

If men speak ill of you, live so that no one will believe them

"...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty"—2 Corinthians 3:17

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" -- Isaiah 8:20.

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AMERICA'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

By Ray Waugh, Sr.
(Now with the Lord)



America has the name of being "The land of the free and the home of the brave." Many of our young men who gave their lives climbing muddy hills for no purpose and some who have suffered almost endless inequity and agony may question the thought today. Nevertheless, multitudes of students regularly enter America's educational institutions with the idea that they will be able to go forth to serve God and to serve men faithfully, and well they might. Unfortunately, however, in the dark watches of their academic lives, some of these must come to the realization that America's educational system today is a lumbering monster which will work at precluding most of them ever being able to serve God or men freely, if they are honest with themselves and with others.

Even the most inane of these who decide to enter the educational field must realize to their sorrow that the immoral concept that "the end justifies the means" thesis completely permeates America's educational system or systems in this very hour. Because of the stereotyped patterns of the teachers whom they desire to please, the students themselves fall into stereotyped patterns that preclude individuality and creativity. Some of our esteemed educators may indulge themselves, facetiously, in the premise that there is FREEDOM TO LEARN. They know, nonetheless, that such an ideal must be accomplished apart from the educational system in America—not in it.

It is a tragedy beyond compare that many professors and teaching professionals stand before their classes and enunciate what they know to be untrue, falsehoods with which they disagree. Nevertheless, because of their greed and

their lack of conviction they proclaim the falsehoods before their students, and their students in turn, respond acceptably to that which they know to be lies. Sadly, they have been encouraged to suppose that this is the thing to do. Therefore, "the end justifies the means" philosophy that permeates this generation's teaching is established finally and ultimately for the coming generation as well.

We can know, also, that any student who refuses to fall in abject humility before the educational system's primary philosophy or who determines to break a generation's "wineskin" will be the butt of its wrath—not its hero. Without exception, whatever ad-

vances have come in education have come only at the price of someone bearing a given generation's hatred and stigma. Those who are involved in America's educational system may inquire at times, as Pilate of old, "What is truth?" but we can know that they will not be seeking it!

One whom some of us sometimes reference paid the price for truth on a cross, and each of His disciples suffered comparably in his own time. Later, it was rather fatal to counter the Ptolemaic scheme of things and those falsehoods that had become scholastic absolutes. Resultantly, men such as Galileo, Copernicus, Bruno, Luther, and Calvin paid a very high price to advance the cause of true learning and true education.

Some of the more alert students today who actually realize what is happening to them may suppose that they can go through the motions of intellectual enslavement until they can attain their professional stature, and that they, then, will be able to attack America's educational system more effectively. In the process of such en-

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A Sermon by Interim Pastor Jack C. Whitt

LET IT BE KNOWN!

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations". (Psalms 89:1). Borrowing the thoughts of the psalmist given in this verse, I have entitled my article, "Let it be known". Dear friend, whatsoever else we do not know, we must know Jesus. Not simply know

about him, we must know him personally, intimately and lovingly. We may live out our lives here on earth with but little education, with little knowledge of world history, the sciences, or mathematics. Our understanding of our government and of politics may be very limited. These things I mention are not bad, in fact, it is good to have

an education and to be knowledgeable on the subjects thus given. Yet what will it all profit in becoming a scholar, or a man or woman of high knowledge if in the end we lack the knowledge that we are all sinners in need of a Savior? The least educated, the most ignorant person in the world, is by far better

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MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

By Willard Willis



Read Exodus 3:1-14

"And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living; ye therefore do greatly err" (Mark 12:26, 27).

Moses Received A Call To Represent His Nation

Our young men, when called into the armed forces, are not called there for their own sakes, but for the sake of our nation. The same can be said of Moses. He was not sent to the backside of the desert for his own sake, but a representative of God's chosen people, Israel. This fact is pointed out in the following passage of scripture.

"And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them" (Exodus 2:25).

I'm convinced that some of the difficulties you and I encounter are related to the Lord's church rather than to our own self as one individual.

Moses Was Sent From The Palace To The Desert

One would think that Moses could have been more effective in the work assigned to him if he had remained as a high official in Egypt. He, after all, as a high official in Egypt, would have had communication lines with all the top brass in the nation. God, however, severed all those communication lines when He sent him to the backside

of the desert. This fact proves that which is written regarding God's thinking in the following passage of Scripture.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8).

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; And God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

The Egyptians Despised Shepherds

It was not only that Moses severed his communication lines with the officials of Egypt, but he, by his new occupation, fixed it so that he was despised by the Egyptians. This fact is confirmed by the following portion of Scripture:

"...for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians" (Gen. 46:34). The word "abomination", according to Webster, refers to "hatred, object of hatred; loathsomeness." We may say that Moses, if he had been striving for an Egyptian political office, would have received zero votes.

Moses, By His Action, Proved That He Was Trusting God

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his personal saviour than the most
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"Let it be known" to the world that
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of the world, that in Him alone lies
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Editor's Update

By Interim Pastor Jack C. Whitt

Greetings to you, our many readers, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is our glad privilege once again to bring you this month's edition of TBE. May I make a special acknowledgement and give greetings to our many readers in foreign lands. We have understanding that many of our friends in far away places use our paper to assist in furthering their knowledge and study of God's Word. We appreciate knowing this and hope our paper will continue to be a means of helping people understand Bible truth.

