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## HIS BELOVED SLEEP

By Willard Willis

**"It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep."** (Psa. 127:2).

We have numerous examples in the Bible where people were frustrated and perplexed only to find later on that their state of affairs could not have been better. Mary, for example, was weeping at the tomb of our Lord only to find later



on that she should have been leaping for joy. Mary and Martha were weeping because of the sickness and death of their brother only to find later on that they should have been praising the Lord. The woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years also had every reason to rejoice since her condition was ordered in order to exalt the Lord. The old poem says it best when it states: "There is so much now I do not see, my eyesight's far too dim, but come what may, I'll simply trust and leave it all to Him."

The Lord, in our text, admonishes His beloved to sleep and leave our burdens in His keeping. He has promised that He will never leave or forsake us. He asks that we believe Him and go to sleep. He knows that we are not made of steel so He will not try us beyond that which we are able to bear.

It is very important that we sleep since sleep is very valuable to us. Sleep, in fact, has cured more pains than the choicest items that are available in all the lists of pharmacy. Sleep will relieve fear, depression, stomach trouble, back-

aches, heartaches, eyestrain, exhaustion, etc. God, then, when He gives His beloved sleep, is also giving us deliverance from these things. Our text, however, declares that there are some who deny themselves sleep. They, in fact, due to frustrations, rise up early and sit up late in an effort to overcome their anxieties. God, on the other hand, declares that it is vain for us to rise up early and sit up late in an effort to change things. We, in fact, according to Matthew 6:27, would not change our stature if we got up two hours early every morning and sat up two hours late every night for the rest of our days. The same applies to the color of our eyes. Our habitation, according to the Scriptures has also been predetermined. We, therefore, might as well stop fighting our lot among men. Work hard, yes, but then rest in the Lord. Plant your seeds, yes, but then leave the results up to Him.

The farmer is one person who is compelled to leave the results of his efforts up to the Lord. He, of course, doesn't expect results without effort. We all fall into the

category of the farmer even though our lot appears to be different. The Lord sends sunshine and rain upon the farmer's crops and thus determines how much will be produced. God, also, in a sense of speaking, sends sunshine and rain upon our efforts and thus determines how much we will have as a result of our efforts. The following passages leave no doubt relative to this fact.

**"The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor, and rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them."** (1 Sam. 2:6-8).

Let me hasten to add that we are not to expect results without effort. The farmer, in fact, who does not harvest his crops can expect to be hungry during the winter. It is as stated in the following passage:

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A Sermon by Pastor Eugene P. Helton

### WAITING FOR THE MOVING OF THE WATER

*(Editor's Note: I must make known to you who read this publication that I believe and preach all five points of what we commonly refer to as "The Doctrines of Grace." However, I also must make known to you that I believe the elect of God must hear the Gospel message before salvation can take place. Sometimes it seems we dwell on*

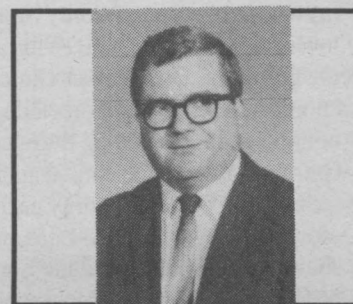
*the meat of the Word so much that the lost sheep, i.e. the elect of God, are being saved under the ministries that put more emphasis on the simple gospel. Let us preach the full counsel of God; including milk and meat: see the Lord save people; then teach them to observe all things.)*

**"After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to**

## DON'T TRY MARRIAGE

By Don Pennington

**"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord."** (Proverbs 18:22). First of all I want to say that I feel like I'm qualified to deliver this message for I have been married for forty-plus years to the same person and I have been in the ministry twenty-five years. We want to recognize at the very outset of the message beloved, that every marriage encounters some problems. They have some hurdles



which have to be cleared, and no marriage is perfect in every sense of the word. Once in a while someone will tell me that it's a fifty-fifty proposition. I always tell them that if they keep that in mind they will fail. It is not a fifty-fifty proposition it is a hundred percent on both sides. Every ounce of energy that is invested in making a marriage and keeping a marriage good is certainly worth the investment that you put into it. Almost every day I hear someone say I wouldn't try marriage for anything in the world. Any time you study homiletics or any public speaking, they say you should approach it from three points. Point one, two, and three I want to make is don't try marriage.

Point (1) Don't try marriage in the sense that it should be a trial run

or test. Don't try marriage unless you have every intention of keeping it for as long as you both shall live. If you don't have that in mind to begin with, leave it alone. In our culture that we live in today, we are much accustomed and gotten used to the idea that we can get something and use it for a few days and if we don't like it or are not perfectly satisfied with it, we can take it back. I read where this foreign woman came to our country and got a job that required her to look nice. She didn't have nice clothes so she went to a department store and bought an expensive dress. She wore it to work that day and that night she took it off, folded it nicely and put it back in the box, went back to the store and said, I don't like this one, I would like to try another one. She wore that one the next day. She went from store to store doing this for quite a while before they ever caught on to what she was doing. She was wearing a new dress every day and wasn't paying for any of them. Now, beloved, that is what this country has been used to, but this is not or should not be at least our understanding about marriage, that if we don't like it we can take it back and get out of it. I'm convinced that the greatest source of strength and stability in a marriage is that clear absolute commitment on the part of both husband and wife. They must have the commitment that nothing will ever be able to separate them. Any divorce that is granted today is usually granted because at least one, sometimes both, was not willing to give one hundred percent in order to make it work. A marriage that is committed when you enter it with the idea that nothing is going to cause you to separate, you get in a fuss or an argument, splitting is not one of the options. When you get married to give it a try, look out. It doesn't stand much of a chance. You get married to give it a try, with the understanding that if you're not totally pleased with each other you'll just go your separate ways. You're doomed even before you get started.

