  
Or wait till I get thru'.

Now when the Lord has a job for me  
I never try to shirk.  
I drop what I have on hand,

And do the good Lord's work.  
My affairs can run along,  
Or wait till I get thru'.  
Nobody else can do the work  
God has for you.

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## THE GREATEST TEST

Help me to walk so close to thee  
That those who know me best can see  
I live as godly as I pray,  
And Christ is real from day to day.  
I see some once a day or year  
To them I blameless might appear  
'Tis easy to be kind and sweet  
To people whom we seldom meet  
But in my home are those who see  
Too many times the worst in me.  
My hymns of praise were best unsung  
If he does not control my tongue.  
When I am vexed and sorely tried.  
And my impatience cannot hide.  
May no one stumble over me  
Because thy love they failed to see.  
But give me Lord a life that sings  
And victory over little things.  
Give me thy calm for every fear  
Thy peace for every falling tear  
Make mine, Oh Lord, through calm and strife  
A gracious and unselfish life.  
Help me with those who know me best  
For Jesus sake to stand the test.

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## MY MOTTO

--UNITY in essentials --  
-- LIBERTY in non-essentials --  
-- CHARITY in ALL things --

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05 -- PRAYER AND FASTING

Multiplied miracles have been performed through these avenues. Today, many of God's children are seeing miracles through this difficult, yet gratifying means.

Our Lord Jesus Christ stressed the importance of prayer and fasting. He not only admonished His disciples to pray and fast, but He set the example ... for the glorious ministry of prayer. He regarded prayer more important than teaching or healing (Luke 5:15, 16) He prayed all night (Luke 6:12) and arose early to pray. (Mark 1:35. We find no record where He taught His disciples to preach, but He did teach them to pray. (Matt. 6:9-13) The ministry of prayer is open to a chosen few, but prayer is open for ALL born-again believers. It is a mighty tool to use against the enemy. Prayer is essential for the securing of workers in the harvest field. (Matt. 9:38) PRAYER is as vital to the obtaining and maintaining of the Christian life as air and water to the physical.

The sin of prayerlessness is making great inroads in the Church, and apostasy is the result.

The Jews pray three times daily: (Psalm 55:17) The Moslems, five times. Christians are admonished to: (1) Pray always. (Luke 18:1) (2) Without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17) There are three kinds of prayer: PRIVATE (Mt. 6:6), FAMILY and PUBLIC. (3) Pray for one another. (Jas. 5:16) (4) All in authority. (1 Tim. 2:2) (5) Ask and ye shall receive (Mt. 7:7) (6) Ask and it shall be done. (John 15:7) (7) Let your requests be made known to God. (Phil. 4:6)

It is useless to pray unless we humble ourselves to forgive and love everyone. Needless to pray unless we are obedient to submit to all that He reveals to us. Praying seems to be a lost art to this generation. No longer do we have the old-fashioned "all nights" of prayer, and the intercessory prayer meetings at the conventions, assemblies and evangelistic campaigns. It is comforting to know of the "few" who are carrying on a PRAYER program.

PRAYER has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, fountains from rocks, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers and poisons; marshaled stars against the wicked; stopped the course of the moon and sun; rolled away the stone, burst open the iron gates of the prison, recalled the souls from eternity; conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels from heaven. PRAYER has bridled and changed raging passions, destroyed armies of proud, and daring atheists. Brought man forth from the sea, carried another to heaven in a chariot of fire.

This modern age is not conducive to fasting, since entertainment reigns supreme in all religious and many holiness circles. Fun, frolic, fellowship, eating and drinking is the order of the day. (Luke 17:26, 27), (Isaiah 22:13) As a result, there is an unprecedented decline in spiritual things. There is no apparent vision, burden and genuine passion for lost souls. Heaven must be weeping over this appalling situation.

Fasting is not only beneficial to the soul, but to the body as well. Many leading health authorities recommend it. Some endorse a three-day fast for the healing of minor ailments and diseases. Longest fast of the Bible is 40 days. Ghandi, hero of the Hindu's in India fasted 76 days one time. There are 75 references in the Bible on Fasting. (Matt. 6:16-18, Mark 2:18-20), etc.

Fasting humbles the soul, and causes tenderness of heart. (Psalm 35:13) Faith can operate with greater intensity when prayer and fasting are combined. (Matt. 17:20, 21)

Isaiah tells us in Chapter 58, verses 3 to 11 about the true and false fast. Israel read the Bible and proclaimed a fast. (Jer. 36:6, 9) Fast turns into gladness. (Zech. 8:19) The prophet called the ministers and priests to sanctify a fast, rend their heart with fasting and weeping. (Joel 2:12-17)

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#### FASTS OF THE BIBLE:

1. Moses (40 days) -- (Ex. 34:28) 2. Elijah (40 days) -- (1 Kings 19:8) 3. Jesus (40 days) -- (Matt. 4:2) 4. Ahab (1 Kings 21:27) 5. Israel -- (Jud. 20:6, 1 Sam, 7:6) 6. Ezra -- (8:23, 21, 10:6) 7. Nehemiah -- (1:4,9:1) 8. Esther (3 days) -- (4:3, 16) 9. King Darius -- (Dan 6:18) 10. David -- (Psalm 109:24) 11. Jehoshaphat -- (2 Chron. 20:3) 12. King -- of Nineveh and subjects (Jonah 3:5, 7. 13. Anna -- (Luke 2:37) 14. Paul -- (Acts 9:9, Acts 27:33, 2 Cor. 11:27) 15. Antioch Church -- (Acts 13:2, 3, Acts 14:23.) 16. Cornelius -- (Acts 10:30)

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#### 06 -- EVIL SPEAKING, THE TONGUE AND MINCED OATHS

Many professing Christians including the clergy have succumbed to satan's subtle scheme of evil speaking. It has become so rampant among the followers of Christ, that they fail to recognize it as SIN. Some are instigators, while others are propagators who seem to feel justified in this wicked pastime. Evidently, their consciences must be seared. Spiritual life is greatly hampered by this devastating category including: back-biting, bitterness, bickering, complaining, criticism, discord, dissension, false accusation, fault-finding, murmuring, nagging, tale-bearing, etc.

The Bible is very clear on its denunciation of these sins.

1. "Speak not evil one of another brethren." (James 4:11)
2. Speak evil of no man." (Tit. 3:2)
3. "The tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." (Jas. 3:8)
4. "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity." (Jas. 3:6)
5. "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile." (Ps. 34:12)
6. "Death and life are in the power of thy tongue." (Prov. 18:21)

7. "The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things." (Ps. 12:23)

8. "God hates a lying tongue." (Prov. 6:17) Let us heed these admonitions: "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life." (Prov. 15:4) "Whosoever keepeth his mouth and tongue, keepeth his soul from trouble." (Prov. 21:23) "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue. (Ps. 39:1)

Foolish talking and jesting reveal a definite lack of genuine spiritual life. How utterly deceived are those who believe that it is proper to indulge for relaxation and forgetting sorrows. The sinner drinks liquor to drown his troubles, and the Christian believes he can jest without harm. He is utterly mistaken, for God vehemently condemns this in no uncertain terms.

#### NOTICE:

Foolishness is considered in the same class as MURDER, PRIDE, Blasphemy, deceit, adultery, etc. (Mark 7:21, 22)

Foolish talking and jesting is the same as FORNICATION, Idolatry, covetousness, and filthiness. (Eph. 5:3-7)

This is indeed alarming, and worthy of thoughtful prayer and heart searching. "The thought of foolishness is sin." (Prov. 24:9) "The mouth of fools poureth out foolishness." (Prov. 15:2) "The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness." (Prov. 15:4) "A fool's voice is known by the multitude of his words." (Ecc. 5:3) "A fool's lips enter into contention." (Prov. 18:6) "Folly is joy to him that is destitute of wisdom." (Prov. 15:21) "In the multitude of words, there lacketh not sin." (Prov. 10:19-21) "Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off." (Ps. 101:5) We are to follow these exhortations: "Be not rash with thy mouth, therefore, let thy words be few." (Ecc. 5:2) "He that hath knowledge, spareth his words." (Prov. 17:27) "Even a fool when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise." (Prov. 17:28) "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation." (1 Pet. 1:15) "Be thou an example of the believers in word, conversation ... (1 Tim. 4:12)

According to Rom. 1:30... "Backbiting is in the same class as envy, deceit, murder, boasters, etc."

1. "Let lying lips be put to silence." (Psalm 31:18)

2. "A righteous man hateth lying." (Prov. 13:5)

3. "Thou shalt not bear false witness." (Ex. 20:16)

4. "A talebearer revealeth secrets." (Prov. 11:13 )

5. "The words of a talebearer are as wounds." (Prov. 26:22) Notice what God says regarding murmuring:

1. "Do all things without murmuring." (Phil. 2:14)



2. "Neither murmur ye, as some also murmured and were destroyed." (1 Cor. 10:10)

These are solemn words, let us not be guilty of any of these prevailing sins. However, when we are subjects of evil speaking, then let us rejoice and be happy that we are counted worthy to suffer for Him. (Matt. 5:10-12)

TIME MAGAZINE cites the case of Edna Ruggles who was fired for uttering loud and profane reflections on the ancestry of her glove machine. Her employer was forced to rehire her when the Labor Board decided that SWEARING had lost its meaning. They further stated that her vulgar expressions were not in any sense real blasphemy. This attitude on the part of worldlings does not alter the Bible version of profanity. Democracy ... the opinion of society does not decide by majority vote what is right and wrong.

Christians are to be guided by Bible admonitions ... yet many are guilty of the habitual use of expressions the dictionary terms as MINCED OATHS. These are taken from the New Century dictionary.

"GOSH, GOLLY" are softened and euphemistic forms for God.

"GEE" is a minced form for Jesus. "HECK" stands for Hell.

"DUCE, DICKENS", are short forms for the devil. Dawgone, Dawgonit, are not Christian terms.

"DARN, DARNED, DARNATION" are colloquial euphemisms for DAMN, DAMNED, DAMNATION.

Those who frequently use "GOSH DARNED" would be shocked if they fully realized its true meaning. Someone has said that a Christian's "GOSH" is as strong as the miner's oath. A preacher's "PSHAW or PHOOEY" are as strong as the drunkard's "DAMN."

May the Almighty help us to realize these truths and endeavor henceforth to be mighty careful in our speech. Amen.

Some wonder why they cannot use GOODNESS, GRACIOUS and MERCY. These are attributes of God, and would therefore be a violation of the third commandment. Millions of Christians are guilty never having given this a thought, but will be willing to walk in the light.

The term REVEREND belongs to God, and man has no right to use it in either the short or long form. "REVEREND and HOLY IS HIS Name." (Psalm 111:9) There are those who would shun the original form of profanity as they do dirt, debt, disease and the devil, yet with no compunction of conscience use the milder forms.