The Calvary Baptist Church has been busily occupied in many ways lately. We had been active in publicizing and preparing for the two day meeting at our church on July 11-12 having been host to "The Bluegrass Boys" on these dates. This singing and preaching group of four men proved to be a blessing to our church and I believe also to the several visiting churches and pastors in the area. We had good attendance on both nights with several first time visitors. Brother Bobby Lakes, a member of the group, could not be with us due to throat problems. His spot was filled by Brent Jones, Bob Jones' son, who did very well both singing and preaching. The other two members were Ronnie Wolfe and Carl Morton. Pray for Brother Lakes that his throat condition would soon get well.

Patricia Smith, our secretary and assistant to the editor of *The Baptist Examiner*, will be leaving our employment at the end of July. We all regret her leaving, but we wish her well. She is returning to Trinidad on mission work, believing that God is leading her to work with those people. Patricia (Trish) is a dedicated Christian young lady. Her exceptional quality work skills, attitude, and good work habits have contributed greatly in maintaining our standards of publishing a high quality Christian paper. So, Trish, you're going to be missed and awful hard to replace but we wish you all the best. God bless and keep you safe and encouraged as you enter into your new, exciting, and challenging service to Him. But remember, if things don't work out...well, come on back.

More Current Update.... Since Trish's departure, Kim Johnson has stepped in filling the vacated spot and catching on very well. Some of her work is with this edition.

We apologize for the most recent late mailing of TBE. The cause has been due to new postal requirements being implemented.

The Calvary Baptist Church continues to seek direction from God. We do so much appreciate each church and individual who support with your prayers. May God help us to pray more, to love more, to witness to the lost more, and to comfort one another as we wait upon Christ's return. Until next time, may God be with you all.

every true believer in Christ, is to use his or her mouth to tell the good news of Jesus Christ and the salvation which He provided for all who will believe. It is a shame when professed Christians never seek opportunity to speak of Jesus to family members, to neighbors or even strangers. Solomon, the writer of Proverbs, wrote: "The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: but the heart of the foolish doeth not so." (Prov. 15:7). What greater knowledge could we disperse than that of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world?

As Christians we are to "Let it be known" the consequences of ignoring God's Word and His command to repent of sins and be converted to Jesus Christ. Jesus, Himself, spoke these words: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:46-48).

Just as the disciples were wit-

nesses to the things Christ is speaking of, every true Christian is or should be a witness to the very same things. We have the very same truth, the very same gospel, the very same Holy Spirit dwelling within each of us. It is necessary at this point to understand that Jesus was speaking to His first church, the one He established upon Himself as recorded in Matt. 16:18. Every Christian that wants to serve God ought to be a member of one of His true churches. We read in (Eph. 3:21) "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Dear friend, we must "Let it be known" that a true church of Jesus Christ is one that has faithfully followed the doctrines of the written word of God down through the generations from Jesus Christ and His apostles until this present day. I do not mention this to provoke others who disagree. I believe there to be many saved people who do not agree on church doctrine and most surely will go to heaven. Our salvation is not based upon church membership, it is based upon Jesus Christ who shed His blood for our sins on the cross at Calvary, dying there, then rising from the grave, alive, justifying all who will believe He did just that for them personally. There are those who would add other conditions in becoming a Christian. Some would say you must be a member of their church, or you must keep certain ordinances of the church, you must be baptized. As a Baptist, I believe in church membership, in church ordinances which are, the Lord's Supper and baptism. But I do not believe either of such will save or have any part in salvation. And I came to this truth by studying the Bible. Salvation is a gift of God. It is not earned or worked after. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8,9)

I do not write these things to stir controversy or debate. My objective, in the main, is to arouse Christians to "walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called". (Eph. 4:1). We are called to glorify God with our lives (and life-styles).

As Christians, we are to "LET IT BE KNOWN" that we hold the banner of Christ high before a world that is about to face the judgment of God.

A CHILD-LIKE RESIGNATION TO GOD

Paul Jackson

"Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as A CHILD THAT IS WEANED OF HIS MOTHER: MY SOUL IS EVEN AS A WEANED CHILD" (Psalm 131:1-2).

Psalm 131 is a little song inscribed to answer the mocking of his wife Michal when he danced before the ark in a linen ephod, the common raiment of the priest, and not dressed in his kingly attire. The event which brought about this little song was penned by Samuel in his second book concerning the kings of Israel.

David had brought the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David because of the blessings he anticipated from the Lord. Samuel states, "And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod" (II Samuel 6:14). Upon David's return to his own household, his wife Michal found David's actions to be child-like and mocked him because of his behavior. "Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself (from kingly attire) to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said to Michal, It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father (Saul), and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel, therefore will I PLAY BEFORE THE LORD" (II Samuel 6:20-21).

This account brings to mind one of Christ's sayings: "Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein" (Mark 10:15). David's actions and Christ's words DO NOT mean that a child of God should remain in a child-like state of intelligence. A child of God should grow and mature in knowledge and grace. David's actions and Christ's words teach us that we should humble ourselves to God

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The Baptist Examiner *Bible Study Lesson*

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A Blessing in Disguise:

Part II

Genesis 27:41-46; 28:1-9

In our last study, Jacob obtained a favorable blessing from his father, Isaac, but Jacob received it through deception. Now, we will study some of the immediate consequences and responses from this family turmoil.

