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Preface

Pastor Rice is a USAF retired systems engineer turned Baptist Preacher who brings a fresh practical and Biblical look at what the Bible says. Weekly messages preached at Good Samaritan Baptist Church are condensed into



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*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Colossians 3:16

Msg #2001 All Things, and Divine Substitution

What The Bible Says

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At the end of the day the mariners with Jonah knew two things for certain, there was a LORD God who created all things, and salvation from his wrath came from a sacrifice of one. Would that a few U.S. congressmen knew that much these days. When studying or preaching through the book of Jonah few focus on the converted mariners. This concocted teachable moment is nothing less than God fulfilling Romans 8:28 nine centuries before he had it written down. *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purposes”* (Romans 8:28). This is in Jonah's pre-great-fish experience, he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD and the great wind and tempest breaking up the boat was part of the “all things” that were working together for his good. The mariners with Jonah were tangled into God's workings and look at the good that came their way. They learned of the LORD God of heaven, which made the sea and the dry land (Jonah 1:9). They learned that he deals with those who would try and flee from his presence (1:10). They learned that sacrificing one would save them all (1:12). The result was, *“Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows”* (1:16).

Two lessons for us here, first when we quote Romans 8:28, remember Jonah. Don't rationalize away the “all things” when they are meant for chastisement! When that is so, repent. Second, we serve such an almighty God, who has so many “all things” at his disposal, that folks around us learn through our trials, even our chastisement. Remember Jonah. Remember his mariners. Remember Romans 8:28 fits into 2020 like a glove.

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Msg #2002 Fish or Whale? Jonah or Jesus?

What The Bible Says

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If all you see in Jonah chapter two is a description of a man in a fish's belly, I would like to introduce you to our Lord Jesus Christ who tasted death so you don't have to. So to if you scoff that Jesus called it a whale and Jonah a fish (Matt 12:40, Jonah 2:1). Likewise when you suppose the “belly of hell” is too harsh for Jonah's figurative poetry. All believers should kick over the seat of the scornful and take a fresh new read of Jonah chapter two. It portrays a three day journey that the King of glory took in your stead. It is where the King of righteousness went so you do not have to. It is where the Sun of righteousness went after saying “Why hast thou forsaken me!”

When Jesus died his soul went to hell (Acts2:27, Psalm16:10), his spirit went to the Father (Luke23:46), and his body went to the tomb (Mark15:46)¹. Jesus said that the Son of Man's three days and three nights in the heart of the earth would be as Jonah's time in the whale's belly (Matt12:40). Consequently Jonah chapter two is more about Jesus than Jonah, and is all the more precious from that perspective. Notice his plight, recite his prayer, and capture the premise, the Holy One would not see corruption (Psalm49:9, Acts2:31,13:35, Jonah2:6). Peter preached it “...Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death.” Paul too, “... But he whom God raised again, saw no corruption. Be it known therefore men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things” (Acts2:24-27,13:37-39). “And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (John11:26)

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1 If you have a KJB Nicodemus helped with Jesus' burial and brought 100 lbs. of myrrh and aloes (John 19:39); but ecumenical modernist translators sold off 25 lbs of those spices to pay for their copyright registration!

Msg #2003 Repentance – Nineveh Did It

What The Bible Says

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The book of Jonah is not really about Jonah as much as it is about salvation coming to Gentiles. It begs the study of Nineveh (from roots in Nimrod to destruction in Nahum), chapter one's conversion of mariners, chapter two's death burial and resurrection of Christ, and chapter three's repentance and conversion of an exceeding great city; these all point to that theme. It is not till you come to chapter four that you find a case study of the preacher, Jonah, a Jew who didn't really want Gentiles converted!... same theme! Jonah 3 curiously reveals repentance of man and repentance of God. Today repentance naysayers rise up to pollute what God has made clear. They boast that John 3:16 includes no repentance nor Lordship of Christ. But look what the Gentiles of Nineveh did, "*Let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands*" (Jonah 3:8). Bible conversion is a two headed coin. Paul "*Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks*" clarifies it concisely as "*repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Acts 20:21). Believers are reprimanded for not knowing seven doctrines and the second one is "*repentance from dead works*" (Heb 6:1). Jesus repeated it twice, "*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3,5).

Calvinists suppose that God cannot repent or change what you have in store, but Ninevehites said, "*Who can tell if God will turn and repent,... and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not*" (Jonah 3:9-10). Praise the Lord, he changes things when we repent.

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Msg #2004 Nineveh Repents, Jonah Distraught

What The Bible Says

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If Jonah is more about Gentiles receiving salvation than it is about Jonah and the whale, as previously alleged, then Jonah's attitude toward Nineveh's salvation is a portrait of the Jews attitude toward Gentile salvation. Look how well it fits. Israel was to be a testimony to the whole world, a testimony of God's goodness. Instead they fled from the presence of God, Even so God used their flight to teach Gentiles about his mercy; quite like the mariners learned that by the sacrifice of one Jew, all could be saved from the wrath of God. Jonah's three days and three nights in the belly of the whale teach about Jesus in the belly of hell, and the repentance of the exceeding great city previews Gentiles coming to salvation.

Chapter four depicts the LORD God's tender care and correction of the distraught prophet, and then the book of Jonah very abruptly ends. When good literature (God's is the best in the world) ends with no conclusion, the story is suspended and not yet complete. That fits Jonah; God was not done with Gentiles or with Israel. Salvation came to the Gentiles, Pharisees and Sadducees were distraught that God would save the heathens, and they did persecute the church. As he did Jonah, God tenderly deals with Israel's error.

Roman Catholics and Protestant catholics swelled with Gentile ego and taught that all God's promises to Israel are forfeited to the Gentile catholic church (Replacement Theology, and Covenant Theology) and that God is all done with Israel. Not so. God will restore Israel and his chosen nation will be with him in the Kingdom age when Christ sits on the throne of David in the city of Jerusalem. Believers need to be on guard against this leaven in Protestant and Reformed theology.

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Msg #2005 Football, State of Union, Socialism

What The Bible Says

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This week is full up. Football mania completely overtakes the Lord's Day, the State of the Union holds an hour of hope for conservatives who desire God's "old-paths" for America, and the impeachment vote rallies socialists who would overturn the "old-ways" and usher in a full socialist agenda. Christians have little cause for optimism. President Trump's resounding successes in "Making America Great Again" cannot outcry the liberal lefts media megaphone yelling, "Throw the bum out." Al Gore supposed in 2009 that by 2020 Washington DC would be underwater, and now the swamp drains are all clogged up with the depravity of man. The Bible announces, and history proves, that it always ends this way. The CNNs of the earth set themselves, and the MS-NBCs take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed (Messiah) saying, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." Christians from Chuckie Schumer's state, and maybe Shifty Shift's state, can remind others what the next verse in that Psalm says, but even we are appalled at how readily this liberal socialist depravity sweeps across all of America. By their poll, half of America, the citiot half, prefers socialism! Christians are on the winning side, but there are some very dark Marxist days coming to America!

Jeremiah the prophet conveys God's plea to Israel and Judah that they turn back from their evil rebellion (600 B.C.). They refuse, and finally God declares, "Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them" (Jer 11:11). God has blessed America, and this is what she returns! (2020 A.D.) God help us.

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Msg #2006 Be My Valentine

What The Bible Says

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“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Eph 5:25). God uses the most intimate and unifying of human relationships, the marriage union, to portray the creature-Creator relationship that God designed humans for. Soul mates, friends for life, faithful till death, trusted and true, BFF can apply to both our walk with God and our walk with our spouse.

At the early dawning of spring in the northern hemisphere humans devised the query, “Will you be my Valentine?” Those successful in the quest know the depth of intimacy and height of unity that God is expecting from man. So too we know the fragile nature of such intimacy and the evil pain brought in with every ounce of selfishness.

An ever so tiny sliver under the skin festers with increasing pain and infection until the wound is opened and the foreign intrusion removed. Each touch on the sliver causes shooting pain, but its removal causes immediate relief, and begins long term healing. Use this Valentines Day to marvel that someone, all those years ago, said “Yes.” Mend and maintain the fragile nature of such a blessing. Candy don't hurt, flowers always help. And no matter your status this February 14th, remember you have an almighty Creator, our Lord Jesus Christ, who yet poses that question to every soul. First and foremost mend your relationship with him. *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me”* (Rev. 3:20).

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Msg #2007 A Hi-Fi Marriage

What The Bible Says

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Biblical marriage was intended by the LORD God to give man a taste of paradise here on earth. Not following his imperatives however, can leave quite a different taste, as many will attest. Few born in this century know what a Hi-Fi was in the last, but it was tagged to a device that had a high-fidelity reproduction of recorded music, i.e. an output that was faithful to its input. If a marriage and home is to leave the right taste in the mouth it must be a Hi-Fi marriage with careful faithfulness to God's input. Crucial for this fidelity are husbands and wives “submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God” (Eph 5:21). Much has been said about wives submitting, so focus for a moment on the husbands role. Submission is surrendering your life to the needs of another, and thus “Husbands love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it” (Eph 5:25), is a crucial imperative. Christ gave himself for the church. Christ promised “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb 13:5), and “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matt 28:20). Christ meets every need, physical, emotional, and spiritual. And Christ is TRUTH and leads his church into spiritual truth. Further he “hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Eph 1:3) Husbands should focus less on wives submitting and more on loving them as Christ loved the church. A husband has his plate plenty full just doing those four things for his wife. Give your life for her, never forsake her, meet all her needs, and provide her spiritual leadership with all spiritual blessings. Happy Valentines Day.

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Msg #2008 Building on the Rock?

What The Bible Says

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At the 29th annual Youth Ablaze conference (cbbckjv.com) Pastor Eddie Wyatt taught us that, in its proper context, the closing of Matthew 7 is not about building a house on a rock at all. It is not about building our lives on the Solid Rock, nor about digging down to find a sure foundation. That is pretty much all the applications we have heard preached out of this text and in general they have been good applications for the parable. None of them, however, capture the context of Jesus' message. Jesus had just finished preaching three chapters of our Bible called the Sermon on the Mount: profound and authoritative preaching, for three chapters! The accurate and obvious context of his wise-man – foolish-man illustration is plainly stated in verses 24 and 26: “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken unto a wise man... And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man....”

While Jesus preached for three chapters there was a whole row of stiff-necked people with their arms crossed. Another group over there, under that tree, had iPhones and heard nothing he said. Some impatiently tapped on their watches. Others were looking off with lofty eyes. Teens were passing notes in the back.

In the next opportunity to hear Bible preaching how will you respond? That is Jesus' point! Will you be a “Doer of the Word?” It has been said if you want a new preacher, just pray for the one you have! Do you? Arrive at church well prepared for Bible preaching. Purpose that you are going to be a doer of the Word. And be sure it is accurate authorized KJV preaching. God only has one Holy Bible.

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Msg #2009 He That Winneth Souls

What The Bible Says

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God gave Ezekiel a very pointed lesson about a watchman who had blood on his hands because he failed to sound an alarm when trouble was coming (Ezek33). *“So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.... If thou doest not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand”* (33:7-8). In Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts Christians have a commission to preach the gospel to every creature. Every Christian has a personal testimony of the day that they got saved-born-again-converted to Christ. You can tell someone what happened that day, what you did, and what he did. Then quote John3:16-18 and 36. Throw in 5:24 and the verses of the Romans Road to Heaven (3:10,23, 5:8,12,18-19, 6:23, 10:9-10,13) and you could be the one spoken of in Daniel 12:3, *“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”* or Proverbs11:30 *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he that winneth souls is wise.”* or Psalm126:6, *“He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”* Why? *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;...Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;... For the love of Christ constraineth us...”* (2Cor5:10,11,14). Don't just sit there, get some 3x5 cards and get memorizing. And remember it is not your persuasion, it is his quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword Scriptures that change lives.

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Msg #2010 Acts 2020 With 2020 Vision

What The Bible Says

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Baptist churches with sensible themes for 2020 will obviously include something about vision and will practically include Acts 20:20. We could use such a theme to enliven our old fashion, dying out, door-to-door soul-winning efforts. In Daniel 11 the Bible says that saints left in the perils of the last days “shall be strong, and do exploits, ... and instruct many” (Dan 11:32-33). Those few who understand the premillennial return of Christ and pretribulation rapture of the church know that this section of scripture is speaking of the tribulation saints, not church saints, but we can find excellent application to our days in this Laodicean church age. In 2020, almost unbelievably, we are only one vote away from socialism/communism in America. Keep your Bible open to those verses and understand that in any communist system “those that do know their God... some of them of understanding shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days” (11:35). The saints that do know their God, and understand, dare not be wringing their hands and fretting about how bad things are getting. Nor should we who have Daniel 11 in our King James Bible expect that any meager efforts on our part will change the depraved course of human government. What should we do? The application is clear. We should take Acts 20:20 start going door-to-door, and house-to-house (again) to “be strong, and do exploits, ... and instruct many.” It just aint going to get done by effeminate evangelicals waving their NIVs² n ESVs³ inside their apostate churches. So let's have a few Baptists who will quit whining, pull up their big-boy pants, and do some 2020 house-to-house exploits in their door-to-door soul-winning weekly visitation and bus-route programs. Praise the Lord and get cracken!

An Essay for week #10 Mar 8, 2020

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Msg #2010b A Capitol Connection

What The Bible Says

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An “Awake America” effort has an exceptional spearhead called “Capitol Connection” wherein independent Baptist pastors are encouraged to make a connection to their government representatives. Three building blocks of good society are Christlike homes, in Biblical churches, upholding a righteous government. In 2020 America is sorely lacking in all three, but foundations that have the first two need to start reaching into that third layer. If our society is going to remain viable, and see America great again, Christians need to strongly impact our government officials. Pastor Mike Creed's extraordinary effort to get an impactful prayer warrior, a gospel witness, a sincere Baptist pastor's heart, a Holy Ghost presence of God, into every representative's office in DC (yeah in every State Capitol as well) is powerful, and needs independent Baptist pastor's involvement. A pastor having a meek and quiet word of prayer with a representative or their staff, addressing their needs, their salvation, and their dependence on wisdom from the LORD God in these troublous times, is far more effective than any rant about how bad things are. That, in brief, is what Capitol Connection is about. They are your local, state, and federal representatives, they want to meet and hear from their constituents, an in-person meeting beats any email or phone call, and showing up just to let them know you are their prayer warrior is powerful. God will amaze with the results of this interaction. Thank you Pastor Creed for an exceptional conference, lets all make inroads into all our government representative's offices, and keep their doors open to constituents who are also compassionate Baptist pastors. NYS had five pastors visiting their DC representatives this week, and, thanks to gallant efforts and organization of Pastor Tim Young, all 29 NYS Congressmen received visits and presentations. PTL

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Msg #2011 Stewardship 101

What The Bible Says

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“The kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.... to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey” (Matthew 25:14,15). When first attending OSU I was enrolled in PSYC101 and several other 101 courses. The “101” stood for a first year progression in the sequence. That is as far as I got in PSYC... and many other university disciplines; my focus was on engineering. A Christian's focus needs to be on stewardship and Matthew 25 is like STWD101 in Christianity. In scripture the five, two, and one talents are money, but represent a resource given to God's servant. Be careful what you regard as this resource; it is not actual money, this is a parable. It is not a “talent”, like the ability to play the piano or trumpet, as might be errantly taught. To survive, a redneck needs only two teeth that meet (to chew his food), and two brain cells close together (to think his thoughts). The resource could be mental acuity. But if one does not invest and use their talent(s) they are cast into outer darkness! This is pretty serious, so the best fit is that the talent is a knowledge of God. Five talents representing sixty-six books of the Bible, two talents, twenty-seven books of the New Testament and the one talent given represents only the few truths embedded into every human wherein those that bury that resource are “without excuse” (Romans 1:20). Now it fits scripture, “cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness...” (Matthew 25:30). If you are reading this you have five talents i.e. those sixty-six books in your lap. Focus then, on being a wise steward, that is STWD101 for all mankind.

An Essay for week #11 Mar 15, 2020

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Msg #2012 Christian Stewardship 202

What The Bible Says

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“And he said unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods” (Luke 16:1). There are three stewardship parables that Jesus taught from. The Matthew 25 parable of the talents shows the responsibility for all of mankind, the Luke 16 parable of the unjust steward shows the reasonable sacrifice for the children of liight, and the Luke 19 parable of the ten pounds shows the result of “We will not have this man to reign over us” (19:14). (The Luke 20:9-18 parable of the planted vine yard was aimed at the Pharisees and elders of Israel.) The unjust steward parable, aimed at disciples, is powerful and Jesus drives home the point with, “the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light” (16:8b). He then charges his disciples to use everything thy own for his eternal purposes. “Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (vr. 13b), so use your mammon to build your “everlasting habitation” (vr. 9).

This should find such application in a Christian's life that we lay hands on every single possession and ask, “How can I use this to add someone t the kingdom of heaven? How can I use my car, truck, and van? How can I use my house, cottage or apartment to further the kingdom? How can I use my bass boat?... Whoa now, let's be careful how far we take this... no, let's not! Let's pay attention t the rebuke in Jesus' parable and be wiser than the world, learning to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and strength.... Let's suppose that includes all our possessions... our mammon. And let's be faithful stewards.

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Msg #2013 Christian Stewardship 303

What The Bible Says

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Of the three stewardship parables Jesus taught us, the parable of the ten pounds from Luke 19 has a curious sidebar. This parable differs significantly from the parable of the talents given in Matthew 25. The talents were given to servants “*according to their several ability.*” The pounds were given one per servant. The wicked servant with buried talent was cast into outer darkness. The one who wasted his pound suffered loss but not destruction. In the talent parable a servant was not necessarily a saved man, but in the ten pound parable a servant was a disciple who could not lose his eternal life. The purpose of this ten pound parable is explained, “*because he was nigh unto Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear*” (19:11). It followed Zacchaeus' salvation and Luke 19:10's clarity. The talent parable was Olivet Discourse material for all, this was for disciples about when their King would return. Therein, of the citizens that hated him and said, “*We will not have this man to reign over us*” (19:14), the returning King said “*bring (them) hither, and slay them before me*” (19:27). Note that when Israel's first king ascended to the throne, such citizens were spared (1Sam 11:12-13), but here they were slain outright. Back then it says, “*for today the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel*” (1Sam 11:13), but at the return of Christ as King, the day of salvation is past, all those who hate him are slain and cast into outer darkness. Christians need to be a witness as Paul said, “*Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...*” (2Cor5:11), because “*Jesus Christ hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation*” (vr.18). In trying days, stewards need to be about the Father's business.

An Essay for week #13 Mar 29, 2020

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Msg #2014 This Easter Sunday

What The Bible Says

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For a Christian all Sundays are to be a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, but two in the year fall around the Hebrew Passover time. The Sunday after Passover is the day of Christ's resurrection, but the Sunday before Passover was the day the Passover lamb was chosen and separated from the flock. So, on Palm Sunday we observe the selection of the Lamb of God via the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. "Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest," they cried, but when they came into Jerusalem "the city was moved saying, Who is this?" The multitude got it wrong, saying it was just the prophet of Nazareth (Matt 21:8-11).

Today the multitude still has it wrong and does not recognize Jesus as did the disciples, "We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ" (John 1:41, cf 35-51). Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and all other non-christian religions call him a prophet of Nazareth. LDSs, JW's, SDA's and all other cults deny he was the Christ, the only begotten Son of God, a person of the Trinity. More dangerous still are the "Christian Religions" that deny the efficacy of his salvation insisting on added penance, works, baptisms et.al.. These are all antichrist by Bible definition (1John 2:18,22, 4:3, 2John 1:7).

If you know the truth about who Jesus is, get out of Sunday hiding, on roof top if necessary, and let the public, the mislead multitudes, staying home from their apostate churches, know what Christ did on Resurrection Sunday. Organize your own Sunrise Service and sing out loud, and with joy, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Hallelujah!" If there ever was a day it was needed, it is in the midst of a pandemic. Lift your mask and sing out loud.

An Essay for week #14 Apr 5, 2020

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Msg #2014b The Bible and Corona

What The Bible Says

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By definition “corona” are visible circles of light around a luminous object, a crown of light, an aureola or white halo around our sun only visible during a total eclipse. We do have an eclipsed Son, but actually its crown shape gives this novo (unknown) or novel (original and not seen before) corona virus its name. The acronym COVID-19 is CO, corona, VI, virus, D, disease, and 19 short for 2019 when it appeared.

Is the novo corona-virus the wrath of God? Is it the end of the world? Is it a precursor to the second coming of Christ? No, No and No. When the vials of the wrath of God are poured upon this earth they will be final, unmistakable, and clearly foretold in Revelation chapter sixteen. That chapter foretells what one would call “the end of the world”, verse eleven tells man's reaction, and we are not there yet. There are seven precursors to the second coming of Christ; they occur after the rapture of the Church and are foretold in the peeling of seals off “the book” described in the Revelation of Jesus Christ chapter six. We are not there yet.

COVID-19 could be construed as a chastisement of God, “For whom the lord loveth he chasteneth...” (Heb 12:6). God does not per se “send” judgment, but he does take back his hand and allow such vexation into loved lives. Corona-virus is most likely Satan's power play. The feminist movement he started in Eden invaded and ruined homes and churches, and now Satan wants society ushered into a one-world government. That global warming hoax and Paris accord was just not working out for him. Death and destruction are his normal tools. The world cannot see all this, but Christians can. Pray President Trump can trump Satan again.

Another essay for week #14 Apr 5, 2020

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Msg #2015 A Prehumously Written Easter Message

What The Bible Says

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This Easter Sunday was like no other in the history of America. Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ were advised by their government officials that for the sake of the social good of our society they should not gather together and worship the resurrected Christ. Some officials, enamored with their newly acquired authority to push people around for the social good, had already issue tickets and levied ridiculous fines against Christians who disobey their recommendations. Easter Sunday, in America, came laden with threats and intimidations against those who would gather for any worship of the resurrected Christ in any venue. It is sobering how complacent Christendom has become. But it is downright frightening how honest to goodness, genuine born-again-saved believers have been lulled to sleep during this pandemic. There is no sackcloth, nor ashes, nor fasting rampant in believers lives. Sitting at home on couches in front of big screen TVs, being careful not to spill the coffee is acceptable worship for the masses, even on Resurrection Sunday. The Passover lamb was slain and nature's most powerful Paschal Moon was full and highlighting the most powerful three nights in God's creation, just as it had since 1492 (BC) when God wrote down that this was true. For the most part officials have not dared to close churches and call them non-essential, but Christians have. Church doors are locked across America and "Christians" have not even tried a door knob to see if they can enter and make it a house of prayer. Honest pastors fast and set for hours in these abandoned buildings seeking God's face, weeping for our nation, weeping for parishioners, weeping for the lost. Across America a couple parishioners wanted into the church house to retrieve their Bibles from their pew, but none wanted in to pray, to visit an alter, to thank their God, to seek his face, to sing him a hymn, to just sit in that pew and be quiet, to pray with their pastor. We make it to the grocery store just fine, that's essential. People are lonely during house arrest, non so lonely as your pastor in an empty church, and that house is not under arrest. If you love it, make some plans to visit it a couple times this week,... unfortunately you might need a key.

An Essay for week #15 Apr 12, 2020

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Msg #2015b Is It the Day of the LORD?

What The Bible Says

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“For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low” (Isaiah 2:12). In the midst of a pandemic people are asking questions about the end of the world and a wise Christian needs to do two things, be Biblically knowledgeable, and be ready to give an answer for the hope that lieth in you. When the world is asking about the end of the world, the last days, or the return of Christ, understand that they do hold bits and pieces of the truth. *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness...”* (Romans 1:18). When they pillow their head at night, man knows that there is a judgment coming, and that they are going to come up short. Christians need to maneuver queries about the end into a clear presentation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In study of the day of the LORD we know that a pandemic is small potatoes. In Revelation 16 the wrath of God is poured out upon this world. It is unimaginable. Mankind's response is given in Revelation 16:11, they *“blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.”* We heard NY Governor Cuomo start down this very path this week.

This day of the LORD, described and revealed in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, is preceded by seven trumpets that announce and give a small sample of the vials of God's wrath. The seven trumpets are preceded by seven seals that allow the stage to be set, allow Satan to step up controls, and allow mankind to sink deeper into his depravity and rebellion. Prior to such a preparation the church is removed in the rapture (Rev 4:1-3, 1Thes 4:13-18).

So what is this pandemic? Well, look at what it is doing to our own government. Satan is clearly flexing his muscles and exercising his plans for the future. All governments and nations will be on his side in the final days, and our own government's draconian measures to close churches and open liquor stores is self evident. Tickets, fines and jail are for violators of whatever it orders. Mandatory wearing of masks when in public, requiring “papers” to show you are driving to an “essential” job, taking license numbers of cars in church parking lots, pondering a mark on the forehead of those who have corona virus antibodies,... our government is flexing its muscles, and is enamored with its power to take away people's rights for what it deems “the higher good.” They like it so much, even carnal people are getting nervous, and asking, “Is this the end times?” Give them answer, but more so, give them the gospel.

Another Essay for week #15 Apr 12, 2020

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See “Doctrine of Last Things” at www.gsbaptistchurch.com/theology

Msg #2016 Stewardship 404

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Be “*like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding;... Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:... for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.*” (Luke 12:36-37,40). Jesus taught some powerful principles about stewardship. A steward is given resources and responsibilities for a period of time and is then held accountable for his actions. The Apostle Paul calls such a period of stewardship a dispensation (1Cor 9:17, Eph 1:10, 3:2, and Col 1:25) which, in his Greek, is the same root word as stewardship. The clearest dispensation is found in the Garden of Eden where man was given resources and responsibilities and he clearly failed. A Bible student freed from Roman Catholic, Protestant, Reformed, Calvinistic Covenant/Replacement theology can clearly distinguish seven of these Bible dispensations. The Apostle Paul says to Gentiles, “*If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ...*” (Eph 3:2). Those in bondage to Covenant Theology cannot see Bible dispensationalism. They cannot discern Israel's place in God's plan nor what is going on in the last days of this dispensation. They are blind to the upcoming Kingdom dispensation. In Ephesians the Bible declares that in “*the dispensation of grace*” Gentiles are “*fellowheirs and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel ...*” (3:6). It is not a Gentile takeover as Rome declares, nor is it exclusively Gentiles as hyper-dispensationalist contend. The Bible is really very clear on this point, and on the various dispensational (stewardship) ages that God walks mankind through before the last “*dispensation of the fullness of times*” (1:10), and the end of the world. A study of these seven dispensations might be called Stewardship 404, and is pertinent in the last days of this dispensation of grace we call the church age. While you are locked away at home you should do such an eyeopening study. God bless.

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Msg #2017 Living by Grace, Dying by Grace

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Speaking of his own death the Apostle Paul writes, *“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”* (Phil 1:21). It's a Christian's attitude during a pandemic. The gloomy reality is that none of us are guaranteed to live through this pandemic. We are now on the tail-end of the corona virus. It did not need to, but it has devastated our economy. Make no mistake, some forces, hoping to overturn President Trump's successes, and advance socialism in America, are still trying to throttle any economic comeback, to destroy capitalism, and to advance socialism/communism in America. Survival of this nation on that front is not guaranteed either. We are only one vote away from socialism in America. Only 30 million vote in any American election, and 84 million souls sit in pews of churches each week... well they did before the government ordered them to stop! Be sure you vote right in November!

“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14). I'll encourage Christians to use their little vapour to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ all the way to their grave,.. or to his return “for” his saints (1Thes 4). The Apostle Paul writes to Corinth *“For I am the least of the apostles,”* and to the Ephesians, *“Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints,”* before he declares, *“By the grace of God I am what I am.”* Be what you are by the grace of God. You are saved by grace, sanctified by grace, standing by grace, walking by grace, so plan to live by grace and die by grace. God bless.

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Msg #2018 Behold Your King

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Israel was given opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Messiah and King; they rejected him. The Gospel of Matthew shows the kingly person of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first twelve chapters deal with our Lord's presentation of himself as a king, and in chapter thirteen there is a dramatic change in his presentation. His bewildered disciples ask, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" (Matt 13:10).

And his revealing answer is, "*Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.... For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them*" (13:11,15). Don't get the cart before the horse, it was not the parables that waxed their heart gross, it was sin; it was depravity that made them dull of hearing with closed eyes.

At this point they had already rejected their king, and going on from this point Jesus teaches his disciples about "the kingdom of heaven", the first of seven "mysteries" revealed in the New Testament. The "kingdom of heaven" is unique to Matthew's gospel. From 3:2's repentance message to 25:14's fig tree its thirty-two uses deal with the Messiah's rule on earth from the throne of David. Rome, Luther, and Calvin had eyes closed to this mystery but the astute Bible student can fulfill 13:12's prophecy, "*For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.*" Study, and have more abundance during this pandemic.

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Msg #2019 Moms Are Different

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Likely, on this Mother's Day, there are more Bibles open to Proverbs 31 than any other scripture. That chapter begins, "*The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.*" The five prophecies that this mother taught are pertinent on this Mother's Day. A prophet is one who rares back and says "Thus saith the LORD." Today anyone with a King James Bible might act as that prophet, and certainly a mom needs to teach these five prophecies. First king Lemuel's mom teaches a prophecy that king Solomon himself did not learn, "*Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.*" The wisest king was destroyed, not heeding this prophecy. Mom says, "*It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink.*" When Christ "*washed us from our sins in his own blood*" he made us "kings and priests" (Rev 1:5-6,5:10). Kings are commanded, "*Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.... Wine is a mocker,... and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise*" (Psalm 20:1,23:31). Mom's prophecies go on, "*Open thy mouth, judge righteously*" and "*Who can find a virtuous woman?*" (Prov 31:9,10). But don't miss mom's prophecy about mothers; "*What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?*" It emphasizes mothering skills, physical differences, and marriage vows. Women are constructed to be mothers. They have different and larger organs and immune capabilities to produce, protect, and nurture an infant. More men died of *nova corona* than women. And God also built in a deeper capacity to love, coddle, and cherish. Moms are forever moms. Happy Mother's Day.

An Essay for week #19 May 10, 2020

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Msg #2020 Behold Your King II

What The Bible Says

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Reading through four Gospels is thoroughly enriched with the inside insight about the two presentations of the kingdom. In Matthew 13 the rejected Messiah begins his parable presentation of “the kingdom of heaven is likened unto...”. Previously when Jesus said, “For the Son of Man is Lord even of the sabbath day,”... “Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him how they might destroy him” (Matt 12:8, 14). After this rejection of the Messiah, Jesus teaches about what has been called the unpardonable sin (12:31-32), the sign of Jonas (38-41) and the sign of “the queen of the south” (42). Jesus then warns them about idle efforts to clean up their own act (43-45), and announces a new family relationship where believers are family and earthly family are adversary (46-50). This is a transition from where the kingdom was “at hand” to where the kingdom will come when Christ returns, and “every eye shall see him” (Rev1:7).

The bulk of “Christendom” miss this change of venue. They suppose that the sermon on the mount (Matt 5-7) is the same as the sermon on by the sea shore (13-...). The Vatican denies the Millennial Reign of Christ and is busy setting up their own kingdom. Thus their Protestant offspring are thoroughly confused about end times, the rapture, and second coming of Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords, et.al. (1Thes 4, Rev 19). But when the Bible student sees the transition, a clarity of all scriptures allows that, “Whosoever hath, to him shall be given” (Matt 13:12). Orthodoxy does not understand how Israel, in God's promised land, and Satan in world pandemics, wars and rumors of wars, fit into end times. But a genuine Bible student need not be ignorant of these things (1Thes 5:1-11).

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Msg #2021 Behold Your King III

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Wayside soil, stony places, and among thorns is an apt description of what the Christ found when he preached “Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt 4:17, cf 13:4-8). Israel's rejection of her Messiah and King ushers in a change of venue for the kingdom. It is portrayed in seven parables of Matthew 13; parables wherein “the kingdom of heaven is likened unto...”; and the kingdom is now a revealed mystery that was not what Pharisees or the disciples were looking for. Now the kingdom takes a tack where there is more poor soil than good, tares in the wheat, a rogue mustard seed, and leaven in the meal. We often study these parables in light of preaching the gospel to every creature, but not in light of Jesus' weeping over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41,13:34,Matt 23:37), the city that rejected him and heard Pilot say, “Behold your King.” “*He came unto his own and his own received him not*” (John 1:11). We love the part, and preach the part that says, “But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the son's of God, even to them that believe on his name” (1:12). But our Lord was despised and rejected of men so that all we like sheep that have gone astray could be reconciled to the Father, who laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah53). This was always meant to be, but it required first that the Messiah come preaching “Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” It was at hand then, is in our hearts now, and will be over the whole world soon. Wait for it, watch for it, for sure, but right now, if you are born-again-saved, live the words of Jesus “*the kingdom of God is within you*” (Luke 17:20-21).

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Msg #2022 Failures of Grace

What The Bible Says

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“The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed....” Jesus' seven rapid fire parables expose a believer to the new rules of engagement for the kingdom of heaven being “at hand”. *“Because it is given unto you (disciples) to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt 13:11). His 3rd parable, touching the mustard seed, is often misunderstood. Mustard is not a food but a poignant spice and here it is used with the other six parables to drive home that the kingdom of heaven is not to be all “nice and rosy and comfy cozy.” The uncomfortable part is not in the size of the seed or the greatness of the herb, but the lodging of the birds in its branches. Anyone who peered into a Berkely package of celery seeds knows there are smaller seeds, so “least” here is not a size-thing but a significance-thing. Anyone who reached to the top of an oriental mustard plant knows its massive size. But the dwelling place of “all fowl of every wing” was evil for the cedar being Babylon (Ezek 17), the exalted tree being Assyria (31:3-9), and the portrayal of Nebuchadnezzar and his lodging of evil (Dan4:20-22). It is the fowl that make it foul; they portray the wicked one lodged in kingdom branches. The poignant mustard seed will later be used to size up one's faith to move mountains (Matt 17:20), but in the next parable, *“The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven...”* there is no disputing that the leaven represents sin in the kingdom. The kingdom parables all reveal the failure within the dispensation of grace that we live in, as does the tyranny in our own government, and the anarchy in our streets. Even so come Lord Jesus.

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Msg #2023 Perilous Times But Joy Unspeakable

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In Matthew chapter thirteen the last three parables that Jesus uses to expose the “mysteries of the kingdom of heaven” express the absolute joy of knowing the way into the kingdom. They combine with the truth of 7:14, “Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it,” and shew it to be like a hid treasure, 13:44, and a pearl of great price, 13:45-46. If you found the treasure, if you are holding the pearl, you're saved from that final drag net illustrated in 13:47-50. If you never applied to receive God's eternal life, purchased by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, “The angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” (13:49b-50). The “just” have the pearl and the hid treasure was found in the halls of Romans 10:9-13.

In a day when a pandemic response ignores the First Amendment to close churches but opens streets to riotous protests, when anarchy rules the day striving to overthrow government, when black lives killed by police matter more than black lives killed by looters and drug addicts, when those days arrive in America, it may seem a little selfish, but it is good to set quietly for a little while and reflect on the treasure we are holding in our undeserved, unmerited, bought with a price, eternal life.

In their hatred for our president Governor Cuomo may pretend to read the Bible and Nancy Pelosi may even try to quote a verse for her left wing cause, but when you have the actual Word embedded in your soul it is “joy unspeakable and full of glory” (1Pet 1:8).

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Msg #2024 Whine – Wait – Worship

What The Bible Says

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“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.... But ye, brethren, are not in darkness,... Ye are all the children of light, ... Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1Thes 5:1-2,4,5,6). Twice now America could say, “This changes everything.” An Islamic invasion on 9/11/2001 and now a pandemic and socialist invasion of 2020. Honest Christians know that a world pandemic and anarchy in the streets is larger than what the liberal left could pull off, it is diabolical. This is Satan himself flexing his muscles before the four horses of Revelation six show up, and honest Bible students know that the horses don't ride till after the rapture of the church.

Most prophets go to the people for the LORD, Habakkuk went to the LORD for the people, and asked, “What are you doing up there?” An outline for chapter 1, 2 and 3 would be Whining, Waiting and Worshiping. The short book concludes, “I don't see any end in sight,” *“Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”* (cf 3:17-19). How apropos. Faith believes God is in control, works things together for good, and can always be trusted. When you cannot see the hand of God, you can trust the heart of God. We will loose the battle, but win the war. “We are on the winning side, yes we're on the wining side, out in sin, no more will I abide. I've enlisted in the fight for the cause of truth and right, Praise the Lord, I'm on the winning side.” Amen.

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Msg #2025 Open Closed Doors

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

On this Father's Day we focus on a major failing of a father in our Bible, not to expose his failures but ours, and not to tarnish his character but to polish ours. Second Samuel 13 begins a two chapter narrative that depicts a major failing of a father named King David. These two chapters are about much more than David as a father, but for us today, that's it. Absalom, David's son, had a sister Tamar, David's daughter, who was raped by Amnon, another of David's sons and "King David...was very wroth" (13:21). A good father has an open door to his children. There is no circumstance in your children's lives that should slam that door shut. King David was so angry about this mess that for seven years no one could talk to him about it. He was frozen in anger. It was Absalom who delivers Tamar, took her to his house, and cared for her for two years of her father's angry silence. It is all too common that husbands and fathers have a topic that no one in the family dares to talk about openly. Men use this to silence and manipulate wives, sons, daughters, servants, et.al.. "Oh my, don't bring that up, he will go crazy."

Absalom's corrective action causes massive miscommunication (13:30-36), and David "longed to go to Absalom", but did not. The chapter closes with the door still shut. In chapter 14 people connive to push on the closed door, but David will not be reconciled to Absalom. In chapter 15 Absalom goes sour on King David, his failed father.

Fathers, keep communications open, and check for closed doors, they need opened. Do it before you word David's cry, "Would God I had died for thee my son Absalom" (18:33).

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Msg #2026 Leprosy

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.” (Luke4:27). 2Kings 5 is not about Naaman, a little girl's witness, or Elisha's tenth miracle; not about kings, or Gehazi's failures; it is about leprosy. We do learn that a little child with great expectations can move God's heart. We learn that kings know nothing about God, his prophets, or his business, its not for hire. We learn that the man of God knows the kings business and that there is a prophet in Israel... there still is (Deut18:15), and kings still do not know. But the slow unrelenting death of leprosy is the lesson at hand. We all had it, for in sin all die. If you're reading this and still have it, like Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, God sends a messenger to tell man what he needs to do to receive complete cleansing. God's simple plan for cleansing is always offensive to those who think themselves somebody. Humans always preconceive how God is supposed to do things, and Naaman had to learn that the gully cleansing backwash that flows through God's promised land is more powerful than the grandest river. It was the servants who knew that simple obedience was key, and Naaman finally dipped himself seven times. His flesh became as... as one that was born again. Look at the seven things this new convert, as it were, did. He returned to the man of God, knew things, had great gratitude (5:15), considered his silver and raiment as “dirt”, and would know no other gods (vr.17). He knew he would still need pardon but he could go in peace (vr.18,19). Healing leprosy pictures salvation. Never forget when God healed your slow death.

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Msg #2027 A Whole Lot of Shaking

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Isaiah 24 captures how God is going to turn the earth upside down, and in the process, ... “There is a whole lot of shaking going on.” Excuse that lyric if you know where it comes from, but God says some things about the upcoming shaking and the Christian is not to be at all shaken, even when America is. *“For thus saith the LORD of hosts; ... I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house (Jerusalem's temple) with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.”* (Hag2:6-7). The prophet goes on to say the LORD God will *“destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathens”* (vr22). America now qualifies. In one chapter Isaiah 24 artfully covers how *“this earth mourneth and fadeth away”*(vr1-2), how only a remnant of Israel is left (vr13-15), the great tribulation (vr16-20), the battle of Armageddon (vr21-22) and the coming Kingdom Age (vr23). The Protestant, saddled with covenant theology, can see none of this in their modernist ecumenical bibles, so the Bible student who understands the dispensations of God should not be *“a reed shaken in the wind,”* and *“be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word... as that day of Christ is at hand,”* (2Thes2:2). Be, instead, an unflappable witness. There is coming *“signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; ...Men's hearts failing them for fear... for the powers of heaven shall be shaken”* (Luke21:25-26). Don't be shaken; *“That those things which cannot be shaken may remain”* (Heb12:27). Be that unflappable witness of our coming Lord Jesus Christ.

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Msg #2028 Understand All These Things?

What The Bible Says

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After giving the disciples seven parables illuminating the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, *“Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea Lord”* (Matt 13:51). I have read the parables of soils, tares, mustard-seed, leaven, hid treasure, goodly pearls, and a fish net for fifty years and I don't have the confidence of the twelve. Indeed. I've found ignorance about the kingdom of heaven so prevalent in Christendom that the Bible and I rightfully spend more time addressing it than any other general topic. *“Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, ... ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt 18:3). *“Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?”* (Acts 1:6). *“... behold, the kingdom of God is within you”* (Luke 17:21). There is coming a time when Jesus' prayer, *“Thy kingdom come”*, and the Father's promise of *“my king upon my holy hill of Zion,”* will be fulfilled. In the mean time Christians, as good stewards, are to be about their Father's business. Understanding a few things about the kingdom of heaven should cause us to labor. Paul says, *“Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...”* (2Cor5:9-10). Labor *“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord”* (vr.11)... Hey, angels *“shall cast (the wicked) into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth”* (Matt 13:49-50). Labor *“For the love of Christ constraineth us”* (2Cor 5:14). We should thus labor in the harvest, in preaching, in the word, and in prayer. Labor in *“the ministry of reconciliation... we are ambassadors for Christ”* (2Cor5:18,20). Don't just wring your hands in this dark day,... labor!

An Essay for week #28 Jul 12, 2020

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Msg #2029 Soul Winning Loved Ones

What The Bible Says

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“When he was come into his own country... they were offended in him” (Matt 13:54a,57a). At the close of seven parables, wherein mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are likened to ... things, it is revealed that Jesus knew some things about family rejection. I could sooner talk to a stranger on the street than rehearse the gospel truths to a lost family member, already offended by my preaching. Practice, therefore, Jesus' methods on family and familiar ones who need the gospel. From verse 54 teach them, astonish them, tell where wisdom comes from, and do mighty works. You are trying to change their “soil-type” (13:3-9), you will need Bible knowledge to astonish, wisdom at its source, and knowledge that, “Your talk talks, and your walk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks.” From verse 55 they know where you come from, use that to advantage. Jesus was not “just one of them”, but you are, exercise that familiarity.

In verse 56 they asked, *“Whence then hath this man these things?”* Quote King James scripture. Don't use a mamsy-pamsy dummed down modernist ecumenical version. The real thing is *quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword!* Keep your sword sharp. Lastly, they will be offended in you. At the right time call in a Godly, gospel preaching pastor and ask him to visit your loved one with you, or ask God to send one of His by their house. After thirteen years of our witness, a Godly Baptist pastor, who he “just happened to meet”, lead my father in law to the Lord, in a cow pasture, next to a 1st prize Angus cow, while he was vacationing in Texas! My wife would excitedly tell you that whole account. Above all pray, pray, and pray.

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Msg #2030 Heaven is a Wonderful Place

What The Bible Says

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When we let go of a saved loved one, and angels carry them off into the very presence of Almighty God their creator, heaven gets more relevant to us, more real for us, and a little sweeter in our expectations. *“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints”* (Psalm 116:15). We know that they are absent from the body and present with the Lord. We reverently place that shell of a body into a tomb or under a sod knowing that there is coming a resurrection day when it will be raised up incorruptible, as Christ's resurrected body was. At Christ's death for us (Rom 5:8) his spirit went to his Father (Luke 23:46), his soul went to hell (Psalm 16:10, Acts 2:27, 31) and his body was placed in an empty tomb (Mark 6:29). Death is separation. When a person is saved, born-again, converted to Christ, redeemed by the blood, their soul is quickened with eternal life, it will never go to hell because Christ did that for us. Their death is separation in that their soul and spirit are gone to be with their Father and their body is left an empty shell. The hurt and tears come because that separation, for a time, separates them from us... for a time because... *“Jesus said unto (Martha), I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* (John 11:25). So our loved one went to “heaven” because any place that the full glory of Jehovah God is on display is heaven. It will be another thousand years before the golden streets arrive, but they are in heaven, and it is a far better place.

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Msg #2031 Saints in Resurrected Bodies

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept... every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming” (2Cor15:20,23). For the believer the graveyard is not burial ground, it is resurrection ground. Thirty-five hundred years ago the servant Job said, *“I know that my redeemer liveth... and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God... mine eyes shall behold him...”* (Job19:25-27). Saints will one day be resurrected *“when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality”* (1Cor15:54). Our resurrected body will be like Christ's and he appeared in different forms (Mrk16:12), ate fish and honeycomb (Luke24:42-43), was held by his feet (Mt28:9), entered through shut doors (Jn20:19), breathed on them (vr.22) and after forty days ascended out of their midst (Acts 1:9).