Surely you remember the traditional wedding vows. Why do we take them? What are they there for? The vows say for better or worse, that surely does away with

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no fault divorces. Man gets married and then he wants a divorce saying it's not my fault and it's not her fault, we just couldn't get along with each other. Beloved, it said for better or worse. Then it says for richer or poorer. There have been many little rich girls that turn out to be poor and many poor girls turn out to be rich. In sickness or in health. We never know from one day to the next just what is going to happen. I know a man that was highly thought of in the church, and of his neighbors. His wife got cancer and he walked off and left her. It also says to love and to hold from this day forward till death do

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## Editor's Update

By Pastor Eugene P. Helton, Editor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!! The unity of the spirit and a love for the Lord and one another is much in evidence at the Calvary Baptist Church. The movement is slow, but forward. The Calvary Baptist Church is alive and well and doing business for the Lord.

I have received many telephone calls, letters, and visits concerning our work here, many of which concern the work of The Baptist Examiner. The volume has been such that I cannot possibly answer each written appraisal and/or suggestion. Our approval rating, from all input, for all facets of our ministry is well over 95%. Only occasionally, do we receive input which is critical in nature.

I believe in total church authority independent of outside pressure and influence and dependent totally on the Lord. I must answer to the Lord only for the church I pastor, therefore I concern myself, in my leadership capacity, only with the church the Lord has called me to pastor. God has not given me any authority to provide input into the goings on within other churches of like faith and order. True church authority would preclude such action on my part or a pastor of another church setting the agenda or charting the course for the church I pastor. True church authority comes from the Lord and in the exercise of that authority each true church and the pastor of the same must answer to the Lord and Him only. It seems to me that some people could serve the Lord better; their church better; and possibly lead some poor lost soul to Christ, if they didn't spend so much time making sure that some other church is orthodox by their own personal definition of orthodoxy. I personally will continue to pastor only one church, and that church as the Lord leads me; and to Him only must I give account. I may not dot some "I's"; I may not cross some "T's", but I can assure you today; I'll never be called a Pharisee.

**"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity!"** (Psalm 133:1).

Until next time may our Lord bless you richly. Please pray for me. I love each of you in the Lord.

us part. That is a long time. That only leaves one out and that is death. Marriage is much more binding than people realize.

For what reason do they speak marriage vows during a wedding ceremony? It's not to declare their feelings for each other. If they are not in love on their wedding day they never will be. Beloved, it is not to assure love but is to assure fidelity and integrity toward each other. When they take the vows, in front of God and these witnesses, they are making each other a promise. They are making God a promise, and that is a promise that they are going to be held to. It is a promise that is not supposed to be easily broken. When they take these vows it's like saying I swear to God you can count on me. I'll be there in the bad times as well as the good times so long as life shall last. Most people try marriage, if it works fine, if it doesn't, they'll split. And, beloved, in this sense, I say just as emphatically as I possibly can, don't try marriage. That is not what it is for.

Point (2) Don't try marriage by

opting for a live together arrangement for a time to see how it will go. It is reported that here in the United States of America that there are two million people living together without the benefit of marriage. Now, these two million people are making the claim that they are going to try marriage and see how it works. If they get along together, then they will eventually get married. If not, it will be easier to part because you don't have the book work to do. There are a few observations I would like to make about this live-in arrangement. We don't have to go out of the city limits to find this. Every time I go to write an insurance policy for someone, the number one question is: Are you legally married? They say no more times than they say yes. And the next question is: Do all the children have the same last name? They answer no about as many times as they answer yes. That is what has become of our country today.

The Bible says that sexual union prior to marriage is a sin. It doesn't say that it is an affair, it says it is a

sin. I realize that this kind of teaching seems out of place in this day and time. Beloved, regardless of what people say, the Bible still holds true and we're not going to drop what God says in order to accept what society says. **"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."** (Heb. 13:4). Beloved, surely, according to the Bible sex is a good thing. It was God's idea in the first place. But the consistent teaching of the Word of God in the Bible is that it is to be enjoyed only within the realm of marriage and with the person to whom you are married. Those who say they will try marriage by live-in relationship before taking the vows are deceiving no one but themselves. Living together is not the same as being a legal husband and wife. A person is bound to have a guilt feeling if it is not according to the way God would have it to be. They are only deceiving themselves when they do this. Beloved, don't try marriage in that way.

Now I want to talk to people that are married for Point (3). Don't try marriage. Try in this sense means don't put it to a severe test or a strain in pretense or endurance of someone until you cause it to break open. Beloved, if you are married I'm asking you to make the best of the situation that you find yourself in. The grass always looks greener in the other pasture until you get over there and then you find that it's not the ideal situation that you thought it was. We that are married should be willing to work and work hard towards making it better all the time. Our relationship with our marriage mate is in a sad situation sometimes. The problem is that we are more concerned about being successful in the workplace, our community esteem, our physical appearance, and possibly a dozen other things than we are about our marriage. One time I was invited to preach at a church in Ceredo, WV at a dedication service which was in the afternoon and since I had traveled so far they

asked me to preach that morning also. When I got through preaching, the preacher's wife came to me and she said: I'm so glad you preached that message, you just took the hide off my husband. He was standing there, and he said "Yes you did, for I put more effort into my job than I do to my family and I'm ashamed of myself." Beloved, we need to be more concerned about our marriages, our wives, our children, and our grandchildren, and we need not to deliberately put the strain on our marriage. You have to want it to work and work at it. Never take each other for granted.

Some people try their marriage by putting pressure on their mate to change them. That will not work. Beloved, the one thing that I cannot do is change my wife, but I can change myself. I can't change myself in my own effort but God has to help me change myself that will help the relationship with my wife. I'm so glad that God is willing to help us change and help us to make the best of our marriages. God is able to make us what he intended for us to be. I'm really thankful for that.

I pray that you will take this message and store it up in good memory because some day your children or grandchildren or someone's child is going to come to you and say "I've been thinking about getting married, what do you think about it? Please be able to advise them. If you can't get married with your whole heart and enter into it with permanence in mind, leave it alone. I must say this on behalf of those that haven't been as blessed as I have, I know there are times you can try and try and that person you are married to just won't come up with their part. Give it all you've got, then if it won't work there is nothing else you can do. But many many marriages could be saved if people would give one hundred percent on both sides.