First, in Esau we see the spiralling descent that characterizes one nurturing a root of bitterness. "And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob" (v. 41). Esau's motive and expressed desire to murder his brother have been established; however, Esau recognizes that he presently lacks the opportunity. Apparently, Esau will not kill his own brother prior to Isaac's death.

Rebekah is alerted to Esau's plan and informs Jacob, "Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee" (v. 42). Thus, Rebekah gives the following instructions to her son Jacob: "...arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turns away...then I will send, and fetch thee from thence..." (v. 43-45).

Note that the time frame of several days, expressed by both Esau and Rebekah, suggests that the family believes that Isaac's death is imminent. Rebekah's belief that Esau would carry out his plan is expressed by her direction that Jacob should leave Beersheba for the land of her family. She also believes that Esau would seek to kill Jacob immediately following Isaac's death: "...why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?" (v. 45). This explains the urgency with which Rebekah acts.

After instructing Jacob, Rebekah goes to Isaac expressing a concern to him. "And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the

daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?" (v. 46). Rebekah's outcry is that if Jacob takes a daughter of Heth for a wife, then after Isaac's death Rebekah will have to endure the increased misery alone. The strong basis of reason for her argument can be seen from Genesis 27:45-46, which tells that Esau's Hittite wives "were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah." In the midst of the present conflict between her sons, Rebekah's outcry with a focus on her well-being seems to be an abrupt transition in focus. That is, until we see Isaac's reaction.

In response to Rebekah, Isaac calls Jacob and gives him several charges: "Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother" (28:1-2). By means of Rebekah's persuasive and reasonable argument, Jacob has now received an authoritative command from his father to conceal his planned escape. Esau is not likely to pursue Jacob or do anything to displease Isaac during what are believed to be his final days.

More importantly, we should examine the blessing that Isaac also bestows on Jacob, "And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people; And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham" (v. 3-4). In addition to repeating the blessing of prosperity that Isaac previously gave Jacob (27:28-29), Isaac specifically adds "the blessing of Abraham."

"And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban..." (v. 5). Esau observes how Isaac gave this charge and

this blessing to Jacob and that Jacob has departed for Padanaram. "And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael..." (v. 8-9). In what appears to be a vain effort to please his father and earn an additional, or better, blessing for himself, Esau adds a third wife to his household. She is a descendant of Ishmael and it is likely that she had one characteristic quality of interest to Esau: she was not a daughter of Canaan.

Heart Problems

In these last two studies, the events seem filled solely with examples of envy, deception, scheming, manipulation, and hypocrisy—all within the family of Isaac, the chosen seed of Abraham! It is no surprise that God always judges our actions according to the motivations of our hearts. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts" (Prov. 21:2). As we examine what has taken place, it should not be with an attitude of exalting ourselves through the shortcomings of others. Rather we should study in humility, giving thanks to God for His grace in limiting our opportunities to stumble.

Jacob has pretended to be someone that he is not in order to obtain a blessing. Rebekah has used clever schemes and persuasive arguments to accomplish her agenda. Esau has used emotional pleading and manipulative actions in attempts to receive blessings of prosperity from his father. Isaac initiated these activities when he asked Esau to prepare and bring him a meal of "savory meat," that he might eat and then give a blessing.

Looking deeper at some of the possible motivations behind the actions, principles emerge for how we must live our lives as believers.

Perhaps Rebekah was trying to ensure that the words spoken to
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SILENT RELIGION?

"Someone describing the Quakers said, 'They don't talk about their religion--they live it.' Oh, how foolish can we get? The things that are closest to our hearts are the things we talk about, and if God is close to your heart, you will talk about Him."

A.W. Tozer

DRINKING FROM A SAUCER

I never made a fortune.
It's probably too late now.
But it don't matter that much,
I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's journey
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from a saucer
'Cause my cup is overflowed.

Ain't got a lot of riches and
sometimes the goin's tough
But I got friends and kids that love me
And that makes me rich enough.
I just thank God for the mercies
and blessings He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from a saucer
'Cause my cup is overflowed.

Oh, I remember a time when
things went wrong
And my faith got a little bit thin,
But then all at once the dark clouds broke
And that ole sun peaked through again.
So, Lord, help me not to gripe
About the rough rows I've hoed.
I'm drinking from a saucer
'Cause my cup is overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage
When my way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessings.
I've already been blessed enough.
And may I never be too busy
To help others bear their load.
And I'll just keep drinking from a saucer
'Cause my cup is overflowed.

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit Forum

SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT TO:
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Is it possible for a man to lose the reward he has "legally" wrought? (II John 8).
Is this speaking of the Judgment Seat of Christ?