The only man-made thing in heaven is Christ's wounds (John20:27); our incorruptible bodies won't have those, but in all other respects will be just like the firstfruit of them that slept. Till we get there our spirit groans for it (Rom8:22-23), and we should be addicted to the ministry of the saints, as was the house of Stephanas, the firstfruits of Achaia (1Cor16:15), and behave like a kind of firstfruits of his creatures (James1:18).

In this mean time our loved ones gone to heaven know even as they are known (1Cor13:12), compass us as a great cloud of witnesses, as we run the race set before us (Heb 12:1), and, like the slain tribulation saints will do shortly, their souls cry aloud saying *“How long, O Lord, holy and true dost thou not judge and avenge...”* (Rev6:9-10). The Lord will soon return, even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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Msg #2032 Stand Up, Fast, and Out

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. ..., be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” (Dan 3:16-18). In America a stand against the rulings of the governing is now called for. *The princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, can forbid the “gathering of ourselves together” for worship of our Lord Jesus Christ. Curtailing a couple services to “flatten the curve” that terrified them is one thing, but four months later fining churches and jailing Baptist pastors because they obey Hebrews 10:25, is quite another. Pray for pastors that are standing up, “Who will rise up for (God) against the evildoers... who will **STAND UP** for (God) against the workers of iniquity!”* They did not dwell in silence, so pray their foot not slip and that “Thy mercy, O LORD” hold them up (Psalm 94:16-18). Pray that they, as these three Hebrew men, would “Stand therefore, having (their) loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness” (Eph 6:14). Pray they will **STAND FAST** in the faith, quit you like men, and be strong (1Cor 16:13). That they “stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; And (be) in nothing terrified by (their) adversaries” (Philip 1:27-28). Pray also that God will cause them to **STAND OUT** ... a peculiar people; that (they) should shew forth the praises of him who hath called (them) out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1Pet 2:9) I pray that you will stand with them. God Bless.

An Essay for week #32 Aug 9, 2020

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Msg #2032t A Life That Matters

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Everyone wants a life that matters and in the Bible the prophet Elisha had one. He had asked that a double portion of Elijah's spirit be upon him (2Kings 32:9), and if you count, you find he saw twice the recorded miracles that Elijah saw. A life that matters is first and foremost a life that pleases God. *“When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him”* (Prov16:7). *“Be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work...”* (Col 1:9-10). God can *“make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight”* (Heb13:21). Elisha even pleased God from the grave! (2Kings13:20-21). If you want your life to matter, please God and then live so others see the LORD. *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven”* (Mat5:16). Paul calls this putting on the armor of light...i.e. *“put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ”* (Rom13:12,14). *“The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day”* (Prov4:18).

Lastly, live so others want the Lord. *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”* (1Pet3:15). Don't answer stupid questions *“knowing that they do gender strife”* (2Tim2:23), and be gentle, not harsh or impatient and ready to fight, Paul calls that *“apt to teach”* (vr.25). Let's make our lives matter.

A 8/11 Essay for week #33 Aug 16, 2020

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Msg #2032w Isaiah's Three Glimpses

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

His sixth chapter says Isaiah got a **Glimpse of God** and found him Holy, Holy, Holy; high and lifted up; and sitting on his throne. *“Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”* (Exod 15:11). *“Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. ...”* (Ps 86:8-10). *“... he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”* (Heb 11:6b). May my character be formed because I have a holy glimpse of a holy God. That will yield what Isaiah saw next, a **Glimpse of Self**. Seeing one's unclean lips makes them wholly undone with a just desert of their woe. A man tends to *“think of himself more highly than he ought to think”* (Rom 12:3), but *“There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. ... There is none that doeth good, no, not one. ... There is no fear of God before their eyes”* (Rom 3:10-18). If you are born-again-saved don't forget this, if not don't neglect this, and read John 3:16-19,36,5:24 again.

After this glimpse of God that enlivened a glimpse of self, Isaiah got a **Glimpse of Others**. People hear and understand not, see and perceive not... *“lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed”* (Isa 6:9-10). Preaching the gospel to every creature is wearisome and there is always a danger of becoming weary in well doing. Don't. Remember the day you said *“Here am I send me”*?

A 8/12 Essay for week #32 Aug 9, 2020

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Msg #2033 A Cross-eyed Bear

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Make no mistake, the LORD God wants everyone to come to supper and has made arrangements that “whosoever will” may come, but when one gets up from supper, illustrating salvation, and steps up to be a disciple, Jesus warns that there is a cross-eyed bear to be encountered (Luke 14:25-35, cf 27). There is a foggy line between salvation and discipleship. In the Bible salvation is never likened to building a tower or going to war, “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that, not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*” (Eph 2:8), but discipleship is likened to these, and any true disciple can attest to that likeness. Evangelist Harold Boyd regularly preached, “If you didn't get enough salvation to get you into church, you probably didn't get enough to get you into heaven either.” There may be some who believe and never grow, but they are rare abnormalities. The stony soil of Matt 13:5-6, 20, 21, Mark 4:5-6, 16-17, and Luke 4:6, 13 bears no fruit, and likely represents the unsaved. You discern believers like the wind (John 3:8) but “disciples” by their fruit (John 15:8), by their love (13:35), by their obedience (14:15) and by their continuance (8:31 cf 2Pet 1:9).

So one being a disciple will involve bearing his cross as in Luke 14:27, Matt 10:38, 16:24, Mark 8:34, and 10:21. It don't take an artist to sketch a cartoon of a cross-eyed bear in the margin of your Bible near these five verses. Then, to add depth, sketch one in the margin next to Gal 6:14, Phil 2:8, and Col 2:14. Cross reference each verse so you can trail that bear and you have an excellent reminder of your calling as a disciple. That little bear pops off the page eight times as I read my Bible through annually. God Bless.

An Essay for week #33 Aug 16, 2020

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Msg #2034 Profitable to God?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

One of Job's friends, Eliphaz, defies Job with the question, “*Can a man be profitable to God?... Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? Or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?*” (Job 22:2-3). Before reading Job's profound answer consider something about your own relationship with the LORD God, in answer to the question. The Psalmist says “Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name” (Psalm 103:1). Eighteen times in fifteen OT verses we are told to “Bless the LORD” (not once “bless God” as it takes a personal relationship with him to bless). You cannot bless the LORD if you cannot be a blessing to him, consequently you can bring the Almighty pleasure. In thirty-two OT verses we are told to “Praise the LORD” with an additional twenty-two more “Praise him” references (only once “Praise God”, and that is “in his sanctuary” in Psalm 150). We know God “*inhabitest the praises of Israel*” (Psa 22:3), and we are told repeatably to shew forth all his marvelous works, it is gain to him. Bless the Lord, praise the LORD, shew forth his works, and such a worm as I can be profitable to God, and bring pleasure to the Almighty. “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created*” (Rev 4:11). God displays to Job how almighty he is, and how small Job is (Job 38-42). That is the theme of the whole book of Job. You can please God, bless, praise, shew forth, and be profitable when you muse about how great He is. Now read Job's profound answer in Job 23-31. God bless.

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Msg #2035 Herod Like Politicians

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“At that time Herod the tetarch heard of the fame of Jesus” (Matt 14:1). There are five Herods that the Bible student reckons with; Herod the Great built the temple and killed the Bethlehem babies (Matt2:1-19), his son, Herod Archelaus reigned when Joseph brought Jesus up from Egypt (vr.22), and another son, Herod Antipas who killed John the Baptist (Matt 14, Mark6, and Luke9), spread leaven (Mark8:15), was labeled “that fox” (Luke 13:32), and was cohort with Pilot in Christ's crucifixion (Luke23:6-12).

Then there was his grandson, Herod Agrippa (I) who persecuted the church, killed James, temporarily jailed Peter, and died a horrid death in Acts 12. And a great grandson Herod Agrippa II who heard the Apostle Paul and was “almost persuaded” in Acts 26. The word “Herod” is as much a title as a name and means “a hero.” These five, like many governors and mayors in our present plight, were only self-ascribed heroes, outstanding in their own minds.

Herod the tetrarch, in our text, was filled with ignorance, religious superstition (or stupor-situate), selfish immorality, and pernicious paranoia. He was driven by what people might think, and two vile wicked women (Matt 14:1-12). Such a scathing portrayal of political posturing is contrasted by our Lord Jesus Christ in the next two verses. As Jesus, in flesh, he needed to withdraw to a desert place apart, but as Christ, the divine, he was moved with compassion toward the great multitude of hungry, scattered-like sheep, followers, and he healed their sick. The stage is now set, out in the desert place, for the rest of this marvelous chapter. Today the stage is set for every christian to be Christ-like, ... or carnal. Take time to read, muse, and meditate before you act, then consider the rest of the chapter.

An Essay for week #35 Aug 30, 2020

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Msg #2036 Feed Five Thousand

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The feeding of the five thousand recorded in Matthew 14 has more impact when one reviews the rejection of the King and Messiah in 12, the results in the kingdom taught in parable in 13, and the vile slaughter of John the Baptist in 14. The depravity of man was on full display, as it is today, but the compassion of the Lord Jesus Christ was undiminished. I would that Christians displayed it undiminished today.

In all four gospels Jesus told the disciples to meet the needs of this multitude, and their response was, “we can't”, “we can't”, “we can't”, and “we can't”. It should be obvious he does not want to hear that response. Look at the principles found in Matt 14:15-21. He assigned the disciples to the task and asked them to bring him the resources that they had. Their resources were wholly inadequate for the job, but he insisted on using them anyway. Our puny resources in the hands of an almighty God, set out for his almighty purposes, meet the needs of multitudes. It is by his power, not mine, it is the Bread of Life who provides bread, the Fisher of Men who provides fish. When the disciples collected the twelve baskets that remained after the needs were met, they knew a miracle had occurred. When God uses the likes of me to see a soul saved it is as much a miracle today. When one sees a life born-again-saved and so changed that they follow the Lord in believers baptism, start telling friend and family what happened to them, reading their Bible incessantly, and praying with other born-again believers in a Bible believing church, the obvious miracle is such a blessing that they start rehearsing John 3:16-18 to everyone they meet. Let's get cracken.

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Msg #2037 Yom Kippur

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

This year Yom Kippur is on Monday the 28th of September. It is the Day of Atonement, the tenth day of the seventh Biblical Hebrew month, the holiest day of the year in Judaism. *“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, ... Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ... For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people”* (Lev23:24, 27, 29). The theme of the day is repentance with a quest for atonement for personal and national sins as traditionally the fate of each person is sealed for the upcoming year. Jews observe this holy day with a twenty-four hour period of fasting (afflicting your soul) and intensive prayer. *“And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all”* (Lev16:29).

This year on Yom Kippur, just five weeks before election day on the eve of the presidential election debate, it would behoove every Christian in the United States of America to take up the theme of repentance with a quest for atonement for personal and national sins, and make this holy day a twenty-four hour period of fasting, intensive prayer, and even sackcloth and ashes. The fate of each person is about to be sealed for the upcoming four years. Bible Christians must oppose socialism.

An Essay for week #37 Sep 13, 2020

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Msg #2038 Sweet Hour of Prayer

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“And straight way Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship...” (Matt 14:22). Jesus sought out this desert place after the death of John the Baptist. He had then tasked his disciples to feed the five-thousand that followed them there, and they did! Now he “constrained” them into a ship. I'm thinking Peter was the last one in, and needed more constraining than the others, but Jesus was eventually left alone in this desert place. *“And... he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.”* If you have ever led in public prayer, if you have prayed together in a group of believers, if you have led in family prayer or had one-on-one prayer with a child or spouse, good on you, but this is not that. Evangelist H. Boyd often asked, “How long does it take you to have a 'sweet hour of prayer?’” A whole minute of prayer before a meal is three minutes per day, and in twenty days you'll have an hour of prayer accumulated. That is not sweet. Jesus needed to be alone with God so he could pray in earnest; so do you and I. All our prayers should be an intimacy with our heavenly Father, but alone, and speaking out loud to him is a different kind of intimacy than is found in any other form of prayer. Jesus needed it. It seems like he needed it more than I desire it.

What of the disciples, constrained into a boat and tangled in an ugly storm until the fourth watch? Some Christians live life as if Jesus said, “Oh man, I forgot all about the disciples in the boat.” He didn't. He doesn't. Have a sweet hour of prayer this week.

An Essay for week #38 Sep 20, 2020

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Msg #2039 The Trumpet Calls

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Make thee two trumpets of silver; ... that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps”(Num 10:2). Curious, there are two Trumps in the Bible, and also a Good Samaritan giving two Pence. After the two Trumps sound off, *“all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation”* (vr. 3). To the Bible student who has put away the Roman and Protestant / Reformed “Covenant Theology”, and grappled with the dispensational truths of the Bible, this resonates with the Biblical teaching of the rapture of the Church (1Thes4:13-18, 1Cor 15:51-58). The Hebrew memorial of blowing of trumpets entailed three holy convocations (a group gathered in response to a summons) (Lev23:24,27, 34), and these are mirrored in the age of grace wherein Bible believers listen for a trumpet; having a holy convocation in the clouds when the Bridegroom calls for his Bride (come up hither), having a holy convocation at the Bema Seat of Christ and having a holy convocation at the wedding table with Christ as we began our forever tabernacling with Christ in reality. *“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.... Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober”* (1Thes 5:1,6). Israel should be listening for a trumpet, commemorated in these feasts. Bible Christians are listening for a trumpet that will call us out of this world. Keep your nose to the ground, your eye on the clouds and your ear toward the heavens listening for the trumpet. The *ecclesia* will have a holy convocation.

An Essay for week #39 Sep 27, 2020

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Msg #2040 The Seventieth Week of Daniel 9:24

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Jesus said that Daniel is a key starting point for those who would understand his second coming (Matt 24:15). Daniel became God's "greatly beloved prophet" and he sent Gabriel to him to clarify the grand outline and full timing of Christ's first and second coming. For the Bible believer Daniel 9 is a treasure trove for understanding the doctrine of last things. Again, Jesus said so. Gabriel says to Daniel, "*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,...*" (Dan 9:24). A Bible student should list and comprehend the six things therein that will be complete in seventy weeks. When God judged Israel at Kadesh-barnea it was forty years in the wilderness, a day for a year (Num 14:34). When Ezekiel lay on his side for four-hundred and thirty days to portray the siege of Jerusalem, it was a day for a year (Ezek 4:6). And when Gabriel tells Daniel "*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and thy holy city,*" it is a day for a year, or four-hundred and ninety years.

This timing pertained to the Jews, not the Gentiles. Seven weeks to build Jerusalem, sixty-two weeks to bring in, and cut off Messiah, and one week, one seven year period, "*to make an end of sin, and to make reconciliation for iniquity...*" (Dan 9:25-27). That, oh sincere Bible student, will be "*a great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world*" (Matt 24:21). The dispensation of grace is a parenthesis in this four-hundred and ninety year schema. It has lasted almost two-thousand years now. It will end very abruptly before the horsemen of Revelation 6 begin to ride. Two-thousand years after the cross, will be 2030; allowing for this week of transition, believers should be getting antsy in 2023 as Marxist communism likely overtakes the USA.

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Msg #2041 The End of the Dispensation of Grace

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Apostle Paul specifically names two dispensations when he writes to Ephesus. “*That in **the dispensation of the fulness of times** he might gather together in one all things in Christ* (Eph 1:10). This is obviously the last dispensation. In it all the stewardship tests for mankind are complete. Remember that “stewardship” and “dispensation” are synonymous, coming from the same Greek root word. This last dispensation must include an “*end of sins, and reconciliation for iniquity...*” as promised in Daniel 9:24. Jesus references this dispensation as the kingdom.

But Paul also calls out a “*dispensation of the grace of God*” (Eph 3:1-3). The marvelous intent of this dispensation of grace, which was previously a mystery (vr.3,9), a mystery now revealed (vr.5), a dispensational age wherein “*the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel*” (vr.6),... the marvelous intent is stated as, “*that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God*” (vr.10). God calls out this intent for his church previously (2:6-7).

Make no catholic mistake here, this dispensation of grace will come to an end, and the next dispensation of the fullness of times will begin. This church age will end in troublous times (Matt 24). The study of how it ends, and how the next dispensation begins, proceeds through seven seals, seven trumpets, and the seven vials of the wrath of God, and finally comes to a close, is called the study of end times, *eschatology* in Greek. The troublous times are here. Being a student of the end times is a great comfort to Christians as Paul explicates in 1Thes. 4:18, “*Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*” Be a good student be of good comfort.

An Essay for week #41 Oct 11, 2020

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Msg #2042 How To Vote

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

God's Word, the Holy Bible, establishes some planks that are most pertinent in our election of representatives and leaders. Never mind the personalities; look at platform planks!

In God's Word Hebrews are God's chosen people, Israel is God's chosen nation, Palestine is God's promised land for his chosen people. God promised that he would bless them that bless Israel, and curse them that curse Israel (Gen 12:1-3). Vote for leaders and representatives on a platform that will bless Israel.

In God's Word an individual has body, soul, and spirit at conception in the womb (Isa 49:5, Ps 22:10, 139:13). Vote for leaders and representatives on a platform that will protect the innocent in the womb.

In God's Word for a man to lie with another man is an abomination not a civil right (Lev 18:22).

In God's Word God created them male and female.. and male and female created he them (Gen 1:27, 5:2, Matt 19:4, Mark 10:6). God created physical organs, chromosomes, and attributes that determine which gender a person is; they do not get to choose which they want to be. Choosing a gender is not a civil right.

In God's Word God has ordained marriage to be between a male and a female and that the home established around that marriage, containing a father and a mother, is to be the stable environment for the conception, birth, rearing, and training of children (Gen 2:24, Eph 6:1-3).

Vote for leaders and representatives on a platform that will have a strong moral position on these issues.

When a candidate has his head on straight concerning these five issues most of his economic and legal renderings will fall in line with moral right. Finding a candidate, or sometimes even a party platform, that stands on all five of these Godly planks may be nigh to impossible, but finding the party platform that is diametrically opposed to all five is blatantly obvious. Vote smart this November.

For those with a stomach for two more Christian planks:

In God's Word the Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, was the creator and is the sustainer of all things (Col 1:16-17). Our environment and our climate are more controlled by him than by mere man and their ludicrous government regulations. Climate "science - so called" is completely Godless.

In God's Word the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are commanded to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together into local, independent, autonomous bodies called churches (Heb 10:24-25). Laws, edicts, and policies that forbid such assembly are unGodly; and we ought to obey God rather than man.

Christians need to hold these Godly planks close in every election of representatives.

An Essay for week #42 Oct 18, 2020

Msg #2042a A Letter to Church Schumer

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Dear Senator Schumer,

I am thoroughly disgusted with your botched up representation of Christians and Christianity in UpState New York. I am from the Fingerlakes Region and I have found you diametrically opposed to all seven of the Biblical planks that I penned from God's Word, the Holy Bible. Please be cognizant of these seven planks and understand that you are to represent more than the bloody, left leaning, hate PRESIDENT Trump, progressive agenda.

I have told my Father about your conniving liberal tactics. I expect you will hear from Him in a separate correspondence. While you oppose these Christian planks, I will be asking Him to remove you from your position as my representative.

I am earnestly praying for you.

Sincerely Yours
Edward G. Rice

The Holy Bible, establishes some planks that are most pertinent in a genuine Christian's politics.

1. Israel is God's chosen nation. God will bless them that bless Israel (Gen 12:1-3).
2. An individual has body, soul, and spirit at conception in the womb (Isa 49:5, Ps 22:10, 139:13).
3. For a man to lie with another man is an abomination not a civil right (Lev 18:22).
4. God created us.. and male and female created he them (Gen 1:27, 5:2, Matt 19:4, Mark 10:6).
5. Marriage is ordained between man and woman for the rearing of children (Gen 2:24, Eph 6:1-3).
6. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Creator and sustainer of all things, to include climate (Col 1:16-17).
7. Christians are commanded, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." (Heb 10:25).

The Progressive Liberal Left Democrats use political planks diametrically opposed to Christianity:

- 1) Anti-Israel, 2) Pro-Abortion, 3) Pro-Sodomy, 4) Pro-Tran-sexual, 5) Anti Biblical marriage, 6) Anti-Oil, Anti-Carbon-Dioxide! 7) Close Churches for the greater good.

Msg #2043 The Battle of Armageddon Coming

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Armageddon” is a Hebrew word heard by most everyone, but the enormity of “the Battle of Armageddon” dominates Biblical prophecy initiating the soon coming “Day of the LORD.” Perched in the last of the last days every born-again, blood bought believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should be well versed in that upcoming Day, and be using the world's limited knowledge of the Hebrew word to lift up, worship, and witness about the saving power of Jesus Christ. “The Day of the LORD” is not off on a distant horizon, believers know it, the world knows it, and Satan knows it. *“For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen,... Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand,... The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem... then shall Jerusalem be holy“* (Obd 1:15, Joel 2:1,2,3:16,17).

The Bible says that all nations will gather against Israel to annihilate the Jews, and the Lord Jesus Christ will step in. *“I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat,... Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations,... And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley;... And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”* (Joel 3:2, Zech 14:3,4, Rev 16:16). While salvation is still available we should preach John 3:16-18 and 5:24, to every creature we can reach.

An Essay for week #43 Oct 25, 2020

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Msg #2044 Truth in an Age of Lies

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

A stalwart of the faith, on an anniversary Sunday, said, “No matter the direction of this world or our nation, there are seven truths we held dear thirty-nine years ago and I still hold as truth today.” The plight before us begs a review of those seven truths.

I believe the Holy Bible. It is the ark of the covenant for the born-again believer. It is the infallible, inerrant, verbally inspired word of God. It is the preserved Word of God. *“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever”* (Isaiah40:8, The Holy Bible). It is not preserved by modernist ecumenical scholars in copyright modernist translations. I believe in Bible preaching. *“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe”* (1Cor 1:21). I believe in the local, independent, autonomous, Bible believing church. Jesus said, *“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”* (Matt16:18). *“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”* (1Tim3:15). In a day of lies and deceptions, America needs a “pillar and ground of the truth.” Praise the Lord it has been constitutionally protected for two-hundred and twenty-nine years. As that protection wanes in this pandemic, praise the the Lord, it is protected for all eternity by our Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe that sin is still sin. I believe in tithing of all my increase. I believe in living the the Christian life; daily crucified with Christ living. I most certainly believe we need God.

An Essay for week #44 Nov 1, 2020

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Msg 8 Nov 2020 – Election Results and PRAYER

The media and their polls do not determine who wins the presidency of the United States of America! President Donald Trump is still draining the swamp of corruption. It is very corrupt, reaching even into the voting booth. It cannot, however, reach into your prayer closet; we have 36 days till delegates vote in our president; *“This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”*

What can Christians do? Please listen to Pastor Clark's 8 Nov pm message via solidrockinfo.org livestream, or via gs201108.mp3 at our web pages audio link www.gsbaptistchurch.com/audio/g201108.mp3

Please pray and fast for America, President Trump and Vice President Pence. Please keep praying for the defeat of the ungodly in America.

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day. ...As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. ...We have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away.... Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. God, please bless America.

In Christ

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Msg #2045 Well Deserved Emerods and Mice

What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Philistines declared a great victory over Israel when they killed 30,000 of their footmen and took the ark of God to Ashdod and brought it into the house of Dagon their god. The Philistine victory was shortly after the death of Sampson and just as Samuel was stepping in as God's judge and priest.

Israel supposed that bringing the ark of the covenant of God to the battle ground would guarantee their victory, instead the evil priests bringing the ark, Hophni and Phinehas, were both slain, and the Philistines took what was holy into their camp.

The Democratic Party, pitted against Israel, despising the sanctity of life in the womb, mocking the sanctity of marriage, rejecting “male and female created he them,” and promoting sodomy as gay, is, in those positions, as much an enemy of God as were the Philistines. They shamelessly boast that Delaware voted in McBride, the highest ranking transgender official in the US, that Vermont and Kansas now have their first transgender legislators, and that the NY-15th district has the first Afro-Latino “gay” member of the US Congress. They boast braggadociosly of those as “gains” in their “progressive cause.”

That Philistine false god fell on its face before the ark of God, and then lost his head and hands the next day. Leaders of Ashdod ended with emerods in their secret parts. Curse #14 of 30 in Leviticus 28 states “*the LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed*” (Lev 28:27, cf 15 & 45). They sent the ark of God to Gath, and Gath had emerods and mice, then to Ekron where they were smitten with these horrid emerods and plagued with mice. In 1Samuel chapter 6 the five lords of the Philistines sent what was holy, the ark of God, back to Israel where it belonged.

One could name five power mongering Democrat leaders in DC, lords of Philistines, mishandling what is holy, and over due for mice and emerods. One could name five power mongering, church closing, Democrat governors, responsible for 40% of COVID deaths by misguiding nursing homes. They seem overdue for plagues of mice and emerods. Christians need not cower in defeat in these days of Philistinian victories; we are on the winning side, and we have a God who can and does bring judgment on the ungodly.

We are not to call down fire from God to consume enemies, remember Jesus' rebuke to James and John in Luke 9:54-56, but I wouldn't stand to close to any of these in a thunderstorm, and I don't think a face mask protects from emerods in one's secret parts. Let's be about the Father's business; he commissioned us to preach the gospel to every creature. Don't let mere Philistines deter you.

A 500 word essay for week #45 Nov 8, 2020

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Msg #2046 Dangerous Pandemic No-Gos

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Sunday, Missionary to Italy Rob Craig preached from Luke 5:1-11. Curious that people pressed upon our Lord Jesus Christ to hear the word of God; would God people did today. Half the miracles of Jesus were done on or around this 14x7 mile, hundred foot deep lake and we start this account with two ships standing by, and the fishermen gone out of them. Be careful; during this pandemic fringe Christians quit going to church altogether, and others are slow to "Go." Pandemic no-gos produce salvation no-shows. Jesus got into a ship and prayed Simon to thrust out a little from the land. Complacent Peter with all his fishing gear and skill had toiled all night,... without the Lord in his ship, he had taken nothing. Now this Carpenter, after teaching people out of Pete's fishing boat, was telling this seasoned fisherman to launch out into the deep, and let down his nets (plural). Simon stubbornly balked, he was discouraged, he had quit, he had tried this already, but "nevertheless" he gave some partial obedience and let down "a net" (singular). Peter was astonished at what God could do with his reluctant net. "*And so was also James and John, the sons of Zebedee*" (Luke 5:10). Sometimes we sing "Bring them in, Bring them in" as if people need brought into a church to be saved, but the commission that you, individual believer, have been given in Matthew 29:19, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:46, John 20,21 and Acts 1:8 is to GO! It isn't "Go, unless there is a pandemic!" When is the last time you invited someone to Christ? Or went through seven memorized verses of the Romans Road with a lost person? Get as astonished as Peter; launch out into the deep, drop down a net.

An Essay for week #46 Nov 15, 2020

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Msg #2047 2020 Thanksgiving in America

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

A National day of Thanksgiving just after America voted down “Make America Great Again,” is to be different than any ever seen. The Holy Bible still tells Christians that the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning youall is, *“In everything give thanks”* (1Thes 5:18). And it emphasizes that Christians, like Jesus, will not fit inside the “camp” of this world and must go outside of the camp to *“offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”* (Heb 13:13-15).

In an America shaking its fist at the LORD God, on this our national day of Thanksgiving, it is appropriate to republish in the republic a portion of Abe's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

... We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

An Essay for week #47 Nov 22, 2020

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Msg #2048 The First Advent of Christ - Prophecy

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Advent candle lighting makes me nervous. My mom's Romano family used statues, beads, and candles to elicit penance for their Roman Catholic religion. Mom was converted to Christ when I was six. Penance is nowhere in the Bible. Repentance is nowhere in Catholicism. Just the same the five advent candles can provide a thought provoking study of Christ's first advent. The prophecy candle asks that one examine no less than eighty verses of Bible prophecy about it. Of them Jesus said, "*These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me*" (Luke 24:44).

The law of Moses tells that the seed of woman would crush Satan's head, and possess the gate of those who hate Jacob's house, in the seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed, and that this is an everlasting covenant (Genesis 3:15, 24:60; 12:3, 28:14; 17:19, 28:15, 49:10).

In the prophets the child would be born of a virgin, be called Immanuel, the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God, and the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7). The prophets also reveal that this Jewish Messiah will be the elect servant, will be "*wounded for our transgressions*", and that "*the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all*" (Isaiah 42, 49, 52, 53). They tell when he will be born, where he will be born, that he will fill the temple with glory, and come riding upon a colt the foal of an ass to say to them which are not my people, "*Thou art my people*" (Dan 9:25-26, Micah 5:2, Haggai 2:7, Zech 9:9, Hosea 2:23).

The Psalmist reveals that Messiah will be the only begotten son of God; the Good Shepherd that, via crucifixion, gives his life for his sheep; the Great Shepherd, who gives peace through his blood; and the Chief Shepherd, who is the King of Glory (Psalm 2:7, 22, 23, 24, cf John 10:11, Heb 13:20, 1Pet 5:4).

Prophecy reveals excruciating details of his crucifixion, the thirty pieces of silver, unbroken bones out of joint, lots cast for his garment, his soul going to hell, and his resurrection from it. Eighty verses of Biblical prophecy can well prepare us for worship at the second advent candle, the Bethlehem Candle.

An Essay for week #48 Nov 29, 2020

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Msg #2049 The First Advent of Christ - Bethlehem

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When things look the bleakest God can be most miraculous. O Little Town of Bethlehem is just that. Rachel died there giving birth to Benjamin, and the “house of bread” took the name Ephratah, “out of ashes – fruitfulness.” As Rachel died she called her son Benoni, son of my sorrow, but Jacob called him Benjamin, son of the right hand (Genesis 35:18). In Bethlehem-Ephrata Naomi wanted to change her name to Mara, “for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.” Providentially Ruth's “hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz” (Ruth 2:3), and out of ashes – fruitfulness,... a Kinsman Redeemer.

From the line of Benjamin came Israel's first king, a disobedient disaster, but from that failure came a man after God's own heart; King David, grandson of Boaz, was born in Bethlehem-Ephrata; as was the soon coming King of kings.

Despite the garrison of Philistines there, David desired water from the well of Bethlehem. When his men brought it, he poured it out because they jeopardized their lives to get it (2Sam 23:14-17). Jesus gave his life to be Springs of Living Water. We too are to pour out that living water, for out of our belly shall flow rivers of living water (John 7:38).

The culmination of the “out of ashes – fruitfulness”, in Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, is of course the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem-Ephratah. He was made flesh and dwelt among us to die for our sins, but out of those ashes comes the very Bread of Life, for “as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life” (Rom 5:18). Merry Christmas.

An Essay for week #49 Dec 6, 2020

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Msg #2050 The First Advent of Christ - Shepherds

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

God chose shepherds to be the heralds of his birth; they had time, curiosity, initiative, connections and the gospel. *“And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds”* (Luke 2:17-18). Shepherds led sheep to pasture and came to be called pastors. A sheep needs a pastor, God says so. *“Let the LORD... set a man over the congregation... that the congregation of the LORD be not as a sheep which have no shepherd”* (Num 27:16-17). In God's economy Christians are to belong to a church so that their light is set in a candlestick, and their pastor ministers to them; *“And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD”* (Jer 23:4). God gives solemn warning to pastors (Jer 23:1-2) and it is serious; *“Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard.... My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray...”* (Jer 12:10, 50:6). Ezekiel 34 shows previous shepherds failed seven ways; 1) should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 2) The diseased have ye not strengthened, 3) neither have ye healed that which was sick, 4) neither have ye bound up that which was broken, 5) neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, 6) neither have ye sought that which was lost; 7) yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them (Ezek 34:2,4,6). Shepherds are held to a higher standard, you need one, so,... pray for yours.

An Essay for week #50 Dec 13, 2020

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Msg #2051 The First Advent of Christ – Wise Men

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him” (Matthew 2:1-2). These wise men (BC 4) knew from Daniel the Prophet (BC 600), the original wise man from the east, that the Messiah of the Jews was due; Daniel 9:24-27 gives the timing. Daniel had, in the east, i.e. Babylon, the scriptures that foretold a great deal about Messiah (cf Dan 9:2). Of them Jesus said, *“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me”* (Luke 24:44). Consequently the wise men could have known, as Daniel knew, that the seed of woman would bruise the Serpent's head, be from the tribe of Judah, sit on the throne of King David, be the begotten Son of God, be born of a virgin, be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father; that he would be a rejected cornerstone in Zion, and that he would die for the iniquity of the world (Gen 3:15, 49:10, 2Sam 7:16, Psalm 2:7, Isaiah 7:13-14, 9:6-7, 8:14, 28:16, 53:6).

Oh, if this world today only knew that much about the blessed Saviour born in the barn that day. Wise men still seek him. Wise men still see him in the scriptures. Wise men still worship him. Wise men unceasingly talk of him, the one who saved their soul from hell, the greatest gift ever given, our Lord Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas.

An Essay for week #51 Dec 20, 2020

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Msg #2052 Amazing Praising for 2021

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The last Sunday of this year calls for genuine encouragement for Bible believers and that can come by learning “It's Amazing What Praising Can Do.” No less than twenty-four verses command us “Praise ye the LORD.” The steps down and away from God are listed in Romans 1:20, “*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful...*” ergo the top two steps back to God are giving thanks and praising God's glory. Praising God cures a multitude of maladies; it actually changes one's brain chemistry. It can cure depression without meds. Depression is a complicated illness, talk therapy the most robust cure, and God says praising his holy name is a most powerful talk therapy. Praising is a cure for grief. Job said, “*the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*” At the death of his son David said, “*I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. ... Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever*” (2Sam 12:23, Psalm 106:1). It's a cure for anxiety, “*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.... Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.... In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.*” (1Pe5:7,Php4:6, 1Th 5:18).

It is amazing what praising will do. It gives victory over addictions, anger management, and broken relationships. The Bible says fifteen times “Bless the LORD”, and eight times it touches health, “*I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance.*” Praise his holy name and have a joyous new year.

An Essay for week #52 Dec 27, 2020

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Msg #2101The Herdsman from Tekoa

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Twice a herdsman from Tekoa interceded to beg the Lord GOD to stop the judgment against his nation (Amos 7). Twice God “repented” (7:3,6) of the destruction he was bringing upon Israel. But he got out a plumb-line so his prophet could see how very crooked the nation had become; His wrath was justified. The plumb-line is on America, she is very corrupt, she is very crooked. In ten years God has twice “repented” of the judgment he was bringing upon America. In 2001 America responded to the 9/11 attacks with anthems of “God Bless America” and in 2016 she responded to eight years of radical leftist globalism and moral ruin with a wave of conservative values and pro-Israel policies. Twice God “repented” of the destruction that he had allowed to begin, and he blessed, and made America great again. But by hook and by crook, with full support and complete collusion with every lying leftist organization, media, and big tech entity, and overwhelming support of Communist China, America “voted” against Make America Great.

Satan wants America global, immoral, anti-Israel, and socialist/communist, as he pushes toward the one world government of the end times. America does not get an Amos, Hosea or Isaiah to warn of her destruction; she has sixty-six books, written by twenty-seven men over 1,592 years, that give the modus-operandi of the LORD God in these instances. The plumb-line is out, the nation is crooked and a basket of “very naughty figs” (Jer 24).

What will the Lord GOD do in 2021? Whoda think that America would rot and fall in such a fashion? Now it is high time to preach the gospel to every creature; the time of his appearing is nigh, and we need to be about the Father's business (Rom 13:11, Mark 16:15, Luk 21:31).

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Msg #2102 Victory Over Suffering

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Peter was a character. “Open mouth and insert foot” is a cliché that comes to mind. God rebuked him from heaven when he said, “Master,... let us make three tabernacles...”. Jesus rebuked him, “Get thee behind me Satan...” and we know the results of his claim, “Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee.” His sword missed by three inches. He did, however, momentarily walk on water.

Christ gave the Apostle Peter a complete makeover before he wrote his epistles. With a mature passion he addresses strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. Converted Jews and converted Gentiles are become strangers and pilgrims in this world. Peter assures these believers that they are elect “through sanctification of the Spirit”, elect “unto obedience”, and elect unto “the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.” Gentiles are corporately “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.” God specifically said, “I will call them my people which were not my people” (Rom 9:24-25, Hosea 1:10,2:23). Individuals are not elect for salvation or damnation, and Gentiles were not elect to replace Israel; John Calvin was genius, but wrong on both counts.

Peter writes this impassioned charge to all believers to prepare them for victory over suffering. No matter our background, culture, upbringing or color, we are now strangers, begotten unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Americans are more accustomed to leaning on their rights than they are to leaning on their Saviour. In 2021, when we experience 2Tim 3:12, we can live 1Peter 2:20 and have victory over suffering. We have an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven. Don't you wish everyone did? Share Acts 2021 because of John 2021.

An Essay for week #2 Jan 10, 2021

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Msg #2103 Persecution in America?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Peter writes to persecuted strangers scattered throughout Asia encouraging them, for the glory of God, to take it patiently when they are buffeted for their well doing (1Pet 2:20). I write this Penny Pulpit on our first day under a leftist-socialist regime to remind saints of that encouragement. Peter's two epistles are superbly organized and divinely pointed to answer the question, "How does a Christian thrive under persecution?"

Peter addresses "strangers" who are elect through sanctification unto obedience, to first remember that they have an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that fadeth not away reserved in heaven (1Pet 1:1-5). Then to know that this trial of one's faith is more precious than gold (vr. 6-8). Then to marvel in so great salvation, even more than the prophets of old marveled. Moreover, angels would marvel in it if they could (9-12).

That only captures half of the introduction, and in good literature the body develops every point of the introduction. The Lord God writes good literature, and thus a study of 1st and 2nd Peter is loaded with intensity. Half the introduction should make one eager to pick up their King James Bible and read both epistles in one setting before we even start detailing the second half of the introduction.

God has allowed Satan latitude to overturn and overrun the legitimate vote of seventy-four million living people who want America 1st and America Great. We cannot imagine the persecution leveled against Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia in the 1st century AD, but because "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution," we need to pay attention to Peter's epistles. God says "Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, ... fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings" (Isa 51:7).

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Msg #2104 www.SufferingWrongfully

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Apostle Peter's discourse on how a believer can suffer wrongfully with patience is most pertinent since the leftist regime has done a hostile takeover of our nation. 2020 brought things that took Christians out of their comfort zone. Peter says while out there we should reflect on our incorruptible inheritance, the gold in the trial, and God's awesome plan of salvation. But Peter tags on how we should watch our **Walk**, mind our **Worship**, and attend to God's **Word**. Let them be the www in our 2021. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end" (1Pet 1:13). The picture of garment parts dangling loose and in the way, causing a stifled and dangerous walk is herein applied to the mind. Entertainment, amusements and hobbies need to be "girded" up. As should "stinking thinking" as I've heard it called.

Look then at Peter's worship of our Redeemer, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things,... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1:18-19). Our Creator is become our Redeemer, worship him. Look too at Peter's reverence for the Word, "For all flesh is as grass, ... But the word of the Lord endureth for ever" (1:24-25). Modernist ecumenicals suppose God was unable to preserve his inerrant Word, and they will tell you what God meant to say in their copyright versions. They made ghastly changes to Peter's two letters as documented in my book, "The 357 Magnum Errors of the Modernist's Critical Texts"⁴, that details seventeen changes they made to Apostle Peter's work.

In these last days persecution is not unprecedented. Peter's letters to the persecuted teach how to suffer wrongfully with patience, and a testimony.

An Essay for week #4 - Jan 24, 2021

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4 Rice, Edward G., "The 357 Magnum Errors of the Modernist's Critical Texts", via www.lulu.com/spotlight/GSBaptistChurch, 140 page paperback for \$10.66 or www.GSBaptistchurch.com/baptist/bible/texterror.pdf

Msg #2105 Think Right, Read Right, Grow Right

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Forasmuch as you KNOW you are redeemed,... desire the word that you may GROW,... be a peculiar people that you may SHOW,... and follow in his steps to GO (1Pet 1:18, 2:2, 9, 21). Peter didn't rhyme these but he nailed them. A preacher outlined them in the seventies and I've traced them through three Scofield reference Bibles since, but they have traced into far more lives.

In Peter's GROW charge a new convert's growth is captured in a single sentence that begins, "Wherefore laying aside all malice...", but it centers on a sincere desire for the Word of God (2:1-3). The ecumenicals changed God's Words but a convert is born into salvation, he does not "grow into salvation"! Check your Bible, modernist ecumenicals made diabolical changes to God's wording. A new convert's growth comes from a renewing of the mind, or "girding up the loins of the mind...." (1:13) as in "laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings..." (2:1). And then comes that sincere desire for the sincere milk of the Word, because "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom 10:17).

Faith is grown with the "quick and powerful, ... able to divide the thoughts and intents... Word of God." Peter's single sentence closes with a categorical if-so-be-test, so one should make sure their salvation is real, i.e. a salvation that is not just professed, but genuinely possessed. That is good advice for even an old crusty Christian. God will save you till you know it, and change you till you show it. Praise his holy name.

It is not too late to add a resolution for 2021. Be resolved to grow your faith this year as you preach Acts 2021 because of John 2021.

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Msg #2106 Being Peculiar in 2021

What The Bible Says

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The Apostle Peter cunningly reminds the persecuted saints, strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, that they are peculiar but precious because our Lord Jesus Christ was peculiar and precious. He likens Christians to lively stones because we are placed in the living stone, the stone that human builders rejected, but God has made the chief corner stone, elect and precious.

“Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation... And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder” (Isa 28:16, Matt 21:44)

We then, as Christians, are to be *“lively stones, ... built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, ...And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone”* (1Pet 2:5, Eph 2:20) This spiritual house, this holy priesthood, is *“to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ”* (1Pet 2:5). *“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”* (Heb13:15).

Doubtless you have met people who are peculiar because they think themselves something grand; Christians end up peculiar solely because they are in Christ, and therein are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation. Why? *“That ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light... Let your light so shine...”* (1Pet 2:9, Matt 5:16).

This week, under a leftist, rebellious, socialist regime in America we have ample opportunity to be a peculiar people. Let's make it for the right reasons and with a Christlike attitude. God Bless.

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Msg #2107 Valentines Love Significance and Security

What The Bible Says

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When God asks a man, in body, soul, and spirit, to leave father and mother and to cleave to his new wife for all his love, and all his security, and all his significance, he salutes sharply and says, “Yes Sir.” But when God asks a woman, in body, soul, and spirit, to do the same, she might say, “Say What???” Men are made out of dirt, women are not; consequently, much of this Valentine's Day message, about the importance of showing love, providing security, and giving significance, will be “Amen'd” by wives, and “Oh-me'd” by husbands.

In general married daughters call mom seven days a week; married sons call on an occasional holiday! So all of us need to rehearse some Valentine's Day tips covering the basics of leaving and cleaving. Valentine's Day comes on February 14th with purpose. Hormones ramp up for spring time, and that comes after woodchucks slip back into hibernation for six weeks, whether they saw shadows or not. The Bible instructs husband and wife to leave mama and cleave to each other for love, security, and significance. Those, incidentally, are the reasons we marry. We call them “soul-mates”, and “significant-others” and we exchange vows for an “until death do us part” security. Love, significance, and security, all have three dimensions of body, soul, and spirit, i.e. for physical security, emotional security and spiritual security. So now then there are nine different areas for leaving and cleaving.

Of course our Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme reality for his love, his giving significance, and his “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee” security. He is the example we are to aspire to in our marriages. Practice all nine dimensions in your marriage. Happy Valentine's Day.

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Msg #2108 A Taste of Paradise

What The Bible Says

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For Valentine's Day, we saw the importance of “securing” our “soul-mate”, and making them our “significant-other”; this week let's look at the importance of communicating with them. There are four essentials for following God's commands in marriage and becoming one-flesh in bliss, producing a marriage that is a taste of paradise on earth. Faithfulness is essential, forgiveness, just as essential, communication paramount, and fidelity to each other and to God's Word is the fourth essential. It behooves couples to study and revisit each essential annually, and February is ideally suited for just such a visitation. Communication is the most fun to examine because we all do it so poorly and it links to the other three. Five characteristics of a communication lifeline in good working order are: 1) A sense of freedom to express yourself; 2) A sense of being understood; 3) An absence of win-lose arguments; 4) A reduction in tension; and 5) A sense of being safe and secure in the relationship. Two or more of those characteristics upside down give you a critically impaired lifeline that needs help immediately as increasing distance and silence sets into your marriage. Every marriage needs some improvements in their communications lifeline, and the greatest help often comes when one improves their listening skills. Consider eight ways to do that: 1) "Half is Not Enough"... Give complete attention; 2) "No Interruptions"... Don't interrupt each other! 3) "Repeat, Re-pete"; 4) "Respond with Your Eyes" Real listening involves eye contact; 5) "Don't wait for Commercial Breaks"; 6) "Silence is a NEGATIVE Feedback"; 7) "With a Breakthrough Don't Overwhelm"; and 8) "Give a LOVE Message." When you listen to your partner, you are showing love. It is B-E-S-T to Bless, Edify, Share, and Touch. Happy Valentine's Month.