The use of SLANGUAGE in any form certainly does not become a Christian nor is it conducive to a high plane of living. What a sad indictment this is against those who have forgotten

the language of God and are resorting to the language of the street. Present day speech has fallen far below the standard which Christ set for His disciples as the New Testament pattern for all His followers. Careless and useless speech in this common use of Slanguage, will certainly weaken one's testimony, and dull his spiritual effectiveness. It is impossible to convince our fellow men that we are citizens of heaven, when we indulge in the language of the sinner.

Jesus said in Matt. 5:34-37 "Swear not at all ... let your conversation be "Yea, yea, or nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" This last clause suggests the use of an exclamation which is defined as something added merely as a filling. How awesome are the words of Christ in Matt. 12:36, 37. "EVERY IDLE WORD THAT MEN SHALL SPEAK, THEY SHALL GIVE AN ACCOUNT THEREOF IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT ... FOR BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE CONDEMNED."

James says in 1:26... that a man's religion is vain, if he cannot bridle his own tongue. Out of the same mouth proceeded blessing and cursing ... these things ought not to be." (Jas. 3:10) "Let your yea be yea, lest ye fall into condemnation." (Jas. 5:12)

For the word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thought and intents of the heart." (Heb. 4:12)

An excellent motto for the Christians should be "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Oh, Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

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## 07 -- JEZEBEL RELIGION

Multitudes of parents consider it an honor to name their children after Bible characters. In all my travels around the world, I have yet to encounter one family where a daughter has been named after the notorious woman ... JEZEBEL. She is the singular character in the Bible who painted her face. (2 Kings 9:30) Her reputation as a murderess, a vain and wicked conniver is well-known. Millions of women from all walks of life have, and are continually emulating her evil example. No doubt some are doing it without realizing, while others are following an established precedent. Their cry is "Everybody's doing it." Who would dare say that everybody is right?

Today we are witnessing a mighty resurgence of Jezebel's religion. The devil is having his greatest revival he has ever had. Just as triumphantly as he deceived Eve, he is continuing his deception in a colossal way. His subtle plan is to malign woman, and through her ruin the race.

In the majority of homes, women are acting the part God gave to man "to be the head" (Eph. 5:23. She is doing just about as she pleases, since she has lost all sense of decency and honor. Her conduct and immodest appearance is an insult to God, her sex and humanity. She is trying to see how far she can go and get by with it. If a woman paraded the streets of our nation in near nakedness a few years ago, she would have been relegated to the brothels. Today, grandmothers,

mothers and daughters are brazen, bold and daring. Even the little girls are in the public gaze with shorts, sun suits and very short dresses. No wonder there is so much rape, and sex murder. Shame on the womanhood of America! How encouraging to know that Mexico, Fiji Islands, etc., forbid nudity on the streets. What has caused this change here?

Paris and Hollywood are setting the criterion for the modern woman: professing Christian and sinner.

The Bible is the norm for all things, and definitely forbids conforming to this world. (Rom. 12:2) We are to conform to the image of the son of God. (Rom. 8:29) "Women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, gold, pearls or costly array. (1 Tim. 1:9) "Let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, wearing of gold, putting on of apparel". (1 Pet. 3:3, Jas. 4:4, I John 2:15) MODESTY needs no apology: fosters virtue, purity and economy; safeguards the wearer, and distinguishes the sexes. Shorts, halters, slacks, pedal pushers, sleeveless and low-cut dresses do not come under the category of modesty. Cosmetics and jewelry belong to heathenism, and have no place in the attire of a born-again Christian. (Jer. 4:30) Natives in South Africa daub themselves with red paint to signify they are dedicated to demons. A child of a missionary couple living among them all his life was traveling with his parents on a bus in the city. Upon seeing white women with "make up" for the first time, asked his mother if they were demon-possessed. Women who smoke, drink, play cards, bob and bleach their hair, wear indecent clothing, paint their lips, toes and fingernails, go without hose, deck themselves like peacocks, have certainly sunk to the level of the prostitutes. Instead of raising the standard, professing Christian women have completely fallen prey to her abominable level.

Our schools are training baton twirlers and ballet dancers. They are demanding that the girls who play in the bands to wear trousers, and shorts for the gym classes. Thank God for the true Christian parents who do not allow their children to partake in these new sinister, indecent trends. "The woman shall NOT wear that which pertaineth to a man. (Deut. 22:5)

Since the repeal of the 18th amendment, there has been an unprecedented increase in crime, larceny, rape, murder, abortion, birth control, kidnapping, and drunkenness in all forms of society. Likewise, we have seen the same trend in the religious world, compromising of holy standards. No longer is there a line of demarcation. As far as the outward appearances are concerned, it is difficult to recognize sinner from saint. The Bible way is for the Christian to have such a radical change of heart, that the outward will manifest itself for God's glory. It is most inconsistent to DRESS, ACT, LIVE and TALK like a child of the devil, and yet profess to be a child of God. (I John 3:10)

The old-fashioned, modestly attired, praying, Spirit-filled women belong to the past generations. However, we are delighted for those genuine saints we find everywhere who are noted for their godliness. (John 15:19)

All this tragedy stems from the fact that the true shepherds who dared to "CRY ALOUD" against these Jezebel fashions in the past, have become moral cowards. How tragic that the voices from the pulpit have been silenced for e manifold reasons: prestige, honor, fame, cowardice and

filthy lucre. From *Prairie Overcomer*: "Col. John H. Dilley, Commander of the U. S. forces in Germany was so upset regarding the dress of the G. I. wives, that he decided to do something about it. He was horrified at the sloppy and sometimes less-than-decent appearance of the American women folk in his area. He issued orders that "women dressed improperly" would not be permitted to enter U. S. military installations. This meant the wives could not enter theaters, snack-bars, and service clubs without proper attire. There is little doubt that the way some American women dress abroad, has adversely affected the best interests of the United States.

Col. Dilley bravely attempted to institute "the proper look." However, a later news report says that "his order was rescinded by U. S. military authorities at home, and things are back to normal on the base in Germany." Today's moral toboggan slide seems to be without brakes."

J. G. Morrison said: "The devil has captured most of the holiness women today on the dress question. Some preachers have also been snared, since their wives and daughters are among the offenders."

John Wesley ... "Gay and costly apparel tends to influence lust. During the Methodist's first 100 years when they were most powerfully used of God, they believed and practiced plainness of attire."

Doctor Talmadge ... "Thousands of men are in Hell whose eternal damnation is due to the improper dress of women.

Charles Finney... "I confess that I was formerly in error, I used to believe that a woman should dress and follow the fashions, so as not to be noticed or appear singular, but NOW, I have seen my error, and wonder at my former blindness. A woman's duty is to dress SO PLAIN that she may show the world that she places no reliance in fad or fashion."

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of F. B. I. ... in warning teen-agers to prevent sex-crimes says, "Don't ask for trouble, dress sensibly, don't go about the house or street half dressed." (Excellent advice from a government official)

Doctor Luchenstein... Physician of Tombs prison has worked with 170,000 prisoners in 12 years. He states: "So-called crimes of passion are increasing alarmingly, and will continue in my opinion, until the principle cause is eliminated. The present style in dress, is to say the least, immodest. This immodesty in dress has a direct bearing on crime citation no matter how innocent the wearer may be." Even the secular world is crying out against immodest dress, in favor of decency.

Hollywood has glamorized nudity and made it acceptable to society. Every line of business has commercialized the nudity of women for advertising purposes. Practically, every public ceremony or festival has to have a bathing beauty in the foreground. The vile, suggestive pictures are now daringly flaunted on the billboards everywhere. Years ago, these were allowed only in the saloons and brothels. The daily press is filled with pictures of semi-nude women. The sensual movie scenes fill up whole pages of our newspapers and magazines. There are millions of these devilish periodicals filled with abominable, obscene pictures on the newsstands. I was horrified

on a recent visit to a Florida Supermarket. I noticed an entire section of salacious periodicals. Just above it was a framed certificate indicating that a committee on decent publications had sanctioned them. I perused one of the magazines and walked away in utter disgust and shame. The lewd pictures were not fit for animals. Evidently society has sunk to the level of hellish impropriety. "Woe to them that call evil ... good." (Isaiah 5:20) We are instructed to love the good, and to hate the evil." (Amos 5:15)

We are faced with a tremendous dilemma... each one must make a serious decision. Either to go with the crowd, and be lost forever, or to "Come out from among them, be separate" and make heaven. As for me, the die is cast. I am 100% against nudity and moral degeneracy, for both sexes. From all appearances it seems as though 95 % of the professing Christians are taking the broad road. They refuse to be different, and will not walk in the old paths. (Jer. 6:16) It is evident that the Antediluvians and Sodomites could not have been any worse than America is today. "Every imagination of the heart was evil continually." (Gen. 6:5, 11. 18:20) Inevitably, the same judgment will fall on this nation unless she repents. There is no other solution except to repent. "Break off thy sins by righteousness." (Dan. 4:27)

The Bible says PRIDE goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Prov. 16:18) PRIDE is definitely responsible for this deluge of following "fads and fashions." Millions of souls have been engulfed in this horrible sin. Someone has said "PRIDE is as silly as a monkey, cunning as a fox, deceptive as a hyena and relentless as a tiger ... it violates the laws of health, hampers the vital organs, and the result is suffering and disability. It is more dangerous than liquor, yet it is scarcely opposed, but is nursed, caressed and defended by the religious world. Liquor is a foul demon, appealing to the lower nature. Pride is an angel of light, a transformed demon, which appeals to the higher nature."

To conclude this message, I suggest seven rules to follow when in doubt relative to any questionable pleasure, dress, act or speech.

- (1) Would it violate a principle in God's word?
- (2) Is it of the world, would Christ be left out?
- (3) Will it cause me to lose interest in prayer, the Bible and Church?
- (4) Can I ask God's blessing upon it, or have His presence?
- (5) Would it be a stumbling block to the weak?
- (6) If Jesus was to come, could I do this or that?
- (7) What benefit would I derive ... Can I give God the benefit of the doubt?

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There are 70,000 movie houses in the world, half of them in Europe. The weekly attendance in our nation's 18,000 theaters was 100,000. With the innovation of the TV, the attendance has dropped to 85,000. Many are going out of business -- thank God. The annual income is the fantastic sum of \$1,000 million. Without any equivocation, the Hollywood movies are an unmitigated curse at home and abroad. The devil dominates this powerful industry with an investment of millions of dollars. They control the newspapers and magazines with their immoral advertisements.

Movie celebrities (idols of sinners) are well-known throughout the world. No Congressman, Senator, Philanthropist, Educator, Industrialist, University professor or Scientist can compete with them. Even the Kings, Queens and world rulers have competition with these VIP's of the devil.

Leo C. Rosten says "The idols of the screen are an international royalty whose dress, diet and diversions are known to millions of subjects."