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I do believe that individual Christians will definitely be rewarded for their faithfulness to Jesus Christ. The reward cannot be said to be any part of our salvation. A true Christian will not lose salvation. Certainly salvation is not earned by man; it is wholly of God's grace! It is also true that no Christian can perform a work pleasing to God apart from this grace. Some do not believe in rewards because they cannot reconcile grace with the idea of meritorious obtaining of a reward. Grace is unchanging towards its objects. The "gifts and calling of God are without repentance." It is also true that every Christian will receive rewards because every true Christian will practice good works. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." (James 2:18) You cannot separate faith, works, and rewards. These three things are found in the life of every true saint of God! Now all Christians have the same faith but not all Christians have the same works as far as both quality and quantity. Jesus taught that some believers will produce one-hundred fold, some sixty-fold, and some thirty-fold. The reward is not necessarily matched to the quantity of our works. You can see this from some of the parables of Jesus. (The parable of the talents-Matthew 25) The reward is based upon faithfulness in the use of what we do for Christ. There are rewards we enjoy from the Lord in the present. Such a reward consists of the satisfac-

tion of pleasing him while we are on earth. God told Abram, "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." When David referred to keeping commandments of the Lord he said, "in keeping of them there is great reward." That is a reward we enjoy in the present. The reward is also something obtained at the Judgment Seat of Christ. It is something that the Christian will take into the kingdom of God when he is in a glorified state. "Knowing of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." Jesus also promised in His return to set up His kingdom: "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:12)

So now the question is this: Is there a legal precedence that such rewards once obtained cannot be lost? Once we have performed a work that earns such reward, can a bad act cause us to lose that reward already obtained? The answer to this question is simply this: The reward is not reckoned or given of the whole life. In fact, that is the very purpose of the Judgment Seat of Christ. If rewards were given or remanded after each individual work or failure, why would a judgment be necessary for Christians? Consider carefully the scripture in Revelation 11:18. "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou SHoulDEST GIVE REWARD UNTO THY SERVANTS THE PROPHETS, AND TO THE SAINTS, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." God is not giving rewards one minute and taking them away the next minute. He knows our works; He knows our hearts whether we glorify Him or not. The future judgment described above is simply the manifestation of what we have done all along. It is the culmination of our life lived for His glory or our lives lived for

ourselves. "Every man's work shall be manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." (1 Corinthians 3:13-15) Notice this revelation and rewarding of the work is in the future tense not the present tense. If we do a work for the glory of God and because we love the Lord, that work will be rewarded. If we do a work to be seen of men or to get man's approval, that work will be burned up. The Bible also informs us that it is possible for a Christian to be beguiled of rewards because of spiritual deception. "Let no man beguile {defraud of the prize of victory} you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels." (Colossians 2:18a) In other words, don't let anyone ruin your life and service for the Lord by allowing yourself to be led into error.

Now in consideration of 2 John 8, the apostle John addressed the local church here to continue to carefully guard the truth from false teachers and deceivers. I believe he is addressing the church as a whole. This seems to be the tenor of the context. He calls the church here "the elect lady"-Verse 1, "thy children"-Verse 4, "lady"-Verse 5. It appears that the chief thought in the epistle is "walking in the truth" as seen in Verse 4. So he did not want to see any of these saints led into deception. This in turn would retard their full potential as a church both now in the world and in the bride of Christ yet to be revealed. That is why he exhorts them to "Look to yourselves." They were to maintain a careful watch upon the Lord's church because of the deceivers who were seeking entrance. This is no doubt very applicable today. I could translate verse 8 in this fashion: "Look to your church, the the church does not lose

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The entirety of the book of second John may be summed up as "perseverance and faithfulness" to God. We notice in verse four of second John, the Apostle writes: "I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father." Other verses of this book encourage Christians to walk in love and in the commandments of Christ. The reason behind this kind of encouragement is to keep the Christian steadfast in his faith and service to God. Verse eight reads: "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." "Look to yourselves" gives the same meaning as to watch, be careful at what you do, stay faithful to the truth. We also can see from other verses, a warning to steer clear of false teachers and deceivers, which could lure some away from the truth. We may also see from verse eight the fact even though we have accomplished many good works in the past, it will be of little value to us if we become slothful, careless, idle in doing things which God has intrusted us to do. The Christian cannot expect to build up a reserve of good deeds then retire from serving God. It is the consistency in serving God from the day of our salvation to the very end of our lives here on earth that makes for a full reward. Likely many may receive a full reward who have been Christians for only a short time, yet have given greater service to Christ than many others who, though having been saved for many years, have made little progress and given little in time and talents to the cause of Christ's

kingdom. And yes, I believe the admonitions set forth in verse eight of second John can be applied to (2 Cor. 5:10): "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad".

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"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward" (II John 8).

This passage has to be speaking of the Judgment Seat of Christ since there is no such thing as gaining or losing rewards at the Great White Throne Judgment. Those who appear before God in that judgment have nothing to offer or receive but the final word "Depart from me, into everlasting fire" (Matt. 25:41).

Since we are not judged for our sins at the judgment seat, we are judged for our works as a child of God. Our text tells us that we can lose what we have wrought or gained. Our Lord told us (the church which is made up of members) "But that which ye have already hold fast till I come" (Rev. 2:25). Since salvation is not a reward but a gift, we cannot lose that. By the same token, heaven also is not a reward but a gift. We cannot lose that either.

It is obvious we have nothing to lay at Jesus' feet except rewards for what we do for Him here on earth. It is just as obvious that we must ever be on the alert ("look to yourselves") lest we lose what rewards we have to lay at Jesus' feet.

MOSES

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God, by the way of removing Moses from being a high ranking Egyptian official was teaching him the truth as it is set forth in the following passages of Scripture. "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth, for in these things I delight saith the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:23, 24).

The Wisdom Of This World Is Foolishness With God

The wisest person on earth has only consumed one thimble full of wisdom from God's ocean of wisdom. This fact is confirmed by the following passage of Scripture.