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Msg #2109 Be Christ-Like In Suffering

What The Bible Says

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In military briefings, we'd tell them what we're going to tell, then tell them, then tell them what we'd told them: intro, body, and summary. The Apostle Peter does that expertly on several fronts in his coverage of enduring suffering wrongfully. *“Dearly beloved,”* he writes, *“I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;...”* (1Pet 2:11). He had just written, *“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy”* (1:16). In chapter 2 the “why-for” of this holiness is *“that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation”* (2:12). There is coming a “day of visitation” for every man. *“As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God”* (Rom 14:11, cf Isa 45:23, Php 2:10). That visitation will come either at their salvation, or at their judgment. For those who see your good works, pray for the former.

Peter then writes, *“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, ...Or unto governors,... that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:...”* (1Pet 2:13-15). Peter goes on, *“As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke... Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Servants, be subject ... For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us...”* (2:16-18, 21).

Everything we, as Christian's go through in 2021, even under a leftist-progressive regime, we are to be Christ-like. Christians were labeled that because they looked like, acted like and RE-acted like Christ. In 2021, if your a “possessing” Christian, not just a “professing” one, be consciously Christ-ian. God bless.

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Msg #2110 Hereunto Were Ye Called

What The Bible Says

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“For even hereunto were ye called” (1Pet 2:23a). Peter uses this clause to highlight some things that are expected of a Christian going through the trial of their faith. Allow me to attach it more directly to his arguments: abstain from fleshly lusts,... *for even hereunto were ye called*; having your conversation honest,... *for even hereunto were ye called*; submit yourself to every ordinance of man, to kings, or governors,... *for even hereunto were ye called*; use your liberty as servants of God,... *for even hereunto were ye called*; Honour all men, Love the brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the king,... *for even hereunto were ye called*; be subject to your masters,... *for even hereunto were ye called*!

Recall Peter's theme and insert his clause,... if you are buffeted when ye do well, and suffer for it,... *even hereunto were ye called*: because Christ also suffered for us. The point is captured in verse 23, *“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.”* It is good to act like Christ, but here Peter asks us to ReAct like Christ.

In 2021 Christians doing what Christians do, will raise the ire of the leftists who now dominate and control our society and run Washington DC. How will you ReAct to their affliction? *“That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, ... Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”* (1Thes3:3-4, 2Ti 3:12). Many Christians are ReActing poorly in these days. Remember Peter's charge, and be Christlike in persecution.

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Msg #2111 The 2021 Husband n Wife Reaction

What The Bible Says

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Many have presumed that 1Peter 3 is about the Godly Christian home. It does add credence to God's defined roles for husbands and wives, but that is not what it is about. Peter is establishing that strangers and pilgrims, who are to be a peculiar people for their God, should have their conversation honest among the Gentiles: *that, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.* (1Peter 2:9, 11, 12). The “Likewise” in verse 1 connects Godly wives to the display of that honest conversation; the “Likewise” of verse 7 connects Godly husbands to it. Even more so these two “Likewises” connect Godly wives and husbands to Christ's example, *“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatned not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously.* (2:22-23).

None of this lessens Peter's correspondence about Godly homes with Godly wives and Godly husbands; indeed it heightens it. We are not just talking about husbands and wives that ACT like Christ, Peter is teaching here that Christians need to REACT like Christ. The second half of chapter 3 assures us that Peter is addressing this theme. Verse 9 states, *“Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.”* In an America stepping into socialism and seeing a Marxist overthrow looming ahead, Christians need to work on their REACTIONS and be Christlike. In 2021 a Christian displaying his rebellious carnal nature does not have much opportunity to fulfill John 2021 and preach Acts 2021. Let your home and marriage show forth Christ with every reaction.

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Msg #2112 Eyes and Ears Are Open

What The Bible Says

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The Apostle Peter addresses “strangers and pilgrims” of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who lived in a vile upside down world under the vile Emperor Nero, and tells them to “*submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to...*” Nero himself, or one of his governors! (1Peter 1:1,2:11,13). And submit yourselves to these vile tyrants as you would “*unto them that are sent by the Lord for the punishment of evildoers*”, i.e. submit just as you would unto a good and just governor(vr.14). There is a lot in Peter's first letter that needs to sink into believers walking into this first year under a fraudulently elected leftist regime, “*For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men*”(vr.15). In Upstate New York, from the White House in DC to Albany NY, right down to county officials who board up churches, the ignorance of foolish men is on full display this year. Thankfully God continues through the pen of Peter, “*For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?*”(3:12-13). Remember Peter's target audience, those strangers and pilgrims, that “chosen generation”, that “peculiar people”, were being thrown to the lions and God says, “*Who is he that will harm you?*”... “*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*” In answered prayer our mini-tyrant governor, will soon be gone,... but ignorant and foolish will install another. God's advice for a Christians is still “submit”, and do John 2021 in year 2021.

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Msg #2113 Palm Sunday 10th of Abib

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On the 10th day of the 1st Hebrew month of the year, called Abib, Hebrews were to separate their passover lamb from the rest of the flock, observe him for three days to assure no spot or blemish, then, on the 14th day of the month, they were to slay the passover lamb. The next day, the 15th of the month, was a Sabbath Day no matter what day or the week it was on, it was the 1st day of the feast of unleavened bread. It was widely known that the Only Begotten Son of God, as our Passover Lamb, died in that selfsame prescribed hour on Passover Day. God paints an elaborate fifteen-hundred year old picture with this passover celebration; it foretells his perfect offering of a perfect Passover Lamb. But few have really traced Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the separation of the lamb from the rest of the flock. That Palm Sunday was indeed the public selection of a perfect lamb that would be the Passover Lamb for all mankind. He was selected on Sunday, the 10th of Abib. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 11th, 12th and 13th of that month, Jesus was daily teaching in the Temple, and found to be without spot or blemish. He was teaching with an authority that scared the chief rulers. On the day before Passover, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, had the last supper, took three to the garden of Gethsemane, and at midnight was betrayed into the hands of those angry rulers. The Bible gives great detail of the "trial" and crucifixion on that Passover Day. *"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed"* (Isa 53:5).

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Msg #2114 Easter's Power

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“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:... not having mine own righteousness,... but that which is through the faith of Christ,... That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,...” (Phil 3:8-10). I have a close friend who is “enamored” by the incarnation of Christ, but the Bible calls us to no “unreasoning fondness”, only to well reasoned comprehensions. This Easter time we celebrate the power of his resurrection.

Allow me latitude to call this “un-incarnation.” The Son of God became finite, became flesh and dwelt among us, ... became the Son of man. But in the resurrection the Son of man, in a victory over death, was quickened and became infinite again. He was glorified with the glory which he had with God before the world was. (John 17:5). That is profound... but what is profounder (if that were made a word) is that the “*power of his resurrection*” is the power of God in the gospel, i.e. in salvation! The gospel by which ye are saved is that “*Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures...*” (1Cor 15:1-3). Ergo, the power of his resurrection is the thing we ought to strive to know... that is the gospel we are to preach. The Apostle Paul said it, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;...*” (Rom 1:16)

Use the POWER; preach the Gospel. “*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*” (1Cor 1:18) Happy Easter.

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Msg #2115 Christians, Arm Yourselves!

What The Bible Says

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“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:...” (1Peter 4:1a). One arms themselves to be prepared for a skirmish of some sort. The Apostle Peter warned Christians that persecution, unjust treatment, and suffering is their calling, and this charge to arm yourselves with the same mind Christ had in his suffering is a key ingredient of that warning. We understand how to arm ourselves physically and can thus understand assembling the mental tools needed to *“gird up the loins of your mind”* (1:13). This is a jiu-jitsu of mental preparation, a taekwondo of perseverance and self-control, a how did Christ react and how am I to react when this, or that, or the other, show up in this martial battle. In our lifetime our government has called Christ's church non-essential and boarded up church doors! As might be expected, some of us reacted poorly. The Apostle Peter says if we arm ourselves we can cease from sin, no longer live in the flesh, and live the rest of our time in the will of God (4:1-2). The rest of our time might be long and it will surely be a battle. Christians need armed with a “ready mind” (5:2).

After Hezekiah God's remnant in Judah was subjected to fifty-five years of Manasseh! After Josiah, there was twenty-two years of Jehoiakim and Zedekiah! We have endured only three months of leftist, socialist, fraudulent Joe Biden. Christians *“arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.... Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind...”* (1Peter 4:1-2,1:13).

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Msg #2116 Welcome Back

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves:” (1Peter 4:8a). Peter justly warns that “strangers and pilgrims” going through unjust treatment, persecution, and suffering can start to turn on each other. So he give this “Above all things” consideration. All the forces of hell, and most of forces of the leftist Democrats, have centered on keeping folks locked up, masked up, and terrified for a year. Some have laid out of church for months. They don't need “Christian” ire, they need compassion. Make no mistake believers gathering themselves together for edification is commanded, not suggested, but when a precious saint wants to remedy their lagging church attendance, their fear of what others will say and think can be an overwhelming hindrance. Peter puts forth three helps to touch suffering and troubled saints: fervent charity, hospitality, and ministry, among yourselves, one to another, and one to another as good stewards (4:8,9,10).

Shut-ins have beamed with the manifold grace of God when a fellow member ministered, visited, and brought charity into their shut-in life. In these days saints are recovering from diabolic lies that put them or their families in dire fear. They do not need rebuke, that is our Lord's arena not ours. They do not need ire, that is carnality. They need charity, hospitality, and ministered to. Peter goes on to exhort that we speak only the Word of God, minister only through God's ability, and do it only for God's glory through Jesus Christ (vr11). *“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves:... Use hospitality one to another ... even so minister the same one to another,... that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ ... Amen”* (1Pet 4:8-11). Sure, put these four verses in an outline, but more so, put them into practice.

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Msg #2117 A COVID No Fear Flier

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Liberal left factions of our government are lying to us and
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COVID “science” to herd people around and terrify. They suppose
the world will end from carbon dioxide! as they strive to abolish the
use of God's natural and abundant fossil fuels. They legislate that
choosing gender is a civil-right not an XY chromosome thing. They
demonize the police that protect us. They hypothesize evolution and
demonize our Creator and his Only Begotten Son.

If you are tired of the lies, come hear the truth. What is truth?
Jesus said “*I am the TRUTH!*” The Holy Bible says,

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of
love, and of a sound mind... There is no fear in love; but perfect
love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is
not made perfect in love.* (2Timothy 1:7, 1John 4:18, Authorized Holy Bible)

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Msg #2117a A COVID No Fear Notification

What The Bible Says

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Cover your mouth to cough, like your grandmother taught you.

Liberal left factions of our government are lying to us and controlling people by fear and intimidation. They use deceiving COVID “science” to herd people around and terrify. They suppose the world will end from carbon-dioxide! as they strive to abolish the use of God's natural and abundant fossil fuels. They legislate that choosing gender is a civil-right not an XY chromosome thing. They demonize the police that protect us. They hypothesize evolution and demonize our Creator and his Only Begotten Son.

The truth is the flu kills more than COVID; carbon-dioxide is natural, we exhale it, global warming is a farce; XY chromosomes do exist; sodomy is abomination; life begins at conception; there is no systemic racism in America; and it don't matter how long you breed beagles you will never get a Clydesdale horse! Nor can cross breeding lizards produce a Bald Eagle.

God could send an algae bloom tomorrow that eliminates fifty years of our carbon emissions. He could send up a single blast of volcanic ash that would lower global temperatures by those three degrees that terrify Al Gore and Joe Biden.

Tired of all the lies? Get into a Bible believing church and hear truth. What is truth? Jesus said “*I am the TRUTH!*”

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind... There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (2Tim1:7, John4:18)

Know Christ, No Fear! No Christ, Know Fear! If you are a born-again, saved by grace, converted to Christ, Christian you need to be in a Bible believing church with folks of like faith. If not, you need to lend an ear to the TRUTH of God's Holy Word and be SAVED.

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Msg #2118 Pastors, Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing.

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“The elders which are among you I exhort, ... Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof,... not as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock” (1Pet 5:1-3). Peter had just given saints who were persecuted, treated unjustly, and suffering for Christ, an *“above all things”* exhortation that they *“have fervent charity among yourselves”* (1Pet 4:8). Here in chapter 5 that concern extends to the pulpit.

People have a carnal nature that causes them to turn on each other during unfair treatment, like the little brother that gets a big cookie, while I get a crumb. Christians are not exempt, and, unfortunately, neither are independent, fundamental pastors. It is emphasized that this selfishness is a carnal nature, not a Godly nature. The Apostle Paul warned the Galatians, *“But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another”* (Gal 5:15). Rural denominational churches were irate because we could intelligently continue worship services, while they had to abide fifty pages of ludicrous denominational COVID commands. God ordained independent, autonomous, local churches, with no denominational controls. But sometimes even independent pastors turn on each other. It has been said that independent Baptists fight like alley-cats, ... but they reproduce like them too.

Peter addresses here that pastors need to keep the main thing the main thing. Denominational heads cannot comprehend different responses required for different areas, unfortunately neither do some carnal independent Baptists. Be careful of infighting. Carefully feed the flock, take the oversight, and be an example. Above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves. *“And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away”* (1Pet 5:4).

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Msg #2119 Rebellng With Humility

What The Bible Says

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“Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:” (1Pet 5:5-6). A stroll through Peter's letter to the persecuted, unfairly treated, and suffering saints under Roman Emperor Nero, saints that Peter calls *“strangers and pilgrims,”* a stroll through his letter to them can correct and reprove prideful Christians still shaking their fists and demanding their rights in America.

First let me say that it is appalling how many Americans put on their face mask, fuss over a fictitious carbon footprint, and pretend that Bruce Jenner is a female, as they lay down and roll over like a submissive dog. A socialist regime with Marxist intentions has taken over our country with a fraudulent election and the average American yawns behind a face mask! Christians ought not be doing that; if you have a voice, broadcast TRUTH in every venue available to you, but do it with Christ-likeness.

Peter has already told us to submit to our governors for the Lord's sake (2:13-14), Jesus did; to not turn on each other *“but above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves”* (4:8), Jesus had it; and now Peter exhorts, *“be clothed with humility”* (5:5), Jesus was. It is important to keep our reaction to wrong, right, i.e. be Christlike in both action and REACTION.

The first three “Blessed Rs” introducing Jesus' Sermon on the Mount epitomize the humble, they are poor in spirit, mourning, and meek. These describe a more Christlike attitude than my demanding my rights. Christians, more than anybody, ought not call for what they deserve. The fifth “Blessed R” is to the merciful. In 2021 preach Acts 2021 because of John 2021. God bless.

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Msg #2120 Where to Cast Your Cares

What The Bible Says

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I care that Trump was fraudulently impeached and censored. I care that corruption, fraud, and deceit elected Joe Biden. I care that Rush is dead and that Hannity spent a week pretending Bruce Jenner was female as he tried to dance with him. I care about the vile and dangerous course of my country. Peter gives direction to strangers and pilgrims living their faith under Emperor Nero, "*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you*" (1Pet 5:6-7). Their focus was not removing Nero from power, nor reforming the Roman corruption that empowered his Godless dictates. They had already been commanded to submit to their governors and above all things have fervent charity among yourselves. Twelve went down to spy on Canaan, ten were bad and two were good. Ten had their focus on the command, two had their focus on the commander. Under the mighty hand of God a soldier can keep his focus right.

Peter also exhorts these mistreated pilgrims to remember who the real enemy is, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour...*" (5:8). He then charges them to resist the true adversary by being "*steadfast in the faith*", but in the same sentence reminds them they are not alone in this battle; "*knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world*" (5:9). Remember Elijah's fearful pity party when he forgot the others who stood for truth. Lord may I humble myself under your hand; I cast my care upon you; keep me sober and vigilant against your adversary and strengthen my brethren that are going through these afflictions.

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Msg #2121 Peter's "Who To" and "How To"

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Six years after the Apostle Peter pens his first epistle to suffering, persecuted, misjudged and mistreated "strangers and pilgrims", he takes up his pen and writes again, "Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me" (2Pet 1:14). Paul and Peter both foresee the upcoming apostasy wherein their lives and the professing church will end. Fight off apostasy. Peter's first sentence keenly addresses the "who to" and the "how to."

"To them that have obtained like precious faith with us" is the "who to." A deacon once confided, "I never had a head on collision with God, I just always believed and after I believed more and more, I eventually became a Christian." And another, "I can't really tell you a time and place that I got saved, I just believed God."

Don't stone me for saying this, but you are not saved by what you believe; you are not saved by faith; ... you are saved by GRACE through faith (Eph 2:8-9). Salvation is a transaction; a new birth has a time, and a place, and a transformation called conversion. (Psalms 19:7, Matt 18: 3, Acts 3:19, 20:21, James 5:19-20). "Are you married?"

"I think so,... I hope so,... I believe so"... No. No. No. There was a time and a place where we exchanged vows, we have witnesses, and she is still with me! Are you saved? Are you of like precious faith with Peter? There was a time and place (Rom 10:9-10,13). Don't make one up, nail one down!

Peter's "how to" for grace and peace multiplied is, "through the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.... All things that pertain unto life and godliness," come through the knowledge of him! (2Pet 1:2-3).

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Msg #2122 How to Combat Social Media n Fake News

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

How does a Christian combat the pernicious ways of social media and fake news, the right hand of America's leftist regime? False teachers *privily bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them*, but Peter's second epistle is resolute that through the knowledge of God, and Jesus our Lord *we have all things that pertain unto life and godliness* (2Pet 2:1-3, 1:1-11). Via Noah Webster's 1828 assistance Peter says to add to your “*substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,*” virtue; and to “Strength; that substance or quality of physical bodies, by which they act and produce effects on other bodies” knowledge; And to “A clear and certain perception of that which exists, or of truth and fact” temperance; and to “Moderation; particularly, habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions; Patience; calmness; sedateness; moderation of passion” patience; and to “The suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled temper; ... without murmuring or fretfulness; i.e. The act or quality of waiting long for justice or expected good without discontent” godliness; And to “a careful observance of the laws of God and performance of religious duties, proceeding from love and reverence for the divine character and commands” add brotherly kindness; and to “Good will; benevolence; that temper or disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of others” add charity. And the Bible itself defines charity even better than Noah (1Cor 13). Peter goes on to say that “*if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Don't lack here, “*for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall*” (1:9-10).

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Msg #2123 A More Sure Word

What The Bible Says

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“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,...” (2Pet 1:16). At the end of the day, the thing that really matters is what the Lord GOD has had written down for us in an infallible, inerrant, verbally inspired, preserved forever, unrevised record, the Word of God. It's like in BC 1520, when God's perfect and upright servant, Job, said, *“Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed **in a book!*** (Job 19:23), God took the suggestion and ran with it. *“And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial **in a book,** and rehearse it ... And the priest shall write these curses **in a book,**... Isaiah, Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it **in a book,** that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever:... Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee **in a book**.... So Jeremiah wrote **in a book** all the evil that should come upon Babylon... I John, who also am your brother, ... was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write **in a book,**...”* (Ex 17:14, Nu 5:23, Isa 30:8, Jer 30:2, 51:60, Re 1:9-11) We have, **in a book**, a more sure word of prophecy; more sure than an eyewitness, more sure than actually seeing God's majesty, more sure than a voice from heaven! (2Pet 1:15-21). Why would anyone use a man made copyright revised version? *“Whereunto ye do well that ye take heed...”* (1:19)

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Msg #2124 Know Sin, Know Salvation

What The Bible Says

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Know sin, Know salvation; No sin, No salvation. The Apostle Paul sites "it is written" for seventeen indictments of sin. He does not cite chapter and verse because the Bible's chapter divisions were made in the 13th century, and verse divisions were made for printing convenience in the 16th century. But with a little Bible study we can site chapter and verse for his full seventeen count indictment:

- 1) *That they are all under sin; As it is written,* 2) *There is none righteous, no, not one:* Ps 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.
- 3) *There is none that understandeth,* 4) *There is none that seeketh after God.* Ps 14:2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.
- 5) *They are all gone out of the way,* Isa 52:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; ...
- 6) *They are together become unprofitable;* Job 22:2 Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?
- 7) *There is none that doeth good, no, not one.* Ps 14:3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- 8) *Their throat is an open sepulchre;* 9) *With their tongues they have used deceit;* Ps 5:9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.
- 10) *The poison of asps is under their lips:* Ps 140:3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.
- 11) *Whose mouth is full of cursing and ...* 12) *Whose mouth is full of bitterness:* Ps 10:7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.
- 13) *Their feet are swift to shed blood:* Pr 1:16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.
- 14) *Destruction and ...* Ps 1:6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
- 15) *Misery are in their ways...* Ec 8:6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.
- 16) *And the way of peace have they not known:* Isa 57:20-21 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.
- 17) *There is no fear of God before their eyes.* Ps 36:1 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

Many professors are not possessors because they never really knew sin. Know sin, Know salvation; No sin, No salvation.

An Essay for week #24 - Jun 13, 2021

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Msg #2125 The Lies of False Teachers

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

At the close of his life, just before he is killed by Roman Emperor Nero, the Apostle Peter warns about false teachers. *“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies,...and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”* (2Pet 2:1). In chapter one Peter clarified that the lies and falsehoods are defeated through 1) the knowledge of God, 2) giving all diligence add to your faith... and 3) knowing the more sure word of prophecy, God's Word. Peter brings up the false prophets for our learning. Let's learn. In Numbers 12 Miriam and Aaron rose up against Moses and God judged them. In Numbers 16 Korah did, and God killed him.

False prophets misled Ahab and “Jumping Jehoshaphat”, who jumped into bed with him, said, *“Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?”* (1Kings 22:7). That prophet, Micaiah, through a genuine portal into heaven, gives remarkable insight about false prophets. *“And there came forth a spirit, ... and said, I will persuade (Ahab), ... I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And (the LORD) said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so”* (22:21-22).

That same lying spirit is downright hyperactive in 2021, persuading men that black lives matter more, that Abraham Lincoln was a racist bigot, that borders should be open, that killing babies is a civil right, and even that choosing ones gender is a civil right! You can't make this stuff up, it would be unbelievable! The Christian is warned, *“God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie... evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. ... But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;... Keep yourselves in the love of God,... have compassion, ...with fear, pulling them out of the fire...”* (2Thes 2:11-12, 2Tim 3:13, Jude 1:17-23). Let's be about the Father's business; in 2021 preach Acts 2021 because of John 2021. God bless your efforts for Him.

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Msg #2126 Indwelt and Talking

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

A friend recently shared an intimate prayer practice that changed his Christian walk, work, and witness, and after I looked up each Bible reference and daily worded his prayer in my prayer closet I found similar blessings unfolding in my life. Genuine, born-again, Christians are indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit of God, but we don't make it a practice to talk to him nor address his presence and function in our lives.

“Lord I thank you for the **Fellowship and Friendship** of your Holy Spirit within me. May I be **Filled**, in excess, with your Spirit today, and emptied of pride, self, and selfishness. Lord make me a disciple that bears much **Fruit of the Spirit**, to have your love, joy, and peace, to show others longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness and to keep myself in faith, meekness, and temperance. Grant me liberty, that I may live, walk and breath in **Freedom**, without bondage to the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh nor the pride of life. Allow that out of my belly shall **Flow** rivers of living waters and that I may be wholly immersed in the Holy Ghost and His **Fire**. Lord, I live in perilous times with innumerable false teachers, may I stand and **Fight** with the sword of the Spirit to earnestly contend for the faith, but to never be contentious. Holy Spirit of God that indwells me, help me in this day. Amen.” (Php 2:1, John 15:15, Eph 5:18, John 15:8, Gal 5:22-23, 2Cor 3:17, John 7:38-39, Matt 3:11, Eph 6:16)

Christian when you wake up tomorrow morning, the Holy Ghost will be there with you. It wouldn't hurt to talk to him, and rehearse what you need from him. God bless your walk with him tomorrow.

An Essay for week #26 - Jun 27, 2021

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Msg #2126a Old and Stricken in Years

1 July 2021

Today is the first day of my seventieth year on God's green earth. The Psalmist said some things about this my day: "*Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come*" (Ps 71:18). And again, "*I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*" (Ps 37:25).

Some sage advice for you, my grandchild, my loved one, must also come from God's precious and holy scripture. The greatest philosophizer in the world said, "*Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, ... Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.*" (Ecc 12:1,13-14).

This week I heard a quote from a great, but unregenerate, philosopher, Mark Twain, "The two greatest days of life are when you are born, and when you learn why." In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the twelve elders of Israel and the twelve elders and apostles of Christ, reveal Mark Twain's "why" of the latter day, "*The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*" (Rev 4:10-11).

On this, the first day of my seventieth year, I have worded three prayers for you, first, that you might find the truth in these scriptures and read the entire book for yourself, in an authorized version of course: in English, it alone is "*quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" (Heb 4:12). Second that you might come to a place in your life where you read my twelve volumes of systematic theology and write your own, perhaps not in twelve volumes, but at least in twelve paragraphs. And third, but not finally, that you might read at least four chapters of my Hebrew Journal, and some day read the 176 verses of Psalm 119 in Hebrew, to the praise of His glory.

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The Bible says in Joshua 13 "*Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.*" I write because the Lord has said the same to me. I will spend the autumn of my life proof reading books and remodeling a hundred year old mansion for our retirement home. Please stay in touch, or better yet stop in.

Love Always, and Forever
Grandpa Rice

Msg #2127 Absolute Tyranny Revisited

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Declaration of Independence calls out truths that need revisited:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another,... We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, ...

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, ...

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected;...

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice,...

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone,...

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:
For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:
For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:
For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:
For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:
For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences
For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.... (IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.)

In the Bible the Psalmist states: *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD (the USA in previous centuries); and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance (Israel Forever) Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD”* (Ps 33:12, 144:14).

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Msg #2128 My Sheep Hear My Voice

What The Bible Says

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Several truths resonate from Jesus being our shepherd; he said, *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.... I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*

(John10:11,14,27-28). Three Psalms capture our Lord's shepherding qualities. We know the 23 Psalm. It describes **“that great shepherd of the sheep”** (Heb13:20). Just before it, the 22nd Psalm, is **“the good shepherd that giveth his life for the sheep”** (John10). You cannot have the Great Shepherd until you know the Good Shepherd. The 22nd Psalm, written 1,000 years before Christ, describes his crucifixion, *“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? ...”* It continues in verse 14 *“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: ... 16 the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.... 17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. 18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”* (Psalm22:1,14,16-18).

Then there is the **Chief Shepherd that shall appear** (1Pet5:4) captured in Psalm 24, *“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in”* (vrs 7). There is an order in these Psalms, you cannot have the Shepherd of the 23rd Psalm until you have the crucified one of Psalm 22, and when you have the 23rd Psalm Shepherd, you are longing for the Chief Shepherd that shall return in the 24th Psalm. What an awesome book.

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Msg #2129 Villains in Persecution

What The Bible Says

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John G. Butler thinks in alliteration. He draws out of Genesis 37 the Purity, Privileges, Pursuits, and Persecutions of Joseph. He delineates his Validity, Virtue, Vesture, Visions, Vindication and Valor. In the Persecutions of Joseph he details the Villains and the Victims. He shows in his book that the chickens come home to roost for Jacob. Jacob lied about his fathers favorite son, deceived his father, used his brothers coat and a dead kid in his deception; as it unfolded for Joseph. But Butler uncovers a great truth about the villains of persecutions, a truth Americans, in the very throws of a Marxist Communist takeover, need to carefully consider. Reuben, the eldest son, should have stood up and taken charge! He tried to stop the persecutors, but he lacked the Courage, he had already Compromised, and he had no Commitment. Reuben rhymes with Republican. Lets not kill our brother, lets just throw him in this pit, until the next election. "In a little while," he thought, "I will sneak in and do something about this evil."

The staunchest unregenerate conservatives that I know are already dancing with Bruce Jenner pretending he is a she! They pretend sodomy is a civil right not an abomination. You cannot bring them to say, "black lives do not matter more than white lives!" They tiptoe around the abortion issue, never calling it murder. They suppose that the Lord Jesus Christ does not control the climate, and fossil fuel use with carbon-footprints should be regulated. They are riddled with compromise, have no courage, and make no commitments. If America is to be saved it will only be because actual Christians, Bible believers holding an Authorized Bible, "*kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way*" (Psalm 2). Alas, Joseph was sold into slavery.

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Msg #2130 Use the Open Door

What The Bible Says

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The tentacles of American-Marxism that now reach from Washington DC and extend into every avenue of our society, originate from the pits of hell. Perilous times indeed, but praise his holy name, *“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government”* (2Pet 2:9-10). Praise the Lord he will deliver the godly, you can trust him on that, but it is curious to this Baptist Preacher, a retired USAF officer who knows what Marxism is, that that last “chiefly” phrase nails those attempting the overthrow of America.

Although *“many shall follow their pernicious ways”* and by reason of them *“the way of truth shall be evil spoken of”* their *“judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not”* (2:2,3). *“For if God spared not the angels that sinned... And spared not the old world, but saved Noah... And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes ... And delivered just Lot... The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly”* (2:4-9). While we trust him on that, remember the “patience of the saints” called out in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. *“If any man worship the beast and his image,... The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, ... Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus”* (Rev14:9-10,12). Wait for it, ... but don't sit on your hands. Remember the door that no man shutteth opened in Philadelphia! We have a commission (Matt28:19-20, Mark16:15, Luke24:46-48, John20:1, Acts1:8). Lets be about the Father's business; people need the Lord.

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Msg #2131 When Government is the False Teacher

What The Bible Says

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False teachers “*have forsaken the right way and are gone astray*” and are “*wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest, ... to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever*” (2Pet2:15,17). We are warned that they will speak great swelling words of vanity, promise liberty, and deceive many (vr.18-19). Such “pernicious ways” are not only found in charismatic missleaders of the church, they are rampant in society and Godless government! Through the lust of the flesh, and much wantonness” they can deceive even genuine believers (vr.18). Government is ordained by God to promote the good, punish the evil, and protect the innocent, but gone awry and corrupt, ours presently exploits the five longtime vices that bind mankind and cripple “Christians”; www.dg (**w**ine, **w**omen, **w**eed, **d**rugs, and **g**ambling). That second “W” has “advanced” to every form of reprobate perversion known to man, and in such a twisted society one can now “smoke-weed” in exotic flavors and suck even more exotic drugs into their lungs via “much wantonness.” There is always a destructive consequence to being gripped in a vice; emphasis is on “destructive”, i.e. “pernicious.”

False teachers and destructive (pernicious) ways are prevalent, persistent, and promoted, even by our government today. Many are gripped in those ways, even those who name the name of Christ; though he came to break our bondage and set us free. Which is why we regularly echo the promise given to Solomon, “*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, **and turn from their wicked ways**; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land*” (2Chron 7:14). America is in dire need of that healing, but it only comes with a turning; a turning called “repentance.”

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Msg #2132 The Depraved, Antediluvian, and Rainbow People

What The Bible Says

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Peter writes, *“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:...”* (2Pet3:1) Genesis 6, Psalm 14, and Romans 3 give insight into man's depravity and man has no pure mind, until he has a quickened mind. A quickened soul knows Christ and out of Christ's mouth goes a sharp two-edged sword (Rev1:16, Heb4:12)... it is the Word of God, and men are trifling with that two-edged sword today, but the inerrant, infallible verbally inspired Word is still powerful and irresistible. By their own admission modernist ecumenical translators have no inspired Bible.

We are in the Last Days and the willingly ignorant scoffers are rampant. They deny the creation of the world by the spoken Word of God as recorded in the written Word of God. They deny the world flood wherein God destroyed man because of their depravity. Some “scholars” suppose it was naughty angels that brought the world flood, and some suppose those antediluvians of verse 6 belong in some fictitious gap invented and inserted in Genesis 1. God says what he means and means what he says. It was a six day creation and *“every imagination of the thoughts of (man's) heart was only evil continually.”*

Some twisted deviants grab up God's rainbow to suppose that he won't judge them; some twisted president has that queer rainbow flag flying at our foreign embassies, but Peter says the scorners are *“reserved unto fire (not water) against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men”* (3:7).

The good news is that man does not have to live under that condemnation. Any whosoever could choose eternal life and find no condemnation. Someone needs to tell them... and so we have been commissioned (Matt28:19-20, Mark16:15, Luke24:46-48, John20:1, Acts1:8).

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Msg #2133 The Onslaught of Immorality.

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In light of the onslaught of emails from transfriendly provocateurs I have generated this response:

Nicole Beyers, Ref 7/8/2021 Re Can Good Samaritan Baptist Church help trans customers
Emma White, Ref 8/4/2021 Re: Is Good Samaritan Baptist Church TransFriendly?

Thank you for writing. We at GSBC are sinner friendly, believing that our Lord Jesus Christ can save anyone no matter how deep in sin they are sunk. Consequently we are transgender, non-binary and LGBT&Q friendly. Attached is an open letter that details that friendliness. If you have any further questions please call on us.
Pastor Edward G. Rice, GSBaptistChurch.com 54 Main St, Dresden, NY 14441

A Christian's Letter to The LGBT Community, Their Families and Friends

Christianity is not a condemning religion, but many have practiced condemnation in its name. Nor is Christianity a condoning religion, while many have pretended that God will condone any sin that His creatures tangle with, because God is love. In the strictest definition 'Christianity' is not a 'religion' at all: it is a relationship, a relationship with God through Christ of the Bible. Please take a moment to read this letter from a Baptist Preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It will cut through all the hype and denominational garbage of churches and lay out, as plainly as can be stated, what the Bible says about your condition, and your status with your Creator. Don't dismiss this letter lightly.

'Religion' is what man can DO, and 'DO religiously', in order to be well pleasing to, and finally accepted by his Creator. Officially there are over 242 major 'Christian' denominations and 252 opinions of what one must DO. The Bible, however, is explicit: there is only one act, there is only one thing that man can "do", which will separate them from their Creator for all eternity. That one thing has nothing to do with your sexual orientation or your opinion on *homosexuality*, it has everything to do with your relationship with the Only Begotten Son of God.

The Bible states emphatically that, "*There is none righteous, no not one*" (Romans 3:10). Further clarifying that, "*There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one*" (vr. 11-12). 'Sin' is man falling short of God's expectations and commandments. All have sinned. The verse of Hebrew law stating that, "*If a man lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination*" (Leviticus 20:13).

clarifies that, although it may not have made his top ten list, the homosexual act is still, and is emphatically designated as a sin. That law from God was given to the Hebrews to ensure the continuation and sanctification of the Hebrew society; the society God chose to reveal Jehovah God to mankind, the society that provided the Words of God, written down, and the society that provided the promised Seed of Woman, the Messiah (Hebrew), the Christ (Greek). For the perpetuation of that Hebrew society, the penalty for violation of God's law was very strict, very corporal, very swift. The verse of Hebrew law continues, "*They shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them*" (Leviticus 20:13b). In Hebrew society, the death penalty was common for acts of disobedience. There is no provision for the continuation of the Hebrew Laws or its strict and harsh punishments after the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God. But neither is there cause to dismiss or lighten God's definition of sin; in fact, Jesus, the Christ, heightens its definition to say, if you are lusting, you are guilty of adultery, if you are hating without a cause, you are guilty of murder (Matthew 5-7). For Christianity, the whole purpose of the law is to demonstrate that, "*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God*" (Rom 3:23). 'All' means 'all'. "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way*" (Isaiah 53:6a).

Since all have sinned, then all are guilty, and all are condemned under the law. If you are guilty of violating one commandment, then you are guilty of all (James 2:10). The gospel that Christianity is supposed to preach to every creature is that, "*God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*" (Romans 5:8). The wages of sin is death, and we are already under that condemnation (6:23), but Christ took our place. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, was our substitute, and when we believe and accept what he has done for us, we have forgiveness of all sin and he 'quickens' inside of us, an eternal life that shall never perish (John 3:16). With that much background information anyone can get an Authorized King James Bible and read John 3:16-18, 36, 5:24 and Romans 10:9-10, 13 and be saved from their sin the Bible way, which Jesus said was the only way (John 14:6).

You can find an Episcopal Priest, or any other Church Clergy, who will tell you that 'sodomy' is not sin, and God accepts you as you are, no matter how you are living. You can find a Bible thumping crazy man who says homosexuality is the awfulest sin in existence, it is an unpardonable sin, he will say, and God has given you up to uncleanness and vile affections, he will quote (Romans 1:24,26). The Bible reality, however, is that "sodomy", clearly defined in a dictionary; is "sin", clearly defined in a dictionary. So is adultery, murder, lying, using God's name in vain, stealing and coveting; and further, every human born into this world is born guilty of sin and condemned under God's law. The good news, called the gospel of Jesus Christ, is that God will save every '*whosoever*' that will call on him and ask him to be Lord and Saviour of their soul (John 3:16-18, 36, 5:24, Roman 10:9-10, 13).

To the parents and friends of one tangled in the sin of homosexuality: 1) God can save anybody (Isaiah 59:1). 2) God is not willing that any should perish (2Peter 3:9). 3) The only unpardonable sin is to leave this life without repenting and calling on the Only Begotten Son of God (John 3:16-18). And 4) God hears and answers prayers of his children,... when they become his children (John 14:13). May God bless you for hearing this Bible truth. My prayer is that you will meet the Author of Perfect Peace and call on him to be your Lord and Saviour.

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And Further: A notable Independent Baptist Preacher included this information in a message he preached recently:

“These San Francisco Sodomite Choir Lyrics were sung and found online this week, before they were hastily taken down:

“You think we're sinful, you fight against our rights. You say we all lead lives that you cannot respect. But you are just frightened, you think we'll corrupt your kids if our agenda goes unchecked. Funny, just this once, your correct.

“We'll convert your children, happens bit by bit, quietly and suddenly, and you will barely notice it. You can keep them from the disco, warn of San Francisco, make them wear a pleated pant, we don't care! We'll convert your children, we'll make then toll-er-ant.

“Just like you worried, they'll change their group of friends. You won't approve of where they go at night. Oh, and you'll be so disgusted when they start finding things on line; things that you've kept far from there sight... you'll still think your alright...Guess what?

“We'll convert your children, reaching one and all, there is really no escaping it, we'll convert your children, to us they'll surely fall.”

Hey, Hey, wake up! They may try to convert my children, but by God's grace I'm going to tell my children the truth, God did not create Adam and Steve, God created Adam and Eve, male and female created he them, marriage is a man and a woman, that is what God ordained; no matter what is legalized in this nation, that is what marriage is, and that is the stable platform where God intended children to be born and reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! Amen, and Amen!

A Letter and Essay for week #33 - Aug 15, 2021

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Msg #2134 Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In a study of Peter's two epistles to date we have seen that saints suffer persecution; Jesus said it would be so, (John 15:18), Paul confirmed it as universal (2Tim3:12), and Peter says, *“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold ... might be found unto praise and honour...”*, again *“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: ... to the will of God”*, and again *“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, ... But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, ... ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.* (1Pet 1:7,4:1-2,12-13).

Thus in his second epistle Peter exhorts true believers, *“giving all diligence, add to your faith... We have also a more sure word of prophecy; ... holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”* and further *“there shall be false teachers among you”* (2Pet 1:5,19,21,2:1). Because of false teacher's teachings we have clarified from 2Peter 3:1-7 that there is no evolution; no gap in the creation account; all things were created in six days, to include all the hosts of heaven; naughty angels did not cause the world flood (it was the depravity of man, not the depravity of angels); and God says what he means, and mean what he says. Now in verse 8-9 Peter drives home three pungent truths. The Lord does not operate on my time scale, the Lord is not slack concerning his promises, and the Lord is longsuffering. In the last of the last days, in dealing with a Marxist-socialist takeover of my country, I need an extra dose of the Spiritual fruit, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness. Perhaps you do too.

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Msg #2135 Know-Grow-Show-Go

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

God wrote it and Peter closes his contribution with a very pertinent 'Wherefore' and an always significant 'Therefore' (2Pet 3:14,17). A Bible pun says, "When you find a 'wherefore' see what it's there-for." Peter's 'Wherefore' says, "*Beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found #1 in peace, be found #2 without spot, and be found #3 blameless*" (vr.14). And it is 'there-for' the fact that all this world, all our physical possessions, all we see here, is going to dissolve and burn! Further, we are 'hasting' toward "*the coming day of God*" (3:10-13). So, "*What manner of persons ought ye to be?*" In the last of the last days "*children of the light*" (cf Luke 16:8, John 12:36, Eph 5:8, 1Thes 5:5) ought to #1 have peace, #2 be without spot, and #3 be found blameless.

Peter's 'Therefore' says, "*Beware*" you will either grow *in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*, or you will be led away with error and "*fall from your own steadfastness*" (2Pet 3:17). Peter starts his first epistle with instruction to Know, Grow, Show, and Go (1Pet 1:18,2:2,9,21). Mark them in your Bible. He starts his second epistle with instruction that grace and peace are multiplied through knowledge of our Lord, which comes from *adding to our faith VKTPGK&C* (2Pet 1:2,5-7), and "*if ye do these things ye shall never fall*" (vr.10).

Remember that Peter is writing to strangers scattered throughout PGC&B, "pilgrims" going through real sufferings and persecutions! He writes, "*Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered... arm yourselves with the same mind*" (1Pet 4:1). In America, we suffer pressure, not persecution. This week in Afghanistan Christians with a Bible or a Bible-app had their hands and/or heads cut off! Arm yourselves and cease from sin (4:1).

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Msg #2136 An Apostasy Root

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In Jesus' "prophetic history of the church"⁵ the single "somewhat" our Lord Jesus Christ, who was and is in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, raises against the early church is that they left their first love (Rev 2:1-7). That is tragic. It is a foretold malady of our day. These seven messages in Revelation 2 and 3, apply miraculously to the actual churches called out, to periods of church history unfolding, to every church then till now, and to our individual Christian lives. God writes this awesome Revelation "*to show his servants things which must shortly come to pass*" (Rev 1:1). Its been retorted, "Rejoice that they 'came to pass' and are not here to stay", but we are not here to stay either, nor are the material "things" we cling to in this world. The Apostle Peter already told us "*seeing thin that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?*" (2Pet 3:11).

The church at Ephesus had work, labour, and patience, they could not bear the evil of their day, they detected and abolished the fake apostles, they did not faint,... but they "***left their first love.***" At salvation one is overwhelmed with the truth, "Jesus loves me, this I know." The Puffers sing a song, "Jesus knows me this I love." When that overwhelming stops, when "things" occupy our days, when circumstances control our thoughts, and we cease being ministers of reconciliation (2Cor 5:19), we are guilty of that ugly sin called out to Ephesus in Revelation 2:4. We need to do what our Lord commands in verse 5, else we plunge into the horrid apostasy described in his other six messages to the churches. It's trending. Jesus said it would.

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5 Revelation chapter 2 and 3. Also "*Revelation: An Ironside Expository Commentary*", H. A. Ironside, 1920, recommends Grant's book by that title.

Msg #2137 Don't Judaize Christianity

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Lord Jesus Christ's first three messages to the churches detail a progression in time (and in the leaven that leavens), from a first church, to a persecuted church, to a married to the world church. His “somewhat against thee” to Ephesus was not trivial, they left their first love and were commanded repent-or-else! But they did hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans which he hated. In his third message, however, Pergamos was holding to that doctrine and he hated that the more. Having priestcraft or having clergy lord over laity is what our Lord was hating here, and he still hates it. Christianity is not to have men in black dresses and backward collars; God hates it. Those who pretend to be clergy should pay attention.

The second of the messages, to the church which would be crushed by ten periods of great persecution, even as crushed myrrh (smyrna) releases its most powerful fragrance, addresses “*the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.*” (Rev 2:9b). Grant, Ironside's teacher, provides a profound insight to this Judaizing of Christianity, and is worth reading⁶. Judaism is a “works of the law – but you can never see God's face” type of religion. The verdict is in on that dispensation, the sentence has been past, “There is none righteous, no not one!” Once sentence is past, it is feckless to re argue the trial; keeping the law cannot save. Judaism has an unrent veil between God and man. Christianity has the blood of Christ, the veil rent from the top down (Matt 15:38), and is a “not by works of righteousness which we have done” type of religion. Don't mix Judaism, priestcraft n clergy, works of law n synagogues into Christ's church.

An Essay for week #37 - Sep 12, 2021

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6 F. W. Grant, “The Prophetic History of the Church”, 1902, public domain, pg 16-24. [Available at www.GSBaptistChurch.com/theology]

A Religious Belief Exemption

Many are giving “sincerely held” religious belief exemptions a second look, and some are requiring that they be written down. Here is a draft that can get a Christian on the right track.