Herbert J. Miles states "Movie personalities and ideals have the same right to be woven into the Christian social life as a sewer rat in a perfume factory." Time Magazine reports: "All appeals to America to buy bonds were ineffective including the President's plea, until Hollywood utilized its sex-appeal. One star promoted bond-selling by giving kisses to those who bought. over a specified amount. Others advanced sales by singing, dancing, disrobing, etc." Since sex must be substituted for patriotism to defend our country, I firmly believe America has gone beyond the realm of Antediluvian degeneracy. The stars who profess to be religious are the Number One hypocrites of the world. The calls to prayer and patriotism on national occasions ring with genuine hypocrisy and insincerity, in view of their anti-religious roles on the screen and TV. They become like the lewd characters they portray. Their private lives are immoral and unhappy, often leading to suicide. Hollywood has its own customs and standards, and is shut off from the rest of the world. Their entire set-up is an abomination to God and righteousness. They know nothing of the sanctity of marriage. They encourage unrestrained social relationships with the opposite sex, and no obligations to faithfulness. Multiple divorce and remarriage is rampant among them with no compunction of conscience of the violation of God's laws. They ridicule Christianity as a convenient tool of Satan.

Greed and notoriety are their main objectives. They delight in sex-appeal, bedroom scenes, bathing suits and nudity. Prostitutes revel in this sort of behavior.

The strongest argument Hollywood invents to defend its moral rottenness: "We present life as it really is." Actually, they present it as they desire it to be. The dominating trend and theme of all its productions is: illicit love, lust, sex, rape, passion, torture, crime and murder. They glorify, magnify and justify sin. Gambling, drinking, smoking, dishonesty, nudity and crime are presented as national sins, therefore setting the pattern for all. They glamorize lust as love, exalt nakedness and indecency as beauty, endorse sex murder and prostitution as entertainment. Chastity, decency, honor, virtue, truth, honesty, and integrity are considered a joke. (Matt. 23:27, 28) (Eph. 5:3-11) (Rom. 3:10-18) (2 Peter 2:12-19) (Judges 17:6)

The stars are financially insane and have distorted sense of values knowing nothing of the stewardship of life. They live in magnificent homes, dress fabulously, roll in wealth and spend it freely. (Isaiah 55:2, Ecc. 10:6) They are paid enormous salaries, out of proportion to other major occupations. Over 50 million Americans are engaged in the top six professions. Teachers head the list with over a million, next Doctors, Lawyers, Clergy, Dentists, then Actors number 19,000. There are 500 active stars in Hollywood with contracts. One received \$25,000 for one day's acting. Another received \$1,280,000 for six months acting with a British producer. Others as follows:

- 1 . 4½ times the salary of this nation's President.
2. 25 times more than the Vice-President's salary.
3. The combined salaries of the 48 Governors.
4. Grossed \$50 million in her last five pictures.
5. \$1 ½ million in one year.

This is utterly preposterous, and spells the damnation of this country.

The movies are responsible for the breakdown of morals in the home and land. Their degrading influence has sapped the spiritual life, and given us a pagan spirit of sexuality and materialism. Teen-agers, children and adults are emulating their example. They want to fix their hair, dress, act, smoke, drink, live and have affairs like their screen idols. The pictures they see tend to affect the physical well-being, causing nervous tensions, and an unwholesome mental attitude to the human race. Is it any wonder then that the ratio for the mentally deficient is one in ten? We are fast becoming a nation of mental derelicts.

From all parts of the world come repeated warnings against the Hollywood movies as unfit for their children and youth to see. My heart has been deeply stirred to discover the youth of other lands who know all about "rock and roll", film celebrities, etc., yet know nothing of the Christ who can transform them from a life of sin.

From Ankara, Turkey, comes this item : "Influential law-maker attacks the film: New bill introduced to prevent children under 16 years of age to attend the cinema. Films have detrimental effect on children: 1 . Distort the brains and shake the nerves. 2. Suggest adventurous ideas, and inspire violent passions. 3. Convey information on love-making prematurely. 4. Cause girls to be fond of make-up, jewels and expensive dress."

Committee on Child Welfare analyzed 250 pictures: 97 were based on murders, 51 on adultery, 45 suicides, 22 abductions and 19 seductions. The characters portrayed: 176 thieves, 35 drunkards, and 25 prostitutes. Investigators of the Chicago Tribune declare: "Three hundred girls disappear from Hollywood annually into vice, prostitution and ruin."

How simply tragic that the religious world, schools and colleges of our land would endorse the Hollywood movies.

Here are some of their advertisements taken from the daily newspapers:

"LOVE IS VIOLENT ... DEATH IS CHEAP."

"WILD BEASTS ... WILD WOMEN."

"SHE DRIVES MEN CRAZY ... TORMENTS THEM TO KILL ... WITH EVERY KISS MORE RECKLESS."

"SACRIFICE OF BEAUTIFUL SLAVE GIRL TO WILD BULL."

"SEE PASSIONS OF THE LUSTFUL DR. G."

"CLAWED BEYOND RECOGNITION BY THE PHANTOM MANGLER."

"THE PICTURE THAT DARES EXPOSE THE NAKED AND SHAMELESS TRUTH ABOUT THE SCARLET STREET OF SIN."

The only credit Hollywood deserves is that she is honest in her advertising.

Their boastful claim is to furnish entertainment and education. What they offer is intrinsically for the carnal, unregenerate sinner who finds satisfaction in such vile pleasure. This is the type of education they provide:

- (1) How to be a drug addict.
- (2) How to be a sex fiend, a murderer, a criminal.
- (3) How to break windows and take doors off their hinges noiselessly.
- (4) How to enter stores by forcing lock with screw driver or crowbar.
- (5) To open and close a lock with a pair of tweezers.
- (6) To use gloves in robberies and to pick pockets.
- (7) To pose as gas inspector for burglaries.
- (8) How to gamble with drunken persons.
- (9) The use of a master key to gain entrance.
- (10) How to use weapons, bombs, shotguns, machine guns, blackjacks.



- (11) Seduction of girls by use of alcohol, drugs, and fast line of conversation.
- (12) Prevent victims of sex attack from an outcry.
- (13) To sneak into girl's room, ravish and kill without arousing household.
- (14) To strangle a girl while kissing.
- (15) To elude police by turning up an alley, turn off lights and speed in the opposite direction.

Young criminals confess to having learned these techniques to the crime authorities. Crime has increased 117% during the past decade, whereas the population just 17%.

Some would say: "Why condemn ALL of the pictures, for there are some good religious movies such as "King of Kings," "The Ten Commandments"? We are aware of the fact that there is some good food thrown into the garbage cans, but who goes there for his daily sustenance?

Indeed, this is one of Satan's subtle plans to deceive the unsuspecting souls. Thank God, the genuine child of God is completely liberated from this evil curse.

What about the home movie? Personally, I can see no difference. Anyone engaged in the soul-winning business for God, has no time whatever for Hollywood movies either at the theater or on TV.

What about the religious movie? While Hollywood's motive is definitely mercenary, the aim of the gospel movie is to bring salvation to the lost, and blessing to the saints, so we are informed.

Many spiritually minded Christians resent the self-evident worldliness of Hollywood evangelism, and rightly so. They lament the make-up, dress, and showmanship which is prevalent. Youth who are continually treated to a diet of gospel movie of the Hollywood variety, usually consider older folk who cry against this unscriptural worldliness as "back numbers" and "old fogeys." Such an attitude will eventually break down the Bible separation between the church and the world. A godly pastor relates that he had his choir liberated from the use of make-up, until a certain evangelist came to his town, and endorsed the heathen practice. He admitted that it was a difficult task from then on to halt the worldly conformity among his choir and church members.

The whole unreality of play-acting: the mock heart-ache, the pretended tear, the feigned sorrow, all savors of irreverence, though the motive may be to win souls.

There is a great danger that young people will feel called into the religious movie-field, along with the call to the ministry and foreign mission field. This religious drama and play-acting is unscriptural, and has no place in the true church of Jesus Christ.

The only distinction to be made is the films and pictures which missionaries of the Cross from the various foreign fields present for our information and blessing. Entertainment has no place in God's service, it is by the "foolishness of preaching" we are to win the lost. (1 Cor. 1:21)

A young man of my acquaintance tells that he operated a bar room at the corner of Hollywood and Vine in Hollywood. . He is personally acquainted with many of the famous (?) personalities, and vouches for their immorality and vice. After sowing his wild oats, losing much of monetary value in gambling, he has finally returned to his home in the east, and is now living . for Christ. His testimony is: "All is vanity and vexation of spirit."

Dear reader ... May God open your eyes as well to realize this fact.

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## 09 -- MARRIAGE ... DIVORCE ... REMARRIAGE

God's word is the final authority on these three major issues. His word is forever settled in Heaven, and judgment is pronounced on those who dare to "add to" or "take from." (Rev. 22:18, 19) Society is made up of the HOME, SCHOOL and the CHURCH, with the emphasis on the HOME as the foundation of our civilization and culture. His laws are given to establish and protect the home life, and DIVORCE does the opposite.

At creation God said "It is not good for man to be alone", (Gen. 2:18) He ordained that man and woman should be ONE FLESH ... WHAT GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER" (Mark 10:6-9) "Live joyfully with thy wife all thy days" (Ecc. 9:9) "Marriage is honourable" (Heb. 13:4) It is the most tender of all human relationships. A life time partnership for conscientious, consecrated, serious-minded people. It should never be built on infatuation, but on genuine, true love. The Christian must seek divine wisdom and guidance in this very important of life's choices. God's will must be ascertained in order to have full assurance of a permanent companionship. The modern trend of "fly-by-night" marriages inevitably end in quick divorce. Newly married couples should accept God's plan for the home: Man is to be the Head, and woman for his help-meet. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your husbands as unto the Lord, for the husband is head of the wife ... Husbands, love your wives even as Christ loved the church." (Eph. 5:22-25)

Every Christian home should have this motto: "CHRIST is the HEAD of this house, the SILENT LISTENER to every conversation, the unseen GUEST at every meal." The establishment of a family altar is imperative. Attendance at Church and Sunday School should be as a family unit. "Families that worship together, stay together." Couples should consecrate their lives and EVERYTHING to God. Christ should have supreme control ... the preeminence in ALL things. Each must learn to "give and take" ... to be humble and willing to confess when necessary. There are no two people who see "eye to eye on every issue, but one can learn to "agree to disagree." Every difficulty can be overcome by His grace and help, when His will and guidance is sought in prayer. Tithing your income is important, as God has promised to bless those who pay what rightfully belongs to Him. (Mal. 3:10) A valuable lesson to learn is to live within your income. It is possible to live happily without the many things considered essential by others. Learn to shop

economically, and avoid buying things you do NOT need. Nothing is a bargain if you have no use for it.