"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool (as was Moses), that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours" (1 Corinthians 4:18-21).

God, in delivering His chosen people from Egypt, left no opening for the glory of man's knowledge and wisdom. Every participant in Israel's deliverance from Egypt was compelled to say: "To God be the glory. Great things He hath done".

The Burning Bush

Moses, after refusing all the Egypt had to offer him, retreated to the backside of the desert. It was while he was on the backside of the desert that he observed one of the greatest wonders that ever occurred upon this earth. The wonder was that of a bush that burned and burned and burned, but was not consumed by the fire that burned it.

The burning bush related to Israel's great afflictions while under the heel of the Egyptians. The fact that the bush was not consumed by the fire, spoke of God's special preservation of His people while they were in Egypt. This fact is set forth in the following passage of Scripture.

"But the Lord hath taken you,

and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day" (Deuteronomy 4:20).

Israel Has Always Been Like Unto A Burning Bush

The entire history of Israel can certainly be compared to that of a burning bush—a burning bush that has not been consumed even though the fire has continued to blaze up within it. Hitler and numerous others have tried to destroy God's chosen people, but Israel is still a nation today. The reason that Israel has not been consumed is because God has been in the burning bush with her. The same can be said of the three Hebrew children when they were cast in to the fiery furnace—the fiery furnace which also speaks to us relative to Israel's victory over all her enemies.

We Also Serve The Same God Who Was In The Burning Bush

The following passage of Scripture points out that Israel was not consumed because God does not change.

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6).

It should be a great comfort to each of us that we serve the same God who has preserved His people, Israel. Our lives, in many ways, are also like unto burning bushes. Our God, however, is always with us and provides a means for our escape. This fact is pointed out in the following passage of Scripture.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38, 39).

The Lowly Thorn Bush

The fact that God appeared to Moses in a lowly thorn bush has much to say to us regarding the origin of Israel. This fact is set forth in the following passage of Scripture.

"And thou shalt speak and say before the Lord they God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a

nation, great, mighty and populous" (Deuteronomy 26:5)

The bush in which God appeared to Moses, was an humble and lowly one. It, in fact, possessed neither beauty or comeliness. It was in like manner that God made His appearance to lowly Israel. The same applies to each of us who have come to know our Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The Lord's Church Is A Burning Bush

Volumes have been written relative to the efforts the world has made in trying to consume the Lord's church. Our Lord's church, however, even though it has burned as did the burning bush, has not been consumed, because the Lord has preserved her. This, in fact, is the promise He made in the following passage of Scripture.

"And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18).

The Believer Is Like Unto A Burning Bush

Note from the following passages of Scripture how that the life of Paul was like unto the burning bush.

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you" (2 Corinthians 4:8-12).

Nothing Can Alter God's Purpose

The burning bush that burned and burned, yet was not consumed, shows without any question, that God's purpose can never be altered. This fact is set forth in the following passage of Scripture.

"In whom we also have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Ephesians 1:11).

"For to do so whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done" (Acts 4:28).

The Burning Bush A Type

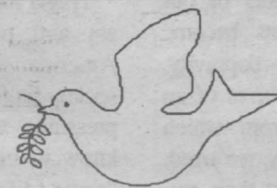
Of Jesus Becoming A Curse For Us

The word "senah" means, "thorny bush", and thorns are the lasting reminder of God's curse upon this earth. The fire, then, being in the thorny bush, speaks also of the fact that our Lord Jesus became a curse for us. He, however, as was true of the burning bush, was not consumed by the fires of God's wrath that were vent upon Him. The fire of God's wrath at Calvary engulfed Him, but He was not consumed by it. God, in fact, said regarding Him: "... I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people" (Psalms 89:19).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the root out of dry ground, did not perish as the result of the dry ground. Let us then rejoice because of the fact that we serve the risen Christ who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will...prosper. But if we and our posterity neglect the instructions and authority in this book, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overtake us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.

-Daniel Webster



THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

LET US CLEARLY DISCERN what is the essential role of the Spirit-filled life. For this, every child of God was created. For this, he hungers. For this, the Holy Ghost came at Pentecost and is in our world today. The glory of the Spirit-filled walk with God so completely satisfies and makes so completely available every resource for holy living and service that the desire for emphasis upon gifts and manifestations fades away in the light of the reality of the fulness of the Giver of all gifts.

The gifts of the Spirit are important and are given at the discretion of the Holy Spirit to those who live and give witness and serve in the power of the Spirit. But gifts do not permanently satisfy; only the fulness of God and the Holy Spirit eternally satisfies, as He sheds abroad in our hearts the love of Christ, and as He enthrones Christ within our lives.

-Wesley L. Duewel

It's nice to be important.
But it's more important
To be nice.

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EDUCATIONAL

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slavement, however, they fail to realize that once they become the slaves of "the end justifies the means" philosophy of America's educational system, they can never break the chains. Once "the ear is put up against the pole and punched," the hole will always be there. Once "the leg-irons that control their walk are accepted willingly," they never again will be able to walk freely and without a halting step. The marks of enslavement cannot naturally be erased.