A Personal Sincerely Held Religious Belief Exempting Me From a Government or Employer Mandated COVID-19 Inoculation

In that a progressive, liberal left controlled faction or entity of my government has mandated that an inoculation, for a supposed pandemic (such as COVID-19), be administered against my will, against my physical and medical desires, and against my better judgment,

And in that that faction or entity denies that my Lord Jesus Christ is my Creator, my Saviour, and my Sustainer to suppose, via their science-so-called, that all things “evolved” into being, to including this pathogen,

And in that that faction or entity rejects and denies that God Created and finely tunes the human immune system that their mandated inoculation messes with,

And in that that faction or entity denies the clear evidence that a God given, superior, natural immunity may be already acquired,

And in that that faction or entity knows that their mandated inoculation will not completely eliminate the contraction nor spread of the pathogen,

And in that that faction or entity has in the past denied, misconstrued, lied about, and falsified the possibilities and severity of side effects of the inoculation,

And in that that faction or entity has in the past made power-mongering dictates against churches and other conservative entities,

And in that the COVID-19 inoculations are not a normal vaccine made from a weakened strain of the pathogen that your body in turn develops a natural immunity to, but it is some sort of RNA altering cocktail of toxic substances that your body fights off and consequently ends up with some sort of cocktail of un-natural immunities that, in many people, lessens the effect of the COVID-19 virus (there being a myriad of side effects of this type of inoculation, side effects that are just now showing themselves, and will unfold over the next few years),

And in that my Holy Bible commands that as a born-again, converted to Christ, blood bought believer, my body is not my own (nor the property of my government) but the temple of God, ... *“your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s”* (1Cor. 6:19-20, The Holy Bible),

And in that other, more conservative, government entities are vehemently opposed to the progressive liberal left’s mandates of this inoculation,

And in that getting this inoculation should be a personal and voluntary decision based on my medical, personal, and spiritual beliefs and considerations,

I hereby declare my personal, sincerely held, religious belief exempting me from a government or employer’s mandated COVID-19 inoculation on religious grounds because such a mandate is against the very nature of freedom of religion articulated in the First Amendment.

Signed

Printed Name

Date

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Msg #2138 The Church, A Prophetic Train Wreck

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In our Lord's prophetic history of the church there is first a phase where she detects false apostles, hates priestcraft-n-clergyism, but leaves her first love. A second, where she refuses incorporating worldly ways, Judaism, and Satan's synagogue, and goes through severe persecutions. A third that dwells where Satan's seat is (wherein Constantine mandates individuals in the Roman Empire to, "Be a Christian or Die"). There, with the world assimilated into the church, the doctrine of Balaam and Priestcraft/Clergyism takes full hold of His church. Grant writes, "All systems in which the Church is made a means of salvation, instead of the company of the saved, is so. When people join churches in order to be saved, these churches become the common receptacle of sinners and saints alike." [pg63]

A fourth phase then finds "*thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants ...*" (Rev2:20). That Jezebel is not the flagrant disregard of scripture that puts women in pulpits, that's a Laodicean thing of the last days. Jezebel is the "Church Teachings" that override the Holy Bible. It is Mary worship, transubstantiation, indulgences, creeds, catholicness and catholic mass. Protestants took Jezebel right through the Reformation with them, and in the fifth phase the church that Jesus founded "*hast a name that thou livest, and art dead*" (3:1). Jesus laid out a prophetic history of the church that is a train wreck in the works. And so it is fulfilled. We can read the annals of history and see the parallel. We can comprehend the ending "*that thou art neither cold nor hot: ... So then because thou art lukewarm, ... I will spue thee out of my mouth.*" (3:15-16). Be sure you are in a Bible believing church, there are many impostors.

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Msg #2139 Be Philadelphian

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Jesus' prophetic history of the church is pretty disparaging up to this point. A left first love, a persecution from the synagogue of Satan, doctrines of Balaam and Nicolaitans, and the suffrage for Jezebel leaves a church with *"thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead"* (Rev.2,3:1). But everything changes, for a moment, in the message to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. There is a minority, a remnant of the church as it were, whom Jesus said, *"thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name"* (3:8).

"If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small" (Prov.24:10). *"Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us."* (Ps.68:28b). Hey Joshua, *"Be strong and of a good courage ..."* (Deut.31:6, cf. 1Cor.16:13, Eph.6:10, 2Tim.2:1).

Thou *hast kept my word* ... hide it in your heart (Ps.119:11), bountifully (vr.17), in affliction (vr.67), more than the ancients (vr.100), and refraining from evil (vr.101, 168), because that's what genuine believers do (Jhn.17:6)! Philadelphians do not deny his name; they walk in paths of righteousness **for his names sake** (Ps.23:3). They receive a child (Lu.9:48), Ask-Seek-n-Knock (Jhn.14:14), and fill with the Holy Ghost (vr.26) **in his name**. Philadelphians keep the word of Christ's patience ... *"for even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example"* ... (1Pet.2:21).

Philadelphians hold fast to the five available crowns (Glory&Honor, Heb.2:7; Righteousness, 2Tim.4:8; Life, Ja.1:12, Rev.2:10; Soul-Winners-Rejoicing, 1Thes.2:19; and Pastor's, 1Pet.5:4). They are pre-millennial and pre-tribulational in looking for Christ's coming, i.e. they are kept from the hour, and know that Christ has the Key of David. Be Philadelphian in these last days! Keep his word, don't deny his name, and add to your faith ... patience (2Pet.1:5-7).

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Shortening Bread

Dear Jim & Lois,

We Love your singing and 12 string skills. There was a Senator Forgothisname from Indiana who played piano and sung silly songs at Hosier Hills Baptist Camp back in the nineteen hundreds. Like, he sang about the seven sons of Sceva to the tune of “Tiger by the Tail”; about Jezebel to the tune of “Your Cheating Heart”; about Absalom to the tune of “Hair”; and about John-the-Baptist's Leather n Locus to the tune of “A Country Song I Don't Recall”. Anyway, he sung a song about Elijah to the little ditty about shortening bread and it always brought joy to Bev and I and smiles when we sung it with my 12 string. The words go:

All of God's prophets love shortnen, shortnen,
All of God's prophets love shortening bread. (Repeat)

The brook dried up, the raven flew away,
Elijah God's prophet had no bread that day.
He went to the widow, she was almost dead,
Elijah he told her make me shortnen bread.

All of God's prophets love shortnen, shortnen,
All of God's prophets love shortening bread. (Repeat)

So depend on the Lord, he will take care of you.
When you keep doing what he said to do.
He will cloth the lilly, see the sparrow gets fed.
And just like his prophet feed you shortning bread.

I think there were a couple more verses but I lost them. We still have fun with this song, and wish I could find that VHS tape that had Senator Forgothisname singing.

God Bless

Pastor Ed n Bev Rice.

Msg #2140 Understanding Last Things in Last Days

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

We're in the last of the last days and there are three essential concepts to understanding the doctrine of last things. First there is coming a kingdom age where Christ will fulfill the promises made to the nation of Israel. *“And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins”* (Rom.11:26). The disciples with the risen Christ asked, *“Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times ...”* (Acts.1:6-7). But it will happen!

Secondly know, *“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass”, ... records, “the things which shall be hereafter”* (Rev.1:1,19).

And third know the *hereafter* comes after this dispensation of grace, the church age, closes. *“Dispensation”* and *“stewardship”* come from the same Greek word. Jesus gives multiple stewardship parables (Luk.16,19,20 Matt.21,25, Mrk.12), and then Paul uses that same *stewardship* principle stating, *“If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God ... Which is now revealed ... That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel”* (Eph.3:2-6). The church age must end before the dispensation of the fullness of times (Eph.1:10) arrives. And before the King of kings receives his kingdom, the Title-Deed of this world must be opened, and *“the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof”* (Rev.5:5). With that understood, study the Revelation. Without it, flounder.

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Msg #2141 Ministers of Reconciliation

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Alas, after the Lord Jesus Christ comes FOR his church, meets them in the clouds, carries us off to a reward-judgment of works, and his Bride attends his marriage supper of the Lamb, there is a calamity coming to this world that defies our imagination (1Thes.4:16-5:6; 1Cor.3:13; Rev.19:7;Matt.24:21). We are seeing the “tip of the iceberg,” as it were, as our own country plunges into socialism, and embraces a Godless communism; it is nothing less than diabolical. When the Holy Ghost, present now in saints, is withdrawn, and the Lamb that is worthy begins to peel back the seven seals on the title-deed of this world, there begins a judgment of the nations that defies description, but is captured in his.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, spells it out and a Christian needs to be a student of that detail for three primary reasons. First, John 15:15 makes it a test of your intimate friendship with our Lord. If a friend lays out all his plans for the future and all you can say is, “Awe, who cares about that, let's go fishing!” You are not a real friend. Second, it is ennobling to the point that it might be said of you, “*But of the times and the season, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you*” (1Thes.5:1). For the believer there is comfort in his words.

Third, understanding the things of the future is empowering to the minister of reconciliation. The Apostle Paul says, “Wherefore we labour ... 1) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, ... 2) Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, ... 3) For the Love of Christ constraineth us ... and (God) hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation” (2Cor.5:9-11,14,18). Let's be emboldened ministers of reconciliation.

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Msg #2142 Eating the Little Book

What The Bible Says

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Just before the seventh angel sounds his trumpet (Rev.11:15), and the title-deed of the world is given over to the “Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David” (5:5), and “Michael and his angels (fight) against the dragon... and his angels” (12:7), the Revelation of Jesus Christ pauses for some “parentheticals” (as they have been called in eschatology). Revelation 10 is a keenly interesting one. No mean angel, most likely Christ himself, “set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth And cried with a loud voice ... And when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices” (vr.2-3). John is told, “Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered and write them not” (vr.4). There are things that God's wisdom has purposely kept from us. Bible “know-it-all” expend great effort trying to teach these “secret things” despite Deuteronomy 29:29. When a know-it-all is encountered, just back away slowly.

Next that angel is instructed to give John a little open book and says, “Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey” (vr.9). The sixty-six books, 1,189 chapters, 31,101 verses of the Holy Bible are all available to be eaten. Get yourself a spoon and fork. Biblical prophecy is precious sweet, but bitter in three ways. Knowing “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” (2Cor.5:10), and we are not “perfect” as our Father is, and requires, can be a bitter pill to swallow. Knowing family divisions of Luke 12:51-53 is a bitter pill. Knowing the coming terror of the Lord, his wrath that causes our fellow man to “gnaw their tongue in pain, and blaspheme the God of heaven because of their pain and their sores, and not repent of their deeds” (Rev.16:10-11) ... just knowing that depravity of man is a bitter pill to swallow! God is good. God is just. The love of Christ constraineth us to persuade men. Let's be about the Fathers business.

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Msg #2143 Wilt Thou Not Revive Us Again?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

There was something that eclipsed Isaiah's view of the LORD God and when that obstruction was removed he had a revival: a surge and restoration of life and consciousness. Finney defined revival, "a new beginning of obedience to God." In the last of the last days we pray for revival but often forget God's first ingredient, "If my people, which are called by my name ..." What is it that impedes your view of God? Worldliness? Idolatry? Covetousness? An unforgiving spirit? God can remove what eclipses our view of him. There were twenty southern kings, thirteen were evil. Uzziah was good, but "*In the year that king Uzziah died*", says Isaiah, "*I saw also the LORD ...*" For revival an individual, a family, a church, a nation needs a removal of what eclipses our view of the LORD God, and then a revelation of his holiness. Isaiah records it for us (Isa.6:1-4), and then said, "*Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts*" (Vr.5).

First, I need to see the LORD in a right perspective, with "Nothing between my soul and my Saviour, naught of this world's delusive dream; I have renounced all sinful pleasure, Jesus is mine; there's nothing between." [Charles A. Tindley] "God, remove what would eclipse my seeing your holiness, so *I see the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up.*" Second, I need to see myself in a right perspective (vr.5-7). Third I need to see the world in a right perspective, and lastly I need a servants heart (vr.8-13). Lord, "*Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?*"

Ps.85:6. [Outlined by Evangelist Gerald Fielder 10/24/2021]

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Msg #2144 The Upcoming Two Suppers

What The Bible Says

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A hundred-and-twenty years ago Henry Ironside penned twenty-two lectures on the Revelation of Jesus Christ and his twentieth, titled “The Two Suppers”, begins:

“WE are to be occupied with two opposite scenes on this occasion; one of which is to take place very shortly in heaven, and the other on earth. Both are called Suppers. The one is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The other is the Great Supper of God. The first is all joy and gladness. The second is a scene of deepest gloom and anguish. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb ushers in the fulness of glory for the heavenly saints. The Great Supper of God concludes the series of judgments that are to fall upon the prophetic earth, and opens the way for the establishment of the long-awaited-for kingdom of God.

“When I use the term “the prophetic earth,” I refer to the Roman earth; that is, to that portion of the world which lies within what were once the confines of the Roman Empire, and in addition to this, that part of the world where Babylon will hold sway at the time of the end. As I understand it, the heathen nations that have not yet taken professedly Christian ground will not be included in the scene upon which God’s heaviest judgments will fall, though necessarily all the world will suffer in measure when Christendom and Judaism are visited by the fires of His wrath. “The day of God’s red heavens” will be world-wide, but its intensity will be upon the prophetic earth.

“After the harlot Babylon has passed out of the vision of the apostle, his attention is transferred to heaven, and he tells us ... Rev.19:6-7 ...”

It is worth every Bible student's time to finish Ironside's lecture. Found in the Eschatology volume chapter 5 at www.GSBaptistChurch.com/theology God Bless.

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Msg #2145 A Grand Stander Not A Grandstander

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Eleven months into the hostile takeover by socialists using American Marxism, it behooves Christians to rehearse the Apostle Peter's charge to those facing a similar diabolical onslaught. *"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"* (1Pet.1:13). I previously wrote, "The picture of garment parts dangling loose and in the way, causing a stifled and dangerous walk is herein applied to the mind." Noah Webster's 1828 definition of *sober* includes, "Not mad or insane; not wild, visionary or heated with passion; having the regular exercise of cool dispassionate reason." Much of what humans do is solely for the applause of others, but herein Christians are charged to NOT be visionary or heated with passion. That is opposite of our nature. We are charged to keep our hope and our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ. Believers were called *Christians* because they acted like, and reacted like Christ. The Apostle goes on, *"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy"* (vrs.14-16). On into this charge Peter says, *"he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin"* (4:1). Indeed being locked into this fray can cause us to be the more sober and to be the more holy. A grandstander "performs with an eye to the applause from spectators." Don't be a grandstander be a grand stander. Let us *"hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."* He's coming soon.

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Msg #2146 The Savor of Life, The Savor of Death

What The Bible Says

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Our sense of smell can detect a sweet smelling savor, but in God's economy a savor is much more than a sensation of smell. Noah Webster in 1828 called a *savor* “That which renders a thing acceptable, the quality which renders a thing valuable.” In 2Corinthians 2:14-17 the Bible declares that the knowledge of God, manifest in us, is a sweet smelling savor of Christ. It is a savor in them that are saved, and in them that perish. That is, the manifest knowledge of God in you is a characteristic of great value to both the saved and to the lost. The victory over death we have in Christ is manifest in us and that knowledge of eternal life awakens a knowledge of eternal death in a lost person, as it enlivens a knowledge of their eternal life in the saved person. The victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil, a victory only attained when we are “crucified with Christ” (Gal.2:20), when that is manifest to a lost person it awakens a knowledge of their bondage to sin, but it enlivens the importance of dying daily in the saved person; whether they are new converts or old codgers. Consider those four sentences again and notice anew the importance of manifesting a knowledge of God both in life eternal, and in dying daily. ... *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?*

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Msg #2147 Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation

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It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nation are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by his divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in their world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end or our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

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Msg #2148 Dear Genuine Disciple

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

While standing among an innumerable multitude of people Jesus teaches his disciples a very personal, very powerful, thirteen point message. It is recorded in Luke 12 and Peter stops Jesus in the middle and asks, “Are talking to me?” (vr.41). Any Bible student loves Jesus' answer, but lets first outline his thirteen points from the beginning.

- A) Disciples, beware of hypocrisy, all will be exposed (vr.1-3).
- B) Friends, be aware of God's great care for you (vr.4-7).
- C) I'll be talking about you in heaven, ... or not (vr.8-9).
- D) The Holy Ghost will be there to help (vr.10-12).
- E) Beware of covetousness, life is more than “things!”(vr.13-15).
- F) Illustrating Parable (vr.16-21).
- G) What shall we eat? What shall we wear? (vr.22-30).
- H) Seek the Kingdom, things will be added (vr.31-34).
- I) Be Watching, Be Working, Be Ready (vr.35-40).

At this point Peter jumps in with his question, and Jesus answers, “I don't know, Peter, are you a faithful and wise steward?”(vr.41-44)

- J) There are three types of punished unfaithful stewards (45-50);
 - (1) The unsaved hypocrite (45-46),
 - (2) The servant that knew better (47), and
 - (3) The ignorant servant (48).
- K) Be Aware there will be divisions (vr.51-53).
- L) Carefully discern the times (vr.54-57).
- M) Be Wise, Be Careful, It'll get rough out there (vr.58-59).

Anyone who rips this chapter apart to study its pieces separately is in danger of taking scripture completely out of context. These are powerful points made strictly to his genuine disciples. We should all be careful to rightly divide the word of truth, and Luke 12 is a dense-pack of truth for the true disciple of Christ. You gotta love it.

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Msg #2149 1st Advent Prophecy

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

After a Bible study in a USAF research facility an engineer I worked with was told by his Rabbi that he was not allowed to read Isaiah 53. He never had, we immediately did, and every Christian should. “The Old Testament foreview of the coming of Messiah is in two aspects – that of suffering and rejection (as e.g. in Isa.53), and that of earthly glory and power (as e.g. in Isa.11, Jer.23, Ezek.37). Often these two blend into one passage (e.g. Ps.2). The prophets themselves were often perplexed by this seeming contradiction (as Peter aptly clarified, 1Pet.1:10-11). It was fully solved by fulfillment. [C. I. Scofield] Jesus Christ himself delineated which prophecies pertained to his first Advent, and consequently the study of these scriptures is “ennobling”, as Scofield puts it. The tribe the Messiah would come from, the blessing he would bring, and the immediate task at hand are backtracked through Genesis 49:10, 12:3b, and 3:15. Then 642 years later, after Moses, Mt Sinai (1492BC), Joshua, Judges and King Saul, ... David was told Messiah would sit on his throne (2Sam.7:16), and wrote he would be the only Begotten Son of God (Ps.2). Then, 300 years later, Isaiah signed Messiah's virgin birth and assigned him five miraculous names (Isa.7:14, 9:6-7). Thirty two year later Micah tells us where Messiah will be born (Mic.5:2) and Mat.2:18 tells us Jeremiah wrote down the woe caused by Herod's slaughter of the innocents. Mat.2:15 and 23 show we missed Hosea's prophecy that Jesus would come out of Egypt, and Isaiah's prophecy that he would be called a Nazarene. That is the tip of the iceberg, as it were, for first advent prophecies. We learn such scriptures often have a latent and deeper meaning than first appears, and that 2Tim.2:15 is for every believer.

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Msg #2150 First Advent Angels

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Much has been written about angels, more has been presumed and misunderstood. The Bible has no dissertation on angels but some insight comes in examining the angels around the First Advent of our Lord. Of angels the Bible says, *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”* (Heb.1:14). Before the angel of the Lord heralded to the shepherds, bringing *good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people*, he was busy in the other preparations. As a *“ministering spirit”* he appears to a certain priest named Zacharias, and reveals to him that his soon coming son would prepare the way for the soon coming Messiah. That angel answered Zacharias' wavering faith saying, *“I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings”* (Lk.1:19).

Gabriel then appears *“to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary”* (1:27). He reveals God's whole plan for his Son, the Messiah, from his birth to his seat on the throne of his father David. After this an angel comes to Joseph in a dream to reveal to him what God was doing, and why before they came together Mary was found with child. Gabriel said to both Mary and then to Joseph his name was to be JESUS (Lu.1:21). To Joseph he revealed that the child was *“of the Holy Ghost”* and was a fulfillment of, *“Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel,...”* (Mt.1:23). In Christmas celebrations angels only minister in the background, our Lord and Saviour is in the foreground. Merry Christmas.

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Msg #2151 First Advent Shepherds n Heralds

What The Bible Says

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Shepherds and sheep play a major role in God's communication to man about the redemption of man. He chose shepherds to be the primary heralds announcing the miraculous birth (Lu.2:17) of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world (Joh.1:29,36). That Saviour of man (Mat.1:21), our Passover Lamb (1Cor.5:7), was born in God's promised land (Ex.32:13), in Bethlehem (Mic.5:2) in the spring when tens of thousands of lambs were born while shepherds watched their flocks by night (Lu.2:8). The prophet said, "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him (our Passover lamb) the iniquity of us all.*" (Isa.53:6). And so the Son of God (Mat.14:33), the Messiah (Joh.1:41), being born of a virgin and called Emmanuel (Mt.1:23), as the "seed of woman" (Gen.3:15), became flesh and dwelt among us (Joh.1:14). He was the Good Shepherd that giveth his life for the sheep (Joh.10:11, Ps.22). He is the Great Shepherd that causes "I shall not want" (Heb.13:20, Ps.23). And He is the Chief Shepherd that will soon appear (1Pet.5:4, Ps.24).

One who pastures sheep came to be called a *pastor*, and Jesus said his congregations need one of those so not to be like sheep which have no shepherd (Num.27:16-17). A good Pastor is to (1) feed sheep, (2) strengthen the flock, (3) bind up the broken, (4) *bring again that which was driven away*, and (5) seek that which was lost (Ezek.34:2-4, Joh.21:15-17). Do you have a good Pastor? Are you fed and led in paths of righteousness for HIS names sake? Am I, as a pastor, feeding and leading like a shepherd should? Do I muster to God's shepherd-performance five point checklist? In God's economy, sheep and shepherds are a big deal.

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Msg #2152 Post-Christmas Worship

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“And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary ... behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS” (Lu.1:30-31). In December we worship our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ by examining the birth of his forerunner, Gabriel's dealings with Joseph, the manger, swaddling clothes, shepherds, and wise men. Look now at seven things Gabriel announces about our Lord. 1) *“Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb ...”* Isaiah states, *“Behold a virgin shall conceive ...”* (Isa.7:14). 2) *“Call his name JESUS”* Matthew reports, *“for he shall save his people from their sin”* (Mt.1:21). The name Jesus speaks of his humanity and, by definition of his role as Saviour. 3) *“He shall be great, ...”* Isaiah reports *“his name shall be called ... The mighty God, The everlasting Father ...”* (Isa.9:6), that is the prince of “great!” 4) *“And shall be called the Son of the Highest ...”*:The psalmist reports *“Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee”* (2:7). He introduces himself as such to Nicodemus in John 3. Jesus called himself the “Son of man” eighty-two times, and “Son of God” only forty-six times because, to him being the son of man was the greater wonder. 5) *“And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David ...”* again the psalmist reports *“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion ...”* (2:6). 6) *“And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever ...”* this signifies a united kingdom that had not been united for over 900 years, (now 2,900 years!). 7) *“And of his kingdom there shall be no end”* Praise his holy name. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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Msg #2201 A Three Day Rant

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Holy Bible has 1,189 chapters, 31,101 verses, and if you read it through in 2022 you will average 3 ¼ chapters, 85 ¼ verses, per day and have read Genesis 1-11 before the first Monday sunset. My sweet wife and I did that aloud and, bless her heart, she listened to my “six-day creation” rant after every “*it was good ... the evening and morning were the Xth day*”, my “anti-evolution” rant with every “*after his kind*” mention, and my “Ps.33:6 - all the hosts of heaven were created VERY GOOD and Lucifer was there!” rant at chapter-1 verse-31! And that was just in the first chapter, this went on for three days.

In 3:15, despite the listed order, the promised Messiah with a bruised heel would stomp Satan's head. On Sunday, reading four chapters we discussed the 2nd dispensation wherein the first born man became the first first-degree murder. And then there was the half hour dissertation proving that “sons of God” did not produce giants, were not angels, and that it was most certainly Adam, Seth, and his eight offspring present when “*the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD.*” Further it happens now as it happened in Job 1:6 that “*Satan came also among them!*” Don't be a misguided Nephilim lover!

There was a rant about the “science-so-called” evolutionist who flatly deny the world flood. They can produce a genetically modified pig that has no Alpha-Gal protein, but they cannot genetically modify a dog into a Clydesdale horse, or a lizard into a bald eagle! Follow the science, indeed! The different languages did not evolve here, and Abram, his dad, and his gggg-grandfather Eber, all went to Noah's funeral. What an interesting three days, wish you coulda been here, ... without COVID.

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Msg #2202 Worship At Calvary

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Worship” first occurs in the Holy Bible in Genesis 22:5 and involved the sacrificial offering of an only begotten son. Previous the same Hebrew word was used when Abram “*bowed<07812> himself to the ground*” and then Lot “*bowed<07812> himself with his face toward the ground*” (Gen.18:2, 19:1), but here Abram purposely sets out to worship saying, “*I and the lad will go yonder and worship <07812>, and come again to you*” (22:5). Worship involved Faith in God, Obedience to God, Sacrifice, Cost, Fear of God, and a Physical Action. Further notice in this instance that the place of worship was specified and not of Abraham's choosing, it involved the whole family, and it involved, as an integral part, the sacrifice of his only begotten son. It behooves a believer to examine his worship, *bow himself to the ground* showing his submission and surrender, and be sure he includes these attributes of true worship.

In verse 14 the place of this worship, emphasized in verses 2, 3, and 9. is given the name, “Jehovah-jireh,” meaning “*In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*” Indeed it was seen. That place, where Abraham would have sacrificed his only begotten son, and God did sacrifice his only begotten Son, that place where David dropped off the head of his enemy Goliath (1Sam17:54) and God bruised the head of his enemy Satan (Gen.3:15), that mount that eroded off the backside of Mount Moriah and took on the shape of a skull, came to be called Golgotha. There they crucified the King of glory (Matt.27:33, Mrk.15:22, Jn. 19:17). Nineteen-hundred years after it was titled “*In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen,*” it was seen. Nineteen hundred years after it was seen, we worship there, ... at Calvary.

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Msg #2203 The Church, God's Camels?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The epic chapter describing how a bride is secured for Isaac, Abraham's only begotten son, mentions camels eighteen times. The curious Bible student would suppose camels might be a significant aspect of the quest for a bride for the Father's Son. Camels are unclean in that they don't chew their cud, but they do have a cloven hoof which cleans itself from the dirt and muck of this world, and is also ideally suited for desert terrain. Its ugly nose can close out sand but suck in the hot desert air. Its beautiful eyelashes filter dust when those huge eyes squint through storms of life. Exaggerated knees are stable in desert sands and made for kneeling. The hump(s) hold a passenger high above the desert floor, and its ability to go for days without water make it ideal for existence in desert wilderness.

The camels that carried the fathers eldest servant across the desert on a quest for a bride for his only begotten son are easily likened to the churches that carry the Holy Ghost into this hostile world on such a quest. The oddities of the camel might be likened to the oddities of the church that thrives in a hostile world. The servant made the camels to kneel at the well where men seek living water. Both the Holy Ghost and the soul winning church are refreshed by willing recipients of So-Great-Salvation, just as Rebekah draws water for the servant and his camels.

Eager to be the bride, without delay Rebekah rides the camels across the desert, quite like the church is to carry the bride of Christ above this vile world. When Isaac announces, "The camels are coming," the bride lighted off the camel, and unites with the Bridegroom. Chapter close ... what an awesome parallel.

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Msg #2203a Why 38 comes after 37, before 39

What The Bible Says

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I am sure every Bible student has pondered, “Why does Genesis 38 come after 37 and before 39-50?” The answer pops right off the 38th page of John G. Butler's book “Joseph – The Patriarch of Character.” Joseph, as God's stupendous foreshadow of our Lord Jesus Christ, is set in harsh contrast to the very seed-line of the Messiah found in Judah. The first-Adam, seen in the blundering, sin-filled, first-born-NOT, connivings of the generations of Jacob (Gen 37:2) through Judah, is thereby set in stark contrast to the Second-Adam, the Messiah, played by the character of Joseph. He was rejected by Israel, played here by the 10 sons of Jacob, rejected by the world, played here by Egypt, overcame all temptations, played here by Joseph vs Potiphar's wife, went through cruel trial and death, played here by a prison stint, but was resurrected to be the Saviour of the world, played here by Joseph's saving Egypt from famine, and eventually being the Saviour and Redeemer of Israel, played here by Israel himself. Shallow commentators think Joseph a portrayal of Christ only because he forgave his brothers! Shallow indeed.

Genesis 38 depicts the seed-line of Messiah through the fourth-born of Jacob (1Chron.5:1-3a, Gen.49:3-8), Judah, who took a Cannanite wife. Judah's firstborn was wicked enough to be killed outright by God, his second-born blatantly rejected the seed-line responsibility altogether and was slain by God, and his third-born was reserved, kinda like a remnant might be. Then Judah himself fathers his own grandson? Who would likewise be a fourth-born? But was still in the seed-line of Christ, despite an ongoing “scarlet thread” struggle for a first-born position? Tamar's travail might even depict a coming Great Tribulation. This chapter is now marvelous to behold, and marvelously fits right between 37 and 39-50! God's chapter 38 and Butler's page 38 nailed it.

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What The Bible Says

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In -passing, John G. Butler's book "Joseph – A Patriarch of Character" draws from a quick character study of Joseph's father, Jacob, the Bible principle, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal.6:7). From the womb Jacob was a "heel grabber," trickster, deceiver, supplanter and liar. He tricked his older brother, deceived and lied to his own father, hoodwinked his father-in-law about how all those cattle came out ringstraked and spotted (he added those ringstrakes and spots with skin dyes from sapling bark), and then lied to his wives about how God gave him a vision about ringstraked and spotted cattle breeding better! His life is an ongoing saga that illustrates that chickens always come home to roost. When Jacob wrestled with a man at the river, seeking a blessing, the man asked the same thing his father had asked him previously, "What is your name?" Although the reaping principle was somewhat fulfilled when Laben deceived him with Leah in Rachel's stead, the ultimate lesson of sowing and reaping comes in the close Jacobs life. Just like Jacob lied to his father, Isaac, about Isaac's favorite son, Esau, Jacob's sons lied to him about his favorite son, Joseph. Just like Jacob used Esau's raiment to deceive his father, his sons used Joseph's raiment to deceive him. Just like Jacob spilled the blood of a kid of the goats to crown his deception, his sons use the blood of a kid of the goats to crown theirs. Just like Jacob's deception took his father to the edge of his grave, his sons deception kept him mourning to the edge of his. Generally, one reaps more than they sow. God is good, God is Just, and whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap.

A Third Essay for week #3 - Jan 16, 2022

Msg #2204 Chickens Come Home to Roost

What The Bible Says

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Jacob's name change was dramatic. Abram's and Sarai's were positional, Paul's for his conversion, but Jacob had, and needed, a major change in his character. He illustrates the Bible principle, "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap*" (Gal.6:7). From the womb Jacob was a "heel grabber," trickster, deceiver, supplanter and liar. He tricked his older brother, deceived and lied to his own father, hoodwinked his father-in-law about how all those cattle came out ringstraked and spotted (he added those ringstrakes and spots with skin dyes from sapling bark), and then lied to his wives about how God gave him a vision about ringstraked and spotted cattle breeding better! When Jacob wrestled with a man at the river, seeking a blessing, the man asked the same thing his father had asked him 20 years previous, "What is your name?" This time Jacob got it right. Although the reaping principle showed itself when Laben deceived him, the ultimate lesson of sowing and reaping comes in the close Jacob's life. Just like Jacob lied to his father about his favorite son, Esau, Jacob's sons lied to him about his favorite son, Joseph. Just like Jacob used Esau's raiment to deceive his father, his sons used Joseph's raiment to deceive him. Just like Jacob spilled the blood of a kid of the goats to crown his deception, his sons use the blood of a kid of the goats to crown theirs. Just like Jacob's deception took his father to the edge of his grave, his sons deception kept him mourning to the edge of his. Watch the use of his old name in lieu of his new name in all the rest of the book; it is insightful. Whatsoever man soweth, that shall he also reap.

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Msg #2205 Jude the Brother of James

What The Bible Says

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The same year that Peter wrote, “Shortly I must put off this tabernacle,” and Paul wrote, “I have finished my course,” Jude details the coming apostasy and exhorts us to “earnestly contend for the faith.” Apostasy is abandonment, desertion, and departure from Bible truth: any church that would open their pulpit to a priest, a woman, or a sodomite is apostate. There go all catholics, protestants, and inclusive charismatics. Ungodly men crept in unawares turn grace to lasciviousness (see dictionary), deny their Creator, and deny his Only Begotten. They will meet the same end as the unbelievers of the mixed multitude of Exodus, the fallen angels in darkness (Matt.25:41) and the sodomites going after strange flesh. These filthy dreamers suppose they are more noble than Michael the archangel, but are vile and corrupt to the core. They mirror religious but wrong Cain (baby baptizers), Balaam trying to curse Israel for gain, and/or Core thinking he can do a better job than the man of God. They are diseased leperous spots, empty clouds, twice dead trees, and raging waves. While their modernist ecumenical scholars pour through Alexandrian libraries looking for a Septuagint book of Enoch, they completely miss the miraculous prophecy that the 7th from Adam knew, “Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all...” John was to write that more clearly thirty years after Jude set down his pen! (Rev.19) Close your reformed catholic ecumenical bibles and commentaries, open your authorized Bible and reread Jude. Mockers and apostate churches abound, separate from them, memorize John 3:16-18,36,5:24 and the Roman-Road and be a soul winner with compassion, or just one who knows the terror of the Lord, but be a soul winner! He will keep you from falling, and He is coming soon.

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Msg #2206 Rampant Herd Mentality

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It has been said, “If I could see God, then I would believe.” Actually twelve tribes of Hebrews, in a million man march, did see God Almighty, and yet within the year, they fashioned a graven image, and worshiped it as their god. They literally saw all of God's ten commandments, written by him on two tables of stone, dashed to the ground and broken.

Copies were made, and so were copies of copies of copies of copies, but ecumenical modernist “scholars” tell us the copies are not the words of God! And so “Christendom” slides off into perdition clutching their NIV, ASV, ESV et al. copyright “Not Inspired” copies, believing every evolutionary theory and being “inclusive” to every moral degeneracy. People are quite like a herd of cattle following along and lowing in unison. It is sad and sobering how herd mentality overtakes people. Whether it be masks and shots, towers reaching heaven and graven images or modernist bibles. Satan knows how to leverage herd mentality, and make otherwise thinking people believe and follow a lie. Now and again one breaks from the herd and discovers the truth. The world hates these non-conformists, especially when they stand on a soap-box and cry, “The emperor has no clothes!”

God always has a remnant. It saddens me to pass a family walking down the street in God's fresh air (Upstate-NY) wrestling to keep their kids in face masks. *“And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger”* (Jud.2:12). It rejoices me to know the Truth, and to have accepted him as my Lord and Saviour. People need the Lord.

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Msg #2207 Valentine Condolences

What The Bible Says

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Happy Valentine's Day and my sincere condolences on the loss of your significant other. The upcoming spring time begins with Valentine's Day and rich memories, or sincere pursuits, of being in love, being significant to someone, and being secure in that relationship. God created man in his image and likeness with a deep seated passion for those three. We are designed to love and to be loved, to give significance to someone and be significant to someone. We have peace and joy in our lives when we have genuine physical, emotional, and spiritual security in such a relationship. When our love, or our significance, or our security is shaken, unstable, or broken it cuts to the very core of our being. When you buried your loved one, when "till death do us part" parted, you were crushed, and broken and deprived temporarily of all of those core essentials of life.

I write on this threshold of spring time so that you and others will know and muse, in deep thought, close attention and contemplation about what you buried. But I write also to assure you that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ loves you with a selfless, everlasting love. Although you are but a spec in humanity which is but a spec in his universe you are so very significant to the Creator's only begotten Son. In his love and in his significance he has made the promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." What you buried in this short life time is but a frail taste of what our Lord holds out to us in every day, for all eternity. Real joy and everlasting peace comes when we reciprocate his love, his significance, and his security. Happy Valentine's Day.

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Msg #2208 Living the New Nature

What The Bible Says

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It is remarkably easy and certainly insightful to list out a dozen failures Israel had under a conditional covenant. A preacher once told me, “Thank God I wasn't grafted into that branch!” In Christ we have an unconditional covenant: saved by grace through faith, not of works, quickened and sealed by the indwelling Holy Ghost. Israel's failures can still provide some on-point lessons for us.

When Israel was trapped between the Red sea and the advancing Egyptians they doubted God (Exod.14:10-12). When God surrounds us with closed doors we should do what God told them, “Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD” (vr.13). Closed doors can change our direction, change our will, deal with others, and magnify God ... if we'd stand still long enough. At Marah's bitter water they murmured (15:24). As on Calvary, God used a tree to make the bitter, sweet. He also made a state-law (statute) and an authoritative rule (ordinance) about murmuring; all this was to “prove them” (vr.25). But in Sin they murmured again, for hunger this time. God gave manna from heaven, but then they kept manna overnight, and looked for it on the Sabbath day (16:2-4, 19-20, 23). Then at a rest stop called Rephidim they again thirsted and this time chided! (17:1-2).

At Sinai all ten commandments were broken with wrong worship done with wrong motive, wrong methods, wrong message, wrong music, and wrong morals! (Exod.32). After Sinai they complained until they kindled God's anger (Num.11:1-2), then remembered flesh pots, fell a lusting, and complained about manna (vr.4-6). God gave them meat till they puked (vr.31-34). Alas, at Kadeshbarnea they refused to trust the LORD their God (Num.13-14). Our old nature is ugly and loathsome: be sure you are living in a new one. Praise His Holy Name.

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Msg #2209 Satan's Holding Device

What The Bible Says

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A vice is “A holding device attached to a workbench with two jaws to hold a workpiece firmly in place;” it is also a “moral weakness;” it is also “a specific form of evildoing.” Honest Christians understand how Satan uses the jaws of these holding devices to attach a person to his workbench and keep them in bondage with a moral weakness via a specific form of evildoing. Many Christians have rationalized away their vice, or their children's vice, and pacified the addiction supposing, “It is not that bad.” In my twenty-three years in the military I classified five of Satan's most powerful holding devices with the acronym, WWW.DG: Wine, Women, Weed, Drugs, and Gambling. Our government now sanctions and approves each of these vices. It seems our society has added a couple more through the internet. Let's address the third W that is now accepted because of a vaping craze.

I do not here speak against a Christian vaping because it may be harmful to health, or costly, or fulfilling the lust of the carnal flesh, although those deserves consideration. I reprove a Christian for vaping because it is a SIN; it is a vice; it is a fulfilling of the unfruitful works of darkness. The Bible says, “*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them*” (Eph 5:11). For a Christian vaping is sucking exotic, mind altering, euphoric, addictive chemicals into the temple of God. The Bible says, “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*” (1Cor.6:19-20). John 8:31-32 can get you free from Satan's vice.

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Msg #2209a Satan's Hold is Broken Song

What The Bible Says

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I'm So Glad Jesus Set Me Free!

Chorus

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set me Free!

V1

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus set me free!

V2

I'm on my way to heaven, shouting victory.

I'm on my way to heaven, Satan leave me be!

I'm on my way to heaven, Come and go with me.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set me Free!

V3

I read my Bible daily, so Jesus I can see.

I pray to my dear Saviour, this world I want to flee.

I gather with believers, like Him I want to be.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set me Free!

Chorus

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

I'm so glad Jesus set me free.

Singing Glory! Hallelujah! Jesus Set

Msg #2210 Wine Women Weed Drugs & Gambling

What The Bible Says

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Proverbs 31 gives a king's word about women, wine, work and a wife. It is the “thus saith the Lord” prophecies that his mother taught him and it brings light on the first two “W”s of the five vices we exposed last week, wine and women (from acronym WWW.DG). King Lemuel writes “*Give not they strength unto women, nor they ways to that which destroyeth kings*”(Prov.31:3).

Solomon already described “the simple ones... void of understanding” who are seduced by the harlot, “yea many strong men have been slain by her... Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (Prov.7:1-27).

The Bible word “*fornication*” expresses illicit sex, or any sin which is “*foreign*” to God's plan for human sexuality. Our society now wallows in all such vile foreign use of sex. In the New Testament *fornication* is translated from the Greek word “*porneia*” which ties straight to today's common sin of pornography. It is foreign to sexual purity, it is fornication.

A vice latches onto ones life before they know what is happening. A Christian is without excuse, God's word gives ample warning about all five WWW.DG vices. What modernist preachers say about a little wine is a lie; read what King Lemuel says in Prov.31:4-7. Know that God says, “*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. ... Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder*” (Prov.20:1, 23:31-32). God calls for abstinence.

Locked in Satan's vice people say, “I can quit anytime!” They can't. Only the Truth, in person, can set a Christian free from vice (Joh.8:31-32).

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Msg #2211 A Christian Set Free

What The Bible Says

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When a soul is converted, justified, indwelt, quickened and baptized into Christ, they are saved from the penalty of sin. They are also saved from the power of sin, and will one day be saved from the very presence of sin. In the mean time Satan knows how to use a vice and hold man in bondage to sin. Jesus said, *“I am the Truth... And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (Joh.14:6, 8:32). On the subject of bondage he went on to say, *“Verily, Verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin”* (8:34). A born again believer has no business being in that bondage when they have the key that “opens prison doors, sets the captives free.” We have exposed Wine, Women, and Weed as vices that can hold a Christian on Satan's workbench and inhibit their growth. They are part of Satan's memorable vice pack – WWW.DG. Our government is today promoting and exploiting the vices of drugs and gambling. All vices start out small but not innocently. Hard drug addiction, at epidemic levels, amply illustrates the completely destructive nature of any vice. Don't suppose a promise to tithe on lotto winnings justifies a gambling sin (Prov.20:21). Again let the scripture be reiterated, *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. ... What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”* (Joh.8:34, 1Cor.6:19-20). You can be free of Satan's vice and become a minister of reconciliation (2Cor.5:17-19).

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Msg #2212 Saints at Phillipi Rejoicing

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When the Apostle Paul writes a letter of encouragement to close friends and co-laborers in Christ, it promotes genuine rejoicing. Nineteen percent of New Testament joy and rejoicing is found in his letter to the saints of Phillipi. Paul remembered how the Holy Ghost forbade his going to Asia and sent him to Phillipi, he remembered Lydia's salvation testimony, and the Phillipian jailer who framed up the children's song, "Acts sixteen, verse thirty-one, tells you just what must be done ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (3x) and thou shalt be saved!" For good reason Paul's remembrance and prayer for them was made with joy (1:3-4). The gospel bound him to these saints at Phillipi and he lists four distinct ways it did. First is the fellowship they had in the gospel, "from the first day until now" (vr.5). Fellowship comes with a common bond, a common goal, and a common effort. The richest, most Biblical fellowship comes from a shared gospel preaching goal and calling. Next, Paul has great confidence in that gospel which he expresses in the continuation of his sentence (vr.6). Then he makes this a run on sentence when he adds the jail time associated with the gospel, the defence of that gospel, and the confirmation of the good news of the gospel (vr.7). In short, and in introduction, the rejoicing that a believer has is all wrapped up in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In 1828 Noah Wedster defined joy as, "the passion excited by acquisition or expectation of good," and its verb, rejoice, as "experiencing joy in a high degree." Remembering ones salvation, meditating in the simple gospel that was received, and looking to where that gospel message will take them, is indeed "an acquisition and expectation of good." Rejoice evermore.

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Msg #2213 Abound More and More

What The Bible Says

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Paul, teaching the Philippians about joy and rejoicing, records, "I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." In the most interior part of Christ is his seat of pity and kindness. That is where Paul was coming from with his tenderness and his compassion. Longing after people from the bowels of Jesus Christ would cause love to abound more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. Love abounding in knowledge comes from the three 'R's, Reading, Reading, and Rereading. It is sad when one does not know how to read, sadder when they know how but don't. Ban TV, video, and internet until you can read three chapters and a psalm/proverb every day of the year. That would get the Bible read in a year and Psalms & Proverbs read twice. Read out loud... read with someone else... be accountable. Abound more and more in knowledge.

Satan, the world, and your neighbor will tell you, "Don't judge!" But your Bible tells you to abound more and more in judgment. Why? 1) to approve things that are excellent; 2) to be sincere; and 3) to be without fault. (Phil.1:10). Righteousness is the quality of ALWAYS being right. Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the praise and glory of God would certainly start with the fruits of the Spirit from Gal.5:22. Three installed, LJP, three for others LGG, and three instilled FMT. That fruit needs to be sown (James 3:18, 2Cor.9:9-10), branches need purged (Jn.15:2), and sometimes we need chastened (Heb.12:11). *"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;... Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."* (Phil.1:9, 11).