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## The Baptist Examiner Bible Study Lesson

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In our last study we saw how the Devil through the serpent tempted the woman to disobey God. This was done through a series of steps. (1) He caused Eve to doubt God's goodness and mercy, did God tell you to "not eat of every tree of the garden?" (2) This caused Eve to distort God's Word by adding to it, by taking from it and by changing it (verses 2,3). The next step of deception was a flat bold denial of God's Word, "Yes, I know he said that, but do not fear you will not die in fact if you eat the fruit you will become gods," (like God).

Verse 6: The temptation was too much for Eve, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (3:6).

After her trust in God had been undermined, the temptation which led to Eve's downfall was in three stages the tree was (1) "good for food," (2) "pleasant to the eyes," and (3) "a tree to be desired to make one wise." I John 2:16 gives us the three ways the Devil causes men to sin, "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." Mother Eve fell victim to all three, "good for food" - lust of the flesh; "pleasant to the eyes" - lust of the eyes; "desired to make one wise" - the pride of life.

Eve the tempted, now became the tempter, she, "gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Was the man deceived as was the woman? We are not told here, but in I Tim. 2:14 we read, "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression." Adam not being deceived, why did he eat of the forbidden fruit knowing the consequences of that act? We are not told the reason, but we are told that it was by his disobedience that sin and death passed upon all of the human race (Rom. 5:12).

### THE IMMEDIATE RESULT OF THE FALL

Verses 7-13: "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked." The man and the woman had been created in a state of innocence, therefore, they were ignorant of evil. But this changed when they fell, "their eyes were opened." They now realized what they had done. They did what man has ever since been trying to do. They made "fig leaf" aprons in order to cover their "nakedness" from the God who had created them. But we find that these fig leaf aprons did not work, just as any fig leaf religion will not cover man's sins.

### MEN HIDING AND GOD SEEKING

Their transgression brought fear to the hearts of Adam and Eve, fear of God, fear of the judgment that they knew was due them. When they "heard the voice of the Lord God" — they "hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God." (v. 8). Man has been hiding from God ever since that day, trying to hide their nakedness by their own works.

"Where art thou?" was the question the Lord God asks Adam. We must note that it was God seeking Adam not Adam seeking God. This is ever the order. Man does not seek God, "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."

(Rom. 3:11). Christ came into the world to seek and save sinners.

"The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10).

Note Adam's answer, "I heard thy voice — I was afraid, because I was naked — I hid myself." Adam was made to confess his lost condition, he realized that he could not come to God in his naked (sinful) condition therefore he hid from God. Man in his sinful condition can never face God. (See Rev. 6:15,16).

"Who told thee thou wast naked?" The Lord made Adam confess that he had disobeyed His command, "Hast thou eaten of the tree?" Note where Adam placed the blame for his sin, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree." Indirectly he blames God, "The woman — thou gavest me." Adam had an excuse for what he did. He blamed the woman, the woman God had given him, therefore he was actually blaming God for his sin. Is not this always true of man? Don't we always blame someone else for our sins. Many times it is God we blame for placing us in the position of temptation, but James tells us, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." (James 1:13).

### Timely Words From A Wise Man

Abraham  
Lincoln



## THE PLAN OF GOD IN THE REDEMPTION OF SINNERS

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

A brief reading of Romans 3:10-23 will discover to the reader the verdict of God against fallen humanity. There are some who would pervert the pure Word of God with an attempt to minimize the effects of man's sin, but the verdict is in and man stands before his maker condemned, totally depraved, as thoroughly turned away from God as are the demons of hell. When I speak of the demons of hell, I refer to those hapless and hopeless creatures who followed Lucifer in his rebellion against the throne of God in heaven, only to be cast out of that glorious place, and from their high and lofty position and privilege in the economy of heaven. Lucifer's rebellion can be seen in such scriptures as Isaiah 14:9-15 and Ezekiel 28:12-16. Here, in the words of Bultema, "Once he shone in heaven as a light-bearer, the SON OF THE MORNING, one who had the substance of light of the beautiful dawn. But alas, as a brilliant star he has been slung from heaven to earth, there to become a deceiver and oppressor of the nations." Of this occasion Jesus said in Luke 10:18, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." and Revelation 12:9 affirms "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." And Revelation 12:4 lets us know the number of those fallen angels, "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth." These are those hapless and hopeless creatures of whom Jude speaks in Jude Verse 6. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he (Jehovah God) hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Surely no one will dare say that these are not turned away from God, and they without remedy, for God has not devised a plan of redemption for them. The day is coming

when they will be cast into the fires of Gehenna hell to be tormented. (See Matthew 8:29 and Revelation 20:10).

Now, my argument is this, in the fall of man, he was just as certainly turned away from God as were these creatures destined for hell, we also became morally bankrupt, and in spite of what some are saying, there is not a spark of good remaining. Romans 5:12 declares that because of our rebellion in the Eden of God, "Death and sin hath passed upon all men because all have sinned." Romans 3:10-23 is God's portrait of us, the human race. There we are said to be desperately wicked. The word in verse 10 is "NONE RIGHT-EOUS," in verse 11 it is "NONE THAT UNDERSTANDETH," and in verse 12 it is "ALL GONE OUT OF THE WAY." Here, then, is a race of creatures turned out of God's way just as surely as are Satan and his angels, and, as a result, have become "UNPROFITABLE." (Romans 3:12). And the meaning is become irrevocably bad and utterly useless, and in Psalms 14:3 and 53:1 that same word "UNPROFITABLE" is translated "BECOME FILTHY." Of this creature, the Word of God says "His mouth is full of cursing and deceit." (Psalm 10:7). Romans 3:10-23 declares "Their feet are swift to shed blood," "Destruction and misery are in their ways, And the way of peace have they not known, There is a fear of God before their eyes." How ugly, horrid and unlovable is man, sunken in sin, and yet our text says that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" and the meaning is that God so loved this fallen and debauched creature that for him, He gave up His only begotten Son. Dear reader, without this divine love, divine justice would quickly cut us off. His divine holiness would put us out of His sight and His divine power would destroy us. Therefore, undying love is the one hope for sinners, and our greatest concern should be to discover that love to

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit Forum I

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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### Explain Pre-millennialism, Post-millennialism, and A-millennialism. Does the Bible teach any of these? Which one?