For marital bliss, newly-weds should resolve above everything else to make their marriage a success. Always remember the solemn vow you made to God ... "I will love, honor, cherish ... **FOR BETTER OR WORSE, IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH, TILL DEATH DO US PART.**" In these days of apostasy and degeneracy, the sacred vow has become meaningless to many. They take the vow to mean ... "I will love ... until I meet someone else, till something goes wrong, my partner divorces me", etc., etc. But God says "DEATH only dissolves the union." (1 Cor. 7:39)

The generally accepted excuse many people give for marrying into adultery is found in Matt. 5:32, 19:9) The ground for putting away is "FORNICATION." Adultery and Fornication are not synonymous terms. Notice the following where both are used ... (Matt. 15:19, Mark 7:21, 1 Cor. 6:9, Gal. 5:19) Webster says: "Fornication is the sexual act between unmarried persons." Adultery is the violation of the marriage vow. The misunderstanding comes from the oriental and occidental customs. In the east, wife is used for the one who is betrothed, the engagement is as binding as the marriage. She is considered a wife before the marriage is consummated. To illustrate ... Joseph thought Mary was guilty of fornication, and was planning to put her away according to custom. The angel of the Lord appeared and informed him ... "that which was conceived in her was of the Holy Ghost, and he kept her. (Matt. 1:20)

Under the law of Moses, if a girl was justly accused of fornication, she was stoned to death; but if falsely accused, the man was punished and had to accept her for all the days of his life. (Deut. 22:13-21) However, we find in Deut. 24:1-4 "when a man had married a wife and found some uncleanness (nakedness) in her, he could give her a bill of divorcement. Evidently, God made a difference between fornication and nakedness. In the New Covenant the standard is monogamy, while polygamy was practiced under the law.

The loose morals and deplorable conditions that exist today can be traced to parental delinquency. Statistics state that two out of three girls and nine out of ten boys are guilty of fornication. What a sad indictment and travesty is this against the home and the church. Some high schools have non-virgin clubs to shame the few remaining virgins. The movies, dance halls, brothels, TV, petting parties, drinking and sexy magazines are major contributing factors to this damnable orgy. 1 Cor. 10:8 tells where 23,000 fell in one day ... due to committing this scarlet sin.

To avoid fornication: "Every man should have his own wife, and every woman her own husband." (1 Cor. 7:2) Christians should marry Christians, and not become unequally yoked together with unbelievers. (2 Cor. 6:14) Divided church allegiance spells divided homes. Should this law be transgressed, and the unbelieving depart, separation of "bed and board" is possible. (1 Cor. 7:10-15) Those involved must remain unmarried until the death of that mate. "The woman is bound by the law so long as he liveth, but if he be dead, she is loosed from the law." (Rom. 7:2, 3) Therefore, re-marriage while a companion is living is ADULTERY. (Luke 16:8, Mark 10:11, 12) There was no condemnation for the woman who had seven husbands (brothers) all deceased. (Matt. 12:24-30)

All marriages are subjected to the legislated laws ... viz. ... a license is necessary and the legal ceremony must be recorded. Those states which pass laws granting divorce and re-marriage defy God's law and are not valid for the Christian. The Bible is His only authority. The judge who grants a divorce, and the preacher who performs the ceremony for the divorced are guilty before God, and will render an account at the Judgment. In Reno, Nevada, one may be granted a divorce on any ground as long as he complies with the six weeks residence regulation. This is indeed tragic and disgraceful to a Christian (?) nation. There are some states however, more considerate of the home. South Carolina does not grant a divorce on any ground. (Three cheers for this state -- may their tribe increase) New York permits divorce on the ground of Adultery only. Virginia reserves the right for the guilty party never to re-marry in that state. Vermont and New Hampshire allows the divorced parties to remain single for two years before re-marriage in those states. Tennessee does not allow the guilty party to re-marry during the plaintiff's life-time.

Divorce is an abomination to God, and an enemy of the home. It is fundamentally and irrevocably opposed to God's will and plan for man. It is not the "way out" of a dilemma, but the dissolution of marriage ... the acknowledgment of failure of one party or both. The inevitable results are: broken hearts, homes, tragedy, delinquency and crime. Just because divorce has been glamorized and made acceptable to society by Hollywood, does not necessitate its adoption by the Church of Jesus Christ. Thank God for the few churches and individuals today who follow the Word of God, and dare to stand against this prevailing evil.

A woman was brought to Jesus guilty of adultery. The law of Moses permitted the stoning of such, and her accusers were anxious to take advantage. Christ answered ... "Neither do I condemn thee ... go and SIN NO MORE." (John 8:1-11) The Lord Jesus Christ is very compassionate, kind and forgiving, but NEVER does He tolerate sin. "When a Christian receives light on any truth from the Bible, God expects him to walk in the light of that truth, lest that light become darkness. (1 John 1:7) It is impossible to continue to sin, and still retain the smile and approval of God on one's life. (1 John 3:8) The Christian is expected to forsake ALL sin: Lying, cheating, stealing, gambling, smoking, liquor drinking, movie-going, card playing, gossiping, slandering, criticizing, following the fads and fashions of this world, etc. How utterly inconsistent it is to expect one to separate himself from every sin except the sin of adultery. This does not make common sense or logic. If children are involved, the man should be responsible for their support.

Multitudes are being deceived by the devils cunning lies, but these arguments will not avail at the Judgment of God. The Christian pathway is a life of complete SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD. The general trend among professing Christians is one of compromise ... "going the way of least resistance ... following the crowd." The Bible states: "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12, 16:25) Millions are living in this realm, enslaved of the devil. We continually hear: two wrongs won't make a right" ... "What about my children?" . . "My companion will commit suicide, and I will be responsible" ... "It is unjust and unreasonable for the innocent to suffer" and multitudinous other excuses. Human reasonings must not supersede divine wisdom. God says "Till death" and DEATH ONLY dissolves the marriage union. No adulterer nor adulteress will ever enter the portals of heaven. (1 Cor. 6:9)

In conclusion: (1) There is no Bible ground for divorce except FORNICATION. (Matt. 5:32) (2) No Bible ground for re-marriage. (Mark 10:11) May God help you dear precious souls who have been caught in this trap of Satan. My heart aches for you. God will definitely bring deliverance to you if you allow Him to have His way in your life. YOU must determine to go the narrow way, and Jesus said "Only a few are going that route." (Matt. 7:13, 14) Praise God for the conscientious souls I know personally who have been liberated from this curse of the devil.

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## 10 -- IS CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN OR PAGAN?

Christ emphatically denounced the Scribes and Pharisees for their adherence to tradition. (Matt. 15:1-9, Gal. 1:14, 1 Pet. 1:9) To emulate the example of the Bereans, who searched the scriptures daily is an excellent criterion. In doing so, we have discovered that many of the observances of special days, such as Christmas, Easter, Lent, etc., have no scriptural foundation.

Christmas is an abomination unto God. What connection is there between Christ and a pagan mass? I fully realize that Christ has nothing to do with this unholy mixture, and the correct way to spell this heathen celebration is Xmas. Many years ago, I was reprimanded for writing it thus in ignorance, and was glad for the light upon the subject. However, after discovering from the Bible that there is no such thing as Xmas, I can use the term without any compunction of conscience. "When the spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, reproof, instruction in righteousness ... that the man of God may be perfect..." (2 Tim. 3:16, 17)

Nowhere in the Bible do we find where Christ was born on December 25th, and that we are commanded to observe His birthday. The early church never celebrated Xmas. Josephus, the Jewish Historian did not record it, the stone carvers did not carve it anywhere. Since no record is available, it seems logical to believe that God purposely omitted it. The Bible is very definite on the fact of Christ's virgin birth. Every true child of God is unequivocally certain that Christ was born into this world, and He is coming again as promised. However, wherever we find the genuine ... originated by God, we may be assured of the counterfeit ... originated by Satan. As the god of this world, he is deceiving the multitudes. In a very clever and subtle way, he used Semiramis, wife of Nimrod (founder of Nineveh & Tower of Babel builder) She had a tremendous influence over her husband and his followers. At his death, she took over the rulership and succeeded in greater conquests than he. In due time, an illegitimate son was born whom she named Tammuz. She concocted the story that her husband had become the sun god, and his spirit had overshadowed hers ... hence the miraculous birth of Tammuz, reputed to be born December 25th. Baal worship (sun as god) existed at that time, therefore the false story was spread everywhere. Satan had anticipated the virgin birth, and used this counterfeit to deceive the multitudes. When Jesus was actually born in Bethlehem, the populace said: "It is the same story as Semiramis and Tammuz."

From the Encyclopedia Britannica: "The first mass of Christ was celebrated by the Roman Catholics in 1038. Pope Julius established December 25th as the birthday of Sol to supersede the Epiphany January 6th in the 4th century. The western church designated it to be celebrated as the birthday of Christ in the 5th century. England forbid the celebrations of Xmas in 1644, and ordered

it to be observed as market day. Eating plum pudding and mince pies was denounced as heathen. The idea of Xmas was repugnant to the puritans and Non-conformists. In later years, the Church of England revived the festival, but the Non-conformists and Scotch Presbyterians refused it. The celebration of January 1st as "Hogmany" [sic] means more to the Scots, though they do conduct services on Xmas day. The entire demoninational world with few exceptions accepted Xmas and have been celebrating it fervently.

If Xmas were a Christian celebration, the world who hates Christ would not enjoy it, nor eagerly anticipate it annually ... "That which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination to God." (Luke 16:15) The greatest crowds are in church at this season who never darken its doors except at Easter. People are too busy to have time for worshipping the Christ child. Jesus is the forgotten man, while others are being remembered. However, it is noteworthy that some do observe Matt. 25:40... "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me. Only the true church commemorates His birth by genuine love, devotion and self-denial with gratitude.

The modern religious and temporal world stagger together led by blind leaders. They have fallen prey to paganism and accepted its ideas of times and seasons. (Gal. 4:10) "Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition." (Mark 7:13) "They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matt. 15:8, 9)

#### TRADITIONAL XMAS IS DEFINITELY PAGAN AND NOT SCRIPTURAL

1. XMAS TREES ... Jer. 10:2-5. The tree can be traced to the Romans. It was taken to Britain from Germany. Tree worship was common among the Scandinavian peoples. Millions of dollars are spent on trees, wreaths, holly, etc.

2. GIFT-GIVING is perfectly legitimate on one's birthday anniversary. If Xmas was Christ's birthday, why not make generous contributions to the propagation of the gospel around the world? Just consider what would happen to the foreign missionary endeavor if Christians would expend their time, energy and money for the salvation of lost souls. Rev. 11:10 tells us that after the slaying of the two witnesses, people make merry and send gifts to one another. See also Neh. 8:10, Esther 9:22.

3. MERRY-MAKING is recorded 25 times in the Bible and refers to the natural man. This merry jamboree is not conducive to spirituality. Someone has said: "Fun is for clowns, monkeys and fools, but Christians have JOY."