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Msg #2214 Rejoice in Gospel Preaching

What The Bible Says

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Lets suppose that anyone with some level of reading comprehension might read two sentences of Philippians 1:12-18 and understand, and even list, seven ways the gospel goes out because of the “things” that happened to the imprisoned Apostle Paul. Now, lets suppose that those who have been gloriously touched by that Gospel, been justified, indwelt, and quickened by its power could comprehend and explain with Bible verses five crucial ingredients to that life changing gospel: 1) All have sinned and all are condemned; 2) One cannot save themselves, no works will do it; 3) Christ died FOR us; 4) Salvation is a gift, and 5) One must pray and ask to receive that gift (Jn.3:16-18,36, 5:24, Rom.5:8, 6:23, 10:9-10). Next, a reasonable Bible student, who knows to be a minister of reconciliation, because old things are passed away and behold all things are become new, could list Paul's three reasons why we labor in that ministry: 1) We must all appear and give answer; 2) We know the terror of the Lord, (Where their worm dieth no and the fire is not quenched); and 3) The love of Christ constraineth us (2Cor.5:9-21). I don't mean to be cynical here but now take the “things” which happened in life, and list out seven ways they “have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel.” When my list comes up a little short, I'll suppose I am not being a diligent minister of reconciliation, nor effectively fulfilling my Lord's commission, “As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you” (Jn.20:21 cf. Acts20:21). Paul emphasizes to the Philippians that the spread of the gospel is what causes the greatest rejoicing in a Christian's life. This year we might continue to focus on John20:21 but also include John 20:22.

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Msg #2215 Before Easter

What The Bible Says

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It would be remiss for a Christian to walk through this week of Christ's passion without examining the events of each day. Events begin in Bethany six days before Passover as detailed in John 12. In their Sabbath day's "holy convocation" the chief priests consulted (vr.10-11) ... Oh how they hated the Son of God. On Palm Sunday the multitude cried "Hosanna to the son of David," but as they heralded him as Messiah and King they only considered him "Jesus the prophet of Nazareth." Many do that today.

On the 10th of the month the Passover lamb was separated from the flock and examined until the 14th, when it was slain (Exod 12). Our Passover Lamb was "separated from the flock" in that triumphal entry on Palm Sunday (Mt.21, Mrk.11, Lu.19, Jn.12). He entered the temple and overthrew the tables of money changers (Mt.21:12). After cursing a fig tree on Monday the 11th, he was back in the temple teaching early in the morning and he again cast out the money changers (Mrk.11:12-15). On Tuesday the 12th, early, Peter notices the cursed tree, and Jesus teaches them, "Have faith in God" (Mrk.11:20-22). "He taught daily in the temple" during this three day examination of the Passover Lamb (Lu.19:47, 22:53), and on Wednesday, the 13th, he washed feet, initiated the Lord's Supper, and prayed in the garden. On Thursday, the 14th of Abib, that fickle and impassioned multitude cried, "Let him be crucified" (Mt.27:22). Its important that one understand all that was in the week of his passion. The day of his resurrection shines so much brighter when we know how and why he died. In an Easter Sunrise service we will begin a Resurrection celebration, but we dare not miss these accounts that led up to his resurrection.

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	<i>Events</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
101	Discourse on Divorce		Thr 7 th	19:2-12	10:2-12		
105	Parable of vineyard laborers	Shilo?	Thr 7 Abib	20:1-16			
106	Foretold death and resurr.		Thr 7 th	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	
107	James and Johns Ambitions		Thr 7 th	20:20-28	10:35-45		
108	Healing 2 blind men	Jericho	Thr 7 th	20:29-34	10:46-82	18:35-43	
109	Zaccheus the publican		Thr 7 th			19:1-10	
110	Parable of pounds		Fri 8 Abib			19:11-28	
111	Jesus arrives at Bethany	Bethany	Fri 8 th				12:1
112	Anointing by Mary		Fri 8 th	26:6-13	14:3-9		12:2-9
112b	Plot to kill Jesus & Lazarus		Sat 9 Abib				12:10-11
113	Triumphal Entry		Sun 10 Abib	21:1-11	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19
113a	Cleansing temple	Jerusalem	Mon 11 th	21:12-17	11:15-19	19:45-48	
114	Cursing the barren fig tree	Mt Olives	Mon 11 th	21:18-19	11:12-14		
115	Cleansing temple	Jerusalem	Mon 11 th	21:12-17	11:15-19	19:45-48	
116	Fig tree withered, in and out	Mt Olives	Tue 12 Abib	21:20-22	11:20-26	(21:37-38)	
117	Christ's Authority Questioned	Temple	Tue 12 th	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
118	Parable of 2 sons	Temple	Tue 12 th	21:28-32			
119	Para of wicked husbandman	Temple	Tue 12 th	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19	
120	Para-Marriage of kings son	Temple	Tue 12 th	22:1-14			
121	Question of tribute	Temple	Tue 12 th	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	
122	Sadusees ? Resurrection	Temple	Tue 12 th	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
123	Lawyer ? great command	Temple	Tue 12 th	22:34-40	12:28-34		
124	What think ye of Christ	Temple	Tue 12 th	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
125	Woes to Scribes	Temple	Tue 12 th	23:1-36	12:38-40	20:45-47	
126	Lamentation over Jerusalem	Temple	Tue 12 th	23:37-39			
127	Widows mite	Temple	Tue 12 th		12:41-44	21:3-4	
128	Greeks Seek Jesus	Temple	Tue 12 th				12:20-50
129	Prophecy of end of world	Mt Olives	Tue 12 th	24:1-51	13:1-37	21:5-36	
130	Parable of 10 Virgins	Me Olives	Tue 12 th	25:1-13			
131	Parable of Talents	Mt Olives	Tue 12 th	25:14-30:			
132	Last Judgment	Mt Olives	Tue 12 th	25:31-46			
133	Plotting of Rulers w Judas	Jerusalem	Tue 12 th	26:1-5,14-16	14:1-2,10-11	22:1-6	
134	Jesus in retirement???	Bethany???	Added to	fit good fri	into errant	tradition!	
135	Preparation for Passover	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	22:7-13
136	Arrival at upper room	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:20	14:17	22:14	
137	Strife for prominence	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th			22:24-30	
138	Washing Feet	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th				13:1-20
139	Paschal Supper	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th			22:15-18	
140	Betrayer declared	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:21-35
141	Lords Supper Instituted	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:19-20	1Cor11:23-5
142	Peter's fall foretold	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th			22:31-38	13:36-38
143	Farewell Discourse	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th				14:-16

	<i>Events</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
144	Prayer of Jesus	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th				17:1-26
145	Jesus and Peters confidence	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:30-35	14:26-31	22:39	18:1-3
146	Garden Gethsemane	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:40-46	
147	The Betrayal	Jerusalem	Wed 13 th	26:47-50	14:43-45	22:47,48	18:4-9
148	The Arrest	Jerusalem	Midnight	26:50-56	14:46-52	22:49-53	18:10-12

An Easter Sunrise Service

Hymns From “*Soul Stirring Songs & Hymns*” Sword of the Lord Publishers, 1972
 Scriptures from The Word of God, The Holy Bible, The Authorized Version, 1611

Early Morning Meeting On The Shores of Seneca Lake NY

Trumpet Solo Opening “Christ Arose”

Opening Prayer:

Hymn #29 (key of C) At The Cross

Scripture Reading John 19:18-42

Hymn #30 (key of C) Nothing But The Blood

Scripture Reading John 3:16-18, 36

Prayer:

Hymn #31 (key of E) He Lives

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:1-8

Hymn #33 (key of C) Christ The Lord is Risen

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-9

Hymn #34 (key of G) I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12

Hymn #36 (key of G) Christ Arose

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18

Prayer:

Hymn #37 (key of C) There'll Be No Dark Valley

Scripture Reading 1Thes 4:13-18

Hymn #38 (key of ??) Hallelujah We Shall Rise

Scripture Reading 1Cor 15:50-58

Prayer:

Dismiss for break-fast break before Worship Service

Msg #2216 The Resurrection Sunday Calendar

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Christ, our Passover Lamb, arose from the dead on the Sunday after the Jewish Passover. The crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ was on Passover, which that year fell on a Thursday. Catholics are deceived about a Good Friday crucifixion because they suppose that all Sabbath Days are on Saturday. Also, Zealots trying to force-fit 72 hours into a sepulcher refuse to count accurately "six days before the Passover" and Cleopas' "today is the third day since these things were done" (Jn.12, Lu.24). They close their Bibles and build fancy deceitful charts and calendars, but the Passover on which Jesus died was on the 14th of Abib (Ex.13:4,23:15,39:18, Deut.16:1) (Called Nisan by modernists). God's days of the week start with the "evening and the morning" (Gen.1:5,8,13,19,23,31), so at sunset on the 13th the Passover began, and on sunset of the 14th "a high Sabbath day" began (Jn.19:31, Lev.23:4-8), marking the first day of the feast of unleavened bread (Ex.12:17, 23:15, 34:18, Le.23:6).

Six days before Passover is the 8th of Abib and it was a Friday (Jn.12). On the 10th of Abib the lamb was chosen (Exod.12:3). Our Passover Lamb was chosen in a triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, the 10th of Abib, and the next Sunday, the 17th, was Resurrection Sunday. It was three days since the crucifixion was done (Lk.24:20-21). Do the math, keep your Bible open, don't let the deceivers with fancy charts and alternate agendas deceive. Hallow a Wednesday night Lord's Supper and worship knowledgably on both Sundays. Incidentally, Roman sun worshipers once had a holy day for solar vernal equinox but the Roman pagan holy-day, Easter, was "born-again" when they mandated it to be the Sunday after the Jewish Passover, deemed Resurrection Day. So please don't cut off your neighbor's head if he calls Christ's Resurrection Day "Easter."

An Essay for week #16 - Apr 17, 2022

Brother Reese, Thanks for writing. Christ was in the "heart of the earth" at his death in the 9th hour on Thursday the 14th of Abib and was thus there Thursday, Friday and Saturday which fulfills the sign of Jonas the prophet. Those that insist on a full 72 hours in the tomb have to twist, explain away, and tiptoe around too many scriptures for their theories to be supported. I love them, but cannot agree with them. God Bless your studies. Pastor Ed Rice 4/21/2022

Msg #2217 Your Cross-Eyed-Bear

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

You can choose to live in Philippians 1:21, “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain ...*”, or in Philippians 2:21, “*For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s ...*”, but you cannot live in both. Choose wisely, grasshopper. The imprisoned Apostle Paul was teaching the Philippians how to rejoice in adversity when the subject came up. He was rejoicing because the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ was being preached on every hand because of his trial (1:18), and now he revels in the real meaning and purpose of his life, ... and death.

I have sketched a little cartoon of a cross-eyed-bear in the margin of my Bible at chapter 2 verse 8, “*And being found in fashion as a man, (Christ) humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*” The little bear cross references me to two more bears in Matthew, two in Mark, and two in Luke, all being scriptures speaking things like, “*Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple*” (Luke 14:27, the other five Gospel reference are easily found by a ready Bible student, but the sketch of a cross-eyed-bear should be done in pencil until one gets the cartoon perfected). I've sketched three cross-eyed-bears in Paul's letter to the Galatians, and the whole tenor⁷ of his references there, and here in Philippians, is captured in Galatians 2:20, “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*” So, where are you living, ... and where are you dying?

An Essay for week #17 - Apr 24, 2022

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⁷ A “tenor” is not just an adult male that sings pretty high, it is “a settled, prevailing habitual course of a person's life, and the general meaning or substance of an utterance.” (via Antony Lewis's WordWeb 8, Princeton University, 2015).

Msg #2218 Becoming Gospel Truth

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the closing verses of Paul's first chapter to the Philippians he drives home that “for me to live is Christ, and for you to live is the gospel.” In verse 25 he is confident that he would hang around for their abundant rejoicing in Jesus Christ, and in verse 27 he exhorts, “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ.” Noah Webster, in 1828, says your “*conversation*” is “your general course or manner, your general deportment, especially as it concerns your morals.” For your conversation to “*become*” the gospel of Christ, he says it will need to “pass from one state or condition to another by a change, by receiving new properties or qualities of character.”

In this day I will see someone and immediately talk about the weather. “Lord, help me to let that small talk become the gospel.” ... Lord knows how. Tomorrow someone will want to talk about how bad it is getting in this world; “Lord, help that conversation to become the gospel.” ... This nation will face the judgment of a Righteous Judge, so will you and I, but Praise the Lord we don't have to be under condemnation because of John 5:24! I'll talk about the war in Ukraine. “Lord, help me to bring up the *wars and rumors of wars* that proceed your 2nd coming, and how essential it is to personally know the Judge of all the Earth before you get here.”

This week someone will talk to me about Roe v. Wade and, Praise the Lord, I know someone who can forgive every sin of my life, and save from all condemnation, if one just ask him! “Lord, help me to turn every conversation into the gospel of Christ this week.” The Lord knows how.

An Essay for week #18 - May 1, 2022

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Msg #2219 What My Son?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Proverbs 31, where so many Mother's Day messages come from, has an overlooked verse with three questions. “*What my son?*” emphasizes a mother's love and motherly concerns. Genesis 1:26 captures that the man, made in both the image and likeness of God, was made to have dominion. He was commanded what fruit not to eat and he named all the animals. Verse 27 captures that both male and female were in the image of God, i.e. having body, soul, and spirit. (The spirit of man knows God consciousness; the soul knows self-consciousness, emotions, desires, and affections; the body is the seat of the senses bringing world consciousness, it is separable from soul and spirit, susceptible to death, and is the seat of the fallen Adamic nature.) Male and Female have all that, but the woman was not made for dominion. She was made for being a “help meet” (2:18), or an appropriate help. Only moms can provide the tender, selfless, love required to raise a child.

“*What the son of my womb?*” emphasizes a mothers body. Every part is different; the chromosome package changed, every organ is designed for sustaining a child's life. The hormone package was completely revamped and refined for mothering. Gone is the testosterone laden, hairy, domineering, competitive, aggressive male hormone package. There are some queer things in this world, but there is no biological transgending. A woman's body was designed by God for a specific role.

“*What the son of my vows?*” emphasizes a mother's marriage. The “till death do us part” vow provides a security that is essential to a woman and absolutely essential to a home rearing her children. Homes operating without it are unstable and dysfunctional. Bible principles bear up each of these mothering qualities, and the mom pursuing them is blessed indeed.

An Essay for week #19 - May 8, 2022

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Msg #2220 How To Love Your Neighbor

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

As Pastor of Good Samaritan it is my privilege to give an annual report on Jesus' parable recorded in Luke 10. An antagonist lawyer there asked him to “cut to the quick” and tell what is the main thing!⁸ Our lawyer in verse 25 is not the shyster we often know lawyers as today. I could tell some lawyer jokes here that are divisive and not at all in keeping with the intent of Jesus' parable, but this lawyer was a Hebrew Levite, with a doctorate in the Law of God and he answers his own question, “What shall I DO to inherit eternal life?” Jesus verifies his correct answer, and so do you and I when we sing Psalm 19:7, 10, 11. This lawyer displays two embedded flaws common to man, he wants to DO something to inherit eternal life, and he is willing to justify himself.

As a preacher of the gospel who tries to “use great plainness of speech” (2Cor.3:12) it is curious that Jesus left this lawyer stumbling around the idea that he could successfully DO something to inherit eternal life. When God leaves a person fumbling around in their own ignorance he likely knows what he is doing. Myself, I would have handled the lawyer differently. That is why I try not to work by myself. In five places we are commissioned to preach the gospel to every creature (Mat.28:19, Mrk.16:15, Lu.24:46-48, Jn.20:21, and Acts 1:8); three solid reasons are given to preach it (2Cor.5:10, 11, 14, 17-18); and Paul rejoiced that the Philippians' “conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ” (Phil.1:27). If you will fulfill “love thy neighbor as thyself” you will have to preach the gospel to your neighbor. Lets be about the Father's business this week.

An Essay for week #20 - May 15, 2022

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⁸ (It is important to regularly stop and make sure we are keeping the main thing the main thing; Dr. Luke is making that a point of his 10th chapter. In verse 20 Jesus points it out for 70 emboldened preachers, in verse 42 for Martha fussing about her sister.)

Msg #2221 Consolation in Christ

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

After giving a five point introduction on rejoicing in the gospel, Paul gives the Philippians a five point “if-then” condition to consider. The 'if's in 2:1 are, “*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, 2) if any comfort of love, 3) if any fellowship of the Spirit, 4 & 5) if any bowels and mercies, ...*” These all have to do with the function and role of the Holy Ghost. A good *pneumatology* book states, “When Jesus summarizes a subject, there is no better summary. The one in John 16:7-13 plants the seeds for understanding the person of the Holy Ghost, the purpose of the Holy Ghost, and the methods of the Holy Ghost. This is announced by Christ as a new role for the Holy Spirit of God, a role not seen in the Old Testament.”

The Holy Ghost is not the manifestation of God, Christ is; He does not document truth, the Bible does; He does not unite divergent doctrines, He separates us from them; He is not a “parakeet”, He is a person of the Trinity, and a “Comforter.” On all that Paul stacks up five redundant “if” statements. A 'consolation' is an alleviation of distress of mind as it abates evil; consolation supports and strengthens the mind with hope, joy, courage, and the like. In Luke 2 Simeon “*waited for the **consolation** of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him*” (vr.25). Today believers have the Holy Ghost **within** them, and out of their “bowels” flows consolation, comfort, fellowship, and mercies. Philippians 2:1 is a full compendium of that. Don't let some misguided charismatic steal that sound doctrine away and entangle you in apostasy. Our Comforter leads into all truth. God blesses a study in *pneumatology*, the doctrine of the Holy Spirit of God.

An Essay for week #21 - May 22, 2022

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Msg #2222 Lives Were Given to Fight Evil

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

There can be no memorial without first a great sacrifice. As a free people and great nation we memorialize those who gave their lives to purchase our freedoms. Those lives were sacrificed in an all out fight against evil: against tyrannical control in a Revolutionary War, against depraved discord in a Civil War, against a depraved evolutionary concept of a superior race in two world wars, against Godless Socialist Communism in Nam and Korea, and against a geopolitical religious Islam and its ISIS attempt for a world takeover in the Middle East. Make no mistake, each of these depraved evils that lurk in the vile heart of man are still vying for a complete takeover of the free world; the grotesque conflict with smell of war and tyranny is daily present.

God clarifies that these evil forces contend because the wickedness of man is great in the earth, and every imagination of the thoughts of his heart are only evil continually (Gen 6:5). A K-thru-12 grounding in Godless evolution and a 24-7 access to video games promoting the bloody slaughter of innocence results in an inconceivable slaughter in Texas. The same education promoting survival of the fittest and denying that God CREATED all men equal, condones a superior-race slaughter in Buffalo. A communist horde drives toward Europe. Islam Jihadists plot the annihilation of God's nation Israel. A party holding sway over all media and big tech overthrows an election, opens our borders, shuts down our oil industry, inflates our economy, ... tyranny is alive and fighting to completely overthrow free-market capitalism.

God reveals how these things will end. The Righteous Judge of all the earth will soon return. Make your Memorial Day a day of enlightenment, as well as memorial. Keep up the fight. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

An Essay for week #22 - May 29, 2022

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Msg #2223 Christ Incarnate

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The first sentence of Hebrews resonates with one in Philippians 2:5-8 to reveal more about our Lord Jesus Christ in two sentences than can be fully comprehended by mere finite minds. God's Word does that on occasion; that is why genuine Christians are commanded to meditate on God's word day and night. Catholics with their "orthodox view" suppose that Jesus had a very complex "split-personality" whereby he was sometimes God and sometimes human. Modernist "scholars" take the Greek word for "to make void" and develop extravagant theories about "*kenosis*": vain and dangerous theories that Jesus "emptied himself" of all divine attributes (even as they translate it in modernist ecumenical copyright bibles). But as for Agur, the son of Jakeh, and I, more brutish than these sophisticated theological scholars, it is enough to know that Jesus was as much man as if he were not God, and Christ was as much God as if he were not man. Thus Jesus Christ was man enough to go forty days into the wilderness; but God enough to emerge victorious; man enough to attend a wedding, but God enough to create new-wine; man enough to be thirsty in Samaria, but God enough to offer living water; man enough to have compassion on lepers, but God enough to heal them; man enough to fall asleep in a boat, but God enough to calm the sea; man enough to pay taxes, but God enough to send Peter out for a fish; man enough to be betrayed by a kiss, but God enough to forgive his betrayer; man enough to be put to death in agony, ... but God enough to rise victorious over death! He was man enough to pay-in-full my sin debt, and God enough to be my Lord Jesus Christ. Meditate that for a moment.

An Essay for week #23 - Jun 5, 2022

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Msg #2224 An Ear Tingling Miracle

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

After three days of solid Biblical preaching on how a Christian should live “*in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation*” (Phil.2:15), and the review of Dr. Grady's 2022 book “*Perilous Times – Deep Truths for Shallow Waters*”⁹, it is obvious that America's crises will be resolved in the praying place, not in the polling place. The January 6th smoke screen cover up of the twenty-six-million unregistered votes cast against President Donald Trump exposes the spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph.6). The call for a national “June-Queer-Pride-Month” highlights God's verse, “*Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished*” (Prov.16:5, cf sin of sodomites Gen.13:13, Deut.23:17, 1Kngs.14:24, 15:12, 22:46, 2Kngs.23:7, Isa.5:20). Not to mention the amoral-left's propensity to kill babies. We are on the cusp of a new world order sought by Satan, and by the rulers of darkness of this world (Eph.6:12); “Progressives” pursue it with a designed crisis at the border, crisis at the fuel pump and grocery-store, crisis in the schoolroom, crises in the climate, and crisis in the race-riots. These are designed, manufactured, and shrewdly executed by principalities and powers, and “*this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting*” (Mt.17:21 (not in modernist's NIV or ESV)). Laodicean Christians do not even know what that is, nor is it found in their bibles, so I am not optimistic. The USofA could very well crumble into a communist power before the rapture. Either way, Christians fasting and praying is the only solution; the voting booths have been compromised and voters brainwashed. I fast and pray for a miracle “*that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle*” (1Sa.3:11, 2Kngs.21:12, Jer.19:3).

An Essay for week #24 - Jun 12, 2022

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9 William P. Grady, “Understanding the Times Volume III Perilous Times – Deep Truths for Shallow Waters”, Grady Publications Inc., 2022.

Msg #2225 Rejoice, No wrath, No condemnation

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“The aged Apostle now *knows* he will miss the Rapture. ... As Paul hears the Mamertine executioner sharpening his ax, he turns his heart to Home”¹⁰. “*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. ... Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness ...*” (2Tim.4:6,8). Such joy of Paul is expressed to the Philippians with three references to “the day of Christ.” “*In the midst of a crooked and perverse nation ... Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ***” (2:15-17).

The “day of Christ” relates wholly to the reward and blessing of saints at his coming. Of “the day of the LORD”, the coming day of judgment, God says, “*Woe unto you that desire **the day of the LORD!** To what end is it for you? The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light*” (Amos5:18). Of that day God says, “*Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning ...*” (Joel.2:12-13). In these last of the last days the genuine Christian is to be: 1) Fasting and weeping because judgment is coming to America; 2) Rejoicing, for the day of Jesus Christ is approaching; and 3) Holding forth the word of life, i.e. the gospel, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. Jesus said, “*rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven*” (Lu.10:20) Keep these balanced my friend. God preserved Rachab while the walls of Jericho fell, if need be he can preserve his saints as the halls of America fall. Believers are not appointed to wrath, PTL! (via 3-5:9s, 2Thes.5:9, Rom.5:9, and Heb.5:9).

An Essay for week #25 - Jun 19, 2022

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10 Ibid., pg22.

Msg #2226 Dog Eat Dog Pastors

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Finally my brethren, rejoice in the Lord, ... Beware of dogs” (Phil.3:1,2). The common practice of having more than one closing to a good message is introduced by Paul; with God's Word there is always much more that should be said. Paul is not preaching to the mail-man here, but rehearsing a powerful scripture of Isaiah exposing crooked, froward watchmen that arise in the last days. *“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain”* (Isa.56:10,11). Paul had just commended Timothy and Epaphroditus back to the Philippians because they knew the “proof of them.” Solid men of God, like minded with Paul, were in dangerously short commodity. Isaiah 56 and God's 'dog-eat-dog' diatribe is aimed at Gentile believers. God fast forwards to our dispensation and gives instruction to the Gentile church. Don't suppose “Replacement Theology”, ... *“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people”* (vr.3), but rather marvel that your name is written down, *“Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer”* (vr.7). Doubtless we Gentiles live in the perilous times, where nineteen vile things are rampant (2Tim.3:1-5). Apostasy abounds in churches and in their pastors. Savvy men of God, rightly dividing the word of truth and knowing the times are in short supply and high demand. Appreciate and pray for what you got, and be very careful if you're in want for a true man of God. Many are.

An Essay for week #26 - Jun 26, 2022

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Msg #2227 A Sad Fourth-of-July

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Christian *cynicism* is believing that government is motivated by self/diabolic interest, with a sneering distrust of her sincerity; supposing rather, she has discarded honest standards to achieve evil, godless, diabolical interests. Sadly, of this Fourth-of-July, a Bible believer can be no less. When our president whines, “We cannot fix inflation in a day!”, and one can justly retort, “Why not you did an election!”, we are in an evil place. The Bible says, “*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,*” yet with brazen wholesale deceit government says, “No mask – No Service”, and then “No vax – No Service”, and sets the stage for soon (post-rapture) saying, “No mark of the beast – No Service.” A Bible believer has keen insight to that larger picture. “*Nor standeth in the way of sinners,*” and yet government brazenly leads in the way of queer perversion and sodomy. “*Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful,*” and yet the Holy Bible, banned from government K-12 classrooms because it says, “*In the beginning God created ...*” is brazenly scorned by our government. This 2022 Fourth-of-July being cynical is the very least believers might be toward leaders pushing for a Marxist, socialist takeover of America. America is but a hair's breadth from toppling into godless communism, and God could justifiably let her fall. In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the USA is indeed part of “all nations”; “*For I will gather **all nations** against Jerusalem to battle; ... and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat*” (Zec.14:2, Joe.3:2). In His Kingdom, just after Armageddon, “*All kings shall fall down before him: **all nations** shall serve him. ... and shall call him blessed. ... Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit **all nations***” (Ps.72:11,17, 82:8).

An Essay for week #27 - Jul 3, 2022

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Msg #2228 Isaiah 7 thru 23 and Last Days

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In Isaiah chapter seven Judah is under the attack of Rezin, the world, and Pekah, the modernist, and the proposed answer is the arrival of the Son of God (vr.14). In chapter eight the Assyrians came as a flood and the answer was not in a confederacy, but in the written Word (vr.1), and the living Word (a “stone of stumbling” and a “rock of offense” vr.14). In chapter nine the attack is from spiritual darkness and errant leadership (vr.2,16), and the marvelous answer proposed is a child born whose name is called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (vr.6). In chapter ten Judah is under the disciplining hand of God, and the answer is to turn to the Son, the Rod of correction, the Branch to grow out of the root (11:1). In chapter eleven there is restoration and a promised Kingdom age to come. The six verses of chapter twelve promise and illuminate the “so great salvation” of Hebrews 2. Christ is always the answer.

Isaiah chapter thirteen describes the battle of Armageddon coming to the Gentile world (vr.1,9-16). In chapter fourteen Israel is redeemed (vr.1-11), and Satan is destroyed (vr.12-17). In chapters 15-23 Isaiah records the burdens of the Gentile nations and all nations are held accountable (14:26,34:2). The Protestant, with his catholic covenant theology, cannot begin to comprehend the book of Isaiah, but a Bible student, believing the coming rapture and end of the church age, the coming seven year tribulation period, the coming Millennial Kingdom and the Great White Throne judgment before the new heaven and new earth are formed (i.e. the Dispensational teachings of the Bible), finds that Isaiah fits into the Revelation of Jesus Christ like a glove. God bless your studies of the Last Days.

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Msg #2229 Perilous Times, Beautiful Feet

What The Bible Says

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America was founded on liberty and freedom two-hundred and forty-six years ago. Two-hundred and fifty years after the great Gentile city of Nineveh was reborn in liberty and freedom it had faltered and tasted of Jehovah God's indignation. It was annihilated, laid waste, made a desolation (Nah.2:8, 3:7, Zep.2:13). Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, stands in Scripture as the representative of apostate *religious* Gentiledom, as Babylon represents the confusion into which the Gentile *political* world-system has fallen.¹¹

Indignation is a powerful word; in 1828 Noah Webster called it “extreme anger mingled with abhorance.” It is now America's due.

A hundred years before its destruction Nineveh was told, “*God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet*” (Nah.1:2-3). America is vividly taught all that from twenty-five-hundred years ago when it unfolded just as God said in his holy Scripture. Yet America continues down the same destructive path as Nineveh, a perilous path outlined in Romans 1:21-25.

So what is a born-again, Bible believing Christian to do in these vile and perilous times? Nahum the prophet of God said it, “*Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, and publisheth peace*” (Nah.1:15a). His contemporary, Isaiah, and the Apostle Paul seven centuries later, called it “publishing salvation” (Isa.52:7,Rom.10:9-15) We need to be about the Father's business, take on beautiful feet, and boldly publish John 3:16-18, and 5:24, with the Romans Road to heaven. Let's get cracken.

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11 Schofield, C. I., “*The Scofield Study Bible*”, Oxford University Press, 1909, pg 952, Nahum 1:1 Note 1.

Msg #2230 Beware of the Concision

What The Bible Says

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When the Philippians were told “beware of the concision” the Apostle Paul was warning them of false teachers which require keeping the law, particularly circumcision. He had told the Galatians if you seek salvation or sanctification by circumcision “*Christ shall profit you nothing,*” and you are “*debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, ... ye are fallen from grace!*” (Gal.4:9,5:1-7).

Circumcision was a token of the covenant established through Abraham and Isaac and made with all Israel (Gen.17:10-14). It was a physical token only for Israel wherein the foreskin was “cut off.” It was intensely personal, private, and painful, only for males, and very important (vr.14). The spiritual application is “*Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. ... the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live*” (Deut.10:16,30:6).

In Genesis 34 Jacob's sons tried to use the physical token for vile deceptive manipulative purposes; man always does that. The rainbow was a physical token of God's covenant, no more world flood judgment (Gen.9:12-13,17). Queers have polluted that token, supposing they might avoid all judgment. Water baptism is a physical token of our New Covenant portraying, for the born-again blood bought believer, the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Religions try to use the physical token for deceptive manipulative purposes, supposing pedobaptism or baptismal regeneration might wash away sin and get one into the kingdom of God. Physical tokens portray the covenant, they do not enact the covenant. Paul warns, “*Beware of dogs* (False Teachers, Isa.56:10-11), *beware of evil workers* (Prov.6:16-19), *beware of the concision* (deceitful token manipulators)” (Phil.3:2).

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Msg #2231 Prevailing Froward Mouths

What The Bible Says

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“*Beware of evil workers.*” That warning to the Philippians is ominous. “*A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward (perverse, not willing to yield, ungovernable, disobedient, crooked on purpose) mouth*” (Prov.6:12). *Froward mouths* are prevalent in these days just before the Lord comes to meet us in the clouds. Perilous times are filled with peril because of *evil workers* with *froward mouths*. Proverbs 6 goes on to list six things that the LORD hates: yea seven are an abomination unto him, and these evil workers, deceivers, crooked on purpose, are doing all seven ... on purpose. They are now leaders in our government. They lie about pandemics, borders, insurrection, vote tallies, wars, and their malicious marxist purpose. Our K-12 government schools have trained up generations that prefer godless socialism and even communism: a generation who are scared to death of fossil fuels and worship the creature more than the Creator! Our nation is indeed in great peril. A “Democrat” is no friend of this “Republic.” Despite a constitution, they consider church non-essential and part of the entertainment industry. Churches, filling with froward mouths and evil workers, are in peril. They have brazenly assulted marriage and the Christian home and that institute is in peril. Virtually every family has present a K-12 trained froward mouth sowing discord, an evil worker. We are camped right close to the gates of hell. The Bible warned that perilous times would come, and taught what they were and how to live when they arrive. It is high time to put that training in gear. A friend and renowned Baptist preacher coined that we are now looking for a “Post-perilous-times Pre-tribulation-rapture.” Keep on keeping on; those gates will not prevail; preach the gospel to every creature, even the froward can get saved.

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Msg #2232 Cretian Slow Bellies

What The Bible Says

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The Bible does NOT say, “The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith”, even though that is a quote (Tit.1:12b-13). This scripture has been taken out of context by so many preachers that it is important to examine the passage carefully.

We stereotype people; it is part of our sinful nature. When we crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts (Gal.5:24) our stereotypes should be nailed to that cross. Blacks are always ... , Italians are always ... , Cretians are always ... ! Do not be sullied by such thinking. “Always” and “Never” should only carefully come into our conversations; they are “always” dangerous and “never” to be used lightly. Do not let others sully you with their making glib stereotypes about people, nations, cultures, genders, ... or blonds. All the “not convenient jesting” (Eph.5:4) with such stereotypes is also sin. Such sin is often rationalized, but it is exposed in Prov.26:19. “*So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?*” No, you are camouflaging your sin of making, believing, and expressing stereotypes!

So what about Cretian slow bellies? The witness that is true is that one of the unruly vain deceivers, even a prophet of their own, had enough unmitigated gall to say, “Cretians are always slow bellies!” Those unruly vain deceivers are the ones to be rebuked sharply, not the Cretians. Cretians are just sinners that need the Saviour! As are blacks, whites, Hispanics, Asians, queers, transgenders, et. al. Do not stereotype people, nations, cultures, genders, ... or blonds. It is sin. Man does not have a soul, man IS a soul; a soul in need of Christ. See “them” that way.

An Essay for week #32 - Aug 7, 2022

Paste this Penny Pulpit on page 73 of Dr. Grady's otherwise excellent latest book.

Dr. Grady's response: “Can’t tell you how much I disagree with you and how disappointed I am to read your comments. You are old enough to know better.

Racial stereotyping (and racial profiling) are the natural results of observing reality. Opposition and denials of these realities stem from pure fantasy. (Ask any inner-city Indian cabdriver about what neighborhoods he will avoid.)” 8/12/2022

Msg #2233 Testings for Sons of God

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In “Rejoice in the Lord” Ron Hamilton wrote, “God never moves without purpose or plan, when trying a servant and molding a man. Give thanks to the Lord, though your testing be long, in darkness he giveth a song.” The Holy Bible is an ongoing record of God's trying of servants and his molding of the sons of God. That position and title is special in the Bible; only man is given power to become sons of God (Jn.1:12); angels are not allowed such a title or position (Heb.1:5-7). There are “gaptists” among us who suppose God secretly hid a gap in his six day creation account. They force fit evil angels into that imagined gap and suppose they had a divine judgment and cataclysmic crash in the dateless past. They suppose the geologic age of rocks prove that God deceived us about a six day creation, and they rip-tear Genesis 1:31 clean out of their Bible. As if such gaptist folly is not bad enough they then take this holy title, sons of God, and apply it to fallen angles. When these dissemblers open the book of Job they see “there was a day when *angles* came to present themselves to the LORD!” God is not a dissembler, to conceal, hide nor be secret about his revelation; God says what he means and means what he says. He had listed ten generations before the flood¹², and ten to twenty-four more generations before Job¹³, these were well tried sons of God. So when a supreme trial of a man is about to unfold in God's written Word, it records, “*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them*” (Job 1:6, cf 2:1). No less than twenty generations of sons of God came to his throne and they watched this contest between a son of God called Job, and this infamous “accuser of our brethren,” Satan (Rev.12:10). Countless generations of sons of God have read about Job's testing since God recorded it (at Job's suggestion btw Job19:23-24). The upshot is, son of God, when your testings be long, read his book.

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12 Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah (Gen.5:1-32).

13 Shem, Arphaxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abram, (Gen.11:10-26), and likely before Job, Isaac, Jacob and twelve sons.

Msg #2234 Fret Not 2022-24

What The Bible Says

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“He is just very fretful today.” I will never forget the line a mom used after her young son had worked himself into an absolute frenzy of agitation. The Psalmist says “Fret not thyself because of evildoers” (Ps.37). I can ponder two years of Godless, evil Democratic leadership and easily work myself into an absolute frenzy of agitation. That baby's tizzy fit is his cry that someone pay attention, someone do something, someone stop this calamity! The Psalmist follows up with four alternatives to fretting: Trust, Delight, Commit, and Wait.

Whenever I hear my wife say the key phrase, “My, aren't you a little fretful today”, I list these four, and refocus my attention. “Trust in the LORD, and do good” (vr.3). Evil doers do evil, as do “workers of iniquity”; Christians are to “do good”, not fret, and trust the LORD to work all things together for good. Each non-fret alternative here comes with a promise. The trust promise is food and shelter; in Luke 12:22-28 Jesus throws in a good set of clothes.

“Delight thyself also in the LORD”, has a delightful promise, especially for those who might have a Ranger Bass Boat or Jeep Cherokee 4WD as a desire of their heart. Some of us are far better off when the LORD gives us proper desires of the heart.

“Commit thy way unto the LORD” (vr.5). There are twelve “thy way(s)”s in Psalms, this is the only one that is a “my way”. There are nine “my way(s)”s, two of them are His ways. Look them up, commit “thy way” to be one of His ways, He will bring “it” to pass, and you will find rest for your soul as you “wait patiently for him.”

What a marvelous “Fret-Not” Psalm for 2022 thru 24.

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Msg #2235 Pressing Toward the Mark

What The Bible Says

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In Philippians 3:4-14 God outlines a course for pressing toward the mark. Confidence in the flesh is built up, propped up, and sustained by our religions. They teach us to trust in works, count beads, do penance, confess to the guy in a black dress, to build karma, do yoga meditations with eight steps to nervana, ... et al. The Apostle Paul lists his privilege, orthodoxy, and zeal in the Bible's only ordained religion before he throws it all out "for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord" (vr.8). Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, ... ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Mt.18.3). Saul was converted from religion. Mary Magdalene, who twice broke an alabaster box and "loved much", was converted from sin (Lu.8:2, 7:37,47, Jn.11:2, 12:3). In 1958 when Cecil Palm knocked on a 40 Platt Street door, my father was converted from pagan agnosticism, and my mother from pagan Roman Catholicism; two years later, on a Thursday night during a Junior Church flannel-graph lesson at Revival Services, I was converted from the eight year-old sin that was in my nature. If you don't recall being converted from something you should read Matthew 18:3 with better understanding. If you were converted from something, you were converted to something, "*That I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead*" (Phil.3:8b-11). If converted, don't die, until you die.

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Msg #2236 Pressing Toward the Mark II

What The Bible Says

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After the Apostle Paul tells the Philippians the “What, When, Where, Why, and How” of pressing toward the mark (Phil.3:8-14), he addresses the “Who”: “*Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded*” (Phil.3:15a). When the Bible calls for a born-again believer to be perfect, “*even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect*” (Mat.5:48), we are charged to be fully developed and grown into a maturity of Godliness. There is no sinless perfection for us this side of heaven: “*if we say that we have not sinned, we make him (God) a liar, and his word is not in us*” (1Jn.1:10). The Apostle Paul was not sinless, but was certainly perfect in Christian maturity, as should we be, and if so we will be pressing “*toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*” (3:14).

“*If in anything we be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you*” (3:15b). How does God do that? As a teenager I was taught Psalm 139:23-24 by singing a song:

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me my Saviour, know my thoughts I pray ... ay.
See if there be some wicked way in me,
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

Free, that is, to press toward the mark. In Paul's next breath he says, “*Nevertheless*” ... no matter, makes no difference, even so, no matter where you are at in this press... press toward that same mark. Whether matured, or maturing, there is a high calling of God in Christ Jesus, ... “*For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ*” (3:20). In 2022, if you are a born-again believer, let's press.

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Msg #2237 What Therefores Are There For

What The Bible Says

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When one finds a “therefore” or “wherefore” in a text they should find out what it is there for. The one starting Philippians four is densely packed with three chapters of encouraging exhortations. It introduces six summary points, three to the church, three to individuals, and concludes with a great promise. As Paul says, this church was “dearly beloved and longed for”, and therefore entreated to “stand fast in the Lord.” In verse two he begs that they maintain a unity and in verse three that they strengthen and encourage one another. All too many go to church to get something out of it, rather than to put something into it. We meet to strengthen, edify, and encourage one another, especially in the perilous times we find in our day.

Paul goes on to give three ingredients that make us what we ought to be. “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, REJOICE” (Phil.4:4, emphasis added). Simply put the noun “joy” is changed to an action verb in “rejoice.” We need to get doing it habitually. I know that our own pathetic government is turning against us, but rejoicing, as we are commanded, produces endorphins in our brain, neurotransmitters that keep us of a sound mind! ... and joyful. Secondly, get some moderation in our lives. The Lord is soon returning, “what manner of persons ought ye to be?” (Peter asks, 2Pet.3:11). Moderation is 2nd cousin to Temperance in Gal.5:23. Finally Paul exhorts one to “be careful for nothing.” Don't be full of care; give all cares to Him. Now with our stand, unity, and helpfulness coupled with our rejoicing, moderation and “care-less-ness” look at the great promise, “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (4:7).

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Msg #2238 Think On These Things

What The Bible Says

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When a Baptist preacher says, “Finally, brethren ...” it does not necessarily mean one should close his Bible and look at his watch. Paul demonstrates an aptitude to say more when he writes his second one to the Philippians. The “Finally, brethren ...” of Phil.4:8 opens a dense pack of things that should occupy a Christian's mind. Whatsoever things are **TRUE**: Pilot asked, “What is truth?” The true Christian needs no godless internet fact-checker, Jesus is truth, and he prayed to the Father, “*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth*” (Jn.17:17, cf 14:6,18:38). The truth indwells a believer, and sits in our laps as an Authorized KJV, ... think on these things. Whatsoever things are **HONEST**: upright, just and fair, free from trickishness and fraud, always acting with correct moral principle, think on these things. Whatsoever things are **JUST**: orderly, due and suitable, exactly proportioned and proper, in the moral sense upright, honest and righteous, conformed to rules of justice and influenced by the laws of God; think on these things. Whatsoever things are **PURE**: free from moral defilement, without spot, not sullied, tarnished or corrupted, genuine, real, true; think on these things. Whatsoever things are **LOVELY**: amiable things that elicit, produce, and excite true love, rather than division, distrust, and hate; think on these things. These things are **of GOOD REPORT**. If there be any **VIRTUE**: strength and moral excellence; think on these things. IF there be any **PRAISE**: glory and exaltation brought to God; think on these things.

When one maintains such exemplary thinking, they, as Paul, could say, “*These things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do*” (Phil.4:9). Jesus said, “*If ye know these things, happy are he if ye do them*” (Jn.13:17). May your thinking be exemplary this week.

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Msg #2239 Study Prophecy for the Last Days

What The Bible Says

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A thorough study (*ology*) of the end times (*eschatos*) must first entail a thorough study of how God foretells what he is going to do, i.e. Bible prophecy. Instead we often chide with his disciples, “*Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world?*” (Matt.24:3b). The seven feasts of the LORD described in Lev.23 are an excellent primer for understanding how God foretells what is coming. Each feast involves a holy convocation (a summoned assembly announced with trumpet), and a holy sabbath day wherein no servile work was done. These sabbath days are over and above the weekly sabbaths.

“*In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover*” (Lev.23:5). In God's creation, days start in the evening, i.e. the evening and the morning were the first day. A passover lamb was separated on the 10th of Abib and slain on the 14th (Exod.12). Jesus, our passover lamb (1Cor.5:7), was separated on Palm Sunday, and crucified on the 14th. The feast is prophetic; it foretold what God would do.

“*And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread*” (23:6). This foretold that the perfect Lamb of God would be sinless, i.e. unleavened (1Cor.5:7-8). On the 23rd (after 8 unleavened days) the first fruit wave offering was made (Lev.23:10-11); it foretold and portrayed resurrection (1Cor.15:20-26). The wave loafs for the 4th feast, at Pentecost (23:15-21) did contain leaven, as did the church formed at Pentecost 1,500 years later (cf. Acts 2, Matt.13 parables).

As these four feasts foretell what God would do to provide a Saviour to the world, the next three foretell how that Saviour will gather and restore Israel in his 2nd Advent.

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Msg #2240 The End Times – The Big Picture

What The Bible Says

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The best way to do a jigsaw puzzle is to first assemble the frame, then work toward the center keeping the big picture in view. The Bible prophecy of end times needs to be assembled with that same strategy and care. Religions call “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*” allegorical and apocalyptic, as if it were storytelling about total destruction. It is neither. It is our Lord's revelation of “*things which shall be hereafter*” (Rev.1:19b). The Bible student, believing the words of his KJV Bible, first sees the big picture wherein the church age comes to a close, a millennial kingdom age rules this earth, and finally there is a new heaven and a new earth. “Christian” religions try to keep “their Church” in control till the end of time. In actuality the church age ends when His church is taken out, “their” lukewarm church is spewed out of his mouth (cf Rev.3:14-19), and the earth is plunged into a “*great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world*” (Mt.24:21). That tribulation period, with its seven seals (Rev.6:1-13,8:1), seven trumpets (8:2-9:21,11:15), and seven vials of the wrath of God (16:1-12,17), ends with the battle of Armageddon (14:14-20,16:16, 19:11-21). One chapter in “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*” (20:1-10) describes His millennial reign on this earth, but that thousand year reign, with the King of kings on the throne of David with the rod of iron, the salvation and regathering of all Israel, and the lifted curse, is the subject and focus of a myriad of Bible prophecies (Scofield references 176 Kingdom Age verses in 20 OT books!).