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The "A" in "A-Millennialism" signifies "no", therefore A-Millennialism declares there is no Millennium. Those who hold to this belief believe that all the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the reign of Christ are now being fulfilled during this present age. They believe through the gospel He is reigning in grace, and will continue to do so. Among those who hold to this belief are the "Jehovah's Witnesses, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Mormons and the Roman Catholics." What seems strange even some few Baptists have been lead to accept this false belief.

The "Post" in "Post-Millennialism" means "after". Those who believe this theory hold that Christ will not appear until after the Millennium, which is to be brought about by the preaching of the gospel. They believe that the morals of the world will gradually improve, all men are to become brothers, sin is to disappear, then the Millennium, the Golden Age, will begin. We only need to look at man's morals and world conditions to see that this belief is false. It is not by man's efforts that the Millennium is to come but by the appearance of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, to set up His kingdom.

The "Pre" in "Pre-Millennialism" means "before". The Pre-millennialists are those who believe that Christ will come for His people before the Millennium. In this camp there are two groups. There are those who believe that Christ will return for His saints in the middle of the great tribulation

that is to come. Those who hold to this belief are called "Mid-Tribulationists". Then there are those of us who believe that Christ will return for His own before the tribulation.

Which of these does the Bible teach? The Bible teaches that there is to be a period of time between the return of Christ in the air for His saints (I Thes. 4:16,17) and His appearance on the earth to set up His kingdom here upon earth. This period is to last for about seven years. It is known as the great tribulation. This period will be the darkest period of human history. This rules out the "A-Mil" theory. The "Post-Mil" and the "Mid-Trib" theories are out because the Bible teaches that we are to look for Christ's return (Mark 13:35; Titus 2:13). We are to watch for His coming (I Thess. 5:6). We are to wait for His coming (I Thess. 1:10; II Thess. 3:5). We should not be ashamed at His coming (I John 2:28).

The fact that we are to look for Christ's return shows that the Bible teaches "Pre-Millennialism", Pre-Trib, that is, Christ will come for His saints before the great tribulation which takes place before He comes as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

### TREASURES OF THE SNOW

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"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22).

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. (There is) no speech nor language, (where) their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Here, in the 19th Psalm, we learn of a very beautiful truth - all men can learn about God and His great works by simply

looking at nature. Every aspect of nature, without exception, teach us truth about our God.

One aspect of nature that we are all familiar with is snow. Snow is of great value to us. Snow is especially valuable because of its two-fold cleansing effect in nature;

1. Snow, as it falls, purifies the air of pollutants.

2. Snow, once fallen, leaves behind a carpet of shining white covering the dirty brown color of the landscape during the winter season.

Just as in nature, in the Word of God we find snow is very valuable because it goes hand-in-hand with purity:

1. Snow describes the purity of Christ - Mark 9:3, Revelation 1:14.

2. Snow describes the value of His Word - Isaiah 55:10-11

3. Snow describes the purity of cleansed Sin - Psalms 51:7, Isaiah 1:18.

Dear friend, why should these truths be a treasure to us? Within these truths we have given to us the way of salvation from our sins.

1. Christ, as the sinless substitute was slain for the sins of His people: "For he hath made him (to be) sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Corinthians 5:21).

2. The Word of God is of utmost value for our salvation. Without the Word of God none can be saved: "So then faith (cometh) by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17).

3. If we have believed what the Word of God says about Christ and His work then we can know that our sins are "as white as snow": "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, (even) in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10: 8-9).

Our prayer is that the Lord may apply these treasures to your heart today.

### THE INSTRUCTION OF A FATHER

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"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law." (Prov. 4:1,2).

Lets be honest! Why do we see the widespread lawlessness, rebellion, and crime so rampant among so many of our youth today? I know there are the extreme cases, where children have been left on their own by parents who are divorced and given up parenting responsibilities to someone else or show no concern for the welfare of the child. In such cases we may expect to see the often sad results in the child's misconduct.

But I would address this issue as it applies to the family where children have the benefit of both parents, with special emphasis on the father. Is it not true that parents, in general, are failing in their responsibilities to discipline at an early age, to teach morals, conduct and honesty? To respect not only themselves but others as well?

It is admittedly a more awesome and demanding responsibility today than anytime in history for parents. Children are faced with peer-pressure from all directions, in school, social functions, etc. They are constantly exposed to T.V. and movie portrayals of the "free and easy" way of life: sex, booze and you name it. The entertainment industry is making a fortune and at the same time, demoralizing the youth of our country. So who is responsible for our kids going bad? I believe, certainly, the entertainment industry has led children into more crime, violence, suicides, drug abuse, sexual liberty (including sexual perversion), than any other contributing element in our society.

I believe also much responsibility for the prevailing teenage attitude towards law and order, lack of respect for parents and teachers, must be placed upon the judicial system and those holding high ranking positions of author-

ity in our government. When the Surgeon General suggests drugs (dope) should be legalized, and teenagers taught that sex is okay, just be careful. When our Attorney General supports abortion, when our President supports abortion, homosexuality, and lesbianism, and his own moral conduct is very much in question. When these things exist among our highest leaders, it is little wonder teenagers easily become confused and misguided. We read in Isaiah 5:20: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Certainly this verse fits our day and time.

But while all this be true, it is all the more reason for the family, the home to be established on good moral and Christian principles. Parents cannot pass off their responsibilities in rearing their children, to the school systems or social systems of this country. In fact, it was never intended for this. God has set forth His plan and design for the family. If more people would seek guidance from God, we would have far less of the problems that face our country. For one thing we would never have elected a man to the presidency who made himself known to support the ungodliness that is escalating in our midst.

God has placed prime responsibility on the father, the head of the home, to guide the family. Our text verse says: "Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding."

In a day when children have few role models to look to, we need fathers who love their children enough to carry out their responsibilities to them and to God.

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# The Baptist Examiner Pulpit Forum II

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**What is the kingdom of God? Where is it? How do you find it? Enter it? Know when you do this?**

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The kingdom of God includes all of the saved on earth at any given time. The scope of God's kingdom embraces everything. I Chronicles 29:11 says, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all." God's kingdom was, is, and everlasting, it will never end.