4. ACTIVITIES GALORE ... Huge parties and grand dinners resulting in feasting, gluttony, drunkenness, revelry, high frivolity and low spirituality. Intensive shopping sprees involving debts, tense nerves and exhausted bodies. Churches are occupied with programs, plays, pageants, and socials. Thus true worship, soul-winning, fasting and praying are set aside. "Be not among winebibbers and rioters eaters of flesh." (Prov. 23:20)

5. SANTA CLAUS MYTH IS AVIDLY BELIEVED by multitudes of innocent children. Parents who condemn lying, feel justified in this kind of deception. Millions of children are taken to worship at the shrine of Santa Claus who know nothing of family worship. An ancient legend tells us that three orphan sisters were unable to wed due to financial circumstances. St. Nicolas heard of their plight and flew into their room with three bags of money. As a result of this altruistic gesture, their mourning turned to joy, and they married very happily. On being detected, St. Nick pleaded with the girls not to reveal his identity. There are those who say: "Why deprive the children of a good time?" But beloved, I insist there are legitimate ways to please and delight the children ... why deceive them? A pastor of a certain church played the part of Santa Claus in their Xmas celebrations. At the close of the program, he went into his study to change his attire. One of his Sunday School boys followed, watched the process and remarked: "So YOU are Santa Claus?" The pastor replied: "Well, I guess I am." The boy then stated: "I am going to investigate this Jesus business a little further to see if it is not a fake too." A layman likewise acted thus for the Kindergarten department of his church. Said he: "I had never seen children so deceived, their eyes fairly popped with wonder, and I began to feel condemned for my deception. On the way home, God spoke to me saying: "You had no business deceiving little children like you did." He says further "One night I started to church where an evangelistic service was in progress. When I reached the door, two boys were peeping through the crack between the swinging doors trying to see and hear what was going on inside. One asked the other "What do you think about what they are saying in there?" The other quickly replied "I think it is just another Santa Claus story, you know we once believed, but discovered it was false, and it will be the same with this story about Christ."

Christian friend, does this not shock you- Do you wonder why children are so lawless, disobedient and imitative? What can we expect when adults are guilty of deliberate deception. This so-called innocent myth prepares the heart of a child as a fifth-column for skepticism, agnosticism and materialism as he advances in years.

6. XMAS CARDS ... This custom originated about 100 years ago. How inconsistent it is to send Santa Claus and Xmas cards with scripture verses on them? That would be the same as printing John 3:16 on a dance or night club announcement. It is an unholy mixture. "Pollute ye my name no more" (Ezekiel 20:39) Sending scripture verse cards are excellent but not with Xmas and Santa Claus on them. What about the slogan ... PUTTING CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTmas? It is ridiculous since Christ was NEVER in Christmas. In the present day celebrations, the dollar mark has eclipsed the STAR of the EAST. Jingle Bells has taken precedence to SILENT NIGHT. Xmas means BIG business with a capital B. Mercenary minded profiteers rake in millions of dollars on this so-called Christian festival. The millions that are spent on nonessentials, toys, unnecessary gifts and decorations could be profitably used to spread the Gospel, feed the poor, clothe the naked. God says: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" (Isaiah 55:2) Where is the self-denial at this season? We see no manifestation of it, yet Christ said: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." (Matt. 16:24) May the Lord open the eyes of all who are followers of Christ to see this truth. Let the sinners enjoy their Xmas celebrations.

The season is a time of unprecedented accidents and crimes. From the Mobile Press: "The Yuletide holidays brought something far from the Christian spirit. The nation was shaken with a

series of crimes, shootings, suicides, robberies ... many of them as a result of domestic strife. In addition to the crime fatalities, there were accidental deaths, due to careless and drunken drivers. Fires soared to record heights. Certainly, this is not "Peace on earth ... good will to men. It is God's will that His followers remember His son's birth daily: to live as though they solemnly appreciated His coming into the world to provide a complete deliverance from ALL sin also to remember His imminent return. Thank God for deliverance from paganism and the traditions of men, also for the sincere desire to be a true, consistent Bible Christian.

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## 11 -- EASTER ... LENT ... CRUCIFIXION... RESURRECTION

EASTER is found only once in the Bible (Acts 12:4) It is a mistranslation of the Greek word "Pascha" meaning Passover (Mark 14:1) Other translators have changed into Passover. God commanded His people to observe this feast forever (Ex. 12:24) as a type of Christ giving His life for our sins. When Christ did come into the world, He did not abolish it, but changed the emblems at the last Passover. Instead of the blood of the lamb, and its roasted body, He used the bread and wine to represent His sufferings. The early church observed this holy Sacrament as do His followers today. Other feasts were also kept. (Acts 18:20, 21. 20:16)

Easter applies to a spring festival in honor of the heathen Esta, Ostara, Ishtar, Assyrian, Astarte, Babylonian, Tuetic goddess of light which originally involved the worship of the Queen of heaven. It is a pagan substitute for the Passover, and is an abomination to God. In the 8th century, it was introduced by the Anglo-Saxons to be a so-called Christian festival which millions celebrate as the Resurrection of Christ. Nevertheless, it is a perpetuation of the heathen goddess worship. Sunrise services are a re-vamped pagan custom of the worship of the sun. Ezekiel had a vision of idol worship among the professing people of God. (Ezek. 8:15-18) Rabbit is used because of his prolific powers of reproduction ... the symbol of sex. Eggs were derived from the Persian magi ... a symbol of creation. An egg of wondrous size is supposed to have fallen from heaven into the river Euphrates. The fishes rolled it to the bank, the doves hatched it, and out came Venus ... Queen of heaven.

As the paganized church grew in size and political power, decrees were passed in 363 a. d. to impose the death sentence upon Christians keeping the festivals. History records 50 million martyrs. (Rev. 6:9, 17:6) Through the centuries, the persecuted Christians have kept alive God's true church which Satan cannot deceive (Matt. 24:24) "The gates of hell shall not prevail against His church". (Matt. 16:18)

The New Testament describes two churches: False and True. Rev. 17 the universal, deceiving church with its paganized teachings and practices. She is boastful, proud of her lavish pomp and glory, and popular with the world. She calls herself the "Mother Church" and claims hundreds of daughter (Protestant) denominations, sects and factions divided against each other. They all go under the common name of CHRISTIAN, but God calls her "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT ... MOTHER OF HARLOTS." The true church is the "Little FLOCK" (Lu. 12:32) of which Jesus Christ is the HEAD. She is continually opposed by organized forces of the world and



false religions. The Bible prophesied that the disobedient would be scattered. (Dan. 12:7, Jer. 23:1,2, Matt. 26:31, Acts 8:1)

The 40-day LENT period ordering people to abstain from meats, drinks, sweets, smokes, etc., originated from the Babylonian goddess. The pagan-devil worshippers of Kurdistan still follow the practice. This semi-fast was instituted by the Pope in the 6th century, and millions of people observe it as being scriptural. Man has sunk so low in the quagmires of sin, that he believes he can win the favor of God by denial of fleshly gratifications. God calls His TRUE followers to "Come out of her." (Rev. 18:4. 2 Cor. 6:14)

So-called Christianity has adopted forms of mythology so ungroundless and unscriptural that all heaven must marvel at the gullibility of the masses. Waddington's Church History states: "Many errors of paganism gained a foothold long before the conclusion of the 1st century. Pagan philosophers, claiming conversion to Christianity became bishops and teachers. They brought with them many pagan rites and festivals. The pagans hated everything Jewish. They endeavored to make a distinction between their religion and Judaism by adopting certain festivals for the holy days given by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Knowledge has increased, and each generation has become more enlightened, but the populace are still in spiritual darkness and stark ignorance. The reason for this is that the plain, unvarnished teachings of the Lord Jesus have been completely ignored. Mere human interpretations and speculations have been more readily accepted. The hope of our eternal welfare hinges on the truth of the words of Christ and His apostles.

When supernatural power and piety are gone, man invariably resorts to pagan observances. The Galatians turned from the simplicity of the gospel to observe times and season. (Gal. 4:9-11)

Traditional Good Friday-Easter spread thru' the early church after the death of Apostle John in 100 a. d. The words of Christ are conclusive proof ... three days and three nights (Mt. 12:40, Mk. 8:31), John 2:19-21, Jonah 1:17) He was cut off in the midst of the week, (Dan. 9:24-27) Slain on the same day as the Passover (14th of Abib) There were two Sabbaths (annual and weekly) that holy week. The annual was an "high day" (John 19:31) "High day" was kept by Jews on Thursday also in 1952, 1955, 1959. Jesus was on the cross Wednesday noon to 3 p. m., 3rd to 6th hour Mk. 15:25,33) Buried before sunset (Mk. 15:42-26. Mt. 27:46-50) Resurrected 3 days (72 hours) later.

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## 12 -- BIBLE TEACHING ON THE DEVIL

All my life I have believed the traditional view of the Devil; that he was an archangel with Gabriel and Michael. I referred to Isaiah 14:12-20 and Ezek. 28:1-19 to prove that he was once in heaven, but was cast out due to his pride. However, upon close research of the WORD, I am convinced that these scriptures allude to an earthly ruler. LUCIFER is just mentioned once (Isa. 14:12) and refers to the King of Babylon. Overlooking the great city, the King made his boastful

claim (vs. 13, 14) "I will ascend, I will exalt my throne ... etc." After he asserted his ego-centric ideas, he lost his kingship and was cast out ... had to eat grass like oxen. (Daniel 4:24-34)

Genesis 2:19 ... "Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field." And in Gen. 3:1 ... "The serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God hath made." He succeeded in deceiving Eve (3:6), and in her defense to God she blamed it on the serpent. (3:13) "God then cursed the serpent above all the cattle, and every beast of the field, upon thy belly thou shalt go, and dust shalt thou eat all thy days." (Gen. 3:14) Before his deception he walked upright, but now he must crawl on his belly. He became the arch deceiver, known as the devil, satan.

Animals and man are born with the inherent carnal nature. It is not evil in animals since they have no souls, and know neither right nor wrong. Many with the carnal nature go about growling like a dog at everyone who crosses their paths. Herod acted like a fox. It is often said of carnal individuals ... "He has a beastly nature."

The devil is the author of sin, sickness, disease, tragedy and death. He has access and operates on this earth. (Job 1:7, Eph. 6:12) He tried Job (2:7), provoked David (1 Chron. 21:1), entered Judas (Luke 22:3), desired Peter (Luke 22:31), entered Ananias (Acts 5 : 3), hinders God's servants (Matt. 7:15, 1 Thess. 2:18)

The devil flaunts about with various names and titles:

- (1) Abaddon, Appollyon, Angel of the Bottomless pit. (Rev. 9:11)
- (2) Accuser of the Brethren. (Rev. 12:10)
- (3) Adversary. (1 Peter 5:8)
- (4) Belial. (2 Cor. 6:15)
- (5) Beelzebub. Prince of devils. (Matt. 12:24)
- (6) Devil. (Matt. 4:4)
- (7) God of this world. (2 Cor. 4:4)
- (8) Murderer, liar. (John 8:44)
- (9) Prince of this world. (John 14:30)
- (10) Prince of power of the air. (Eph. 2:2)
- (11) Ruler of darkness. (Eph. 6:12)
- (12) Serpent. (Gen. 2:4)

(13) Sinner from the beginning. (John 3:8)

(14) Satan. (Matt. 4:10)

(15) Enemy. (Matt. 13:39)

(16) Tempter. (Matt. 4:3)

(17) Unclean spirit. (Matt. 12:43)

(18) Wicked one. (Matt. 13:19)

His characteristics:

(1) Subtle. (Gen. 3:1, 2 Cor. 11:3)

(2) Deceiver. (Luke 8:12)

(3) Cunning and sly. (2 Cor. 2:11)

(4) Angel of Light. (2 Cor. 11:14)

(5) Fierce and cruel. (Luke 8:29)