Ergo, “*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*” covers no less than 1,992 years of church history, and 1,007 years of upcoming *things that shall be*. Add that to 4,000 years of BC, and this world approaches a 6,999 year mile-marker. I expect the rapture any day now, as well we should, it has been imminent since John was on Patmos. Keep looking up.

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Msg #2241 A Prophetic Mirror

What The Bible Says

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In Israel's seventh month The Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Booths (Lev.23:23-38) are prophetic portrayals of the upcoming restoration and salvation of Israel in their promised land. They also reveal, however, some things about believers in this dispensation of grace. Events that unfold for the congregation of Israel depict and picture events in a believers life, i.e. Passover, our redemption; Unleavened Bread, the perfect Lamb (1Cor.5:7-8); First Fruits, our resurrection (1Cor.15:20-26). Believers are tabernacled in flesh, have had an atonement (Rom.5:11), and will have a holy convocation announced with a trumpet. These are spiritual fulfillments, or mirrored fulfillments of upcoming events. Prophecy always has a final and complete fulfillment, and the regathering of Israel is the final target and complete fulfillment of these three seventh month feast days. Prophecy has a near term fulfillment that aligns with, and resonates with its far term fulfillment. Never let these eclipse the upcoming, complete, primary, jot-and-tittle fulfillment that the Bible is depicting.

These three holy prophetic feast days are mirrored in this age of grace wherein Bible believers listen for a trumpet; we long for a holy convocation in the clouds when the Bridegroom calls for his Bride with a trumpet that says "come up hither"; we see in scripture a holy convocation at the Bema Seat of Christ; and we are summoned to a holy convocation at the wedding table with Christ as we began our forever tabernacling with our Lord in reality. A wise Bible student can keep these promises separated from the Kingdom age promises made to Israel. There is a post perilous times pre-tribulation rapture coming very soon. Listen for the trumpet, but lets be about the Father's business in preaching the gospel to every creature until that twinkling of an eye moment.

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Msg #2242 Use Your Voice

What The Bible Says

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The Revelation of Jesus Christ is written to show the servants of Jesus Christ “Things which must shortly come to pass” (Rev.1:1). These “things” are revealed via seven seals opening, seven trumpets sounding, and seven vials of wrath poured out. Preparatory to opening the book, the seals depict Satan's taking full control of this world. The church has been removed, and the four horses, the slain saints, and the destruction of environment, are seals one thru six, revealed in chapter six. It is easy to see those same potentials in America's present administration! When the seventh seal is opened in Rev.8 the voice of God finally sounds via six trumpets which destroy one-third of the population three times!

During the melee of chapter six many believe that few are saved, but the Bible says, *“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, ... These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”* (Rev.7:9,14). With Joe Biden at the helm Satan is pretty much given untethered control of the greatest nation in the world for 3 ½ years. It is but a taste of things to come, when Satan is given untethered control of the whole world for 3 ½ years. Then an innumerable number of saints will be martyred. It is dire, but saved and sealed witnesses in 2022 need to stand and say, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth”* (Rom.1:16). Presently you won't loose your head, so don't loose your voice.

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Msg #2243 Kingdom Age, The Final Dispensation

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The promises that the LORD God made to Israel about her upcoming Kingdom of Righteousness are myriad and all are slated to be fulfilled in the one-thousand year reign of Christ, as depicted in the twentieth chapter of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. There is a lot to comprehend. A lad in kindergarten was assigned the daunting task of drawing a picture of anything he wanted. The teacher came by the busy artist and asked, “So, Eddy, what picture are you drawing?”

“I am drawing a picture of God!”

“O, my!”, she responded, and then explained, “Nobody really knows what God looks like.”

Eddy, with a new determination and a pencil in his hand said, “That is because I haven't finished my picture.”

And so, what does the millennial kingdom age look like? It is left as an exercise of the Bible student to follow through the thorough Kingdom Age summaries and chain listings of C. I. Scofield. Believing that God says what he means and means what he says will picture this final Kingdom Age dispensation. Israel regathered into her promised land, the lion and lamb, the desert in bloom and righteousness throughout the earth, it will all be fulfilled.

The Kingdom Age is the seventh and final demonstration that the heart of man is “deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.” It shows man's failing in responsibility and in stewardship when it ends poorly at Satan's release. Christ reigns for one-thousand years in a Utopian state, and even that does not quell the rebellious, deceitful, desperately wicked heart of man. Understanding the Kingdom Dispensation, when Israel dwells in the promised land and Christ sits on the Throne of David in Zion, is worthy of study.

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Msg #2244 The Half Shekel Journal IV by Ed Rice

Vol IV Day 3 30 Jan 2009 Nazareth – Tel-Dan: As we got off the bus in Nazareth the tension in this land crackled and creaked. Three Muslim women sat beneath a huge banner which announced something about Allah, Mohammad and a desired Mosque at the entry way of this Catholic church. The one with the infant jested toward our group and said something in Arabic to the others and all three laughed and giggled and babbled on. As 24 Christians, 12 Baptist Preachers, of the Gospel walked by in silence, their chiding laughter was replaced by booing as we walked by to another 'man made' religious establishment, the Roman Catholic "Church of the Annunciation." Both establishments, Catholicism and Islam, have a history of hatred towards God's chosen. The paganism of Catholicism both amazed and appalled me. Here in the Holy Land the spokesman of Christianity is perceived to be this pagan Harlot, the Roman Catholic Church and her back up speaker the Greek Orthodox Church is competing for property rights on what they perceive to be holy dirt. As we enter the magnificent dome structure their paganism again caused me to marvel. "And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns." (Rev 17:7)

The real marvel of Nazareth was found in the archaeological dig underneath and accessed from the outer courtyard of the church. There, 20 feet below the surface of the beautiful poinsettia garden was a small portion of the village of Nazareth. With an estimated population in the hundreds, it should not have been surprising that it was then said of this little place, "can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46) This tiny excavation under the Church showed Nazareth to be a small poor village of masons and stone workers. The modernists want to immediately change the Bible; in their opinion, since no Black and Decker circular saw was found in the excavation Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3 were errant in referencing a carpenter's son and should have shown him as the mason's son instead. One of the preachers with us (not a Baptist), because he had a year of seminary Greek, even tried to justify their hasty changing of the Holy Scripture! Modernists do not believe in God's preservation of His inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired Scripture, and consider it their duty in life to try to change and 'fix' His Holy Bible. They expect to restore some fictitious 'original manuscript' that God lost 1,500 years ago when they suppose 'Church Fathers' added stuff to the originals. The more sincerity they have in doing God this 'favor' the more their brazen ignorance¹⁴ aggravates this Baptist preacher. The excavation of the tiny town of Nazareth is a work in progress, the Word of God is not!

An Essay for week #44 - Oct 30, 2022 While Rices are back in Israel

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14 Not their ignorance of linguistics as much as their brazen ignorance of God's almighty power to preserve his inspired words through the last 2000 years of dauntless attack.

Msg #2245 The Half Shekel Journal XXV by Ed Rice
Vol XXV Day 8 Tue 3 Feb 2009: The Western Wall: The Muslim Turks occupying Israel's once promised land perceived the economic advantage of immigrating the Spanish displaced Jews into Israel and opened their doors to them. In 1492 they gave them "eternal access" to the Western Wall of their temple area and a flood of Jews immigrated back to their homeland.

Ronnie's explanation continued. "This then is not the Jewish Western Wall, it is 'the' Western Wall." All faiths have access to this area as a place of prayer. The Jews reverence this wall as the portion of wall that remains of their temple mount, the very closest thing to their temple's holiest place. In respect of that reverence we should respect their custom of wearing a head covering in their holy areas and not disrespectfully turning our back on their holiest area. But access to this wall is freely given to all who would pray here, and the following of these Jewish customs is likened to following the Christian custom of removing head coverings when we enter a Church. You do not have to conform, but someone may speak to you about it when you don't.

Since we visited the wall last night and were now armed with much more information we were less timid on this approach I had my Stetson and no need of the paper kippah. As the ladies headed toward their entry point Pastor Carpenter, Pickett and I headed for the men's entry of the Western Wall. One of us should have said something profound as we walked into the large open area filled with orthodox Jews of many sects, children and visitors. I was at loss for words. My limited knowledge of the wall coupled with my anxious aged longing to see it drove words far from me. Every thing going on around me caught my interest. Children were being gathered for lessons, Jews were bobbing back and forth in a public prayer show, chairs were being moved to accommodate a group praying at the wall, elders were engaging conversation with juniors of their sect, tourists were milling around in the mix and cameras were clicking. The three of us swiftly dispersed as we followed camera lenses in different directions.

I made my way through the mallei of activity and found an open area at one of the gargantuan two thousand and nine year old foundation stones. A Christian can pray anytime and anyplace. We have an advocate with the Father, His only Begotten Son, dwelling within us and thus we can “pray without ceasing.” I do have places of prayer as I have places of study. Being in those places prompt me there to pray or to study. This place, dedicated and reserved for a prayer place, did nothing towards prompting a prayer from me. I was instead struck with an awe. The stone before me was positioned here as part of a retaining wall to top Mount Moriah with a great 45 acre plateau for Herod's temple construction project. To my right hand and to my left were Jews praying a Hebrew prayer from the Jewish prayer book:

“Because of our sins we were exiled from our country and banished from our land. We cannot go up as pilgrims to worship Thee, to perform our duties in Thy chosen house, the great and Holy Temple which was called by Thy name, on account of the hand that was let loose on Thy sanctuary. May it be Thy will, Lord our God and God of our fathers, merciful King, in Thy abundant love again to have mercy on us and on Thy sanctuary; rebuild it speedily and magnify its glory.”

Since this was being prayed all around me I thought it appropriate to start my prayer praying for the peace of Jerusalem. *“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.”* (Psalm 122:6) *“Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.”* (Zec 8:22)

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Msg #2246 Being Saved from the Fire

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Right after God takes Jeremiah to the potters house and gives him a poignant message about his forming a nation by carefully molding it in his hands (Jer.18), he tells him to “*get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom ... and say, Hear ye the word of the LORD ... Then shall thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again and they shall bury them in Tophet (place of fire), till there be no place to bury*” (Jer.19:1-3,10-11).

The nation of Israel was formed, framed, and fashioned by the careful persistent hand of The Potter, cf Genesis 12 thru 2Kings 25. It was very often “*marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it*” (Jer.18:4).

After an earthen vessel is dried, fired, used, and broken it cannot be made whole again. The valley of of Hinnom, *Gehenna*, where Tophet burned as an inferno, is where Israel passed her children through the fire of Molech and incurred this wrath of God.

Twelve times Jesus used the Hebrew name of this inferno, *Gehenna*, to describe hell where the fire is never quenched. He said it would be better to gouge your eye out than to go there (Mat.5:29). God is forming you; don't end up a broken burning potter's bottle. Be sure you are saved from that fire the Bible way (Joh.3:16-18, Rom.10:9-10).

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Msg #2247 Being a Good Steward.

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The apostle Paul charges Titus that “*a bishop must be blameless as the steward of God*” (Tit.1:7a). Jesus had said “*For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.*” (Matt.25:14.). These servants were given resources, given responsibilities, and assigned a day of reckoning. They were stewards. We, as born-again believer, are stewards of God, and as such we are first and foremost stewards of the gospel. We are charged (responsible) to preach it to every creature, to be, as it were, his witnesses (Mrk.16:15,Jn.20:21, Act.1:8). If one is born-again they know how they got that way, and are responsible to share that. If one can read, they can know John 3:16 and then learn 17–18 that saves from condemnation. Now share it. Any born-again Christian has these resources, we have a responsibility, and there will be a day of reckoning where God can say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

We are also the stewards of God's word. It's been said the KJV Bible does not need a defender; it is like a lion in a cage, it just needs to be let out. As stewards of God's word we should read it, all of it. We should quote it, regularly. We should memorize it. We should meditate in it. We have been given a tremendous resource, we have a responsibility, and there will be a day of reckoning. Besides the gospel and the Word, there is more we are to be good stewards of. We are to be good stewards of our material, of our time, of our money, even of our children. To be a good steward, “*be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might*” (Eph 6:10).

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Msg #2248 Rather Rejoice In This

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Twice Dr. Luke explains Christ's "Proof of Concept" for disciples preaching the gospel to every creature. In Luke 19:1-6 the twelve disciples were sent out, and in 10:1-12 "other seventy also" were sent out. When the twelve returned, Jesus took them aside privately in a desert place, to teach them important lessons (9:10). But instead, when the multitude followed him, he taught his disciples to feed the five thousand (vr.11-17), taught them his identity and purpose (vr.18-26), taught them what he really looked like (vr.27-36 transfiguration), taught them the mighty power of God (vr.37-43), and then he charged them, "*Let these sayings sink down into your ears*" (vr.47a).

In chapter ten he sends out the seventy disciples, but in both instances he sent them out in faith, and in power. In faith because they went with no provisions, no purse, no script, no backup shoes! Note that in Luke 22:35-36 he asked how that worked out for them, and modified the guidelines for future disciples, but going still requires faith. He sent them out in power in that they had power over the enemy, power to preach the gospel, and power to heal the sick.

Note that exhortations were stronger for the seventy; pray for laborers, and you will be as sheep among wolves (10:2-3). This time on their return he gave a most pertinent observation, "*Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*" (10:20). Winning souls to Christ is wise (Prov.11:30), it is commanded (Mt.28:19, Mrk.16:15, Luk.24:46, Jn.20:21, Acts1:8), and it brings rejoicing (Ps.126:6). Even so Jesus said, "rejoice rather, because your names are written in heaven." Never forget that God saved your wretched soul, it will make you a more compassionate soul winner.

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Msg #2249 The Silent Years Before Christ

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Americans do not know what four-hundred years feels like, but they stand between the closing verses of Malachi and the opening verse of Matthew. Heaven is silent for four-hundred years, no prophet saying, “Thus saith the LORD...”, no dreams, no visions, no Isaiahs, no Jeremiahs, ... just recorded silence. Some hidden apocrypha books record some sketchy history, but the LORD God is silent until that x-publican, Matthew, picks up a pen and writes, “*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*” The astute Bible student sees that that mirrors Genesis 5:1, “*This is the book of the generations of Adam in the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him.*” Four-thousand years after the first son of God, Adam, there comes the second Adam, the son of God and man, the Savior, Redeemer of man.

Malachi records God’s displeasure with Israel before he falls silent for four-hundred years. The Persian empire is crumbling in the first hundred, but the Hebrews have their independence. Then in 332 BC Alexander the great conquers Judea, and his kingdom is divided between his three generals. Ptolemy, with capital in Egypt, and Seleucid, with capital in Syria, conquer and pass Judea back-and-forth seven times in the next 150 years. When the Seleucid ruler desecrates the temple the Jews rise and revolt, and in 164 BC the Maccabees purify the temple giving rise to Hanukkah. One-hundred years later, in 63 BC, the Roman General Pompey conquers Jerusalem, but Jews maintain their temple worship throughout the Roman domination. Now God breaks the four-hundred years of silence and Matthew, under the hand of God, began his record, “*The book of the generations of Jesus Christ.*” What an amazing book, what an amazing Saviour, what amazing grace.

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Msg #2250 An Advent Prophecy Candle

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

A genuine Christmas celebration ought certainly include a review of all the Bible verses that address Christ's first advent. It culminates when the resurrected Lord says, *"³⁹ Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. ... ⁴⁴ These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. ... ⁴⁶ Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day"* (Lk.24:39, 44, 46). The "thus it is written" begins in Genesis wherein the promised "seed of the woman" would bruise Satan's head (Gen.3:15); it would come from Abraham and bless all the families of the earth (12:3); it would be covenanted through Isaac (17:9), and his father said to him *"My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering"* (22:8). That seed would *"possess the gate of those which hate him"* (24:60), would bless all the families of the earth through Jacob (28:14-16), and would be a lawgiver to gather the people in Shiloh, being the Lion of the tribe of Judah (49:10, Rev.5:5). His throne would be established forever (2Sam.7:16), but kings would gather against this virgin born (Isa.7:14) anointed one, the only begotten of God, (Ps.2:2,7) with attached names of God (Isa.9:6). As Jesus, Saviour, he died for our sin. (Isa.53:6, Jn.3:16-18). Acknowledge Bethlehem, shepherds and wise men in your Christmas worship, but also acknowledge the whole prophetic message attached to *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth"* (Jn.1:14).

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Msg #2251 Merry Christmas Hebrews

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The late Evangelist Harold Boyd taught us well that “Hebrews is a book to the Hebrews, to convince the Hebrews that in Christ, they were no longer Hebrews.” Chapter one begins with sheer poetry; not rhyme n meter poetry, but poetry of profound thoughts, ... Hebrew poetry. There is no one like the Lord Jesus he is Christ the Messiah, Son of God, Creator of the Universe. In chapter two there is nothing like “So Great Salvation”; three, the Messiah is greater than Moses; four, Christ is greater than the Sabbath; five, this High Priest is a greater priest than all the Aaronic priesthood. Chapter six starts with Christ's seven first principles of the oracles of God and ends with Jesus made an high priest for ever. In seven, “*This Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God*”, by the word of God, is the Son of God, who is consecrated for evermore. In chapter eight the Hebrew's “shadow of heavenly things” is replaced with this real “*high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.*” In nine the shadow of ordinances, sanctuary, and sacrifice is done away because, ten, the “perfect” is come; “*Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second*” (Heb.10:9). In chapter eleven, the hall of fame for faith, begins with faith defined, and chapter twelve stands the born-again, saved by grace, blood bought believer, without fear, without quacking, standing seven fold before God's Mount Zion. Heb.12:22-24, stands him boldly 1) *before the city of the living God*, 2) *to an innumerable company of angels*, 3) *To the ... church of the firstborn*, 4) *to God the Judge of all*, 5) *to the spirits of just men made perfect*, 6) *to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant*, and 7) *to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things*. Merry Christmas, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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Msg #2252 Christmas Day Minorities

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“O little town of Bethlehem, how still be see thee lie! ... Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. ... So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven, ... Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.” Philip Brooks' poetry captures truths that are put to the test when Christmas Day celebrations fall on Resurrection Day celebrations, wherein born-again Bible believing Christians gather together in the Church house for worship on the Lord's Day ... or not!

In the midst of a nation which erects solar panels to the false god of Climate Change, bows to Charles Darwin's outlandish theories and deifies abominable sexual perversion, it is curious, it is enlightening, and it is encouraging to see who comes to Bible believing churches to worship on Christmas Day. In 2022 Marxist thugs with whetted ideologies of insurrection stand in schools and government just like Sennacherib stood defying the Lord God of Jerusalem (2Kngs.18 & 19). And yet, a few visitors seeking Truth, and worshipers holding Truth, gathered together on Christmas Day. Hezekiah taught us it does not take a majority to overthrow God's enemies. *“And Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread (Sennacherib's letter) before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, ... thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth”* (2Kngs.19:14-15). When God defying Midianites came like grasshoppers for multitude, Gideon discovered that God doesn't even want a majority (Jdgs.6-7). “Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.” Merry Christmas. Pray for defeated enemies and victorious Christians in 2023.

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Msg #2301 Start 2023 Out Right

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Apostle Paul's heart is on display in the first verse of Philippians 4. It makes his charge to the precious saints of Philippi weigh more as we take our first steps into a brand new year. “*Stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved*” (Phil.4:1b). We do not know what will hit us in a year, but God does and he knows, if we will stand fast in him, he will take care of whatever hits us. “*Be of the same mind in the Lord*” (vr.2). Stand together. In perilous times, when our ranks shrink and persecutions arise, when our own government officials promote immorality and defy godliness, Christians, genuine Bible believing ones, dare not be divided, there is a cause. “*I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, ...*” (vr.3). Stand behind those preaching the genuine, glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and “*If any man preach any other gospel unto you than ye have received, let him be accursed*” (Gal.1:8,9). True yokefellow know what secured their soul's salvation; it was not penance, baptisms, good works or religion, it is the blood of Christ. Stand fast, stand together, and stand behind the preaching of that gospel.

We aptly begin this year on the first day of the week, Sunday, when God tells us he made this whole time-space-matter continuum and said, “*Let there be light*” (Gen.1:1-5). On Monday He divided the space into heaven and a ball of water (vr.6-8); on Tuesday he made dry land appear and filled it with plants (vr.9-13); on Wednesday He made sun, moon and stars (vr.14-19); on Thursday He made fish and fowl (vr.20-23); and on Friday God made the living creatures and said, “*Let us make man in our image, after our likeness*” ... “*male and female created he them*” (vr.26-27, cf 24-31). On Saturday, the seventh day of this universe's existence, God rested from all his work which he had made, and man's first day in God's universe was a day of rest. We have been on that seven day cycle for almost 6,000 years now, don't let an evolutionist get you off track ... stand fast, God's Word is true and accurate.

An Essay for week #1 - Jan 1, 2023

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Msg #2302 Power for Christian Living

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Apostle Paul writes a powerful and organized letter to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi. The adversity lining up against Christianity for 2023 requires that his remnant be well grounded in their Lord's instruction. Dr. McGee alliterates Paul's outline by chapter as Philosophy, Pattern, Prize, and Power of Christian living. The all important power, he says, comes from a Source (4:1-4), a Secret (vr.5-7), a Sanctuary (vr.8-9), and a Satisfaction (vr.10-23). The source of power is the joy that comes from standing fast, standing together, and standing behind the laborers. The secret of power is prayer and supplications with thanksgiving. The sanctuary holding that power for Christian living is his temple. In the OT God built a temple for his people, in the NT he builds a People for his temple. *“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?”* (1Cor.6:19).

A Christian must keep the temple holy and sanctified. We live in a vile and filthy society. Satan is using every avenue he can to control and destroy mankind and that can put some “stinking-thinking” in even a Christian's mind. His drive for a socialist/communist “utopia” invades the unregenerate mind like a plague. People all around us are surrendered to it as never before. Focus the renewing of your mind to make it God's sanctuary. *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”*(1Cor.6:9). So Paul charges us, *“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things”* (Phil.4:8). “Lord, in 2023, keep my mind stayed on thee.”

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Msg #2303 True, Honest, and Just

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Christians are admonished to keep our minds stayed on things that are true, things that are honest, and things that are just (Phil.4:8). We presently live in a world that is diametrically opposed to all three of these virtues. A radical faction is in majority control of our government, and its corruption is anchored and built on lies, dishonesty, and injustice. I pray they will be over-turned, but find no reason to put trust in a voting booth. God described Judah when she was in a similar straight, "*Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter*" (Isa.59:14). Equity is "impartial distribution of justice; treating a person according to justice and reason." (Noah Webster 1828). To the Marxist socialist that is now in control, "equity" has nothing to do with justice, and *now* means "everyone is provided what they need to reach an equal outcome."

The prophet continues, "*Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment*" (Isa.59:15). The prophet goes on, "*According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies*" (59:18). But between God's displeasure and God's fury stands an intercessor who puts on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head (59:16–17, cf Eph.6:10–18).

What is a Christian to do under Marxist oppression? It is not a new thing in this world. "*Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might... take unto you the whole armour of God, ... And whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just... think on these things*" (Eph.6:10, 13, Phil.4:8). May God bless.

An Essay for week #3 - Jan 15, 2023

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Msg #2304 Pure Thoughts

What The Bible Says

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“Whatsoever things are pure,” (i.e not mixed or adulterated with any other substance or material) brings to mind a myriad of Bible references. The pure gold that covered all the shittim wood of the ark of the covenant is its first mention. The wood represents the frail, flawed, flesh of humanity, ugly in character and in name. Modernists, change God's word to try and make that shittim wood some beautiful, aromatic, acacia wood, but the original Bible wording is correct. The pure gold, a precious metal that does not tarnish, represents the pure righteousness of a holy God. Pure gold righteousness of God covered all shittim wood of the tabernacle. Purity in the Old-Testament further applies to seed and sacrifice, incense and frankincense, water and the Word. Purity in the New-Testament begins with “*Blessed are the **pure** in heart: for they shall see God*”, and goes on to robes of pure white linen, of being pure through the Word, of charity out of a pure heart, and of having a pure conscious. “*Unto the pure (righteous) all things are pure (righteous)*” (Tit.1:15) The pure book closes with streets of pure gold, clear as crystal, and saints in pure white linen.

A Christian with no joy thinks on lies and liars, dishonesty, and injustices; on the impure, the ugly, and bad thing. Get rid of all stinking thinking this week, and think on whatsoever things are true, honest, and just, pure, lovely, and of good report. (Philip.4:8).

When David heard that King Saul was dead, he could have said a lot about Saul's last ten years. He did not. He eulogized him, thinking only on whatsoever things are good. “*Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives*” (2Sam.1:23, cf 17–27). Keep your focus right, and rejoice.

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Msg #2305 How to Abide in Him

What The Bible Says

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“And now, little children, abide in him” (1Jn.2:28). Pastor Thomas says John writes an organized chapter to explain how to abide in him. John explains, *“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked”* (2:6). Jesus walked with love, *“and he loved them unto the end”* (Jn.13:1); he walked with forgiveness, *“father, forgive them”* (Lk.23:34); and he walked in ministry, *“the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister”* (Mk.10:45). Jesus said, *“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me”* (Matt.11:29). Then walk that way.

John goes on, *“He that loveth his brother abideth in the light”*(1Jn.2:10). When we abide in him, we abide in light. He is light (Jn.1:9). One could ask the Good Samaritan, *“Who is my brother?”* (Lk.10); he is more than the one we sit beside in church.

John says, *“He that doeth the will of God abideth forever”* (1Jn.2:17b). Do his will, to abide in him. Romans 12:1-2 tells how to *“prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* Ephesians 5:15 says do it circumspectly, 1Thes.4:3 without fornication, and 5:18 with thanks. Jn.7:17 says do it, to know it! And Jesus said, *“If you know these things, happy are ye if you do them”* (Jn.13:17).

John further says, *“Let that therefore abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning”* (1Jn.2:24a). Keep the word, let it never depart from your mouth (Josh.1:8). Read it (Rev.1:3); all of it (2Tim.3:15–17). Abide in him by keeping his Word.

Lastly, John says to abide in him, hear the voice of his Holy Spirit. *“The anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you”* (1Jn.2:27). He will teach you all things. *“And now, little children, abide in him”* (2:28).

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Msg #2306 Contentment With His Glory

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The letter to the Philippians shows the power source for living a joyful Christian life. *“I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content”* (Phil.4:11). This is not a natural reaction, it is a learned behavior. Paul already spoke of the philosophy, the pattern, and the price of Christian living and shows its power to be in our, stand (4:1-4), prayer life (4:5-7), sanctified mind (4:8-9), and now, our contentment in where we are at, and what we are facing (4:11-13). *“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”* (4:12).

Being content, even in the most trying of circumstances, acknowledges that God knows what he is doing, and that I trust him. The Bible has many examples where God allows, or leads, his followers into impossible circumstances. It's for his glory, honor and/or recognition. Twice the disciples were led into a boat (Matt.8:22-23,14:22); both times they ended up in a great storm (8:24,14:24), and both times Jesus was gloriously magnified (8:26-27,14:25).

The Israelites were led into what Pastor Young called a “culdesac.” There was no place to turn. *“And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, ... The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. ... And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD”* (Exod.14:13-14, 18).

Learn to be content. Don't pray, “Lord get me out of this circumstance!” but pray, “Lord be magnified in this circumstance.” Whether you are “jammed up“ because of your own blunder, or in his leading, seek his glory. The tougher the circumstance, the greater his glory.

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Msg #2307 Love and Marriage

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Valentine's Day is for celebration of love and marriage. Humans marry properly for three reasons, to give and receive Love, Significance, and Security. God ordained the role of the husband and wife to provide joy and contentment in life. The intimate relationships in marriage are mirrored and paralleled in our relationship to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We should be ever learning about each relationship.

God loves us. *“Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee”* (Jer.31:3). *“For God so loved the world, that he gave ... ”* (John 3:16). *“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son ... We love him, because he first loved us”* (1Jo.4:10,19). We are to love him. *“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment”* (Mr.12:30).

We are significant to God. *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, ... ”* (Jer. 29:11). *“Many, O LORD my God, are ... thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up ... they are more than can be numbered”* (Ps.40:5). *“For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings. ... the LORD pondereth the hearts.”* (Pr.5:21, 21:2). So we should be significant to our “significant-other”. *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ...25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church”* (Eph 5:22,25).

We are secure in God. *“... He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”* (Heb.13:5, cf Jn.14:3,Ps.37:25,Lu.12:24). Review and renew those promises this Valentine's Day.

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Msg #2308 Don't Fret, God's Got This.

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, ...” The 46th Psalm is a three “Selah” Psalm that describes a Christian's *Refuge*, vr.1-3,7; God's upcoming *River*, vr.4-5; the heathen's *Rage*, vr.6a; the LORD's *Response*, vr.6b-9; and a commanded *Reaction* from believers, vr.10-11. “The State of the Union Address” displayed a disunion wherein half of our congressmen rallied behind the queer Marxist socialist takeover promoted by the progressives allied with big tech, education, and Satan himself. Banning fossil-fuels will NOT make America great OR save the world. There is no telling how bad this will get, ... unless you have a King-James-Bible. *“Though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea ...”*, even then, we have a refuge and are not to fear. The River that *“shall make glad the city of God”* is more completely described in Ezekiel 47, and it provides life to the earth after Armageddon. The heathen's *Rage* is described in Psalm 2, wherein God's reaction is given in Ps.2:4. The LORD of hosts' *Response* carefully outlined in Psalm 46 verses 6-9, corresponds exactly with Revelation 6, wherein the seven seals are removed from the Title-Deed-Book of the earth, Revelation 8-9 wherein seven trumpets announce how this will go down, and Revelation 16 wherein the seven vials of the wrath of God are poured out on this world before Armageddon.

One has to love the *Reaction* a believer is commanded to have, *“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth”* (Ps.46:10). In a still small voice (1Kng.19:12), *“Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD”*(Exo.14:13), should come to mind. God's got this.

An Essay for week #8 - Feb 19, 2023

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Msg #2309 Five First Basic Steps

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

For a new convert I like to mention five things that should be a new priority in their new lives. I have found their mention helpful to us old crusty converts as well. If you were never a new convert to Christ, I'll have to say you are not a convert at all, and Jesus said, "*Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, ... Ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven*" (Matt.18:3). Once in the kingdom of heaven one should regularly read their Bible. It was the quick and powerful, inspired Word that brought you to conversion, keep reading (2Tim.2:15, 3:15-17, Heb.4:12). Second, one should pray, supplicate, and give thanks daily (Phil.4:6-7). Your call to God in prayer secured your conversion (Rom.10:9-10), keep talking to him. Third, you should tell someone what happened on this day that you were converted to Christ. Converts are to be his witnesses (Jn.20:21, Acts1:8, Isa.43:10,12,44:8). Fourth, a true convert needs to gather with other true converts. We edify one another, and need to be in a Bible believing, Bible preaching, Biblically functioning church (Heb.10:23-25). Fifth a true convert is to follow the Lord in public believers baptism, and then regularly be present at the Lord's table to publicly observe communion. These are two ordinances of the local church. They are not sacraments, there is no magical or mystical aspect to these ordinances, they are a convert's initial public admission, before God and everybody, that they are born-again, blood-bought, redeemed to God through Christ, converts. And the Lord's table observance is a public testimony declaring, I am still in perfect communion with my Lord and Savior, and in sweet communion with these believers, in this local church. Both baptism and communion are ordinances administered by the local Bible believing church. These are basics.

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Msg #2310 Don't Give Until it Hurts

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

With all the prosperity gospel shysters out there, an honest preacher of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ might tip toe around the church offering plate, but the Apostle Paul nails it for the church of God at Corinth. He begins 2Cor.8 with the grace of God that produced abounding liberality in the churches of Macedonia. Recall Paul's Macedonian call (Acts.16:9), his reception at Philippi (vr.12), his first European convert, Lydia (vr.14-15), his encounter with a Philippian Jailer (vr.31), and the rapid birth of a church at Thessalonica (17:1-3). These fledgling, on fire churches of Macedonia are held up, to one of the most crusty, carnal churches of the NT, as a superb example of givers. We should learn the lesson.

Evangelist Harold Boyd taught, "God does not ask us to take up offerings to raise money, he does it to raise children." "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." "If God does not get ahold of your wallet, he will not get ahold of your will." "Don't give until it hurts, give until it feels good." "Grace giving will never bring you to the law, but it will bring you to the cross." "Real prosperity, with real faith, is the ability to tap into God's resources to get what you need to meet the needs of others, ... God has already promised to meet your needs." "Tithing is a debt you owe, faith promise giving is a seed you sow."

All these well thought out pithy verses are in the margin of my Bible around 2Cor.8 and 9. At our annual Faith Promise Missions Giving Conferences, Brother Boyd would say, "Pastor Rice, get a pencil, I am going to give you something worth writing down." There are more. These chapters to Corinth are a beacon of abounding liberality.

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Msg #2311 Visiting Israel HS#01 Journal Excerpt

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

While Pastor Rice and Bev are touring Israel with Pastor Lee Pickett from March 16th – March 31st, here is an entry from their journal of last years trip: (view the whole journal by visiting our website and clicking “Journaling a Preacher's Pilgrimage to Israel”)

From Half Shekel Journal Entry #01: While Pastor Rice tours Israel here is an entry from last years trip: Our bus ride toward the Temple Mount did not interrupt our worship. “Lord, let the awe of being in your Jerusalem, this holy city of Zion, never lessen in me.” Eiad's miracle maneuvering of a 40 foot Irizar i6S bus through the narrow streets of Jerusalem was repeatedly interrupted with our guide Joe's reports that on the right you can see the Kidron Valley¹⁵ and the walled up Eastern Gate, ... don't forget them as we will talk more of them shortly; on the left you see the tombs that line the Mount of Olives, remember them we will visit Gethsemane Today. ...

Joe again tries to catch up on the sites rapidly passing our bus windows. Much needs to be said here about the inferno of the old Valley of Hinnom¹⁶ that we passed, and the City of David, that we will visit. I couldn't capture all that swept by our bus windows, but alas we careened to a halt somewhere near the Dung Gate. Joe said he probably did not need to expound how this gate got its name. Here we would enter and make our way toward the Temple Mount.

The hatred that Muslims have for the Holy Bible, for God's chosen nation Israel, and the people of the book, i.e. Bible believing Christians, would be on full display as we entered the Muslim controlled Temple Mount. We were instructed to leave all Bibles and Christian literature on the bus, and to conceal all “religious” jewelry and talk, none would be allowed in the Temple Mount area. I even left my walking stick (that the VA calls my cane) behind because it was inscribed with, “In the beginning God” in both

15 See the Journal for extensive note on: The Kidron Valley.

16 See the Journal for extensive note on: Valley of Hinnom.

English and Hebrew (~yhla arb tyVarb the first three words of the Hebrew Bible). This was to be an awesome incursion into the Temple Mount area of the Mount Moriah of Bible times. It is curious that Israel hating, Jehovah hating Muslims are in control of the whole Temple Mount area. In a brief explanation Joe implied that in order to ward off WWII, the area was gingerly handed back¹⁷ to them after the whole city of Jerusalem was conquered during the Six Day War¹⁸. ...

Lots of drama unfolded at the checkpoint as they searched us to ensure we were not carrying any contraband literature, and god forbid any Holy Bibles. It was quite like Satan himself was in full control of who and what got into this temple mount area.

Fifty born-again believers, nine of them Pastors and Preachers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ got in just the same, and looked in amazement at the unholy Muslim mosque that stood before us. *“O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps”* (Ps.79:1).

An Essay for week #11 - Mar 12, 2023

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¹⁷ See the Journal for extensive note on: the Six-Day War.

¹⁸ See the Journal for extensive note on: Summary of the 1967 war.

Msg #2312 Visiting Israel HS#02 Journal Excerpt

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

While Pastor Rice and Bev are touring Israel with Pastor Lee Pickett from March 16th – March 31st, here is an entry from their journal of last years trip: (view the whole journal by visiting our website and clicking “Journaling a Preacher's Pilgrimage to Israel”)

From Half Shekel Journal Entry #02: Being careful about who was listening in, (on the very restrictive, Muslim controlled Temple Mount) Pastor Charlie continues. Another page of HisStory was written beneath this Temple Mount we are standing on. Solomon built the first temple on this very spot. Pastor continued to carefully expound God's documentation about Mount Moriah. King David accumulated the resources and designs for his son's miraculous construction of the temple. No chisel or hammer sounded on this site during the whole seven year construction (1Kng.6:7,38). But the Psalmists sure sounded out a lot about Solomon's Temple that stood here. Read here from Psalm.¹⁹

It is hard to envision Solomon's temple as we stand here on a huge platform built by King Herod. The foot print of Solomon's temple is dwarfed by the platform that Herod built. Solomon's temple was glorious just the same. The Bible gives the dimensions for artist to imagine the pictures shown. There are also the models seen at the Israeli Museum.

Solomon's temple was gutted when Nebuchadnezzar ransacked the city in 606 BC (2Chr.36:6, 2Kng.24:14) and then completely destroyed when he came back in 595 BC (2Chr.36:13-21, 2Kng.25:1-17). Israel was thrust into the Babylonian captivity for 70 years as God said (2Chr,36:21, Jer.25,27,29), and, consequently, the Jews returned exactly 70 years after 606, in 536 BC (Ezra 1:1-4), and the rebuilt temple was finished twenty years later in 515 BC (Ezra 6:15)²⁰. God runs a pretty exacting calendar.

19 Online Bible Verse List: Ps 5:7, 11:4, 18:6, 27:4, 29:9,48:9,65:4, 68:29, 138:2

20 Dates given are according to Ussher's very Biblical dating calculations which often differ from modernist "scholar" dates. James Ussher (1581-1656), Archbishop of Armagh, but genius believer.

Standing on Mount Moriah and reviewing events the Bible records 2,600 years ago added a depth to our worship here. Noah Webster defines a "pilgrimage" as "a long journey, particularly a journey to someplace deemed sacred and venerable (worthy of reverence), in order to pay devotion to relics of some deceased saint." We were not here for deceased saints, but for a living Savior. This was a pilgrimage just the same, and God said that this place where we stood was indeed sacred. The slides shown here are from a Temple History presentation assembled by the author in 2015.

Pastor Charlie pulled us from 600 BC back to the present, Look at this great platform that Herod built, that dome and the mosque are each laden with demonic symbols and represent Satan's presence here, but look back to visualize the temple that stood on this ground. Herod's temple, the temple where Jesus overthrew the tables of the money changers, stood right here. Pastor laid before us the very presence of Jesus in this place; and the authority he always displayed with his presence in this temple. Always? Yes always! It was as if he owned the place.

An Essay for week #12 - Mar 19, 2023

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Msg #2313 Visiting Israel HS#03 Journal Excerpt

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

While Pastor Rice and Bev are touring Israel with Pastor Lee Pickett from March 16th – March 31st, here is an entry from their journal of last years trip: (view the whole journal by visiting our website and clicking “Journaling a Preacher's Pilgrimage to Israel”)

From Half Shekel Journal Entry #03: As we gathered at the north end of the Temple Mount our guide Joe, and then our guide, Pastor Charlie, addressed what was once standing in the empty lot before us. To address Jerusalem's vulnerability from the north a citadel was placed on a rocky plateau just outside the north west corner of the Temple Area. “The fortress served as a headquarters for the Roman army in Jerusalem... The close proximity of its high towers to the temple complex enabled Roman guards to keep watch on any disturbances that developed. Herod had built underground passage ways that allowed Roman detachments to enter the compound if deemed necessary.”²¹

This fortress was used for the Roman's judgment hall and Mark 15:16 says of Christ on trial, “*And the soldiers lead him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they called together the whole band.*” An old Arabic proverb says, “He that speaks well turns ears into eyes.” As Pastor Charlie spoke we could see the Roman Praetorium²² standing in the open lot before us. We could see Jesus in the hands of the mocking soldiers; we could hear Pontius Pilot say to the crowd, “*What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ (Messiah)? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified*” (Mat.27:22).

It only took a moment really; mere minutes of our time standing at the north end of the Temple Mount. The Muslims had made sure that we had no Bibles to open. Our guide Joe, with just a few worded brushstrokes had painted the towers of a Roman citadel, filled with soldiers, and housing a judgment hall called Praetorium.

21 see www.christianevidences.org accessed 11/22/2022

22 Pictures of the Roman Praetorium by the author at the Israel Museum.

Our guide Pastor Charlie had made that hall echo with God's word, Pontius Pilot's words, and soldiers with a purple robe and crown of thorns. Our guide, the Holy Spirit of God now flooded my mind with holy words: *"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"* (2Cor.5:20). (Ref also Isa.53:6, Jhn.3:17-18, 36,5:24). It is a horrible thing that man did in that judgment hall, that Praetorium that once stood only a few feet from where we now listened to Pastor Charlie.

The law was given in 1492 BC and for 1,500 years man was tried and tested for his ability to keep that law. He was supposed, by keeping the law, to come through the dark veil and stand in the presence of a holy God. He failed, man was, and is incapable of keeping God's law, incapable of standing in God's presence through law. In this judgment hall, the verdict for man is forever in; here man condemned the only begotten Son of God to death on a cruel cross. That guilty verdict for man cries out, *"the heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked..."* (Jer.17:9). ... *"As it is written there is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. ... For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"* (Rom.3:10-11, 23). ...

The trial whereby man must keep the law of God is past. That dispensation, or test of stewardship, is ended, that case cannot be reopened by any religion. A new dispensation is now opened and springs on the world as a new dawn. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith"* (Eph.2:8-9, 7)... We somberly walked by the Praetorium which stood in our minds eye, and began our departure from the Temple Mount. It is a marvelous thing to be saved by grace.

Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul. Thank you, Lord, for making me whole.

Thank you, Lord, for giving to me, Thy Great Salvation, So Rich and Free.

An Essay for week #13 - Mar 26, 2023

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Msg #2314 Palm Sunday Gethsemane Wednesday

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Gospel of Matthew constitutes an introduction to the New Testament and the new covenant (Jer.31:31, Heb.8:8,13, 12:24). Consequently, it more vividly portrays the offering of the Kingdom of Heaven to the Jews, and their consequential rejection of their Messiah. The fourth gospel clarifies, “*He came unto his own, and his own received him not*” (Jn.1:11). The Palm Sunday reception of Jesus into Jerusalem, and his subsequent three days of teaching in the temple before his crucifixion, are thus the focus of Matthew 21 thru 25. John 12 reveals that six days before the 14th of Abib Passover (Ex.13:4), Jesus was in Betheny with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus; it was the 8th. On Sabbath the 9th the chief priests consulted (Jn.12.10), and on Sunday, the 10th of Abib, Jesus was triumphantly escorted into Jerusalem, on the day that the Passover lamb was selected and separated from the flock according to Exodus 12:3. In Matt.21:10 “*all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?*” and in verse 11, where they should have announced “He is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!”(Mt.16:16) they denied him saying, “*This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.*” Even today, if you cannot make that distinction, you cannot be saved from condemnation, you cannot enter the kingdom of God. (Jn,3:17-18). So Jesus first goes into the temple overthrowing money changers, then leaves for Bethany (Mt.21:17). The next day, Monday, while coming to the city early in order to teach all day (Lu.19:47,22:53), he curses a fig tree (21:18-19), and clears out the money changers again (Mrk.11:14-16). On Tuesday early, on his way to teach at the temple (Lu.21:37-38), they find the fig tree withered; Jesus teaches about faith (Mt.21:21-22). This Wednesday, in a prayer meeting, we will visit Gethsemane.

An Essay for week #14 - Apr 2, 2023

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Msg #2315 This Easter We Know More

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

On Easter Sunday 2020, only three years ago, the gates of hell, which is Satan's doorway into this world, did a full press exercise attempting to shut down every church in the Americas, ... on Easter Sunday! His exercise exposed the many tools in Satan's arsenal, particularly those he had in place in our own governments. The progressive liberal left of the Democratic party was just given new and full power to pursue its globalist, socialist, Marxist agenda in America, and Satan used its greedy power mongering members to call the church a nonessential entertainment industry. They ignored Constitutional law and used executive privilege to board up church doors. Despite the flurry of lawsuits, those same tools, now well greased and exercised remain in place today. So too, remains the mind control and brainwashing tools that can cause a government to say that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the ineffectual mask, or the ineffectual shot, ... or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

For the genuine Bible believer Easter 2023 brings a sharper focus on our Lord Jesus Christ, his victory over sin on the cross, his victory over death with that stone rolled away, and on his explanation, *“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”* (John.3:17-18).

We now know what perilous times are, what the days of Sodom were, and the days of Noah. But we also know the gates of hell shall not prevail. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

An Essay for week #15 - Apr 9, 2023

Some of us were headed to Israel and missed this years Capital Connection BUT... It should be required, for every born-again Christian who has access to an internet connection, that they go to <https://awakeamerica.org/capitol-connection/cc23/#sermons> and listen to the Wednesday, March 8, 2023 Capital Connection message "Pray, The Answer is On Its Way" by Pastor Chad Watson, Gloryland Baptist Church, Hartsville SC. This nation is well past the crossroad, and Christians, who are prayer warriors, dare not be ignorant of how we fit into Biblical Prophecy. Pastor Ed Rice.