Where is it? It is in the world.

How do you find it? You find it when you become a new creature in Christ Jesus. You then become a part of it.

How do you enter it? Jesus said in John 3:5 unless you experience the new birth you cannot enter the kingdom of God. John 3:5 says, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." So you enter the kingdom by, and through the new birth.

How do you know when you enter the kingdom? Jesus told Nicodemus he couldn't see the Kingdom of God. Now when you are born again, you see how great God is, and the great feeling of being alive spiritually, and how important being saved is to you and everyone around you. Beloved, if you have entered the kingdom, you will know it, and without a doubt.

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The kingdom of God and the

kingdom of heaven, both mentioned in the Bible, are subjects not easily understood. At least by most Bible students that I know and have talked with. I do believe, however, we may understand a great deal about this subject and how everyone is affected by the kingdom of God in one way or the other.

We read in (Lk. 16:16) "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." I believe this verse means that the law had a purpose. One of its main purposes, of course, was the fore-telling of the coming Messiah who would reign on earth and in heaven. Since the appearance of John the Baptist, the kingdom of God is preached. In this sense, the kingdom of God refers to those who receive the King (Jesus Christ), by the preaching of the Gospel of salvation. (Rom. 1:16). The kingdom is open to both Jew and Gentile. Every man presseth into it, means all who recognize Jesus to be Savior will also recognize the urgency and need to become a loyal subjects of His kingdom. That is to be saved. It also means every living soul is under God's divine control, knowingly or unknowingly.

We may view this as the realm of an earthly king who has his loyal subjects but also those who despise him. Those who say; "We will not have this man to reign over us." (Lk. 19:14). The loyal subjects to the king would be his army, while his dispirers are his enemies. Both classes of people dwell in the kingdom together. In consideration of this, Jesus is Saviour, Lord and King over His own royal army today. We who are saved are in His army. The unsaved are his enemies but also dwell in His kingdom.

And yet there is a future kingdom of Christ spoken of in the Bible. The first stage of this kingdom will begin after the second coming of Christ. It is called the one thousand year reign and the Throne of David which will be headquartered in Jerusalem. (read Jer. 3:17 and Lk. 1:32). The eter-

nal kingdom of God and of Christ will be after the end of time. It is the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven to enter the future eternal kingdom of God is to now belong to the heavenly kingdom of Christ. We must hear and believe the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and be saved. Jesus made this clear in (John 3:3): "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The answer to the questions concerning the kingdom of God may be summed up by saying, it is a spiritual kingdom, during this age we live, we either become willing subjects to Jesus Christ, the True King, through the new birth or we remain subjects of Satan, the prince of darkness. To reject the kingdom of God will one day bring down God's eternal wrath upon all who do so. (John 3:36).

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If one can know what the kingdom of heaven is, then he can know if he is in it or not. If he is in it he sure can know where it is. I believe that all the true churches make up the kingdom of God. I don't believe that one true church goes to make up the kingdom. It is hard for me to believe that when Christ said that he was going to build His church, that he was talking about the kingdom, but rather was speaking of it in the institutional sense. I do not believe that Christ was speaking of a universal church in any sense of the word.

It is my contention that when a person is excluded from a church that this does not take them out of the kingdom or out of the family of God. Neither does this unbap-



tize anyone. One who is saved and then repents of what ever it was to bring about the exclusion is received back into membership, this does not require being baptized again.

The expression "The kingdom of heaven," means that the kingdom belongs to heaven. Though the kingdom of heaven belongs to heaven it is in the world. John 15:19 "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own..." Christ meant here that they did not belong to the world. They were certainly in the world. Christ was speaking to His disciples and they were in the world and they were in the church, for Christ at this time had set up His church. They were in the kingdom for I believe that the kingdom had come. When John preached that the kingdom of heaven was at hand, he meant that it was in existence and that it was in the world. Matt 3:2. The same thing is meant when Christ preached, He said, "...Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matt. 4:17).

We read in Luke 16:16, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Christ certainly did not mean every individual of the race of mankind, but all kinds and classes press into the kingdom. It is my contention that Christ here was not saying that men were trying to get in the kingdom, but that they were pressing against or fighting against, were opposing it. So it must have been in the world.

One finds the kingdom by

coming to Christ. Jesus said, "...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3). Christ also said in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." If a person can see and enter into the kingdom, he surely must know where it is. I believe that the kingdom of heaven and the kingdom of God are synonymous. A person who has been born again has found the kingdom of God, has entered into it and knows this because such a person has been born from above.

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## SLEEP

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**"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame."** (Prov. 10:5).

Let us now look at the word "sleep" from a spiritual side. We will begin by noting I Thessalonians 5:6 and Romans 13:11: **"Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."** **"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than we believed."**

Life, as the old song states, is like "Old Man River" in that it just keeps rolling along. We, as another song states, "are floating down the stream of time and our life will soon be gone." How foolish, then, is it for us to be sleeping during harvest time. How foolish it is for a farmer to be sleeping on his front porch while the fields are laden with fruit and the nip of winter is in the air!

Were we able to see the future, we would learn all the Scripture we could absorb. We would be leaving no stones unturned in our effort to hear and heed God's Word. We would make every effort to make our calling and election sure. We would spend our lives as a ballplayer spends the last few moments of a close game. Those, in fact, who sleep through this life are going to encounter an awful awakening. They shall awake to find that life has passed them by while they wasted it with riotous living. The Bible, in the following passages, admonishes those who are following such a course to diligently consider the habits of the ant.

**"Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man."** (Prov. 6:6-11).

We have a multitude in the world today who are sleeping the sleep of carnal security. These are those who have not believed

on the Lord Jesus Christ and yet consider that all is well with them. They are sleeping on the very edge of an eternal hell and yet they think that all is well. They are like a man walking through the hills at night while not being aware of the fact that he is approaching a very deep gorge.

The Bible also speaks of another kind of sleep. It is the kind of sleep that Samson experienced when he lost his locks of hair. He put the things of this world ahead of spiritual things and when he awoke he found that he had been stripped and ruined.