(6) Perverts the scriptures. (Matt. 4:6)

(7) Presumptuous. (Job. 1:6)

(8) Powerful. (Eph. 4:7)

(9) Proud. (1 Tim. 3:6)

(10) Roaring lion. (1 Pet. 5:8)

(11) Sows seed while men sleep. (Matt. 13:33)

(12) Works lying wonders. (2 Thess. 2:9)

(13) Wrestler. (Eph. 6:11)

Moses was caught in the snare of self-action (Num. 20:11) Jacob with deceit (Gen. 27:18-20) Balaam with lusts (2 Pet. 2:15) Saul, disobedience (1 Sam. 15) David, fleshly lusts (2 Sam. 11:4) Peter in self-confidence (2 Cor. 2:11) James and John, lack of love (Luke 9:52-56) Disciples, pride and self-righteousness (Luke 9:49) Judas, covetous (John 12:6) Simon, vain

ambition (Acts 8:19-23) Theudas, selfishness (Acts 5:36) Demas, worldliness (2 Tim. 4:10) Hymenaeus, in error (1 Tim. 1:20) Diotrephes, pride (3 John 9)

Satan's claims on the children of God (born-again believers) were canceled at Calvary. He works on deception now. Thank God for victory over the devil, our arch enemy. Christ conquered the devil by the Word of God (Matt. 4:11) We, too, may resist him (James 4:7) Christ came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8, Heb. 2:14) No need for any Christian to live a defeated life. We may overcome him (Rev. 12:11) There is a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13)

Christian friend... put on your protective security armor. (Eph. 6)

1. Loins girt about with truth.
2. Breastplate of righteousness.
3. Feet shod with the gospel of peace.
4. Shield of faith.
5. Helmet of salvation.
6. Sword of the spirit.
7. Praying always.

From the C. Helen Mooshian Chapel at Mhlumeni, Swaziland:

"Thank you for the two parcels of clothing for the people of "Mooshian chapel." We sent it to them and I am enclosing their "Thank you" letter.

Mrs. Velma Mischke, Missionary

"Our great friend, we greet you in the name of Christ, we are glad to hear that you are still going on for the Lord. We thank you very much for the clothing you sent us. We marvel at you Mooshian. We need more tongues to thank you... for all you have done to us, even after building us a church. We thank Jesus for His Blood which has cleansed your heart, until you love all races of people. Now God is using you in many places. We say this because, He has used you to help us black people. If you were not a Christian, you would not have done this.

Now you have taught black people a great lesson, that when we work for God, we cannot be respecter of persons. We pray God to bless and keep you until we see each other in heaven. Remain well."

August 11, 1952 Full Gospel Church of God, Box 484, Umtali, So. Rhodesia.

My Dear Sister in Christ:

Greetings to you in His wonderful Name. May the peace of God be your peace.

I enclose a very small love offering from our assembly, convey their deep appreciation of your kindness in giving us a message that touched us so deeply.

Thank you sister, for raising the standard of God for me higher than I have seen it raised before. I have re-dedicated my life to our Lord in a higher plane than ever before. May God give me grace to hold His name high. May God almighty richly bless you sister, wherever you go.

Ever your friend in His service.

E. W. Leggett

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### 13 -- THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

The liquor problem is our No One enemy, and every Christian should fight it with might and main. However, since so many have become discouraged and quit, the industry is making enormous advances.

America is spending ten billion dollars annually for liquor (one hundred million on advertising alone) It is appalling to know that there are 700,000 legalized liquor stores, and over 400,000 taverns. This is more than the number of schools and churches. 75 million citizens drink liquor, 8+ million are drunkards of which five million are considered incurables. Drinking alcohol is a vicious disease, and millions of dollars are spent on advertising this loathsome disease. Someone has rightly said: "It is the only disease which is (1) Contracted by an act of volition. (2) Requires a license to propagate it. (3) Bottled and sold at millions of outlets. (4) Habit forming. (5) Produces untold agony, dishonor, disrespect and crime. (6) Has no virus or germs, nor corrective medicine." Only the POWER of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is ABLE to ERADICATE and ABOLISH IT. There are many witnesses to this truth.

The most tragic day in the history of our nation took place in 1933 when the 18th Amendment was repealed. Though the United States was liberated from this scourge of alcohol, she deliberately put herself into bondage. As a result, irretrievable harm and damnation have been her lot.

"Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers." (Isa. 1:4) "Righteousness exalted a nation, but sin is a reproach." (Prov. 14:34) "The wicked shall be turned in to Hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Ps. 9:17) There is no place in heaven for the drunkard. (1 Cor. 6:10) nor for the man who sold him the drink, and for the government who issued the license.

No true Christian government would allow the liquor industry to flourish. Our nation has left God out, and like Israel of old is trusting in "horses and chariots." The revenue from the alcoholic beverages is close to \$4 billion, while the annual crime bill is \$20 billion. What kind of

logic and hellish reasoning is this that continues its damnable business? The liquor evil is a health menace. The skid rows are more hideous than ever with its dirt, disease and poor sanitation. The saloon is here with the women at the bars, and baby carriages parked at its doors. All this in spite of the deceitful promise of President Roosevelt that the saloon would never return. Alcoholism increased 44% during 1940-1953. Among the women it was 52%. Every state except Kansas had an increase.

Chicago police officer Joe Thurston says: ALCOHOL is a major contributing factor in 80% of the disturbances that must be quelled by police."

CRIME... OF the 3 million arrests during 1955, half of them were due to liquor in three categories: drunkenness, driving while intoxicated, and liquor laws.

MENTAL DISEASE is a part of the alcohol problem. Among the 50,000 admissions to mental institutions, one-fifth of those were diagnosed as having a permanent injury to the brain. According to Dr. Fred Lemere. "Large scale consumption of alcohol whittles away the brain cells."

TRAFFIC FATALITIES ... One-fourth of the traffic accidents are a direct result of alcohol it has been proven by the Public Safety Department.

DELINQUENCY ... Juvenile delinquency has increased 28% in the last six years. J. Edgar Hoover firmly believes that the startling increase is due to parental failure. The drinking woman deserves her share of this blame.

Boston's Juvenile Court Justice Connelly states: "Liquor is the greatest factor in delinquency today, for it leads youth down avenues to drugs, immodesty and immorality." A Chicago judge says: "75 % of the divorce cases I have heard have resulted from alcohol."

In Georgia, a man put wood alcohol into whiskey to increase his profits, and sold his product to 35 men. All died of poisoning within two days. They were no headlines in the newspapers, as they benefit greatly from whiskey advertisements.

In California, a high school graduate of a few hours was lashed by his drinking classmates to the bumper of a driverless auto, then pushed down a hill racing from an embankment to his death.

Three teen-age boys drank a case of beer between them in Michigan. Then they murdered a nurse as she walked from the hospital to her dormitory room. They were all "keyed-up" by beer madness to attempt a bloody thrill. These boys, though minors, came from good families, and claimed that they never had difficulty in securing all the beer they wanted. Thousands of such incidents could be repeated.

What can we do about this horrible menace to our nation? We can protest and vigorously oppose and expose the advertised lies of the lush liquor advocates. The TV liquor ads have invaded the privacy of the American home until the children have accepted a false attitude toward

this foul demon. For the protection of our precious heritage, our children ... we should combat this vile deception. More forceful letters should be written to Congress demanding action on the unrestrained license of these advertisements.

The editor of a Philadelphia newspaper announced a forthcoming series on "how to use beer and wine in cooking." Many church folk lamented, but did nothing as is so often the case. However, one brave woman took action. She phoned ten women in her church who phoned ten others. Each rang the editor in a storm of protest, and he answered the first few politely. As the calls poured in, he turned the phone over to his assistant. Finally, he left town for the day. The result? The articles on "How to cook with beer" never appeared in his paper. In a western town, a large chain food store advertised the selling of beer. Several women decided on the method of filling their baskets full of groceries. At the cash register they would inquire regarding the new rule, then would protest by refusing to patronize. Each of them left their basket filled and walked out of the store. The women won, and liquor never went in.

I firmly believe in and contend for PROHIBITION, and cite a concrete example. Prince Edward Island is considered Canada's most blessed province. It has little poverty and no unemployment. There is a divorce court, but only one has been granted in sixty years. There are no gangsters or highwaymen, no commercialized vice, crime and no penitentiary. There are 13 policemen for its 90,000 population, and no executions in forty years. Its per capita savings rank greater than any of its other nine provinces. For its size, it has more post offices, telegraph lines, and miles of railway than the others. It is estimated that there are 10,000 motor cars on the island, and the roads are very winding and dangerous. Yet, in some years, there are but few accidents. All this sounds fantastic. Could PEI be heaven or the next thing to it? The answer lies in the fact that PROHIBITION was adopted in 1900. During these years, they have believed in it, practiced and permitted it to work out its wonderful consequences. How marvelous it would be if all the states and provinces could follow this excellent and worthy example. But the devil and carnal men would do their utmost to prevent it.

Alcohol creates a tremendous problem. I thank God for the rescue missions in our cities who are doing a noble work among the alcoholics. Worthy of mention is the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago, Jerry Macauley's in New York City, Skid Row Seminary of Los Angeles, etc., etc. On a recent visit to Detroit, it was my pleasure to view the work of Christian Enterprise, Inc. at Romulus. The man behind this gigantic undertaking is Charles W. Smith. Born in Athens, Georgia, he was saved and had a call to the ministry. Unfortunately, he neglected that call, and graduated from law school. At 25, he was highly successful in his practice, but he began to drink. His promising career came to an abrupt end and he lost EVERYTHING. For several years, he roamed the skid rows of America and finally landed in Detroit. At a street meeting, he came back to God like the "prodigal of old"; and accepted his call into the ministry. For the next ten years, he served faithfully in rescue work in Detroit. During this time, he met and married Miss Elizabeth Reeby, an ordained minister from Wheaton College. Both had a genuine passion for the men of skid row. In July 1954, they purchased a lease on the airport hotel at Romulus, and the work of Christian Enterprise commenced August 1st. With cars and trailers and five men from skid row, they solicited for household discards from "door to door." From this humble beginning, the work has grown to an unprecedented level in spite of two fires. Bible classes, instruction and counseling prepare the men for return to society.

Within eleven months, a home was opened for the rehabilitation of women. On January 10, 1956, Christian Enterprise was incorporated as a nonprofit charitable organization. Its purpose is to provide religious and industrial instruction to the homeless, poor, neglected and handicapped ... to rehabilitate alcoholics . . . to assist those who have been discharged from penal or correctional institutions. It operates on an inter-denominational basis. No charge is made to any of its occupants. They are placed in work therapy according to their abilities. Through this medium, a major portion of the operating budget is provided. Twenty-five trucks now scout the Detroit area for discards of clothing, furniture, paper, etc. All items are sorted, some only for their salvage value, others go to the shops for repairs. They are then sold at their nine stores located in metropolitan centers.