Msg #2316 Defeating Satan's Strongholds

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The “hill of Megiddo”, Armageddon in the Hebrew tongue, (Rev.16:16) is a stronghold city overlooking the crossroad that connects empires, in the center of a country, Israel, that connects three continents. Biblical prophecy tells us that God has his eye on that stronghold, and will make it the place of the final showdown when all nations gather to wipe Israel off the face of God's earth. The Revelation of Jesus Christ details how that works out for the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, ... and his cronies (Rev.16,19-20). King Solomon rebuilt Megiddo into an impressive stronghold city for Israel (1Kings.9:15), and we can today view his signature three gate design, horse stalls and chariot parking lot in its *tel* (mound of destructions). Although Solomon conquered and rebuilt physical stronghold cities he neglected to take down Satan's spiritual strongholds in his life.

The Apostle Paul details how that can be done in 2Cor.10. *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled”* (2Cor.10:5-6). Two major ingredients here, first captivating every thought and bringing it into obedience. This is called “renewing of your mind” in Romans 12, and “think on these things” in Phil.4:8. Second, “revenge all disobedience.” Disobedience comes in two flavors, sins of commission, like smoking, drinking, and cussing, and sins of omission, like not praying, not Bible studying, and not witnessing. Take revenge on these sins. Every cuss word, gets an hour of Bible study and prayer. When I miss an hour of Thursday soul-winning, I'll go two hours on Friday n Saturday. That's what revenging disobedience looks like. Satan hates that.

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Msg #2317 To Every Creature

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Dear resident, Yesterday I stood on the Welcome mat of your door, and left an informative card from our church that recommended TheGospelFilm.com. As I was leaving, you came to the door and ask what I wanted. I said I was a Baptist preacher of the Gospel and I left some information about our church.

In harsh tones, and no uncertain terms, you told me to get off your property and never come back there again. And then you asked, "What gives you people the right to come around here and preach your religion anyway?"

I am writing to briefly answer your question, with the expectation that it might have been sincere. In short, the right answer is given in the First Amendment of our Constitution, and for me, the responsibility comes from the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature*" (The Holy Bible, Gospel of Mark 16:15).

I did not come to your doorstep to "preach religion", indeed, I did not preach at all. I only came to give you and your household an opportunity to hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will honor your request to not come to your door, ever again (unless I get an invitation, which I would welcome). As a Veteran I have spent 23 years of my life defending rights and freedoms, as a born-again preacher of the gospel of my Lord Jesus Christ, I have spent 43 years going door to door with his gospel message. I know where you live. You impacted my day. I would gladly come and share with you the life-changing Gospel of Christ, but now I will need an invitation. You can contact me with the information I left on your door, or on the "God's Simple Plan of Salvation" Gospel Tract enclosed.

Pastor Ed Rice

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Msg #2318 A Commencement Celebration

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

We love spring time because new life begins to “commence” all around us. We will likely attend some “Commencement” ceremonies this spring. “Commence” is a verb meaning to begin to be, or to have first existence. “Commencement” is a noun meaning a rise, origin, or first existence. It is generally a day in which degrees are publicly conferred on students who have finished collegiate education. On one day this week we had two commencements; our grandson graduated from Bible College, Praise the Lord; and a precious old saint of our church went home to be with her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Both were commencements, where objectives were achieved, the course was finished, and a new phase of life began. We are all pretty familiar with the commencement ceremonies for a graduate, they are a great blessing. We may be uneasy or unfamiliar calling a death and a funeral service a commencement.

Man does not “have” a soul, man “is” a soul; and for a short time here on earth we have a body to live in. For the born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, when the soul leaves the body, the Holy Bible promises, “*Behold, I shew you a mystery; ... this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality*” and again “*But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.* (1Cor.15:51-53, 1Thes.4:13-14). This spring make sure you and your loved ones are as “saved” as John 3:16-18 can get you, and that you are ready for that final commencement.

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Msg #2319 Change Lives, Not Nations

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.” (1Kngs.17:1) Israel's 7th king, Ahab, was the worst of the worse, Omri, his father held the title before him (1Kngs.16:25, 30, 21:25) and Ahab would be the third dynasty of Israel utterly wiped from the face of God's earth (1Kngs.21:21-22). Of the nineteen kings of Israel seventeen *“departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam who made Israel to sin,”* this was a leadership lineage that did evil continually. God now calls up a prophet who walks onto the page of our Bible and announces that Jehovah God is the one in charge of weather, rain, and climate, and Ahab, you will taste great drought until the day you know that *“The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God”* (18:39).

Thirty years ago a conservative hero, Rush Limbaugh, announced “America Held Hostage by Clintons!” Now we have a pro-socialist leadership using Marxist ideology to destroy America, and conservative heroes dance with Bruce Jenner! There is no hope in conservative stalwarts; people need the Lord. This week you will rub shoulders with someone taught K-12 that there is no God in heaven, we have no Creator, and we gotta do something to save the planet. You might be the only Bible they every read. Elijah, God's prophet did not change the course of the nation, it spiraled down through ten more kings into God's judgment, but he changed a few lives. In Yates county NY, I'll not be a nation changer, but, by God's grace, and through God's Son I can change a few lives. So can you.

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Msg #2320 Happy 75th Birthday Israel.

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Happy 75th Birthday Israel! May 14th 1948 A Day when Israel's "His-Story" was being made!

“In a small room in a far away British Mandate Palestine, Jewish statesman David Ben-Gurion rose to his feet before an assembly of Jewish dignitaries and declared that Israel, after 2,000 dreary years of displacement, was again a sovereign nation in its own land. A mere 11 minutes later, American President Harry S. Truman affirmed U.S. support for the fledgling State of Israel. ...

“The great stain, never to be removed from the grim period of tyranny's bloody march from the 1930s through the mid-1940s, was the Holocaust. Adolf Hitler's manic ambition was to fashion a Third Reich - an empire free of Jews that would endure for 1,000 years. ... The grand design was a failure. And a remnant of Jewish people, survivors of the Nazis' shattered obsession to destroy them, began to go home - to a land awaiting them since the days of Moses and Joshua” [Israel My Glory May/June 2023 pg 33 by Elwood McQuaid].

Ge 13:15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. ... Isa 60:21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. ... Jer 7:7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

“There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins” (Rom.11).

Ps 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

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Msg #2321 God's Prophet n God's Timing

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. (1Kngs.17:1).

Elijah (Hbrw – *Jehovah is God*) walks onto the page of our Bible with no introduction. He announces to King Ahab, who *did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him*, his call for judgment by his very own plan for “climate change.” Now, when a man wearing the title “*The LORD he is God*” opens his mouth to announce a judgment against a vile world that teaches in its K-12 schools that “Baal he is god”, that man puts a target on his back and needs a backup plan. Did Elijah have a backup plan? An escape strategy? An end game? Yes, he did. It was not written in his day planner. It was not all prearranged with ravines and widows. It was written down by a wise king one-hundred years earlier and it said this, “*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*” (Prov.3:5-6) I especially like verse two of our text. It seems Elijah is stepping out of Ahab's palace and looking for the next path to take, and voila he steps into 1Kngs.17:2.

Christian, you are wearing the title “Christ is in me” and you're charged to preach the gospel message “Only Jesus Saves” to a vile world that teaches in its K-12 schools that there is no God, and only government can save, ... save you from “climate change.” Christian, open your mouth and preach. Backup plan: “Trust in the Lord.”

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Msg #2322 Satanic WOKEism.

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Elijah was on the lam (a phrase of unknown origin from the 1800s). When a vile decadent religion of Satanic origin gets the upper hand in a society, it tolerates no moral righteousness in its presence. It must root it out and destroy it. Baal was the hedonistic pagan male God who was supposed to control rain and fertility. His female accomplice named Astroth (called Ishtar by Assyrians, Astarte by Greeks, and Venus by Rome) united with Baal to form a morally rotten, violent, sensual, and cruel religion, which made immoral sex acts a religious exercise of fertility and climate change. In their K – 12 schools they taught, “Jehovah is dead!”, and people chanted “Baal, he is god, Baal he is god.” The man named after that chant, Ethbaal, used Baal WOKEism to control all the land of Tyre and Sidon, and his daughter, Jezebel, imported it wholesale into Israel!

God contended with Jezebel by sending his prophet, named “Jehovah is God” - Elijah, who said, “As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain... but according to my word!” (1Kngs.17:1). You can’t make this stuff up! Three-thousand years ago God wrote it down for our learning! We live in the same WOKE wicked world today! Now, when the brook Cherith dried up, God sends Elijah 100 miles right through the heart of Israel to the town of Zarepath, right next to Ethbaal’s home town of Sidon! There, by the word of God, and providence of God, despite her poverty, despite her circumstances, and because of her selflessness, a widow woman took the steps of obedience necessary to become a “give us this day, our daily bread” living legend. What could you become in a similar plight? Be obedient, God can use you.

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Msg #2323 Watch Your Walk

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The apostle Paul writes to the Saints which are at Ephesus with three powerful explanations of: Our Position in Christ 1:3-3:21, Our Walk and Service 4:1-5:17, and Our Walk and Warfare 5:18-6:24. If you are not in position, God can save anybody: get in! (Eph2:1-10). For those IN Christ, concerning our walk and service, Paul beseeches us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. In Christ, you have a new “vocation”, an occupation, an employment, a trade, a profession; you are a convert, a believer, a disciple, a Christian. Walk worthy of your vocation!

In the Bible election and callings have to do with service not salvation. There's a corporate calling for all to be saved, but once you are “IN” the Elect-One, you are elect and called to service, it's a vocation! The esteemed, John Calvin never got this right, and Calvinists are forever bungling around in error. So, how does a “Christian” (one IN-Christ, who acts like, looks like, smells like, talks like, thinks like, and reacts like Christ) how does he walk? *“With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love”* (Eph.4:2). But wait, there's more: *“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”*(vr.3). An endeavor is an effort, an attempt, a labor towards a goal. Unity will be an endeavoring! The modernist who said, “Don't let doctrine divide us, let the 'spirit' unite us,” mucked up a lot of Christian walk. Paul, here, gives seven unities to be kept in the bond of peace. You are remiss to throw them all out for some dangerous, charismatic little “s” “spirit.” All four attitudes of vr.2 need analyzed in my life, and all seven unities of vr.4-6 need bolstered with good doctrine. Let's get cracken.

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Msg #2324 Refining Trials

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman ... fell sick; and ... there was no breath left in him”(1Kings.17:17). Much is recorded about trials in life, nothing will help so much as the Bible. This woman knew trials, she had buried her husband, now her only son was dead. She was dead-center in the perfect will of God, harboring a fugitive, Elijah. Daily she witnessed a miracle of God to “give us this day our daily bread.” Now it came to pass after these things ... trial. Your age, young or old; you're standing in life, rich or poor; your spiritual maturity, great or small; none of these will exempt you from trials. Trials may be consequences for life, chastisements in life, or ... just God doing some refining. God never wastes an obscure detail, Zarephath was named after the refinery that was in town. The widow woman first lashed out at Elijah (vr.18). Elijah took the child to his room and privately lashed out at God (vr.20). Be sensitive to your conduct when a great fiery trial lands in your life. We can get better or we can, all too quickly, get bitter. The Bible is written so you'll know better than getting bitter. In this great trial Elijah prayed privately, sincerely, boldly, and specifically, and God answered. These busiest servants of God came through the refining trial and it produced life more abundant; it produced joy unspeakable and full of glory; it produced faith; it produced proof of a prophet's credentials; and it produced proof of the Word of God. Refining trials are precious and produce spiritual maturity in the spiritually mature. *“It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes”* (Ps.119:71).

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Msg #2325 Walking United

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The apostle Paul writes to the Saints which are at Ephesus and uses three chapter divisions to explain the position we have in Christ, 1 1/2 to explain our walk and service, then 1 1/2 to explain our walk and warfare. We have looked at the vocation and walk, 4:1; the attitude of walk, 4:2; and the endeavoring to walk in unity, 4:3. As we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit we are given seven notable areas where unity must be focused. The number 7, even from creation, is a number of completeness, and perfection. Our unity with other believers should be complete, and perfect. First there is 1) unity in one body, that body is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth (1Tim.3:15). Christ loves the church (Eph.5:25-26) and a Bible believer should love the church. It is the gathering together with other believers to rally and marinate in the truth. The body of Christ, the church, is organized and commissioned 5 times with its job; not to beg money, nor better society, nor drill wells, nor march on Washington; No,... It is to preach the gospel. America is laden with apostate churches that do not follow His Word and we are not to fellowship or unite with apostate churches. 2) There is to be a unity in Spirit. Do not let a little "s" spirit unite anything at the cost of doctrine, but let the capital "S" Spirit unite us in Bible doctrine. 3) We are to be united in Lordship salvation, 4) in one faith,... by grace, without works, 5) in one baptism, no water here, just complete immersion in Christ! Lastly 7) united in one God and Father of all, ... and IN you all. Let's get, ... united in Christ.

An Essay for week #25 - Jun 18, 2023

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Msg #2326 Not Another Obediah

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Obadiah that did not write a prophecy book in the Bible was a governor of King Ahab's House; Ahab being the most vile, insolent, Baal worshiping king ever to sit on the throne of Israel. Obadiah causes muddy consternation; as do many Christians in our day. In a parentheses the word of God says Obadiah “feared the Lord greatly” (1Kings.18:3), but in his job description, and in his intercourse with God's Prophet Elijah, Obadiah was a completely compromised disciple.

He had a high ranking position in a vile, God-hating government; he was searching for resources that would keep his vile king in military power; and he was a “has-been” who had once known truth and done right. Obadiah knew Elijah, and when he called him “my lord”, Elijah corrects him, “Ahab is your lord.” When called to do a task, he responds, "What have I sinned?, And you want to slay me?" Obadiah certainly did not know God, in his next breath he accuses God and Elijah of setting him up, trying to play a dirty, cruel trick on him. God is no trickster. Then Obadiah pulls out his “what I used-to-do” argument. Obadiah finally obeys the prophet of God, and then he disappears from the pages of our Bible never to be heard of again.

In our post-covid, perilous times, pre-tribulation world, there are a lot of Obadiahs running to and fro. By the grace of God may I never be one. Ahab insisted that everyone worship his vile god, just as our present leadership insists we worship their vile gender denying inclusiveness, and their false god of climatechangology. Christians need to stand for truth and preach the gospel. He has given us a task to do, let's be about the Fathers business in these perilous times.

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Msg #2327 Grace According to Measure

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In addressing a Believer's new walk, in our new “*vocation wherewith ye are called*”, Paul says, “*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ*” (Eph 4:7). There is no mere measuring cup in this expression. It is not like he gives me a cup full of grace, gives you two cups full, and gives Joe Shmo five cups full. When God gives us grace, it is “*according to the measure of the gift of Christ.*” That measure of grace is immeasurable, it is all sufficient, it is unmerited even by definition. Paul stated it earlier, “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*” (Eph.1:3). The Psalmist states it similarly, “*Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah*” (Ps.68:19).

There is a similar expression in John 3:34, “*For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*” In this context the Holy Ghost was not given to Christ a little bit at a time, ... he had full and complete access. So it is for the Believer today, we have full access, that is why Jesus could say, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father*” (John.14:12). I can be as filled with God's Spirit as Christ was, IF I'd open my life and let him in. So to for God's grace, IF I'd ASK (Ask, Seek, Knock), dip in and take all I need.

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Msg #2327a Ascending and Descending

What The Bible Says, Another of

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpits by Pastor Ed Rice

When describing the gifts given to men by God's grace, Paul adds an insightful parenthesis, *"(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things)"* (Eph.4:9-10). In verse 8, Paul is roughly quoting Psalm 68:18 (When you are an Apostle writing under inspiration you can roughly quote anything you want, others, not so), but in the parenthesis he is addressing what a mediator must be able to do, ascending up to God, and descending down to man. Job puts it, *"For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both"* (Job.9:32-33). This ascending and descending of the Son of man is intriguing. It shows up in our salvation in Romans 10, *"... Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead)"* (Rom.10:6-7). And again in John 3, *"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven"* (John.3:13). And again in Agur's profound riddle, *"Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"* (Prov.30:4). God did. That's profoundly intriguing.

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Msg #2328 The Old Testament New Covenant

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Sixty-six books in the whole Bible, and I learned them all by heart” is a song we sang in junior church. If I listed the books here it would just be a cut and paste. My point is that Isaiah has sixty-six chapters, 39 in the old covenant, and 27 in the new covenant. That makes Isaiah chapter 40 the first chapter of the new covenant and marvelously it begins, “*Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, saith your God*” (Isa.40:1). In the new covenant, there was to be a comforter! And there is! He is with us forever! (John.14:16). In the new covenant there was to be, “*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the LORD*” (Isa.40:3); John the Baptist did that! (Matt.3:3, Mark.1:3, Luke.3:4, John.1:6).

The voice cried “*all flesh is grass... The spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it, ... The grass withereth...*” (Isa.40:6–8), and “*the word was made flesh... And while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*” (John.1:14, Rom.5:8). Zion and Jerusalem, where to lift up their voice with strength, and bring good tidings (Isa.40:9); and the church is commissioned to preach that gospel to every creature (Matt.28:14–28, Mark.16:15, Luke.24:46–48, John.20:21, Acts.1:8).

In the new covenant “*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young*” (Isa.40:11). And for that “*he gave some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*” (Eph.4:11–12).

If you are in the new covenant by grace through faith,... make sure you have a pastor. And guys, if you are a pastor, make sure you are a shepherd.

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Msg #2329 America to see Fire from Heaven!

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In 1Kings.18 Elijah, speaking to Israel, said, *“How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD (Jehovah) be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word”* (1Kings.18:21). Being familiar with the chapter we know there is a contest and in a 63 word prayer Elijah calls down fire from heaven. America is in a similar plight; she worships gods of evolution, climatechangeology, and sexual-perversion. No question, America needs to see fire called down from heaven. If she will see it, ... it will be seen the same way you and I see it, on the pages of God's Holy Word! Elijah shows it in 1Kings.18, but wait there's more. Sodomites can see it in Gen.19:24 (brimstone still extends 6 mi deep under the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth!); Scoffers in 2Kings.1:10,12; Worshipers in 1Chron.21:27 and 2Chron.7:1. Misguided disciples can see it NOT in Luke.9:54-56.

Americans need to see God as their Creator. He made things reproduce after their kind, (Gen.1:11,12, 21,24,25,6:20,&7:14); dogs CANNOT reproduce Clydesdale horses, nor lizards bald eagles! A sunflower tracks the sun, because God created it that way!

The Climatechangeologist needs to see Isa.45:18,22, and Jer.10:12,13. In Luke 16 the rich man in hell said. *“I pray thee therefore, father, that thou would send (Lazarus) to my father's house... lest they also come into this place of torment, ... If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent”*(Luk.16:27-30). The Word of God said, *“If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead”* (Luk.16:31, cf 29). If America is to see fire, ... and truth, it will be seen in God's Holy Word; it is quick and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword.

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Msg #2330 False gods are False

What The Bible Says

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When Elijah set up the contest exposing false Baal worship, he put the 450 prophets of Baal in a quandary. In their House of Baal they had the means of “magically” bursting offerings into flames. Out here on the side of a mountain, with all eyes upon them, they could not use their veils and deceit, nor smoke and mirrors. “You-all go first ... But put no fire under your sacrifice!” said Elijah. (1Kngs.18:25). False gods are false.

Apocryphal books are hidden, rejected by Christ, and not inspired Scripture, but in “Bel and the Dragon” there is an interesting story about how Daniel exposed the lying deceiving prophets of the Chaldean false god, Bel.

Again false gods are false. They come from the father of liars. They cannot survive scrutiny; they cannot exist under truthful testing. They must forbid honest examination; they brazenly silence and censor all descent, else they be exposed as liars.

Presently, progressive liberals are using a Marxist playbook to destroy American society, all so they can build it back socialist and communist. Open the borders, generate civil and moral unrest, destroy the oil industry, and pretend it is all for justice and to save the planet from climate change. Cidiots are enthusiastic believers, supposing we can run our world on batteries, solar cells, and windmills; none of which have a life expectancy to even pay for themselves. It's all built on lies, deceit, and censorship. The Lord shall have them in derision, (Ps.2) ... In the meantime, Christians need to be about their Father's business, and preach the gospel to every creature. We are in the last of the last days, the pretribulation rapture will be in post-perilous times. Be a preacher of righteousness, as things fall into place for the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Msg #2331 Keep Your Vision in Ministry

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When a Pastor fails in leadership, he becomes simply a church caretaker. When he wearies of that, he becomes a church undertaker. That is all too common in these post-COVID perilous times we live in. To stay off that trek Pastor Clark, at a 2023 NE Vision Summit, gave seven things a minister must keep alive and viable. First, never lose your **vision**, your dream, your goals in the ministry. Keep them active, updated, alive, and current. Up front the apostle Paul writes to Timothy, *“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry”* (1Tim.1:12). Word the reason you are in the ministry, a ministry of reconciliation, and give thanks you are in it.

Elijah called down fire from heaven, never lose the **fire** of ministry. *“His word was in my heart as a burning fire ... Is not my word like a fire?”* (Jer.20:9, 23:29). Never lose the **“awe”** of ministry, nor the **zeal** of ministry. *“The joy of the Lord is your strength... I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth”*; never lose the **joy** of ministry (Neh.8:10, 3John.1:4).

Don't lose the **love** of the ministry or your love in the ministry: love people, love souls, love being a minister of reconciliation (2Cor.5:18). Don't lose your **burden** of ministry. The Old Testament closes with, *“The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi”*; the New Testament opens with *“My yoke is easy, and my burden is light”* (Matt.11:30); preach the gospel, be a soul winner. You might get weary “in” the ministry, but these seven things can help that you never get weary “of” the ministry; *“in due season we shall reap, if we faint not”* (Gal.6:9).

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Msg #2332 Logistics, Locations, and Lights

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The hand of God left Gideon camped beside the well of Harod with three hundred men and a host of logistic problems (Judg.7:1-6). While sending *all the rest of Israel every man unto his tent, and retaining those three hundred men* (vr.8), I would have used Amazon to order up three-hundred empty pitchers and cute little oil lamps; “Lets try for overnight delivery.” Truth is, the three hundred came with their own food and trumpets and Gideon scrounged up empty pitchers and lamps. Joe Shmo said, “Why did I get this grubby ugly water hauling pitcher, and Dr. Capable over there has that ornate, gold trimmed, up for show pitcher?” Gideon responds, “Never mind the type of empty pitcher you have, it is just an empty pitcher, and it is to be broken anyway!” Joe goes on with his lament, “Well, why do I have to stand up on the edge of this obscure steep hillside while I. M. Somebody gets to guard that roadway towards the main mountain pass?” Gideon responds, “Those grasshoppers need to be completely surrounded by light, never mind the empty pitcher type, never mind the obscure location you are at, just break your pitcher, hold up the Light, and sound off with your trumpet!”

Break your vessel where God puts you, hold up the Light where you are at, sound out on that trumpet that you have, blast it as long and as hard as you can, and let God do his perfect work. Obedience is the very best way, to show that you believe. I have often left a conference, come to our two story, 100 max occupancy brick school house, and felt a twinge of discouragement. Pastor Shirley's parting NE Vision Summit message on Gideon, completely alleviated that tendency on 27 July.

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The NE Vision Summit explored at <https://northeastvision.org/>

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Msg #2333 In the Beginning God, Day 1 - Sunday

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Believing in the Bible's verbal inspiration, inerrancy, and infallibility requires believing God's account of his six-day creation and the seventh day of rest. Accepting any minute shred of man's evolutionary hypothesis requires that God's Holy Word is somehow deceptive. On Sunday, the first day of this universe's existence, God created, out of nothing, a finite time, space, and matter continuum. He carefully words that in the first sentence of the Holy Bible. All three continua have three dimensions, are inner dependent, and must coexist. The “earth” or “dirt” was not a planet, it was without form. He also reveals that this “matter” was void of all visible construct, massive, and dark, in his second sentence. The formless, void, dark, mass of matter, takes on form, i.e. hydrogen atoms clinging to oxygen atoms with covalent bonds of energy, when “*the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*”

In the third verse of the Holy Bible the dark lifeless mass of created matter bursts with newly created energy spanning a visible spectrum in colors of Red, orange, yellow; Green; Blue, indigo, and violet, in wavelengths of 400 to 700 nanometers, but also extending deep into infrared, microwave, and radio waves, and far into ultraviolet, X-ray, and Gamma ray electromagnetic radiation. It seems that all seven of these categories of electromagnetic radiation were created when God said, “Let there be light.”

There is no room for artificial gaps in God's accounting here, nor for fictional millions of years. God clearly clarifies in verse 4 and 5 that there was soon to be, coming up on Tuesday in fact, an evening and a morning, and that this here was only the first day of his creation. We can hardly wait to see his Monday's verbally inspired accounting in our next week's lesson.

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Msg #2333 Appendix Heaven NOT Heavens

In the beginning God created the heaven (<08064>singular?) and the earth.

בְּרָאִישׁוּת בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

The first seven words of the Holy Bible declare that, in a finite time continuum, God created a finite space continuum, and a finite matter continuum. The three finite continua are interdependent and interconnected, and, consequently, were created together, and they only exist together. The three continua are per se three dimensional with time's past, present and future, space's up, north and east, and matter's solid, liquid and gas.

In error modernist ecumenical “scholars” suppose that God created the heavens, plural, because their small finite minds have discerned three of them; where birds fly, where stars fly, and where God sits. In their modernist ecumenical copyright bibles they put in what they suppose God meant to say, with heaven plural instead of singular. They even try to justify their twisting of this verse by saying, “In the Hebrew, the word for 'heaven' is plural.”

In error they also suppose that “*the earth*” in this verse is a planet; yet God does not make planet Earth until the third day (Gen.1:9).

Do not be deceived by these modernist ecumenical “scholars”. In this verse both heaven, and God, are in the singular, even though they are masculine plural Hebrew nouns. One needs to learn a little Hebrew to unravel their lie and see how they twist Scripture.

In Hebrew, and often in English, whether a noun is plural or singular is determined by vowel sounds; i.e. men vs man. But the Hebrew alphabet has no visible vowels, standardized vowel markings were added to the manuscripts in the 4th century AD. The preacher that says heaven is plural in the Hebrew text does not know what he is saying. Heaven and God are plural nouns because they end in “ym”. In Hebrew masculine singular nouns have no special endings,

but plural (2 or more) nouns end with ~yi (i ym) and the dual (2 only, no more) nouns end with ~iy; (ai ym). Notice here that even the plural and dual nouns are only differentiated by vowel markings (the ending proceeded by an “i” sound vs an “ai” sound).

In God's first sentence, one would have no more cause to make heaven plural, than to make God plural, i.e. “In the beginning gods created the heavens.” Just because *Elohim* (God) is a plural noun, that does not mean it is used in the plural every time it is used by God (*Elohim*). And just because *Shamayim* (Heaven) is a plural-dual noun, that does not mean it is used in the plural every time it is used by God (*Elohim*). Indeed, every time *Shamayin* (Heaven) is used in Genesis 1 it is used in the singular; the first occurrence of *Shamayin* (Heaven) in the plural occurs in Genesis 2:1, “*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.*” In the Hebrew Bible it is then used in the plural in 107 other verses. They are so translated in the Authorized King James Bible. It is anybody's guess what you'll get in any modernist ecumenical copyright bible.

So, when God said,

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

בְּרֵאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:

He said what he meant and meant what he said. Therein the Holy Bible declares that in a finite time continuum, God created a finite space continuum, and a finite matter continuum. “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*” (2Tim.2:15).

Msg #2334 In the Beginning God, Day 2 - Monday

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

God's Monday of creation does not invoke a lot of excitement in many people. In his Sunday account God used seven Hebrew words to tell how he made three-dimensional time, space, and matter out of nothing. Now on Monday all he does is insert a firmament between two layers of water! Monday is the only day of creation with no "It was good" exclamation. This so depressed Scofield and Larkin that they force-fit a gargantuan gap of geological fiction to account for their imagined age of rocks! In the Holy Bible God means what he says, and says what he means. On Monday there are no rocks, ... only water. And now there is a "firmament" between the water above and the water below. "Firmament" is an interesting matter, and "Matter" is an interesting thing. Daniel Webster's 1828 describes firmament well, and high school chemistry describes matter well. A dome or region of expanse, is used 17 times in the Hebrew and King-James Bible; five times on God's Monday! It behooves a Bible student to research them all.

The building block for all Matter is the hydrogen atom. Picture a volleyball smashed tight into a soccer ball with a single #8 shotgun BB swirling around them like an angry honey bee. That's a hydrogen atom; a Neutron, a Proton, and an angry Electron. With a massive energy surge smash eight of these atoms into one atom, that's Oxygen. It would have eight angry BBs buzzing around it, but they are happiest in a group of 10, so it bonds with two hydrogen atoms and, voila, we have an H₂O water molecule. For those of us who loved high school chemistry, God's Monday is a very big deal containing nothing but water and firmament, and light left over from Sunday.

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Msg #2335 In the Beginning God, Day 3 - Tuesday

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

When one understands that God means what he says, and says what he means, the first Tuesday of his universe dawns with no planet, no land, rock, or dirt. On this Tuesday morning, he “*gathers together unto one place*” the waters that were under the firmament positioned the day before. This fits the first appearance of gravity, and consequently, Tuesday is the first appearance of what we would call a planet, i.e. Planet Earth. Only now does God cause “*dry land to appear*” and form the seas. “*And it was so ... And God saw that it was good*” (Gen.1:9-10).

Recall on Sunday, the first day of the universe's existence, the Spirit of God moved upon matter, and there was water, i.e. H₂O - two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen. On Monday he arranged the water strategically, and now, on Tuesday, he accounts for “dry land” i.e. dirt, rock, and the other minerals. To make dry land appear, we have discovered that God would use the hydrogen atom, described earlier as a neutron stuck to a proton orbited by an electron (modeled as a soccerball stuck to a volleyball and circled by a very angry BB). Man can now change matter into energy, but only God can change energy into matter. Hydrogen atoms are compacted together in larger and larger numbers to form more and more elements. The periodic table you threw away after High School shows how elements change characteristics as an increasing number of hydrogen atoms get crammed together. These elements now combine into molecules, dirt, with even more exotic characteristics. One could Google the Empirical Formula of clay and be impressed, and one should trust God's Word about his first Tuesday, ... and be a believer. “*And God saw that it was good.*”

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Msg #2336 In the Beginning God, Tuesday Afternoon

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

It seems to me like God had a lite Monday, on the second day of creation, so he double down on his first Tuesday. He formed gravity and the first planet (Earth) with land and sea, he saw that it was good, and then, in verse 11, he pressed on to fill the land with plant life. This is God's first creation of living cells. There are seven elements essential in constructing these (C,H,N,O,P,S,& Ca) and there are seven categories that naturally define all living things (Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species from Ken Plays Chess On Friday Getting Suspended). In God's creation of plant life, he declared three times in two verses that plants only reproduce "*after their kind*". No plants, or other created living things, ever reproduce outside of their Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus. They reproduce "*after their kind*" as is emphatically called out 28 times in the Holy Bible. Ninety percent of my community-college freshman algebra students believed if you bred beagles long enough, you'd get a Clydesdale horse! Honest! They were taught that in K-12 and they just believed their public school teachers! Those lies, taught by teachers and professors, account for much of the moral decline in America. "*Let God be true and every man a liar*" (Rom.3:4), living things reproduce "*after their kind!*" God says so and evolution is a bold face lie. Throw it in with global warming, climate change, and transgenderism. When God says, he created our world, this whole universe, in six days and rested on the seventh, trust him on it. Science supports everything he said. On Tuesday he made this planet and put plants on it, and two times on Tuesday he says, "*And God saw that it was good.*" Trust him.

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Msg #2337 In the Beginning God, Day 4 - Wednesday

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

As the fourth day of this universe dawned there was no sun, moon, or stars to divide the day from the night. There was a singular, solitary “planet”, the focus of all of God's creative energies, which hung upon nothing and orbited nothing. Holy, inspired, inerrant Scripture, preserved for 3,500 years now, reports, “*He stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing*” (Job 26:7).

On this first Wednesday, “*God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ... And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth*” (Gen.1:14,17). The “lesser light to rule the night” could capture our attention. God created seven planets set in orbit around the sun, and our moon set in orbit around our Earth. The Earth took its place in the third orbit, and lesser minds that care, remember planet names in the sentence, “*Mary's Velvet Eyes Make John Stay Up Nights ... Proposing.* (Proposing was determined to be a dwarf cluster of rocks and lost its standing, i e truly there were seven “other” planets in God's Wednesday creation.)

The orbiting planets are in a plane, still hung upon nothing, and North still stretches out over the empty place. Uranus takes 84 years to orbit the Sun and spins backward because God has a global sense of humor. Neptune has a “year” that is 165 Earth years long, and was proven to exist mathematically before it was seen in a very large telescope. Five planets are visible with the naked eye. Before the invention of TV mankind watched them at night. Venus is called a Morning-Star.

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Msg #2338 The Firmament Sheweth His Handiwork

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Our universe is finite. Our God, who is infinite, states it clearly when on day four of creation he places our solar system, and all the created stars of heaven, inside of the firmament that he created on day two. Thus the firmament that holds God's line, "*He made the stars also*" (Gen.1:16 b), contains all of the known and bounded universe. We now know that there are millions of galaxies, and each galaxy has millions of stars. Each galaxy also has a "black-hole" left over from its creation out of nothing. It is no wonder that God said through his Psalmist, "*The firmament sheweth his handiwork*" (Ps.19:1).

Albert Einstein showed us that matter is made of nothing, just as God said. Albert's theory of relativity, both special relativity and general relativity, show that in a finite universe the time, space, and matter continua are so interconnected and interdependent that the speed of light, and the passage of time, are not constant throughout God's firmament. In God's time scale a day is as a thousand years (Ps.90:4,2Pet.3:8), that's a 365,000-to-1 time-warp! In God's firmament it could well be that the supernova seen and recorded in the Large Magellanic Cloud on 23 February 1987 occurred only 168 days before it was seen and recorded here on Earth. I would sooner trust God than "*science falsely so called*" which supposes it was 162,000 years before God created the stars! Their "*science*" also supposes that cross breeding beagles can produce a Clydesdale Horse! Lizards, a bald eagle!

When you trust God for your soul's salvation, you can trust him with ancillary revelation about how he created our finite universe. John Stockton sang, ♪*Only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you now.*♪

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Msg #2339 Thursday Day 5 The Father's Business

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

As morning dawned on the first Thursday of all creation, Earth saw its first sunrise. That first ever in the universe sunrise was accompanied by whales blowing and birds singing. God says what he means and means what he says. And on the fifth day he wrote that he said,

“Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹ And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good” (Gen.1:20-21).

For the Bible believer NASA spending billions on OSIRIS-REx to probe an asteroid, and researches spending millions researching retrieved dirt in an effort to discover how life originated, is MUTE. God spoke. That is why we call it a Uni-Verse, his Word spoke it into existence. Only believe.

Yesteryear Nye, deGrasse, and Maher collaborated to put Bible believing parents in jail for child abuse! In this evil day Bible believers need to collaborate to be about their Father's business. That evil trio were not condemned for collaborating such trite, mankind is condemned already!

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ... ³⁶ He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him ” (Jhn.3:17-18, 36)

Preach that Gospel to every creature.

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Msg #2340 Come Up Hither

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Believers will hear a voice, as it were of a trumpet talking, saying "Come up hither," and in the twinkling of an eye, we will be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (Rev.4:1, 1Cor.15:52,1Thes.4:17). He will transport us to a throne set in heaven where the one sitting is to look upon as jasper. There's a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like an emerald (Rev.4:2-3).

With our eyes we have read the Apostle John's four Bible books where he writes "*the things which thou hast seen.*" With an ear to hear we have read two chapters containing seven messages to seven churches, "*the things which are.*" If you have a mind to read of "*the things which must be hereafter*" the events begin to unfold from that throne room, and are recorded for believers in The Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapters 4 thru 22. But first revel long before that throne, clothed in white raiment, with a crown of gold. Observe the lightnings, thunderings, voices, seven lamps of fire, and the sea of glass. Hear the speech of four beautiful-beasts before the Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Fall down and worship him that liveth forever and ever; cast off the crown and say, "*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created*" (Rev.4:11). Spend some hours in that throne room. Observe all. In the right hand of him sitting on the throne is a book sealed with seven seals. Don't start picking at seals till you have wept much, and understood a little. Only one is worthy to open the title-deed-book and take ownership of this world.

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Msg #2341 The Earth's Title Deed

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Much has been speculated about the seven sealed book of Revelation Chapter 5, but nothing more visibly clarifies the whole Revelation of Jesus Christ than understanding that this seven sealed book is the title deed to the Earth. No one is worthy to open the book except the Lion that was first a Lamb. The seven seals on the book are things necessary to set the stage for its opening, the seven trumpets are things that announce and warn of the upcoming calamities, then the seven vials of the wrath of God are poured out on this rebellious world when her King comes to take possession. Chapter 16 lists all the vials and man's rebellious response, *“and men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blaspheme the God of heaven, and repented not of their deeds”* (Rev.16:9-11). As the seals open, when the great tribulation begins, there is a *“great multitude, which no man could number”* who become believers, and are *“clothed with white robes”* (Rev.7:9). These are all *“slain for the word of God, and the testimony which they held”*(6:9-10). One can be saved now, and live for Christ, or be saved then, and die for Christ.

We live in “perilous times” (2Tim.3:1-4); and Jesus says that there is coming a time for this rebellious world, *“then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be”* (Matt.24:21). If you are saved in accordance with John 3:17 and 18, you should be about your Father's business (Acts.1:8). If you are are not saved, it is better now than later, when the One World government has taken over, ... and way better now than never! (Mark.9:42-48).

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Msg #2341b Daniel's Dream and The Little Horn

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The visions of Daniel explained in his seventh chapter capture all seven of the upcoming world kingdoms: Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Revived Roman, The Abomination of Desolation, and Messianic Kingdom. All are written in a revelation where Daniel was given *“the truth of all this ... and the interpretation of the things”* (Dan.7:16). Consequently, in Bible imagery “beasts” are empowered men, who rule world empires. The careful student of Bible prophecy knows some things about the Revived Roman Empire and it's “ten horns” (Dan.7:7,20,24, Rev.12:3, 13:1, 17:3,7,12,16). These ten horns are the ten toes destroyed by the *“Stone cut out without hands”* (Dan.2:34-35,42-44). Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the toes, recorded in Daniel 2, *“is certain and the interpretation thereof sure”* (2:45).

Make no mistake here, the sixth kingdom, ruled by the Abomination of Desolation, is not ruled by ten kings, they are upstaged by *“The Little Horn”* of Dan.7:8; called *“The King of Fierce Countenance”* of Dan.8:23; called *“The Prince that shall come”* of Dan.9:26; called *“The King that exalts himself”* of Dan.11:36; called *“The Abomination that maketh desolate”* of Daniel 12:11; also called *“The Man of sin”* of 2Thes.2:4-8; and *“The Beast from the sea with ten horns and seven heads”* of Rev.13:1.

Many have misnomered this “beast”, the empowered man who will rule the one world government in a new world order and strive to stamp out Israel, calling him “Anti-Christ,” but there are many anti-christs, there is only one *“Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet,”* and Jesus says, *“who so readeth, let him understand.”* There will be a one world system, with one dreadful world leader, just as Bible prophecy clarifies. But believers are not looking for him, we are looking for *“the Lord himself descending from heaven with a shout”* (1Thes.4:16-18).

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Msg #2342 The Whore, The Beast, and the Ten Kings

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is not allegorical, it is sometimes metaphorical, but God says what he means and means what he says. The accounts of the seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven vials are intermittently interrupted with what have been called seven parentheticals. The last one describes a great whore riding on a scarlet colored beast (17:1-4). Britannica says ancient Rome was the city built on seven hills, and that accords with *“the seven mountains on which the woman sitteth”* (17:9). The Holy Roman Catholic Church herself (which is not holy nor catholic), trying to claim Peter's first epistle addressed Rome, and Peter as their first pope, they, ignorant of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, ironically assigned themselves the title “Mystery Babylon.” However the shoe-fits, the woman is a one world religion, and the beast, a one world government. The beast is the abomination of desolation (Mat.24:15, Rev.13:1-2). The ten kings which *“have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast”*(17:13), *“these shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled* (17:16-17).

Students of this parenthetical keep supposing who the ten kings might be, but all of us can safely suppose three things that the apostle John knew; 1) the words of God shall be fulfilled (17:17) and 2) *“the woman is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth”* (17:18), and 3) *these shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb, the Lord of lords and King of kings, shall overcome them”* (17:14). Praise his Holy Name.

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Msg #2342b The Seventieth Week for Israel

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The greatly beloved Daniel understood by books that the seventy-year Babylonian captivity was closing, he prayed, and Gabriel came to him to give him “*skill and understanding*” (Dan.9:22). Gabriel said, “*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (Israel) and upon thy holy city (Jerusalem)*” (9:21-24). A Bible student discerns that these are weeks-of-years, that sixty-nine of them are accounted for in verses 25-26, and that the “one week” spoken of in verse 27 is a seven year period wherein there “*shall be great tribulation, such as was not seen from the beginning of the world*” (Matt.24:21). Further in verse 27 it is clear that the “he” that “*shall make it desolate*” is the abomination of desolation of Matt.24:15, the beast to rise up out of the sea of Rev.13:1, AND the scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy of Rev.17:3. “He” shall make war with the Lamb, and we know how that will end (Rev.19).

What Gabriel said would be done for Israel and Jerusalem after seventy-weeks is critical: *1) to finish the transgression. 2) to make an end of sin, 3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, 4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, 5) to seal up the vision and prophecy, and 6) to anoint the most Holy.*

When the apostle John writes in the Revelation of Jesus Christ “*the things which shall be here after*” (1:19, cf. Chap.4-19) it is all about Israel and their 70th week. Miss that and you are missing the heart of Biblical prophecy, and the heart of God. When a church misses that, they are apostate. Israel is presently in a war of Biblical proportion, those siding with Hamas or Palestinians are pitted directly against the LORD God of Israel. And we know how that will end.

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Msg #2343 Best Way to Enter the Millennial Kingdom

What The Bible Says

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The very best way to enter into the Millennial Kingdom is to be in an incorruptible body (1Cor.15:52, 1Thes.4:16-17), and riding in with Christ (Rev.19:14), to reign with him a thousand years (Rev.20:6). But if you are unsaved (Jhn.3:17-18), and miss the rapture of the church, you could still get in as a plebeian living in your corruptible body. To do that you will need to survive the Great Tribulation where 1/3 of the world's population is destroyed three times; leaving about 2 billion of the 8. Then you will need to make it through the Battle of Armageddon, where, if you are a conscript in any nation's army, you die, if you receive the mark of the beast, you die, and if you worship his image, you die (Rev.19:19-21). If you become a follower of the Lamb through all this, and an innumerable number do (Rev.7:9-10), you will be a martyr, killed by the whore that sits on the beast (Rev.17:1-6, 6:9-10). Followers of the Lamb, you see, are beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and they enter the kingdom with incorruptible bodies, as part of the first resurrection (Rev.20:4).

So as a plebeian, in a physical body, the odds of you stepping into the Millennial Kingdom of Christ are very slim. If you do get there you will see Isaiah 4 fulfilled for Israel, the lion lay down with a lamb (Isa.11:6), and the river flowing out of the temple of God in Jerusalem (Ezk.47), which brings life, and a great multitude of fish, to the Dead Sea! (47:8-9).

With the war in Israel we are on the cusp of WWII! Be saved (Jhn3:16-18) before Christ comes FOR his saints (1Thes.4:16), enter the Kingdom when he comes riding WITH his saints (Rev.19:14).

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Msg #2344 Blessed is the Man ... OR ...

What The Bible Says

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In a Sunday School hour Evangelist Fielder expounded Psalms-One with insights fitting for our day and mined from a half-century of Bible meditation. *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the council of the ungodly...”* Psalm-One is characteristic of the entire book, where *“blessed”* is found forty-nine times and means “happy and prosperous.” This opening Psalm confirms that God blesses righteousness, and God judges unrighteousness. It is so throughout the Psalms, it is so throughout the Bible. *“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD”* (Ps.33:12). In every instance, in Third-World countries, the LORD is not their God. The Spaniards came to South America seeking gold; the Pilgrims came to North America seeking God. South America has far more resources, and yet God blessed America. In fact, God so blessed America that 6,000 years of human history has been greatly changed by this one nation under God. *“Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust”* (Ps.40:4). But yet, *“God is angry with the wicked every day”* (Ps.7:11). *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God”* (Ps.9:17). *“The fool has said in his heart, There is no God”* (Ps.14:1, 53:1). Atheist do have a holiday, ... It is April 1st. *“Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about”* (Ps.32:10). *“The soul of the transgressors shall eat violence”* (Prov.13:2). *“Fools make a mock of sin: but among the righteous there is favor”* (Prov.14:9). The four leading causes of death are largely self inflicted by sin (AIDS, lung-cancer, liver-psoriasis, et al)! The outline of this Psalm is, as I said, God blesses the righteous, and God judges the unrighteous. Look again at the great detail of that in these six verses. ...