The Bible also refers to a miraculous sleep. This was the sleep that Adam fell into when God made a woman from one of his ribs. Jacob, according to Genesis 28:10-16, also experienced such a sleep. Joseph also experienced the same when he dreamed that the other sheaves made obeisance to his sheaf, and that the sun, moon and seven stars were subject unto him. The records show that David and Daniel also experienced miraculous sleep from God.

We may also state that our text, when it declares that God giveth His beloved sleep, also refers to the fact that He gives His beloved sleep of a quiet conscience. The Apostle Peter experienced this kind of sleep (Acts 12:5,6) on the night before he was to have been crucified or slain in some other method. The record shows that Peter, in spite of the dark cloud which hung over him, enjoyed a restful sleep for a period between the guards. He slept soundly because he had a quiet conscience. It was quiet because he knew in whom he had believed and he was fully persuaded that the Lord would keep that which he had committed unto Him.

There is also a sleep which we call the sleep of contentment. I'm sorry to say that few people enjoy the sleep of contentment to any degree. Mr. Spurgeon said it best when he said: "The great majority of mankind are always on the wing; they never settle; they never light on any tree to build their nest; but they are always fluttering from one to the other. This tree is not green enough, that one is not high enough, this one is not beautiful enough; so they are ever on the wing, and never build a peaceful nest at all."

Contentment is something which we must learn how to accomplish. It does not come easy. Paul, in the following passages, informs us that he had learned to

be content.

**"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."** (Phil. 4:11-13). (Please note carefully that Paul gave all the honor for his contentment to the Lord Jesus Christ).

God also gives His beloved a sleep which we will term a quietness of soul relative to the future. The future to most people is a very dark path. People dread to grow old and face the many problems of old age; especially, their impending death. God, however, has likened death unto sleep. You will recall that our Lord termed the death of Lazarus as sleep. This thought should help relieve the fear of death since those who lie down to sleep can expect to rise from their sleep. Those who sleep are not in any pain nor do they have any fears, tears or other problems. Children who lie down to sleep can expect to be called from their beds in the morning. We, in like manner, will be called from our beds when our Lord returns for us.

There are many, on the other hand, who have every reason to fear death. Death to them will be but the beginning of sorrows. Death will hurl them into judgment and fiery indignation. Their portion will be among the damned. They will be hurled into that world of tortured and wandering souls - souls for whom there will not be one moment of rest. The infidel Adams, when entering this world at his death, said: "I'm lost! Lost, lost. I'm damned, damned, damned forever!" The record shows that his condition had become so frightful that his infidel associates were afraid to approach his bed. His nurse, after he had passed away, said repeatedly, "For all the wealth of Europe I would never see another infidel die."

Sinner friend, there is no need for you to perish. There is no need for you to miss eternal rest. The Lord Jesus died to save you from your sins. May He, then, enable you to cast eyes of faith upon Him. May He enable you to look away from yourself. Look away from all fleshly efforts. Look away and only to Him for complete deliverance. There, in

fact, is no other name given among men whereby you must be saved. He is The Way, The Truth, and The Life. There is none other. It is stated in the following passage: **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** (John 3:16).

May our Lord bless you with the message He has set before us!

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ourselves.

God has a plan for the redemption of fallen man, and that plan does not include the works of this debauched creature. What fearful folly must be registered in heaven against such teaching as that man can help in his own salvation. What folly for a race of such fallen creatures to even imagine that by some work on their part they could go to heaven and be in the company of the pure and undefiled. No, my dear reader, a thousand times no. Let us not try to pull the Holy One down to our level of thought or being. **"Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity."** (Habakkuk 1:13) and will not at all acquit the wicked. (Nahum 1:13).

My dear reader, God is love (I John 4:8), but God's love never conflicts with His holiness. He never overlooks sin in His creature. Ezekiel 18:4 declares that **"the soul that sinneth it shall die."** Romans 6:23 says that **"the wages of sin is death,"** this is God's verdict and it must be carried out to its fullest extent, and that my people, is what John 3:16 is all about. That's what the only begotten Son of God was doing on Calvary. He was satisfying the demands of God's holy law and His righteous justice and fulfilling the declaration of His holy Word in behalf of guilty sinners. **"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."** (II Corinthians 5:21). **"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."** (II Corinthians 5:19-20). **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only**

**begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** Thus we have in a few words, the plan of God in the redemption of sinners. Who was it that uttered the words of our text? It was Jesus, the only begotten of the Father, the one full of grace and truth, and He also said **"For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."** (Luke 19:10).

Salvation, my people, is of the Lord, it is from God, and it is of God, but it is for man, the needy creature. Salvation then is God's subject to discuss and only ours to receive. Salvation is God's work and not man's therefore, it is a holy work. It is wrought of God, we are saved by a divine work, our works are futile and powerless, so salvation is not of works on our part, it is not of righteousness which we have done. Isaiah 64:6 declares all our righteousnesses to be **"as filthy rags,"** and so we read in I Peter 4:18 that we are **"scarcely saved,"** and the meaning is, (at the total expense of another), we ourselves having nothing, Christ has stepped in and paid in full the debt of every repentant believer, and salvation is God's love in expression. Yes, divine love, expressed and depicted for the very sinners of Romans 3:10-23.

Dear reader, are you saved by the wonderful grace of God? Then rejoice in that God loves you and that Christ died for you.

### Love Led Him to Calvary

Love led the Saviour  
in days long ago,  
Down to earth's darkness,  
its sin and its woe;  
Seeking the lost ones,  
His mercy to show,  
Love led Him to Calvary.  
Seeing the soul  
in its infinite worth,  
Stooping, in love,  
to the lowliest birth,  
Seeking the lost  
in the by-ways of earth,  
Love led Him to Calvary.  
Longing, in pity,  
the lost ones to save,  
Braving the garden,  
the Cross and the Grave,  
Seeking this only,  
the sinful to save,  
Love led Him to Calvary.  
Love led Him to Calvary,  
Love led Him to Calvary;  
Seeking the lost,  
at the uttermost cost,  
Love led Him to Calvary.

And that, my people, is the plan of God in the redemption of sinners.



## WAITING

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led the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath." (John 5:1-9).