"Miracle Magazine" edited by Mrs. Smith, is their official monthly publication. Five services through the week, and one on Sunday afternoons are conducted. Bible courses are offered to all. 350 men and women live in the lovely, clean and well-kept dormitories. Two occupants share a room, and there are some private rooms as well. Within one year, clothing was furnished for 40,250 at a cost of \$38,000. 331 services were held. Attendance at the Bible classes was 13,615. Personal interviews ... close to 5,000, and 1144 converts. 35,000 cases were diagnosed at the clinic with 28 doctors and nurses participating. I was greatly intrigued with the converts it was my pleasure to meet. It just seemed incredible that they were once alcoholics. CHRIST IS THE ANSWER.

Minneapolis Revival Mission serves 50,000 meals and rooms for 4,000 wanderers annually. A free medical clinic manned by Christian doctors administered to 600 sick outcasts. In the 16 years of its operation, 20,000 have confessed Christ as Savior. The power behind the mission is Miss Marie Sandvik of Norway. At age 16, she came to live with her sister in North Dakota. She attended high school in Minneapolis, and sold Christian books to make ends meet. Sales were inadequate, and lack of food resulted in illness. Wandering homeless, she vowed that some day she could help others in her predicament. Some time later, she was committed to a hospital for the summer, due to an ulcerated stomach caused by under-nourishment. Years later she earned a degree from a Seattle, Washington college. After traveling in missionary work through many states, she returned to Minneapolis for a speaking engagement. There, she was reminded of her dream, but felt that only a strong man could undertake such a great task. When the Lord made it clear to her that she was to undertake this work, she rented Angelo's Bar, signed the lease, and paid the first month's rent. In her purse remained 25¢ to establish the Minneapolis Revival Mission. She gave the quarter to a drunkard, then placed her trust in PHIL. 4:19. A piano, chairs, song books were needed, but no one seemed interested in allowing her credit. Finally, at a music store, the manager heard her Norwegian accent, and allowed her a month to pay for the piano. At a furniture store she purchased 100 folding chairs by faith. Back at the mission, she was meditating on the speakers platform. A half-drunken man, carpenter by trade, walked through the door. He offered to make the platform from the salvaged lumber of the tavern partitions. Said he: "You can pay me after the offering has been taken tonight." Chapel was ready at 5 p. m. Missionary Sandvik preached to a full house. Three knelt at the makeshift altar confessing their sins to God, one of them the carpenter. He was marvelously transformed ... inwardly and outwardly. A nearby restaurant operator was so amazed at the change in his life, he invited the missionary for a meal-gratis. He located a job and became a great blessing and help to the mission.



Church people rallied to support this great work. The hungry were fed after the services, and rooms were given to those who were unable to pay. The three floors over the mission were rented for this purpose. Within four years, the work expanded so that she had to have helpers. Doris Nye from Wheaton College, came to sing at the mission, and later felt called to assist the missionary.

In 1948, the owner of the building decided to sell, and a saloon keeper bid on it. She was led to purchase the property, and God enabled her to liquidate the debt within two years. Extensive repairs were also made on the old building. Recently, another building was purchased to serve as superintendent's quarters and also to accommodate stranded women and girls.

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### IT'S NOBODY'S BUSINESS

It's nobody's business what I drink,  
I care not what my neighbor's think,  
Or how many laws they choose to pass.  
I'll tell the world, I'll have my glass.  
Here's one man's freedom that cannot be curbed,

So he drank in spite of God and man,  
Then he got into his old tin can.  
Stepped on the gas, and let it go  
Right down the highway to and fro.  
He took the curves at fifty miles.  
With bleary eyes and drunken smiles.

Ere long a car he tried to pass,  
Then a crash, a scream, and breaking glass.  
The other car was upside down,  
About two miles from the nearest town.  
The man was free, but his wife was caught.  
And he needed the help of the drunken sot.

Who was too far gone to save a life,  
By helping the car from off the wife.  
The car was burned, and a mother died,  
While a husband wept and a baby cried.  
The drunk sat by . . . and still some think  
It's nobody's business what they drink.

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The cost of operating this mission amounts to \$2,000 monthly, but God never fails to supply ALL the needs. This elegant Lady Samaritan of Skid Row is bringing the unlovely and unwanted to the ONE Altogether Lovely-the Lord Jesus Christ. May her tribe increase.

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## 14 -- THE MISSIONARY CHALLENGE

"GO YE into ALL the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), (Matt. 28:19, 20) After 19 centuries of gospel preaching, the majority of the world is still in heathen darkness. One thousand million have not as yet heard the glorious message that "JESUS SAVES." Someone has said, "There are more heathen born into the world daily than are converted to Christ within a year. This is a crushing, tragic blow to the modern church, proving that she has failed miserably in her God-given task.

Every day, 230,000 souls are born into the world, 170,000 of them die (100,000 without any knowledge of Christ) leaving a population increase of 60,000. Today, the world's population is over 2½ billion, living in 282 countries on six continents. The Communists lead with 900 million, Catholics are next with 400 million, Hindus, 300 million, Moslems, 300 million. There are 200 million Protestants divided into 7,000 denominations, isms, sects, cults and factions, causing endless confusion and inevitable damnation. Every Communist and Moslem is a missionary, wholly devoted to their respective causes. As far as I can ascertain from statistics, the Catholics have close to 100,000 missionaries and the Protestants just 27,000. I venture to add that there are not too many of the old-fashioned, spirit-filled, wholly dedicated and surrendered missionaries of that number. There are 355,000 ministers in the U. S. A. ministering to 104 million.

Christ founded the church, and promised that the gates of Hell would not prevail against it. There were 120 charter members in the early church (Acts 1:20) At Pentecost, 3,000 were added (2:41) then 5,000 (4:4) Later a multitude was added (4:32) Chap. 5:14 tells of multitudes. In 6:1 they were MULTIPLIED, 6:7, GREATLY MULTIPLIED. It is estimated that within six months, 65,000 were added to the church. Their consuming passion was lost souls, they were not burdened with the cares and anxieties of this life. They had "sold out" to go with God. Their surplus houses and lands were given for the gospel... as they lived a life of self-denial and sacrifice for the blessed cause.

The picture is reversed today. Professing Christians are giving to the cause of lost souls what they should be living on, and reserving in the banks, etc., what they should be giving to God. Is it any wonder that the present church is not having the same glorious harvest of souls? The early Christians became martyrs for their faith as they went abroad to the "then known world" with the message of hope and deliverance. The heaven realized that "they were actually turning the world upside down" with their radiant, consuming zeal and passion for the lost.

In these last days, the denominational world is just "playing church," instead of taking the GREAT COMMISSION seriously. However, the challenge is as strong as ever to evangelize the world.

Present world conditions should really stir the child of God. Look at China with its 450 millions of people enslaved by Communism. Much of India with its 380 million still groping in darkness and ignorance. Three million beggars roam the streets with no one to love and care for them. Their babies are sold for ten rupees (\$2.20) to eke out an existence. Thousands of families sleep on the sidewalks and streets which hundreds of them die daily. Their only sustenance is garbage, sand, dung, and grass. My heart has been crushed as I have passed by the lifeless forms on the streets of Bombay, Madras and Calcutta. A wagon carries these bodies to the burning ghats to be burned. In some sections, the living wife is thrown over her husband's dead body and burned together. Cremation is the Hindu custom, but the 60,000 Parsees of Bombay are proud of their five roof-less "towers of silence" accommodating 1,500 bodies placed there awaiting the long-necked vultures which consume them. It is heart-rending to watch the holy men of India and yellow-robed monks of Burma trek thousands of miles from temple to temple in a fruitless search for God. Altruistic natives leave food and water for them by the highways and by-ways. Their gods of wood and stone fail to satisfy their soul hunger. The soul is a vacuum which only Christ can fill. In Indo-China, the teen-age girl is in for a torturing ordeal. She is held on the ground by three men, while the fourth stands by with a coarse saw to saw off her teeth. Very seldom can a girl live through this process, but the fortunate must go about life without their teeth.

At the funeral of a heathen man in the South Sea Islands, the wife and younger children must be strangled by the eldest son. In dark Africa, the parents seek out the witch doctor to have the customary "smelling out" after the death of their baby. The doctor lays the blame on an innocent woman. She must climb to the top of the tallest tree in the village and fling herself to the ground before the throng of natives. She is killed instantly, and the doctor claims that she must have been guilty, otherwise she would have come out alive and in one piece. (2 Chron. 25:12) In Liberia, when a chief dies, his wives' heads are cut off and buried with him. The Chimbu tribe in New Guinea eat the bodies of their loved ones. As I questioned them on this horrible custom, the answer was "We love them and desire to be just like them, therefore we enjoy eating them."

Millions of heathen are sending out the "Macedonian call" to bring hope and release from their indescribable sufferings and superstitions, but the church seems incensed, indifferent and smugly complacent. In 1955, the churches spent the staggering sum of \$736 million for "cathedral like" edifices, recreational and fellowship centers with magnificent kitchens. The early church was a SPIRIT-FILLED, PRAYING and WITNESSING CHURCH, today it is a EATING, DRINKING and PLAYING CHURCH. Bud Robinson said: "There is not a church on earth strong enough spiritually, financially, or socially to support a church kitchen and an "Amen corner" at the same time. When the kitchen comes in at the door, the "Amens" go out the window. They will not work together, as there is no affiliation between them. The church kitchen has the same effect on the "Amen corner" that a snowstorm has on a flock of geese. When snow strikes them, they will begin for a warmer climate." What a sad day when the church exchanges her "Amen corner" for a church kitchen."

The church is no longer the hospital of the soul, but a social club house. The Missionary Society must have the "pot-luck" with all their services. Refreshments are served to the visitation groups after an hour of calling upon Sunday School scholars. Coffee and do-nuts are served to those attending the watch night service. Banquets, dinners and teas galore for the sake of

fellowship, while the souls of countless millions are lost in sin. The lunch stands are open after services at the camp grounds to satisfy the physical cravings of the so-called spiritual man. The Spirit of God is truly grieved with the jesting that goes along with the eating after the excellent response in the meeting. Feasting is the order of the day, Fasting is the forgotten art, though Christ told the Pharisees that His disciples would fast after He was taken away. There is no evidence of real soul-passion for the lost and straying. The prophet Amos thundered "Woes" to those who were at ease in Zion. (Amos 6:1) The modern day prophets are neglecting to cry out against the worldliness, complacency and unconcern. Not only churches, but individuals live beyond their means, and are hopelessly in debt. Not much thought and consideration is given to the lost souls at home and abroad. They must have the latest gadgets, model cars, furniture, homes, wearing apparel, etc. Provision is made for that expensive casket for the worms to feed on. The education of the children must be cared for, and a certain amount laid up for the "rainy day." (There would be no rainy day for the true child of God if he lived 100% on the New Testament pattern) It is difficult on the pride not to own a TV set. There must be plenty of clothes of the latest fashions, cosmetics and jewelry. More interest seems to be manifest pleasing the world, than to please HIM who said: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." God's way is a life of self-denial and cross-bearing. Man's way is comfort, ease, luxury and selfishness. (Isa. 55:2), (Matt. 10:37-39)

The greatest need of the hour is for an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost, "Back to God and Bible standards" revival. The heathen are patiently waiting. DARE WE FAIL THEM? What if we were in their place May God stir us to activity for souls.