Thus, instead of becoming precursors of a bright tomorrow, the "awled" and "chained" educators and students of our day are cursing the light of God's truth and praising the darknesses of Satan's incorrigible depravity. Having consciences that apparently have been "seared as with a hot iron," the educators of our day and their students become promoters of fleshly depravity. Too, as the helpless slaves of an educational system from which God has been forcibly removed, both the educators and their students become condoners of scholastic immorality beyond that known in any era of recorded human history. Not even the Communists ever dared, in their unbelief, to enforce the practicing of such immorality!

Without any fear of contradiction, we may say rather finally that there is no freedom to learn in America's educational system. Even more, it may be surmised without effective contradiction that the educators of America and their students really are preparing the way for "The New World Order" and the coming of "The Antichrist" who will one day appear as the ultimate emissary of "the father of lies" (see John 8:44) even Satan!

With such men and such women and such students in absolute control throughout America's educational system, it should not be surprising that our children, even at the tender ages of 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 years are being taught the finer techniques of nude exhibitionism, sexual foreplay and sexual-action positions, and really how to get into homosexuality and lesbianism by means of

lectures, texts, and films presented under the guise of "Sex Education."

It may be that some parents may on occasion arise in momentary opposition to the plight of their children who are becoming the slaves of America's educational system. Once in awhile, these parents may manifest a degree of momentary wrath against the editors of the pornographic publications that are deemed to be educational material, and well they might. Yet, in their duplicity, and in their purposed ignorance of what is happening in public education today, many of these parents who have been brought up in the same system doubtless are aware that they are but paving the way for another generation of adults who will demand their right to pornography and pornographic practices in all of their pernicious profaneness in all areas of living.

Tragic though it may be, teachers and professors throughout America are being forced by social, professional, and security pressures to accept what they know to be Satanic lies as their "way of life" and personal hypocrisy as a "heaven-sent" device of professional dedication and commitment. Needless to say, God spoke with purpose and with wisdom eternal when He declared, "The whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19) — literally, in the wicked one," even Satan!

Sadly, some of those in the educational milieu and some of those who are involved in the observation of the same claim to be the servants of and followers of the most High God. Nevertheless, these apparently give themselves — sometimes most heartily — to become the willing servants of Satan himself. Consequently, these deem it proper to force Satan's, "Yea, hath God said?" (Genesis 3:1) upon the youth of our land, or they willingly condone and applaud those who do!

"The poor," "the peons," "most of the people," and of course "the poorly educated" may never learn of this pervading immorality, and this dishonesty that parades as a guise for truth or searching for truth. We, nonetheless, can know that it has become a literal monster eating at the very heart of America's educational system. Therefore, though they may not intend to be in the service of Satan, they live as though they could

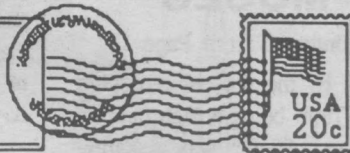
care less that there is a Satanic enslavement at all levels of America's educational system. As long as America's educators are adamantly opposed to the knowledge of the truth, just so long will America's educational system be the pawn in the enslavement practices of Satan who Jesus deemed to be "the father of lies"!

Thankfully, one in a distant day had a word that can become applicable in our day, "Righteousness exalteth nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). We can know, therefore, that America because of her evil, Satanic, obviously anti-God, and immoral educational system one day will stand in judgment before "The Lamb of God," even "The Prince of Peace."



**Happiness is
contagious.
Be a carrier.**

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

I have been receiving The Baptist Examiner since 1950...I sent in a donation back then on a project you had going with a promise of getting the paper for life. You have kept the promise faithfully...I have always enjoyed the paper very much...Keep up the good work for Christ our Lord, we need more and more these days. God bless you all.

Mary Locke
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Dear Editor,

I am pastor of Grace Baptist Church (Marion, Ohio) and had the occasion to read your good newspaper. I would very much appreciate it if you would put me on your mailing list. I know it would be a great blessing.

Pastor David Rush
Marion, OH

BURNING A HOUSE TO KILL A MOUSE

By C. H. Spurgeon

"If a man would fire a house to destroy the mice in it, we should think him to be fairly mad."

Yet those who consider themselves to be reasonable men will set a church in a blaze about the merest trifle. Meeting after meeting will be called, and angry discussions provoked, and holy work overturned about the smallest mistake of the preacher, or the minutest fault of a deacon. One would think that heaven itself was endangered, and yet it turns to be a question of infinitesimal importance. Societies which were doing great service have even been broken up by the crazy whimsies of good brethren, who made much ado about nothing, and did great harm in trying to do a little good.

But the mice are a nuisance! Of course they are, and we must buy a cat or set a trap, but we certainly shall not burn the house down when a simple means will accomplish our purpose. We aim at reformation, not at desolation. We see no wisdom in so perpetually improving a church or a good society that in the end it is improved from off the face of the earth. Religion has been thought to be sick, and fools have doctored it till they brought it to death's door by their poisons. Prudence is to be used, even when our object is worthiest of zeal; and never ought we to endanger a really good thing for the sake of making it a little better.

Lord, make me wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove, and if I am called to protest against error or sin, help me to do it in the spirit of my Lord.

A Woman's Touch

By Wendy Barkman



Herodian Women In The Bible (Part One)

Herod the Great and his family, though descendants of Esau (Idumea, Edom) according to the flesh, practiced the religion of Jacob's descendants (Israelites), that is they were Jews in their faith.