Sometimes in Scripture we find water is used in reference to the Word of God. "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Ephesians 5:26). For our purpose in this message, the Word is the water and the water is the Word.

### I. A Look at the Read Scripture:

#### A. "The sheep market" (John 5:2)

The sheep market here represents the world. We normally think of sheep as being always the saved, i.e., children of God, however the world is full of lost sheep who are yet to come to repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. These lost sheep will continue to be lost until they experience the healing waters of the Word of God. Simply stated they must hear the gospel message; the same to be used of the Holy Spirit to bring conviction of sin, resulting in repentance of sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation.

#### B. "A pool" (John 5:2)

The pool here represents the Word of God without a messenger. Healing cannot take place while the Word lies idle. The Word of God locked up, unpreached and unread will not bring healing. The water lying motionless has no healing value. The water, that is the Word must be put into motion for healing to take place.

#### C. "A great multitude of impotent folk" (John 5:3)

A world of lost sinners. The same is God's sheep market. The

lost sheep of God "waiting for the moving of the water." (John 5:3)

#### D. "An angel went down" (John 5:4)

A messenger coming down from God to put the water in motion. God reaching down to His lost sheep; bringing to them the water of spiritual healing.

#### E. "Troubled the water" (John 5:4)

The water was no longer idle. The water was no longer motionless. The water was put in motion by the messenger from God.

#### F. "A certain man... had an infirmity thirty and eight years" (John 5:5)

This man was in need of healing all of his life. We are born sinners and in need of the healing waters of God which flow from his Word. The water in motion could bring physical healing. The Word of God in motion can bring spiritual healing.

#### G. "Jesus saw him" (John 5:6)

It was Jesus who saw the man; not the man who saw Jesus. It was Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who came to seek and save his lost sheep.

#### H. "Wilt thou be made whole" (John 5:6)

The general call to salvation. This call goes out far and wide. We must put the Word in motion and God will use it to bring healing to whom he will.

#### I. "I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool" (John 5:7)

"There is no one who will or can help." I can't help myself. I'm in need of healing waters." This man was helpless. All of mankind is helpless and needs the healing waters of God. We as God's messengers can only trouble the water. We're to preach the gospel to every creature, then God will use the word in motion to bring spiritual healing to those who are his lost sheep.

#### J. "Jesus saith unto him, rise" (John 5:8)

The effectual call to salvation. Jesus speaks and those who were spiritually dead come alive. When Jesus speaks, something happens. When he commanded Lazarus to come out of the tomb, he did. Jesus is the giver of life and He uses the Word in motion to make it happen.

#### K. "Immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked" (John 5:9)

His healing was instantaneous. His healing was complete. This

man was healed; not apart from the Word but by the Word; the incarnate Word of God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1). "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14).

### II. The sheep market of the world, i.e., the unsaved elect of God are waiting for the moving of the water.

A. The water is to move on the individual.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:9).

B. The water is to move on and in the local church.

"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." (Ephesians 5:26)

C. Individual Christians and churches are made clean through the spoken Word.

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." (John 15:3).

The Word is not to lie idle, with the philosophy that God will save in some other way. We must trouble the water as God's messengers. We must put the water in motion and God will heal those whom He has chosen to heal. Please read Ezekiel 47:1-12. Notice how the water flows from the house of God and brings healing wherever it goes. May the Lord bless you that you and your church will see someone saved by the grace of God at the preaching of the simple gospel!

### He Healed Me

A few years ago a certain New York suburbanite received his sight at the hands of a brilliant oculist. After that, on his suburban train, this man watched daily for others who seemed to have trouble. He would go up to such a man and introduce himself and say, "If you have eye trouble, go to Dr. So-and-so. He healed me!"

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone who has been saved from sin would watch for the proper time and give testimony as to the power of the Great Physician?

And, by the way, this is probably the best approach in personal work - testimony. Argument gets us nowhere. The "decision" may go to the best arguer, and the loser in the argument may be made bitter in the process.

But your testimony is usually well received and may be effective.

## A Woman's Touch

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Being the wife of a Baptist pastor for the past nine years has been exciting, exhilarating, exasperating, and exhausting. All of this being said in good humor, does, I believe sum up the many emotions of the pastor's wife, her ups, her downs. One of the greatest blessings has been the privilege of having the time to study, right along side my husband. Because of this, the Lord allowed me to make a study of, and complete an unpublished manuscript on all the women of the Bible. This manuscript, which took five years to complete, began as a series of lessons, which I taught at a Bible study for women in a nursing home.

### The Sisters Of Our Lord

(Matt. 13:55-56; Mark 6:3)

These were the daughters of Mary and Joseph; they were the half sisters of the Lord. These women were not the daughters of Joseph, by a former marriage, nor were they Jesus' cousins, the daughters of Mary's sister. They were not the daughters of Joseph's brother. The false doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary comes into focus, as we read these many differing views concerning her daughters. After all, if Mary was the mother of these women, she could not have remained a virgin all of her life. Though many have tried hard to twist what God's Word says, the truth still shines through, in all of its glory. We can either accept it, or reject it. In the case of these women, one need not make them His cousins or mere near relations. We are told that Mary and Joseph did have other children, brothers and sisters of the Lord. We find, in Matthew 1:25, that Joseph "...knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn

son;..." The tiny word "till" tells us that Mary and Joseph did eventually know each other as man and wife, having normal married relations. The word "firstborn", in Matthew 1:25 and in Luke 2:7, tells us that there were other children born, to Mary and Joseph, after Jesus.

One cannot help but envy the relationship which these women had with the Lord, the privilege of being raised in the same home with Him. One wonders exactly what Mary and Joseph told their daughters concerning their brother. Were these women like their brothers (James, Joses, Juda, and Simon), unbelieving at first, then later, understanding and accepting who He was (John 7:5). Even greater than any physical relationship to the Lord, is the spiritual relationship one can only have through accepting Him as Lord and Saviour. Jesus Himself tells us who His real relations are (Matt. 12:48-50; Mark 3:33-35; Luke 8:21). It does not matter concerning the physical relationship of these daughters of Mary and Joseph to the Lord, that they were His half sisters, if they never accepted Him as the Son of God and their only hope for eternal life. One can only hope that they did.