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## MISSIONARY CANDIDATE

"At three o'clock one winter morning, a missionary candidate climbed the steps into the examiner's home. He was shown into the study where he waited until eight o'clock for an interview. Upon arriving, the old clergyman proceeded to ask questions:

"Can you spell?" "Yes sir," was the reply.

"All right, spell baker." "Baker, b-a-k-e-r."

"Fine, now do you know anything about figures?" the examiner inquired.

"Yes sir, something."

"How much is twice two?" "Four," replied the lad.

"That's splendid" returned the old man. "I believe you have passed, I'll see the Board tomorrow."

At the Board meeting the man submitted the account of the interview.

"He has all the qualifications of a Missionary," he began.

First, I tested him on self-denial. I told him to be at my house at three o'clock in the morning. He left a warm bed and came out in the cold without a word of complaint.

Second, I tried him out on promptness. He appeared on time.

Third, I examined him on patience. I made him wait five hours to see me, after telling him to come at three.

Fourth, I tested him on temper. He failed to show any sign of it; he didn't even question my delay.

Fifth, I tried his humility. I asked him questions that a-five-year-old child could answer, and he showed no indignation.

So you see, I believe this lad meets the requirements. He will make the missionary we need."

God give us thousands such consecrated, spirit-filled surrendered missionaries. This is a tremendous need. -- From the Gospel Herald

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## LETTER OF REJECTION

Rev. Saul Paul, Independent Missionary Corinth, Greece

Dear Mr. Paul:

We recently received an application from you for service under our Board. It is our policy to be as frank and open-minded as possible with all our applicants. We have made an exhaustive survey in your case. To be plain, we are surprised that you have been able to "pass" as a bona-fide missionary. We are told that you are afflicted with a severe eye trouble. This is certain to be an insuperable handicap to an effective ministry. Our Board requires 20-20 vision.

At Antioch, we learn, you opposed Dr. Simon Peter, an esteemed denominational secretary, and actually rebuked him publicly. You stirred up so much trouble that a special board meeting had to convene in Jerusalem. We cannot condone such actions.

Do you think it seemly for a missionary to do part-time work? We hear that you are making tents on the side. In a letter to the church at Philippi you admitted that they were the only church supporting you. We wonder WHY? Is it true that you have a jail record? Certain brethren report that you did two years time at Caesarea, and were imprisoned in Rome. You made so much trouble for the businessmen at Ephesus that they refer to you as "the man who turned the world upside down." Sensationalism has no place in missions. We also deplore the lurid "over the wall in a basket" episode at Damascus. We are appalled at your obvious lack of conciliatory behavior.

Diplomatic men are not stoned and dragged out of the city gate, or assaulted by furious mobs. Have you ever suspected that gentler words might gain you more friends? I enclose a copy of Darius Carnegu's book HOW TO WIN JEWS AND INFLUENCE GREEKS.

In one of your letters you refer to yourself as "Paul the aged." Our new mission principles do not envisage a surplus of superannuated recipients. We understand that you are given to fantasies and dreams. At Troas you saw "a man of Macedonia", and at another time, "were caught up into the third heaven" and claimed that the "Lord stood by you." We reckon that more realistic and practical minds are needed in the task of world evangelism. You have caused much trouble everywhere you have gone. You opposed the honorable women at Berea, and the leaders of your own nationality at Jerusalem. If a man cannot get along with his own people, how can he serve foreigners? We learn that you are a snake-handler. At Malta you picked up a poisonous serpent which is said to have bitten you, but you did not suffer harm. You admit that while you were serving time at Rome, "All forsook you." Good men are not left friendless. Three fine brothers: Diotrophes, Demas and Alexander the Coppersmith have notarized affidavits to the effect that it is impossible that you had a bitter quarrel with a fellow missionary named Barnabas. Harsh words do not further God's work.

You have written many letters to churches where you formerly have been pastor. In one of these letters, you accused a church member of living with his father's wife, and caused the whole church to feel badly, and the poor fellow was expelled.

You spend too much time talking about the "Second coming of Christ! Your letters to the Thessalonians were almost entirely devoted to this theme. Put "first things first" from now on.

Your ministry has been far too flighty to be successful. First, Asia Minor, then Macedonia, Greece, Italy, and now you are talking about a wild goose chase into Spain. Concentration is more important than dissipation of one's powers. You cannot win the whole world by yourself. You are just a little Paul. In a recent sermon, you said "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Christ." It seems to us that you ought also to glory in our heritage, our denominational program, the unified budget, and the World Federation of Churches." Your sermons are much too long for the time. One time you talked till after midnight, and a sleepy young man fell out of the window and broke his neck. Nobody is saved after the first twenty minutes. "Stand up, speak up, then shut up" is our advice.

Doc. Luke reports that you are a thin, bald man, frequently sick, and always agitated over your churches that you sleep poorly. He reports that you pad around the house praying half the night. A healthy mind in a robust body is our ideal for all applicants. A good night's sleep will give you "zest and zip" so that you wake up full of zing.

We find it best to send only married men into foreign service. We deplore your policy of persistent celibacy. Simon Magus has set up a matrimonial bureau at Samaria where the names of some very fine widows are available.

You wrote recently to Timothy that "You had fought a good fight." Fighting is hardly a recommendation for a missionary. No fight is a good fight. Jesus came to bring peace. You boast that "I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus! What on earth do you mean?"

It hurts me to tell you this, Brother Paul, but in all of my twenty-five years experience, I have never met a man so opposite to the requirements of our foreign Mission Board. If we accept you, we would break every rule of modern missionary practice.

Most sincerely yours,  
J. Flavius Fluffhead,  
Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

(The above is from famous "Unwritten Letters" by Hendon M. Harris, Ja.)

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MISSIONARY'S GREATEST WEAPON  
(A paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13)  
Pastor John H. Schlosser

Though I should be an accomplished linguist, skilled in the ancient languages of the original scriptures, and a fluent speaker of obscure tribal dialects of today... but lacking in love ... I am no more than a meaningless noisemaker; no more than an empty can beaten by a small boy. And if I am a gifted preacher, and an expert in the science of missions; and if I know all about evangelistic techniques, and indigenous missionary methods; if I know how to plan for the work with the keenest sense of strategy and proportion; and if I have sufficient faith to cope with every mountain of difficulty, every spiritual problem, as well as material shortage ... and yet have not love -- I am not even worthy of the name "Missionary."

And if I make great sacrifices, giving up financial security in a good-paying profession, plus the comforts of an American home and friends-all for the sake of people whom I feel are unworthy and ungrateful (may God forgive the thought) and if besides I give my health to be wasted by malaria and amoebae and malnutrition in an exhausting climate... but fail to have love and to give it ... I have missed the whole point, the whole heart of being a missionary for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Love is very patient: patient with fellow-missionaries, with servants, the Missionary Board, those faltering believers who are like the "bruised reed" or the "smoking flax." Love is very kind, as kind as a mother's heart. Love knows no jealousy; Love rejoices in the gifts that others have, the appointments others receive, the success that others achieve. Love cares not who may get the credit for anything accomplished.

Love never shows off, is never impressed with her own importance, but always shows respect for the personalities of others. Self-centeredness, self-seeking, and self-consciousness have been crucified with Christ. Under pressure, love does not get "hot and bothered." Love may be grieved by sin, but is never disgusted with the sinner. Love is never out of place, never grinds a

personal axe; carries no chip on the shoulder, never needs to be handled with kid gloves, does not keep a grudge book of slights and injuries. Love does not pay attention to evil, gets no satisfaction at seeing others go wrong, never says "I told you so" when someone fails. Love joyfully sides with the truth, does not try to evade responsibility, but lifts the load. Love is always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always optimistic, is thoroughly convinced of the supreme reality of God. Hence, Love stands up in the time of crises, and wears well in the long, monotonous grind.

But though preaching will come to an end one day, and the experts at last be discarded, yet love will continue. Mere human knowledge amounts to no more than a glimpse or two of that which lies beyond our sight. But when at last God's day dawns upon us, then all that is partial will be lost in God's matchless perfection.

When I was a child, I was the center of my little world. I sulked or stormed when others crossed me. I threatened to take my toys and go home when others would not play the game my way. Immediate satisfactions seemed supremely important, for I lacked all sense of proportion. But now I am a missionary, and I should have some emotional and spiritual maturity. God deliver me from all childishness... help me to be childlike instead, in the simple transparency of Christ-cleansed heart and a spirit-filled life.

For the present, we see reality only as the baffling reflections in a distorted mirror, but then we shall see face to face. Now I am still learning bit by bit, but then I shall really understand, even as God all along has so perfectly understood me.

Thus faith, hope and love last on ... these three indispensables, but the greatest of all is LOVE.

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### TRUE MISSIONARY MOTIVE

Why do we speak of Missions?  
Why do Missionaries go  
To far off lands and countries,  
And people they don't know?

Why all the time and money,  
And sacrifice of lives?  
Why care we so for others?  
Beneath these star-lit skies.

Well, here is just the reason:  
'Tis love, God's love within.  
The heart of any mortal,  
That has been cleansed from sin,

When His great love is planted



In the heart, a passion comes  
To go and help our neighbors,  
Though in palaces or in slums.

Jesus Christ is our example;  
'Twas love that led Him down,  
To lift us fallen creatures.  
He laid aside His crown.

He gave up ALL to help us,  
Will we give all for Him.  
To share His love with others,  
Whose lives are dark with sin.  
How can we look at Jesus  
In dark Gethsemane  
Or see Him on Mount Calvary.  
In greatest agony.

How can we read His message,  
To get to all the world.  
And preach His glorious gospel.  
And not His flag unfurl.

Oh God, create within us  
A greater love for thee,  
And greater love for others  
Will come spontaneously.

A love that moves to action,  
A passion e'en unto death,  
To carry on thy mission  
And the lost and needy bless.

Yes, Master, breathe upon us,  
Until we're more like thee.  
Until we cannot linger,  
But will work continually.

Pray for, give to, or hasten  
To help those who need our hand,  
That we may all live together  
In Heaven's happy land.

-- Mrs. G. T. Bustin

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## WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

Why should I give my money  
To men I have never seen?  
Why should I send my living  
To places where I've never been?

How do I know my offering  
Will be used in manner wise?  
Perhaps the whole collection  
Will be kept by men of lies.

Would it not be better  
To keep my money at home?  
Why give to naked heathen  
Who among the jungles roam?

These are the shallow questions  
Of men of selfish heart  
These are the stingy suggestions,  
Of those who with gold will not part.

God gave His Son an offering  
To men who were lost in sin.  
God poured out His riches  
Christ the wealth of heaven

To men who were far from Him.  
By men was vilely slain.  
But never did the Father  
Report His gift was in vain.

And only have we and our nation  
The Gospel that calmed our strife.  
Because unselfish missionaries  
Gave both their money and life.

Lord, take more than money;  
Take my heart, my life, my all.  
And Lord, if I may serve thee,  
Here am I, awaiting thy call.

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