The prophet Obadiah warned the Edomites of coming judgment, because of their mistreatment of the Israelites. Joseph and Mary, with the child Jesus, fled from the wrath of Herod the Great. John the Baptist was put in prison and murdered because of Herod's family. Paul preached to unsympathetic members of this family. And so we are reminded of the strife between the brothers Esau and Jacob. With this little bit of background, let us begin our study of four female members of the Herodian family.

Bernice (Berenice) (Acts 25:13, 23, 26:30)

Bernice and her brother Agrippa heard Paul speak on his own behalf, at his trial. After hearing Paul's stirring words

concerning the hope of the resurrection, his own conversion, repentance, and the resurrection of Christ, her brother was "almost persuaded". Bernice herself must have been touched, even if it was only a little pricking of the heart. God's Word tells us very little about this woman. Most of what we know comes from history (Josephus) and tradition. The following are some of the things which have been written and said about this woman: She was the daughter of Herod Agrippa I (the Great) and Cypros. Her parents were both grandchildren of Herod the Great, each through a different wife of Herod the Great, making Bernice a great granddaughter of Herod the Great. She was the older sister of Drusilla, who we read about in Acts 24:24. According to history, Drusilla was a very beautiful woman, and Bernice was jealous of her sister's beauty. Bernice had another sister, Mariamne, and two brothers, Agrippa II and Drusus. She married a man named Marcus. After her marriage to Marcus, which left her a widow, Bernice



married her uncle, Herod of Chalcis. She had two sons by her uncle, Berniceanus (Bernicianus) and Hyrcanus. He also died, leaving Bernice a widow for the second time. It was rumored that she was having incestuous relation with her brother, Agrippa II. She married Polemon II (Ptolemy, king of Cilicia), trying to prove that these rumors, concerning her relationship with her brother, were wrong. This union did not last long. Bernice left this third husband, forsaking both her marriage and the Jewish faith. She went back to her brother, Agrippa II. She later became the mistress of Vespasian, and then of his son Titus, who let her go. In A.D. 66, along with her brother Agrippa II, Bernice confronted Gessius Florus, in a noble attempt to end Florus' mistreatment of the Jews. This was, however, a vain effort. Florus continued his mistreatment of the Jews. How vain those lives, which are not lived for the Lord. If only her brother had

been persuaded. If only Bernice, in all of her "pomp" had paid attention to the pricking of her heart.

Drusilla (Acts 24:24)

This wife of Felix, the Roman governor of Judea, was called "a Jewess", because she practiced the Jewish faith. It is for this reason that many believe that it was Drusilla who talked her husband Felix into hearing Paul. She was probably curious to hear what Paul had to say about Jesus being the Messiah. She heard Paul speak "concerning the faith in Christ". Paul also spoke of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. Felix, "trembled", when he heard Paul speak concerning these matters, but sent Paul away, because the time was not right. What about Drusilla? What about her curiosity? Was that the only thing satisfied that day? Again, most of what we know concerning this woman comes from history (Josephus) and tradition. Being the younger sister of Bernice, we already know that Drusilla was a great granddaughter of Herod the Great. Don't forget uncle Herod Antipas and aunt Herodias, the cruel beheading of John the Baptist! Having already examined Drusilla's family background, in our discussion on Bernice, let us look at some facts which are particular to Drusilla. One authority claims that she was

born in AD 38, her father naming her after the deceased 22 year old sister of Caligula, emperor of Rome. Drusilla's father had betrothed her to Antiochus Epiphanes, prince of Commagene, but the marriage never took place, because Antiochus Epiphanes would not convert to the Jewish faith and become circumcised. At the age of about fifteen, her brother gave her, in marriage, to Azizus, king of Emesa (approx. AD 53). Azizus converted to the Jewish faith and was circumcised. She was seduced by a Cypriot magician Atomus (Simon a Jewish necromancer, Simon the magician [not the same mentioned in Acts]). He had been hired by Felix to seduce her away from her husband. She became the third wife of Felix and moved to Caesarea with him. Drusilla bore Felix one son, Agrippa. History tells us that this son died early during the great eruption of Mount Vesuvius (August 24, AD 79). Tradition has it that Drusilla also perished, with her son, on that day. Approximately twenty years had passed since she had heard Paul speak "concerning the faith in Christ". If only Felix had found the right time (II Cor. 6:2). If only Drusilla could have left, that day, with more than her curiosity satisfied.

I must have the hands of Martha:
Hands that scrub and cook and sew-
I can have the heart of Mary
While I do these things, you know;
Though my hands are in the dishpan,
This soul of mine can soar
And in thoughts sublime and lofty
Go right up to heaven's door.

I must cook, oh endless dinners,
For dear ones have to eat;
But my soul need not be cooking-
It can sit at Jesus' feet!
Help me, God, while doing duties
Against which my soul rebels,
Meekly still to peel potatoes,
But not to grovel in the shells.

Grant me, God, 'mid things prosaic,
Ere to choose the better part;
Grant that while I must be a "Martha,"
I can have a "Mary" heart.

-author unknown

THE SECRET PLACE

Abiding under the shadow of Almighty God,
Forever trusting only His grace;
Keeping His Word hidden deep within,
We'll dwell in the Secret Place.

Defending us from the trapper of birds,
He keeps us under sheltering wings;
Releasing us only when the fowler is gone,
To mount up on eagle wings.



Nothing is allowed that would
cause real harm.

He guides us throughout
all our days.

Glorify Him with a song-
filled heart

He is worthy of all our praise!