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RENEWED  
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## GOD CARES FOR YOU

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**"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."** (I Pet. 5:7).

There are many discouraged, depressed people in our world that feel that no one cares. Yet, beloved, there is one that does care for you. God, the creative God of the universe cares for you. God does care for you. There are many people in our world today who really do not understand what a loving, caring, wonderful God that we do have. Pathetic, yes, but yet so very true.

God created all people and put us here upon the earth for His glory. Because Adam and Eve sinned, sin has passed upon all of us. We are all sinners. Beloved reader, we have all been alienated from God, but through our Lord Jesus Christ, we can be brought back into the right relationship with our heavenly Father. We believe that this is the message that the world needs to hear today, that God does care, and that He expresses it in so many ways.

FIRST: He gave His Son. God has proven His wonderful love and care in that He gave His Son, His only begotten Son. That, beloved, within itself, was one of the most gracious attestations of His great love. He gave the best gift that any one could, or would ever receive. **"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."** (I John 4:10). Beloved, God loves us in spite of our sins and He loved us before we ever loved Him. He made it possible for us to love Him. He has expressed his love to all people of the world.

Jesus, Himself said; **"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matt. 11:28-30). Notice that He said; "all ye." Anyone who is laboring under his sins and realizes it, anyone who needs help and comes to Jesus believing, and accepts Him as personal Saviour, relying upon Him, trusting Him, He will give rest. He will give peace, and, He will give joy. The Apostle Paul,

one of the greatest missionaries who ever lived, said; **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** (Rom. 10:13). Oh, yes my beloved readers, God does care for, and about your souls.

SECOND: He gave the Holy Spirit. He shows that He cares when He sends the protective covering of the Holy Spirit to dwell in the heart of every saved person. Everyone who truly accepts the Lord Jesus Christ by faith as their personal Saviour receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. Beloved reader, God lives with, and within His children. His children are never alone. They never have to fight the battles of life, the battles of this world by themselves. Jesus said; **"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."** (John 14:18). God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one. He is in three personalities. He manifests Himself to His children through the Holy Spirit who in turn helps us to understand His will for our lives, who guides us into all truths, and who comforts us and strengthens us here upon the earth before calling us home to ever be with Him. Paul tells us something that is encouraging to the believer; **"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."** (Rom. 8:15). Beloved, God does care, He cares enough to give His Holy Spirit to indwell and protect His children.

THIRD: He intercedes. When you get the feeling that you are all alone, with no one anywhere caring for you, if you are a child of God, you remember that He, the Holy Spirit of God intercedes before the Throne of Grace in your behalf. Beloved, God does care for you. **"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."** (Rom. 8:26). Wherever a child of God goes, the Holy Spirit goes, because He dwells within us at all times. We are sealed by His Holy Spirit. **"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."** (Eph. 4:30). We can never be lost again. We will never be alone again, for He indwells us until He

presents us faultless before His marvelous throne. Yes, beloved, God loves us, He does care for us. **"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."** (Heb. 4:15-16).

FOURTH: He provides for daily living. Not only does the blessed Holy Spirit of God live within us, but He lives there to help us in our daily needs. We, beloved, are never alone. The blessed Holy Spirit helps us to understand the will of God, and causes us to depend upon the power of God. **"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."** (II Pet. 1:3-4). So, beloved, God has provided ways whereby we are strengthened in this present world. When one is saved, he, or she, should immediately unite with a Bible believing New Testament Baptist Church where they can be properly taught the Word of God. The Word is food for our spiritual soul. The Word gives us strength to fight the battles that we daily have to confront. God's grace is sufficient for our every need, but God uses the Word to strengthen us, to encourage us and to lead us in the right direction day by day as we look to Him for guidance. Beloved, He does care for you.

FIFTH: He has gone to prepare a place for you. God cares for us not only on this earth, but He cares where we spend eternity. Those who die without Christ will spend eternity in a devil's hell, separated from God and all that is good. But God has manifested His love to His children and promised us a place of glory and beauty with everlasting happiness when we leave this earth. **"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and**

## A Letter to the Editor

My Dear Brother Helton,

Congratulations on your new position as Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and as Editor of The Baptist Examiner. I hope this letter finds you and the work there prospering. I'm sorry in delaying our submission of our new announcement. We just took Brother McPhun to the airport to return to Trinidad. He is the student who came here after seeing our first announcement in The Baptist Examiner.

We are now requiring all students to take an orientation class on "Intro to Sovereign Grace." The text is the Crawford-Alexander Debate. As you know that book was dedicated to John Gilpin, Sr. So every student becomes acquainted with him and The Baptist Examiner.

We are pleased to announce the start of Spring 94' at Landmark Baptist College. LBC has a simple goal, to teach men and women God's word in their preparation for service in His ministry.

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We prayerfully ask you to carry the message of our great ministry to your readers.

We thank you and ask God's blessing on your efforts on His behalf.

By God's Grace,  
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**prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."** (John 14:2-3). Yes, beloved, He has gone to prepare a place for us. He, I believe, will make His return very soon now. No one knows the actual date, but preparedness never hurt anyone, so, why not trust Him and live expecting His imminent return. What assurance this gives us as we live upon this earth so that we can know where we will spend eternity. The Apostle Paul foresaw this blessedness and was privileged to tell us about it in a very pleading way to those who would listen. **"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."** (II Cor. 5:1). Yes, dearly beloved, He has gone to prepare a place for us.

SIXTH: He will come for His own. The burdens are heavy upon this earth. The trials are many. The temptations are great, but

God still cares for you. Not only has he gone to prepare a place for you, but He is going to come back one of these days and receive His children unto Himself. Oh, what a day of rejoicing that will be. Jesus said; **"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."** (John 14:3). We notice yet another time when John was jubilant because of this great truth. **"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."** (I John 3:2). Beloved, don't give up! Don't quit! God does truly care for you. Remember, He does things His way! Not always pleasing to man, but in the end His management is always right. Repent of your sins and place your faith and trust fully in Him. He will come and make His abode within you. Yes, beloved, God cares for you!

**GOD BLESS YOU.**