-Amy Woolf Garner

CHILD-LIKE

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in a child-like resignation. Like Michal, immature Christians will mock those who resign themselves to a child-like appreciation of God and His love for them.

The things God has done and revealed for His elect children will humble them down to action attributed to children. How can one who has experienced the grace of God in electing, predestinating, calling and keeping help but privately humble himself before God as one of His little children? Our prayer closets become dens of praise to our great God of grace.

This is not to be mistaken for congregational confusion we see on television among the charismatics, but it is a child-like humbleness to God.

The Bible says, "For he resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble".

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BIBLE STUDY

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her by the Lord so many years before would be fulfilled: "And the Lord said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger" (Gen. 25:23). Her objective becomes ignoble if it represents unbelief in the sovereign power of God to accomplish His purposes. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

If one were to ask Esau why he deserved his father's blessing, could he not respond, "Well, I can hunt and prepare tasty venison that my father loves, I've never killed anyone, and I have married a wife who is not a Canaanite." Do we not detect the hollowness of such a statement based on outward appearance that ignores the reality of his heart. "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matt. 15:19). How unpleasant and worthless must the sacrifices, good works, and offerings be that we bring before the Lord while maintaining a proud and rebellious heart (see I Sam. 15:22; Psa. 51:16-17; Jer. 6:18-21). We fail to worship God in spirit and in truth when we believe that we can manipulate God to obtain His blessings (see Prov. 21:27).

Faith is the Victory

One may be tempted to ask the question, "Where is the glory of God in all of this?" The answer can be found in chapter 11 of Hebrews: "By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come" (Heb. 11:20). Isaac acted in faith with regard to the content of the blessings given to his two sons. We should note that this was the lone example taken from the life of Isaac to demonstrate his faith in action. Perhaps acts of faith shine brightest when surrounded by the contrasting darkness from acts of apparent unbelief.

Thus, we see the fundamental principle to govern the life of a

believer: "Now the just shall live by faith..." (Heb. 10:38). Not only does our faith in Christ correspond with our spiritual birth to new life, it defines how we daily must live: "For we walk by faith not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7). The life of a believer should be characterized through acts of obedience performed in faith. This faith is not without an object or foundation. It is always defined by trusting God—that He is who He is and that His words and promises can be trusted.

This principle especially applies to how we act and react with the people and situations that surround us in our everyday living. We will face various crises, needs, and dilemmas as a normal part of our lives. The temptation to use manipulative techniques, such as those identified in this study, to provide a prompt and outwardly successful resolution to conflicts will often exist. Yielding to this temptation demonstrates acting in unbelief, not faith, and applies even to situations where one desires a godly end.

For example, it is not by means of clever words, persuasive speech, or emotional pleading that brings a sinner to new life in Christ. It is by the simple gospel truth of Christ crucified—explained in words, demonstrated in lives, revealed in the working of the Holy Spirit—that causes a sinner to stumble over his or her self-righteousness that he or she may be raised to newness in Christ (see Rom. 9:32-33; I Cor. 1:23, 2:1-5).

How we react to others must also be done in faith. Except for that which is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, we cannot know all of the details and motivations concerning the situations we encounter. Words and actions can be used to sincerely minister to needs of others, or can be used to flatter, manipulate, or win the favor of the recipient. We should be neither naive nor cynical but aware of this reality. All of our reactions and responses should be in loving obedience toward God, trusting Him with the results. This emphasizes the need that we have to know God's Word that we might know His will.

The challenge before us as maturing believers is that we live our lives in obedience to God in faith through His grace. As consistently shown in the previous studies through Genesis, when the actions of God's people proceed from their sincere trust in

God, His glory is majestically revealed as His purposes are accomplished. When the challenge seems to get the best of us and we recognize our faithless actions, how precious is the cry: "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mk. 9:24).

IS THIS YOU?

Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, and Pete Anybody, and Joe Nobody were neighbors, and they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame. All four belonged to the same church, but you could not have enjoyed worshipping with them.

EVERYBODY went fishing on Sunday, or stayed home with friends. ANYBODY wanted to worship, but was afraid SOMEBODY would not speak to him, so NOBODY went to church. eally, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four, NOBODY did the visitation; NOBODY worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday School teacher; EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do it; and SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY would teach. Guess who finally did it? That's right... NOBODY!

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ground, but that it receives a full reward." (Joyful entrance into the bride of Christ) Losing rewards is wasting our lives only on the things of this world when we could

be using our lives for the Kingdom of God. God saved us to serve Him on earth. If we are not serving the Lord, we are losing precious ground! One day we will be sorry that we did not yield ourselves in greater measure to our Master. May God help us to yield our all to Him!

HE KNOWS!

He knows it all - the winding path,
The sky o'ercast and grey,
The steepness of the mountainside,
The roughness of the way;

He knows it all - the haunting fear,
The doubtings that distress,
The wond'rings and perplexities,
And all the strain and stress.

He knows it all - each troubled thought,
Each anxious wave of care,
And every burden, every grief,
Or cross that thou dost bear;

He knows it all - thy weight of woe,
Thine often tear-dimmed eye,
The stabbing pain, the slow, dull ache,
And sorrow's broken cry.

He knows it all - be His to choose,
And thine to take His choice!
He knows it all! He planned it so!
Then trust Him, and rejoice!

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