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Msg #2345 Post Perilous Times 1 - 4

What The Bible Says

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After Paul charges Timothy to endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, he informs, *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, ... ”* (2Tim.2:3,3:1-2). Here Paul gives twenty attributes of the last of the last days. Perilous means fraught with danger, hazard, risk, terror, and Paul goes on to say, *“Yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”* (3:12). Christians have! The Roman Catholic Church killed 50 million!²³ Muslims have martyred more in the past hundred years than died in any hundred year period previous! Christians live in perilous times! Selfishness is rampant, selflessness, very rare. Children inherit a selfish nature and the Bible is very clear that it needs to be “beat out of a child with a rod of correction” (Prov.13:24, 19:18, 22:6,15, 23:13 - 14, 29:15,17). Giving little “time-out sessions” has yielded the selfish hatred we see unfolding on college campuses, in abortion clinics, and divorce courts. Coveting is having a great desire to possess something belonging to someone else. It brings its own peril; Eve did it in the garden, Achan in Jericho, and King David on his rooftop. Paul likens it to idolatry (Col.3:5), a device of Satan whereby he steals one's affection and allegiance from God as they set their affection on things on Earth (3:2).

Lastly here, boasters talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about their achievements, possessions, or abilities. Nebuchadnezzar did it (Dan.4:30-31); Herod did it (Acts.12:21-24). Both had dire consequences. These four things are rampant in the end times, there are 16 more! Let them not be once named among you as becometh saints. The pre-millennial, pre-tribulation, rapture of the church, will be post perilous times.

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23 Carroll, B. H., “Trail of Blood.”

Msg #2346 Perilous Times Ugly Attributes

What The Bible Says

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Traits that accompany the perilous times of these last days include rampant blaspheme, disobedience to parents, and the unholy (2Tim.3:1-2). Blaspheming is “impious irreverence”, “speaking reproachfully of Jehovah God.” He said, “*Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain*” (Ex.20:7) That is already rampant, but calling the Almighty, Holy, Creator of the world, “The man upstairs,” is blasphemous, as is slanderous use of initials OMG. God said to King David, tangled in sin, “*by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme*” (2Sam.12:14); and the Apostle Paul exhorts, “*give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.*” My lacking Christlike testimony, can produce blasphemers.

Are young people disobedient to parents today? Irreverently! Thanks to Dr. Benjamin Spock (1903-1998). And irreverently, thanks to John Dewey (1859-1952), student destroying disciple of Karl Marx, 70% of college students prefer socialism to democracy, 50% prefer communism to capitalism. Rampant Pro-Palestinian, Anti-Israel riots, deem America's course quite irreversible.

To be holy is to be with no impurity ... none. God is Holy. The Holy Bible is labeled that on purpose. God says, “*Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God*” again, “*But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*” (Lev.20:7, 1Pet.1:15-16). Society is rampantly unholy, as are many calling themselves “Christian.”

These things are rampant in the end times, there are more listed, twenty total! Let them not be once named among you as becometh saints. The pre-millennial, pre-tribulation, rapture of the church, will be post perilous times. Prepare to stand.

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Msg #2347 Perilous Times and the Unthankful

What The Bible Says

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“Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name” (Heb.13:13-15). Their are 13 heads of lettuce found in the epistle to the Hebrews, all are worth our examination and these last two are in a Thanksgiving charge. Let us begin by giving thanks for a country that has a National Day of Thanksgiving, looking up and reading/reciting Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation (each president makes one of these, of late some are pretty lame, none compare to Abe's). Now concede, as Hebrews exhorts, being outside the camp; this world is not my home; I'm only passing through. Note also that “Praise to God” is both a “sacrifice” and a “fruit of our lips”, i.e. say it out loud, as it were. Then, while we are “in everything giving thanks” this November, include Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How.

Who UR: *“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made”* (Ps.139:14). **What UR:** *“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving”* (Ps.69:30). **When you got here:** “May you live in interesting times!” **Where UR:** You could have been born in China, Ukraine or Uzbekistan! A Supreme Court Decision of 1892 states, “Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of The Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise' and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian!” **Why:** Simply Rev.4:11. **How:** Simply Philippians.4:11-13. In everything give thanks. Happy Thanksgiving.

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Msg #2348 Perilous Times Preparations

What The Bible Says

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The charge that warns of perilous times a-coming, comes after two chapters of preparation. Paul says first, “without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day” (2Tim.1:3). Likely I am not the only one that has promised prayer for one, then forgot till I later saw them. When prayer is promised let your next breath be that prayer. “Let's right now pray about that, ...” Don't put on a show, put up a prayer. Paul promises he was praying for Timothy night and day. Two things about prayer: 1. There is nothing more spiritually intimate, nothing that stands one so much in the very presence of Jehovah God their Creator than praying. Let that sink down in your soul, ... Stop praying for show, with absent-minded rhetoric. And don't put a petition on media before you put it before your Father. 2. Prayer is tapping into God's resources to meet a need, ... particularly needs of others. We've been given power to tap into infinite resources, ... it starts “Our Father, ...”. Make night and day prayer for someone.

Next Paul commends, encourages, and edifies. He commends Timothy's tears, his unfeigned faith, the gift of God in him, and his spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind. Carnal Christians are critical, and artful at tearing down others; supposing blowing out someone else's candle makes theirs burn brighter. But Paul strives to edify and build up, as should we. Finally Paul gives sound charges. “Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner ...”, “hold fast the form of sound words”, “be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”, “Endure hardness as a good soldier”, ”Study ...” (1:8-2:15). We should prep for perilous times.

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Msg #2349 First Advent Prophecy

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

A First-Advent study begins with the prophetic Scriptures revealing it. With a precursor that Jesus was born in the spring-time when Passover lambs were born, and shepherds indeed watched their flocks by night, and NOT on December 25th when the Romish Sun god disappeared for the longest night! Another, Baptists entertain no service of the Romish church called “mass” and never have. And one more, the Romish patron “saint” of sailors dubbed “Saint” Nicholas, in Dutch “Sinterklaas”, English “Santa-Clause”, has nothing whatsoever to do with Christ's Birth, or anything remotely Christian, or rational.

That aside, Jesus, in his resurrected body, rebukes his disciples saying, *“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. ... 46 Thus it is written, and thus it behoved 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 (Luk.24:44,46).* Just previous, with two Emmaus Road disciples, it says, *“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (vr.24).* Would that I could have heard that; I can do more than imagine.

Scofield has meticulously listed 44 OT verses that must have been in Jesus' First-Advent lecture. The first is Genesis 3:15 the last in Malachi 3:1. It covers Abraham, who told his son, “God will provide himself a lamb” (Gen.22:8), the seedline of Messiah, the Sceptre of Judah, the eternal throne of David, 23 verses in Psalm, 37 in Isaiah, and 11 in the minor prophets. Study to show thyself approved unto God.

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Msg #2350 O Little Town of Bethlehem Ephratah

What The Bible Says

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“But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah,... out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel ...” (Micah.5:2). Ephratah means "ash-heap & place of fruitfulness" It is common in life that “out of the ashes” comes “fruitfulness.” Bethlehem picked up the name Ephratah because when Benjamin was born there, Rachel died there. *“And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni (son of my sorrow): but his father called him Benjamin (son of the right hand)”* (Gen.35:18). Out of ashes came fruitfulness.

Bethlehem means “house-of-bread.” Naomi left Bethlehem in a famine, and returned saying *“Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me”* (Ruth.1:20). But when Ruth bare a son by her Kinsman Redeemer, *“the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel ... and Boaz begat Obed, And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.”* (Ruth.4:14,21-22). Out of ashes came fruitfulness.

A Benjaminite, Saul, looking for stiffnecked asses, was chosen to be king of Israel, (note the irony) and was told by Samuel, *“When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel’s sepulchre (in Bethlehem) in the border of Benjamin”* (1Sam.10:2). Saul was a dismal failure, but David, the Bethlehemite, was a man after God's own heart (1Sam.13:14, Acts.13:22), and God promised his throne would continue forever. Out of ashes came fruitfulness.

In Bethlehem, the House-of-Bread, God was made flesh and said, “I am the Bread of Life.” He came to die, and there is now *“one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”* Out of ashes came fruitfulness.

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Msg #2351 Christ's 1st Advent and Shepherds

What The Bible Says

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In God's economy sheep and shepherds are held in high regard. In the First-Advent God used shepherds abiding in the field by night, as shepherds do during spring lambing season, as his primary heralds, altogether fitting for the “Lamb of God.” He could have sent announcing angels to the priests, who were in charge of the only God ordained religion of the world, or to scribes, pharisees, and lawyers, he did not. He sent them to shepherds - sheep pasturers, called *pastors*, they had the time, curiosity, initiative, and networking to announce his birth to the commoner. He still uses pastors for that, and the Bible teaches that every believer should have one: not a priest, or a clergy, ... a Pastor! Got one? Pray for one!

God concerns himself for sheep with no shepherd “*Set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.*” (Num.27:16-17), and again “*Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace*” (2Chron.18:16), and again “*And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd*” (Ezek.34: 5); and “*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd*” (Matt.9:36).

Of course Christ is God's “Good Shepherd” that giveth his life for the sheep (John.10:11,14,Psalm.22); God's “Great Shepherd” of the sheep, to whom be glory forever and ever (Heb.13:20-21,Psalm.23); and God's “Chief Shepherd” that shall appear (1Pet.5:4,Psalm.24).

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Msg #2352 The Immanuel Lamb

What The Bible Says

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In God's high regard for sheep and shepherds it is prudent to consider that he sent his only begotten son as the "*Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world*" (John.1:29,36); and said, "*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive ... honour, and glory*" (Rev.5:12). In Genesis 3:21 God first required a lamb for a man, where coats of skin clothed them. Then in Exodus 12:3's provocative picture of his Passover Lamb (cf.1Cor.5:7), he required a lamb for a house. In Leviticus 16 God required a lamb for a nation, "*And Aaron shall ... offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people*"(Lev. 16:23, 24).

Seven-hundred years before Christ came, God, thru Isaiah, described the vicarious sacrifice of Christ, "*The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ... thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, ... and shall be satisfied: my righteous servant (shall) justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities ... because he hath poured out his soul unto death: ... and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors*" (Isa.53:6,10,11,12) and thus it was that John the Baptist could introduce the Son of God as, "*The Lamb of God!*"

The Father, who calls us "*the sheep of his pasture*" sent his Son to be the Passover Lamb. The Apostle John reports, "*The word was God, ... and was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth*" (John 1:1,14). Emmanuel, God clothed with flesh, or God incarnate, came to this earth to be your Savior, praise his holy name. Appropriately, we celebrate his birth.

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Msg #2353 Pastors and Sheep

What The Bible Says

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In God's very high regard for sheep and shepherds it is prudent to examine some warnings that God gives shepherds. Shepherds lead sheep to pastures, and came to be called Pastors. Ezekiel 34 reveals seven things God expects of Pastors, (vr.2) *“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! 1) should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ... but ye feed not the flock. 2) (vr.4) The diseased have ye not strengthened, 3) neither have ye healed that which was sick, 4) neither have ye bound up that which was broken, 5) neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, 6) neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. vr.5 And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: ... 7) (vr.6) none did search or seek after them.*

That makes for a powerful checklist for what a Pastor is to be doing. For those not measuring up, *“Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease”* (34:9,10a).

God Requires that you have a Pastor, *“And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD”* (Jer.23:4). Pastors, according to God's heart, have sheep that: 1) Are well fed, 2) Fear no Evil, 3) Are not Dismayed, and 4) Are not lacking – i.e. they *shall not want*. Ditch your priest or clergy, pray for your Pastor.

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Msg #2401 Being One With Christology

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Apostle John picks up a pen in the last chapter of his life; he was commanded to do so. *“Write the things which thou hast seen”* (Rev.1:19), and he wrote, *“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life”* (1John.1:1). I’d suppose after writing that, he got a larger scroll and wrote, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made”* (John.1:1-3). John heard, saw, looked upon, and handled, Christ, which was from the beginning, God incarnate! He wrote a volume on Christology as it were. The Apostle John always wrote with clear outline and purpose, and his purpose is carefully spelled out as he writes his first epistle to the believer, his second as “the elder” to Israel, “the elect lady” of Revelation 12, and his third as “the elder” to his friend Gaius. To believers his stated purpose is *“that ye also may have fellowship with us and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full”* (1John.1:3-4). Noah Webster wrote “fellowship n. Companionship, Mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms.” Jesus put it this way, *“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: ... I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one”* (John.17:21,23). Fellowship, Selah!

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Msg #2402 Starting Life Right

What The Bible Says

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When witnessing a new birth, a spiritual new birth that is, one should be quick to point out five things a new convert to Christ ought to be careful about; for us crusty old Christians they apply well for starting each new year. Count them: 1) **Tell someone you got saved!** If you are saved, you know how you got there, tell someone else. Write out your salvation testimony, start with John.3:16-18 and 36. 2) You got saved by talking to God in prayer, **Don't stop praying!** 1Tim.2:1-4 gives that charge and starts, *“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.”* J-O-Y reminds us, pray for **J**esus, “hallowed be thy name”, “thy kingdom come”, “thy will be done”; Pray for **O**thers, Paul charged Timothy so in that text, we have twenty missionaries that need your prayers, land's sake pray for your Pastor, he sure needs it; and finally Pray for **Y**ou, keep you last in your prayer lists but pray as David did, *“keep me from presumptuous sins, ... let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD.”* 3) **Don't stop reading the Bible!** Verses in this Bible got you saved, keep reading; daily Bible reading, scheduled Bible reading, let your delight be *“in the law of the LORD; and in his law ... meditate day and night.”* 4) **Get Baptized in a Bible believing church;** it is the first step of obedience; crusty Christians, keep obeying. And 5) **Get to Church!** Not forsaking the assembling with other born-again, I'm-saved-too, Bible believers gathering for your three-to-thrive edification (SunAM-PM-Wed). Regularly attend to edify yourself and others.

Now lets look at John's first epistle and see how to have joyous fellowship with God.

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Msg #2403 Things to Know & People to Know

What The Bible Says

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There is something comforting in reading the aged Apostle John's letter to "my little children." He tells us, "*Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments ... whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him*" (1John.2:3,5). John writes, that our "joy may be full" and he echos Jesus' words, "*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; ... These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full*" (Jn.15:10-11). Jesus said, "*If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them*" (Jn.13:17). In winter, the world is lying dormant and it is good to stop for a moment and reflect on these things. John helps here, just to "*know the we know him*" and to see, in ourselves, "*the love of God perfected.*"

The Bible goes about to give us assurances that we know him, in the 1st person (I, me, us, & we), to give us the "*tells*" to assure those close to us know him, in the 2nd person (thy, thee, you, & you-all) (Jn.13:35), and to gives us insight about the crowds we hang with, in the 3rd person (they & them) (1Jn.2:19). This winter, while hunkered down with cabin fever, ponder these things: "*Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments ... By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. ... They went out from us, but they were not of us; ... but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.*" Ponder that, ... or, in Hebrew, Selah.

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Msg #2404 Let's Say We Abide

What The Bible Says

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“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (1Jhn.2:6). In this little epistle to *“my little children”*, John repeatedly emphasizes that *“talk is cheap”* and belief paramount. *“If we say we have fellowship,(1:6) ... if we say we have no sin,(1:8,10) ...he that saith I know him,(2:4) ...he that saith he abideth,(2:6) ...he that saith he is in the light,(2:9). ...”* John gives genuine cause to examine ourselves, and our neighbor, and now, in one verse gives cause to reread John 15! *“He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit”* (Jn.15:5).

Sheldon's hundred year old book *“In His Steps”* touches an aspect of God's two-thousand year old direction of how a believer ought to walk. Jesus said, *“He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. ... Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross (daily), and follow me. ... Come, take up the cross, and follow me. ... Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple”* (Mt.10:38,16:24&Mrk.8:34,10:21&Luk.9:23, Luk.14:27).

The Apostle Paul put it, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. ...They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. ...I should glory,... in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”* (Gal.2:20,5:24,6:14).

The year 2024 will not be a “cake-walk”, it needs to be a Jesus-walk.

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Msg #2405 A Commandment Paradox?

What The Bible Says

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A paradox in logic, is a statement that contradicts itself. The man who sits in the seat of the scornful supposes the Bible is full of paradox and fable. I have only found two of each. Trees, vines, brambles and thistles speaking to illustrate a point, is defined as fable, and it is found in Judges.9, and 2Chron.25:18. Proverbs 26:4 and 26:5 are paradoxical because sometimes one should just walk away from a fool, and sometimes he needs to be answered. But 1John 2:7 and 2:8 present a paradox that needs closer examination. *“Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, ... Again, a new commandment I write unto you”* (1John.2:7,8). Certainly, there is no new commandment here, and *“the old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.”* The lawyer, tempting Jesus, gave it as “love your neighbor.” In 1John.2:8 the apostle John calls this a new commandment, *“which thing is true in him and in you.”* It is new because of him, dwelling in you, as it were. In Christ all things are new, especially the commandment to “love one another;” it is new *“because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.”* John takes this new capability to be *“in the light”* and says, *“He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now”* (2:9). It is hard to fake love. Many families, and sometimes even churches, are riddled with hate, and grudge-keeping, and infighting. Someone is therein standing in darkness; they might profess Christ, but they do not possess Christ. John writes so we (1st person) can know that we know him, but he also writes so we can discern Christ NOT in others (2nd & 3rd person). Got light? = got love.

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Msg #2406 The Audience, The Command

What The Bible Says

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The Apostle John has a unique way of addressing his target audience in 1John 2:12-17. His message is “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world” (vr.15). For his audience John addresses two ends of the spectrum and then the middle. The “little children” end uses two words “infant-darlings”, that have been forgiven (vr.12), and “childlings, stepping to maturity”, who know the Father (vr.13). On the other end of the spectrum, to fathers, John both writes, and has written (present and past tenses), because “you have known (past tense) him that is from the beginning” (vr.13,14). Men do not really mature until they are fathers, having reared children. Grey-heads with grandchildren know some things about their heavenly Father, that others have not, perhaps even cannot, fully comprehend. John's primary aim however, is young men. He writes, and has written, because they are, and are to be, overcomers. They are strong, and the word of God abides in them. For all this audience of born again believers, for the categorical divides John puts them in, and for the reasons stated, John says “*If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him*” (vr.15). That love of the world, exposed as the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, caused man's initial fall: Genesis 3:6 speaks of “good for food”, “pleasant to the eyes”, and “to make one wise”. Even Satan's fall is connected into this pride problem, as revealed in Isa.14:12-17, and Ezek.28:12-19. Love not the world, nor its addictions, pull down its strong holds (2Cor.10:4), and overcome the wicked one. “*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith*” (1John.5:4).

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Msg #2407 Anti-Christ Followers

What The Bible Says

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“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (1John.2:18). A Bible companion, Noah Webster, clarifies that “*anti*” is a preposition signifying “against” and “contrary to”, but also “in place of.” Consequently some have labeled all 266 Roman Catholic popes listed in the *Annuario Pontificio*, “Antichrists.” I'll not contend that, they did preach “*another gospel*” (Gal.1:8-9), change every Bible “elder” to a Roman priest, every Bible “repent” to a catholic “do penance” and call their Father-Origen, “Father” of their allegorical method, and “Father” of their Bible criticism (Matt.23:9); “apostate” is a correct label. But God and the Apostle John clarify that there are many more antichrists, and what makes them that, “*Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son*” (vr.22). Without doubt that makes Joseph Smith (1805-1844), founder of LDS's, and Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916) founder of the Jehovah *False* Witnesses, antichrists. Both brazenly denied the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; their followers do as well, but pretend to be “Christian” as they attempt to “blend in.” The Bible richly clarifies for us in this warning that “*ye* (little children who know the truth and no lie is of the truth) *have an unction* (<5545> twice called “the anointing” once “an unction”) *from the Holy One, and ye know all things*” (vr.20,21). What a blessing that a born-again, blood bought, I've been redeemed, believer is indwelt with a “Counselor on Board”, Comforter, who keeps us from entangling our selves in cults and isms. How sad that we have so many kin, friends, and neighbors who are “*made manifest*” (vr.19), by such entanglements.

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Msg #2408 Truth Holding Science Deniers

What The Bible Says

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“And this is the promise that he promised us, even eternal life. These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you” (1John.2:25-26). The aged Apostle John, writing to believers, whom he calls *“my little children,”* repeatedly emphasizes that a believer will know that he knows. Now, here, he is warning us about antichrists and seducers, and he ensures that a true believer can always keep his eyes on the Truth. John was with Jesus when he taught *“I am the Truth”* (John.14:6), when he taught *“the truth shall make you free”* (John.8:32), and when he prayed, *“sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth”* (John.17:17). Now he exhorts true believers in 3D: 1) *“I have not written unto you because you know not the truth but because you know it”* (vrs.21); 2) Truth got you saved, *“Let that therefore abide in you which he have heard from the beginning”* (vrs.24), 3) *“You have an unction from the Holy One (it abides in you vrs.27) and you know all things”* (vrs.20).

If you are born again, blood bought, “I am redeemed”, saved, then the Truth abides in you. You do not need a political fact checker; a godless, evolution promoting “science” advisor; a save the planet, global warming abatement plan; or a Dr. Fauci supposing “I Am Science!” Praise the Lord, God will keep the planet going just fine until it all burns with “fervent heat” (1Pet.3:10-12). You can stand on the Truth of his Word, and be an unequivocal science denier. The Truth is in you, you are the light of the world, let your light so shine before men.

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Msg #2409 A 3D Three-Selah God is Love

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God does not waste jots-n-tittles when he writes the Hebrew Scripture, and he hits his Psalmists 71 times with a “*Selah*” (16 two-*Selah* Psalms, 6 three-*Selah* Psalms, (Habakkuk 3 also), and Psalm 89 is a four-*Selah* Psalm, go figure!). Some suppose “*Selah*” is a kind of musical rest, more suppose it means to “ponder that.” I suppose the 1970s captured it in the phrase “Go Figure!” The Apostle John wrote in Greek and did not write the Hebrew word “*Selah*” in 1st John 3, but his first verse is a three-*Selah* sentence. It might look like “*Behold what manner of love the father has bestowed upon us (Selah) that we should be called the sons of God (Selah): therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (Selah)*. The aged Apostle John is writing to “*My little children*” “*that your joy may be full,*” and has here given three things worth pondering. He had said “*God SO loved*”, and next chapter wrote “*God is love.*” Both help us to “behold what manner of love he has!” The Lord loved Israel with an everlasting love (Jer.31:3) not because they were a great nation but because *God is love* (Deut.7:7-8a). He loves you, not like “How do I love thee, let me count the whys”, but because *God is love!* He has innumerable “*precious thoughts*” for you (Ps.139:13). Behold, *selah*, and ponder.

Then there's “*that we should be called the sons of God*” (*Selah*) attached to, “*Beloved, NOW are we the sons of God*” (vr.2). By the “*Spirit of adoption, ... we cry, Abba, Father ... And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ*” (Rom.8:15b,17a). *Selah*. And there's still “*the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (Selah)*. Go figure, and God bless.

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Msg #24010 Purifying Faith

What The Bible Says

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1John.3:3 states, *“Every man that hath this hope (now are we the sons of God) in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”* Peter supports John in this truth when he gives his “fervent heat analysis”, *“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?”* (2Pet.3:11). John's short discourse on how to purify oneself by abiding in Christ states, *“In this the children of God are manifest”* (3:10). This is how you tell (manifest) if you, he, or they (1st, 2nd, or 3rd person) are genuine possessors and not just professors. Some, to their shame, have twisted John's discourse into a doctrine of “sinless perfection.” I said previous that a paradox in logic, is a statement that contradicts itself, and here 1John.1:9-10 and 1John.3:9-10 seem paradoxical. John is talking here about who you are abiding in. Some profound insights help to unscramble such a perceived paradox.

Profound thoughts are generally captured in short sentences; here's one, “Your faith is what you believe, and what you believe is your faith.” “Faith” <4102 πίστις pistis> and “believe” <4100 πιστεύω pisteuo> come from the same Greek stem. Faith is all about what you believe. We can use that to better comprehend *“faith is the substance of things hoped for”*, *“faith cometh by hearing”*, *“without faith it is impossible to please him”*, *“whosoever believeth in him should not perish”*, and *“for by grace are ye saved through faith.”* It's all about what you believe. The essence of faith is receiving **and believing** what God has revealed in his Word. Now James.2:18 and Romans.4:1-5 can both make good sense, and so does John's discourse about those who are abiding in Christ and purifying themselves. Keep the faith, grow your faith, purify yourself.

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Msg #24011 One Job To Do

What The Bible Says

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My father said, "I sent you to my garage with only one job to do! ... How is it your are doing everything but?" Christian's have been given one job to do, and must focus on keeping the main thing the main thing. Five times we read the commission: Acts.1:8 "*Ye shall be witnesses unto me ...*", John.20:21 "*So send I you ...*", Luk.24:47 "*repentance and remission of sins should be preached ...*", Mrk.16:15 "*Preach the gospel to every creature ...*", and Matt.28:19 "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.*"

Pastor Norris preached this week, in the Old Testament, Joshua was given one job to do. He got three promises: 1) Walk in the land and I'll give it to you, 2) No man will stand before you, and 3) I will be with thee. For the one job he got six charges. 1) Be strong! Be of a resolute mindset. 2) Be courageous! Take action. Don't be cowering. Get out there. Take steps. God has kicked me and said "Go tell that person about me." And I have said, "No, I am afraid, I have no courage." Don't do that. 3) Concerning the Word. a) Observe it! b) Meditate in it Day and Night! c) Don't go to the left or the right (don't be wishy-washy). d) Observe it all! 4) Be not afraid; Noah Webster says that is to be "impressed with fear." 5) Be not dismayed; Noah says that is to be "disheartened, deprived of courage." 6) Be obedient. There's a song that says, "Obedience is the very best way, ... action is the key, do it immediately."

We have only one job to do. This week, let's be about the Father's business. Lester Rolloff said it this way, "Want to save America? Get America saved!"

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Msg #24012 Behold the Lamb the Lion

What The Bible Says

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Palm Sunday, the Triumphal Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, Hosanna to the son of David, it earmarks the 10th of Abib when the Passover Lamb was selected and separated from the flock for a 14th of Abib Passover day crucifixion (Exod.12:3,6); it earmarks the King and Messiah of Israel bringing salvation to the world, yet coming upon a colt, the foal of an ass (Zech.9:9); it earmarks the Scepter, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the man-Shiloh, his gathering of the people, his clothes washed in the blood of grapes, his eyes red like wine (Gen.49:8-12).

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He is King, but he is Saviour; he is Messiah, but he is Sacrifice; he is Scepter, but he is Shiloh. The Scepter speaks of his “*Supreme authority.*” The *place* Shiloh is Bible referenced 32 times meaning “*place of rest*”, but the *Man-Shiloh* is Bible referenced only once, and means “*he whose it is*” AND “*that which belongs to him*” AND “*tranquility – place of rest.*” The Messiah is the “*anointed one of God*”, the Sacrifice is his being offered, because God so loved, that his Only Begotten Son, “*even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us*” (Joh.3:16, 1Cor.5:7).

The last week of Jesus Christ's time on earth consumes 25% of Matthew's writings, 32% of Mark's, 21% of Luke's and 43% of the Apostle John's. If it consumes my whole week it gets 2% of my year. This week behold the Lamb, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. “*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass*” (Zech.9:9).

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Msg #24013 Christ Arose

What The Bible Says

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In the spring of every year since my first pastorate in 1995, the week of Jesus Christ's passion occupies all my studies before preaching about his Resurrection on the Sunday after Passover. There are two inaccurate views of that week. The Roman Catholic dogma, still errantly held by Protestants, is that since the day after his crucifixion was a Sabbath Day, his crucifixion must have been on a Friday; just never mind and ignore his spending three days in the tomb. In reality the 15th, the day after his crucifixion on Passover the 14th, was a Sabbath no matter what day of the week it fell on; John calls it a "High Sabbath" to distinguish it from a Saturday Sabbath. Roman Catholic Clergy burnt more Bibles than they read.

Some legalistic Baptists then countered that Jesus had to spend three 24 hour days in the tomb, and they supposed it must have been a Wednesday trial and crucifixion; just never mind and ignore the Sunday through Wednesday dawn to dusk teachings he did in the temple, the Hebrew calendar, and the Emmaus Road disciples.

All born-again Christians know the truth about his Resurrection Sunday. Good Bible students know the truth about his crucifixion. The Bible accurately records Palm Sunday and purging the temple on the 10th (cf Exod.12, John.12); a cursed fig tree, purged temple and full day of teaching on Monday; an early morning, a withered fig tree, and Olivet discourse on Tuesday; the upper room, washed feet, last supper, and Gethsemane on Wednesday; and his cruel trial and crucifixion on the 14th, when the Passover lamb was slain. The 15th and 16th were Sabbaths keeping the women from the tomb, and on Sunday disciples said it's been three days since these things were done. Bible truth trumps tradition.

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Msg #24014 Walking Where Abram Walked

What The Bible Says

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God gave Abram a slow, steady, perpetual path of growth that carried him over his lumps and blunders. God does that for people. Abram's journey of faith is well documented in Genesis 12-25, and witnessed to throughout the Bible. Abram learns the powerful names of his God with such vibrancy that God uses it in Genesis to introduce himself to all. In chapter 15 he says, *“After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, fear not Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”* A shield and great reward are becoming needful in the vile world of 2024. They come to Abram “after these things”: 1) his separation from Lot (13:14); 2) his high risk, total victory war against Chedorlaomer (14:16); 3) his learning what *“El Elyon”* actually meant (14:18,19, 20,22); and 4) his turning down this world's rewards (14:23).

In the verse after the “shield and great reward” Abram framed another first occurrence name of his God, *“And Abram said, Adonai (Lord) Jehovah (GOD), what will thou give me..?”* (Gen.15:2). A couple verses later, is the classical revelation about Abram, *“And he believed in the Jehovah (LORD); and he counted it to him for righteousness”* (15:6). After the sad chapter introducing Ishmael, yet another compound name of God is revealed to Abram and to us; *“And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD (Jehovah) appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am El Shaddai (the Almighty God) walk before me, and be thou perfect”* (17:1). A couple verses later Abram has a name change. As you walk in life where Abram walked in Genesis, be sure you learn those compound names of your God. The C.I. Scofield notes at Micah 3:18 is an excellent starting point.

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Msg #24015 Christian-Church-Worship Music

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What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;

teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the

Lord”(Col.3:16). Like many 3:16s in the Bible, this one is a

crescendoed truth of special importance. The crescendo starts with

our death burial and resurrection in Christ, vr.1-4; our mortifying

things of the flesh, vr.5-9; our putting on the new man whereby old

things are passed away, and the fruits of the Spirit take over, vr.10-

14; then comes the overwhelming peace of God, vr.15; and the

grand climax coming in 3:16, a whole new song in our heart and

life. Christian-Church-Worship music is under attack today;

Biblically it should always: 1) Glorify God not man, not flesh, not

the world, not man's old nature, not carnality; 2) it should always

move our thoughts towards God, focus our attention on his glory,

bless his name, sing his worth; 3) it should always demonstrate that

I am a new creature in Christ, that old things are passed away, i.e.

that my music now consists of psalms and hymns and spiritual

songs. Christian-Church-Worship music 4) cannot contain an ounce

of worldliness; a reading of Haggai.2:11-13 insists that there is no

such thing as “Christian-Rock” music. Clean never sanctifies

unclean; unclean always defiles the clean.

The Psalmist records 61 verses that speak of singing, singers, or,

to sing. A ten minute read through of that list will edify, and teach

that 1) All Christians are singers, ... or slackers; 2) Our music is not

designed to attract or please the world, 3) Those previous four

observations are Bible truths. God bless your new song in Christ.

An Essay for week #15, Apr 14, 2024

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Msg #24015a King Saul, Was He God's Mistake?

What The Bible Says, Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Following a rousing Wednesday Bible Study/Discussion on the book of 1Samuel, I was compelled to write the following essay on topic.

When God had Saul anointed to be king of Israel, was it a mistake? Saul was “*a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he*” (1Sam.9:1), but look how quickly he became a disobedient failure. A resounding response is, “God makes no mistakes!” But a layer deeper we understand that God works with man, one on one, allowing man's free-will, but also bringing about his purposes. This is especially true for his bringing about those few things he decreed before the foundation of the world, i.e. His Son being Our Saviour. God did not, from all eternity, decree or “unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass”, else your upcoming week is locked in and unchangable, and so was Saul's disobedience! No! Nor was your birth, or marriage, or rejection/acceptance of God's Only Begotten Son ordained before/from the foundation of the world! (Word search and read the ten “foundation of the world” references in a KJB!) SO, God works with man, one on one, allowing man's free-will, but also bringing about his purposes; he is big, i.e. infinite; he can work through you, or around you.

And thus we can better understand God's selection and eventual discard, of King Saul; and better understand that our upcoming week will depend on our prayer-life, spiritual walk, and prayers of others, because “prayer changes things!” God gave Saul a perfect opportunity, Saul blundered so badly that eventually, to accomplish his purposes, God even sent “*an evil spirit from God upon Saul*”, check your Bible.

Consider also that God hardened Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh hardened his own heart; dare we say, dare we see that, God was “manipulating”, so Israel, ... and I, would see him magnified above all the gods of Egypt. Perhaps, with King Saul, the LORD God was profoundly illustrating “*man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*”

Westminster Confession of 1646: “Of God's Eternal Decree ... God, from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass.” ... In the catholic confession, sure, but NOT in the Holy Bible. Just ask Abraham, Moses, or xKing Saul (2Tim.2:15).

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Msg #24016 Abiding in Sin

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What The Bible Says Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Be careful, 1John.3:9 *“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin,”* not kept in balance with 1John.1:10 *“If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,”* can produce groups touting some errant ideas about “Sinless Perfection!” Seemingly contradictory Bible statements can gender strife and require a Bible student to rightly divide the word of truth (2Tim.2:15). Solomon subtly introduces such paradox by giving, back to back ways of dealing with a fool (Prov.26:4,5). Some deep divisions come about when contradictory implications are left standing: Peter preaches *“be baptized... for the remission of sins,”* and writes *“baptism doth... save us”* and voila there is a whole denomination errantly dedicated to baptismal regeneration, while the larger truth, *“for by grace are ye saved”* gets lost in their quagmire. God announces a couple things he assured before the foundation of the world, the Romans errantly suppose “God, from all eternity, did, ... unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass,” and voila a host of otherwise thinking individuals are tenaciously locked into supposing they were chosen for salvation, I for hell, and supposing everything that happens in life is fatalistically, unavoidably, ordained by God! The larger truths, 1) God works with individuals, or around individuals, to accomplish his will, 2) prayer changes things, and 3) whosoever will may come, truths that get lost in a quagmire of Bible ignorance. Again, be careful, there are many that *“do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God”* (Mt.22:29).

The Apostle John uses this paradoxical prose to induce some deep thinking. He did it in 1John.2:7,8, a new commandment vs no new commandment, and now in 1John.3:9, conflicted with 1:10. The larger truth, if you are not abiding in Christ, you are abiding in sin, and that is pretty serious business.

An Essay for week #16, Apr 21, 2024

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Msg #24017 Hard Hitting Preaching

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Most Christians today have ample online access to good Bible centered preaching from genuine, real deal, authentic men of God, but then too there is all the other fluff that's out there. Spiritual growth, designed by God, comes when one's daily grazing comes straight from God's Holy Word, and that is followed up by their real, I know your name and address, I prayed for you this morning, Pastor. TV/UTube preachers aside, good preaching, Bible preaching, has some hard hitting, hard lines that land close to home. When the Apostle John's first epistle hits its third chapter you should hear the gentle giant, writing to "my little children", actively stomping and yelling. Don't live in sin (vr.9) and don't love like Cain did (vr.12). With John's exaggerated emphasis one must say, "Wait, wasn't Cain the worlds first, first degree murderer? Could my lack of love be THAT disdainful?" Look also at the motive attached to Cain's hatred, "*Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous*" (vr.12). Don't be perplexed when the world hates you (vr.13), but the hard hitting truth is this, "*We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him*" (vr.13-14). John's overriding concern is that the salvation that I have is the real thing, not just a professed salvation, but a possessed salvation. It needs to be hit just that hard in our day and time.

We mentioned the BAPTISTS acronym making us distinct; **B**ible as sole source, **A**utonomous church bodies, **P**riesthood of all believers, **T**wo ordinances, **I**ndividual soul liberty, **S**aved membership, **T**wo offices, and **S**eparation, particularly having no state run churches.

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Msg #24018 Unmuddying Election & Predestination

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the epistle to the Romans a most marvelous dissertation on the righteousness of God and the gospel of Christ is rounded out with three chapters about Israel's election and two chapters on "I beseech you therefore". The dissertation theme and abstract is given in Romans.1:16-17, "*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ ... For therein is the righteousness of God revealed ...*". The theme is presented flawlessly in eight chapters and then the Apostle Paul addresses why, how, and "what's this" that many of God's elect of Israel are not God's elect in this dispensation of grace. Thus Romans.9-11 detail how Israel fits into three dispensations; past, present, and future; i.e. Law, Grace, and Kingdom. Roman Catholic's and Reformed "covenant theology" will seep these chapters full of their muddy error, so effort must be made to clean out and keep out their twisted teachings. In Romans.9 Jacob was loved and Esau hated (vr.13) NOT for election to salvation, as the reformed Calvinists insist, but to service; election is always for service, never for salvation. Israel was elect and chosen to produce 1) the Messiah, 2) the oracles of God and 3) the knowledge that "the Lord our God is one Lord" (Gen.12:3, Rom.3:2, Deut.6:4). Don't allow a reformed theologian who rejects all Bible dispensations to muddy this truth. Romans.10 then depicts our present dispensation of Grace wherein "Christ is the end of the law" (vr.4), and Romans 11, the salvation of Israel in the Kingdom age (vr.26). Roman covenant and replacement theology quagmires all Protestant theologians in muddy confusion about election and predestination, Israel's status, and about the end time pre-tribulation rapture of the church. Read your Bible, it can marvelously clear away mud. No one ever became a Calvinist by reading the Bible, not even John Calvin!

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Msg #24019 Treating Moms Right

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him” (Prov.31:1). Lemuel heard “thus saith the LORD” prophecy from his mother and knew well, *“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother”*(1:8). Our Lord is clear, *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; ... That it may be well with thee”* (Eph.6:1-3). Solomon says, *“A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother ... a foolish man despiseth his mother ... He that chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach ... Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness”* (Prov.10:1,15:20,19:26,20:20). Obeying mom is a serious matter to God.

A husbands relationship to the mother of their children is equally serious. *“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ... So ought men to love their wives”* (Eph.5:25-28). The Prophet Malachi writes, *“The LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant”* (Mal.2:14). Husbands not leading their life's covenant companion in daily Bible reading and prayer are worse than negligent, ... it is treacherous disobedience. The plaque that starts “The family that prays together, ...” needs dusted and rehung in America's living rooms. God wants to bless your marriage, bless your home, bless your family, but husband's, often disobedient ogres, are not leading and loving, teaching and encouraging! *“A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband ... her price is far above rubies. ... her husband doth safely trust in her, ... She will do him good and not evil ... Her husband, known in the gates, ... calleth her blessed, and he praiseth her”* (Prov.12:4,31:10-12,23,28). Treat your crown right, treat your mom right. Happy Mother's Day.

A 337 Word Essay for week #19, May 12, 2024

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Msg #24020 Romans Chapter 10

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Gentile believers have justly taught the reception of God's so great salvation from the middle three sentences of Romans 10 ever since the Apostle Paul penned them nineteen centuries ago. Romans 10:9-10 is the capstone to our memorized Romans Road to Heaven, which leads with 3:10,23,5:8, and 6:23. Its precursor is John 3:16-18,36, and 5:24. Everyone needs to be saved from condemnation and every believer should memorize the road that got them there. But in a world filled with antisemitism it would behoove us to also focus on the first three sentences and the last three sentences of this tremendous chapter. *“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved ... ”* (Read Rom.10:1-3,19-21). Romans 10 is a centerpiece of Paul's parenthetical detailing, to our amazement and Paul's dismay, that many of God's elect nation, Israel are missing out on becoming God's elect people, born again, blood washed saints. Consequently, Romans 10 describes the end of the Law Dispensation (vr.4-5); what Christ did via his death, burial, and resurrection to bring in a Grace Dispensation (vr.6-7 cf.1Cor.15:1-4); what man, Jew or Greek, must do to become God's elect people (vr.9-13); and where such saving grace comes from (vr.14-17).

This Epistle is a defense of righteousness of God (Rom.1:16-17); in chapter 9, God was righteous to choose and elect Israel to bring Christ into the world; in chapter 10 God is righteous when his elect nation misses the mark and the foolish nations received the gospel of peace; and in chapter 11 God will be righteous to remember and fulfill every promise he made to Israel.

Protestants, particularly Calvinists, who suppose Israel is not elect, and only they are, will never rightly divide the word of truth in these three chapters. Believers need to.

An Essay for week #20, May 19, 2024

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Msg #24021 Israel's Upcoming Restoration

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Hath God cast away his people Israel?

In the Apostle Paul's dissertation to the Romans the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel of Christ (Rom.1:16-17). Eight chapters detail HOW the just shall live eternally by faith, faith alone, without the law (Rom.1-8); three detail Israel's past election (9:11), present failure (10:3), and future salvation (11:25-26); and then five detail the Christian's life and service (12-16).

Romans 11 asks our question and answers succinctly, *God forbid! God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew!* It details how only a remnant of Israel will receive the gospel of Christ (vr.2-6), while nationally Israel is blinded (vr.7-12). Solemn warning is given to the Gentiles, don't be high-minded, don't be wise in your own conceits, and don't be ignorant of the mystery, "*all Israel shall be saved*" (vr.13-28). Recall a "mystery" is a previously hidden truth now divinely revealed.

Any church or church denomination that considers themselves "catholic" has fallen into this ignorance. At its inception in the 4th century the Roman Catholic Church under Constantine supposed God HAD cast away his people Israel, and the catholic church they headed would therein take all of her promises. They supposed that they, being the new elect people of God, would by force usher in the kingdom of God. Ergo they were high-minded and wise in their own conceits. They were apostate in their founding, and that apostasy continues to this day in their children's Covenant and Replacement Theologies. Trust no catholic ideology, even when it spews from a Protestant religion; trust your Bible. There is coming an end to this dispensation of grace, saints will be raptured, and a seven year tribulation period will precede Christ's return to save his chosen people, Israel, and set up his kingdom on earth.

An Essay for week #21, May 26, 2024

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Msg #24022 Love Them as He Loved

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Both of John's 3:16s rhyme, and the second one says, "*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us*" (1John.3:16). As a writer it has intrigued me that the first sentence of Solomon's Proverbs has four verbs, to know, perceive, receive, and give. Webster defines "to perceive" as "to have knowledge or receive impressions through the senses; to know; to understand; to observe."

Solomon says fifteen-hundred Proverbs should cause one to perceive. For true love, the Bible says the cross of Calvary shows it all. It goes on, "*And we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren*" (3:16b). While we were yet sinners Christ died for us, so one can't pretend the "brethren" in this application are just those in the pew beside us. The "brethren" here include the one coming out of Walmart with tattoos and piercings everywhere visible. In the vile wicked world we live in, people need the Lord, and we should look on them with the compassion that Jesus had. Christians get exasperated as a world gets incensed, but we are to be witnesses, salt and light, and God's presence in this world; not be judge and jury.

Proverbs 10 through 13 contrasts righteousness and wickedness, 14 through 19 goodness and evil. "*The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. ... The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. ... A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. ... he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.*" (Prov.10:3, 11:3, 12:3,13:3b). Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord ... persuade men, no matter the tattoos or piercings.

An Essay for week #22, Jun 2, 2024

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Dear Call to Glory Staff,

Thanks for pointing this out. I apologize for the blunder. I must admit I don't know either. I have changed the first line of that essay to read, "Both of John's 3:16s rhyme, and the second one says, ... "

I am sure I had another 3:16 in mind but can't for the life of me at this time, tell what it was. Thank you for your patience, I know we can't print a retraction, and credibility lost is ... lost. God bless your tremendous efforts. I'll talk to my proof reader, but after 53 years together, I know what she will say.

Pastor Ed Rice

On 2/17/2025 10:33 AM, Staff wrote:

- > Good morning, Pastor Rice,
- > We got a few calls and emails about your submission, "Love Them As He Loved" referring to John 3:16, 1 John 3:16, and 2 John 3:16 - you even helped us to record it. It was pointed out to us that there is no 2 John 3:16. Did you have another passage in mind when you wrote this devotion? You don't make reference to it in the devotion, so I don't know if this was just an honest mistake or if you were thinking of another passage.
- >
- > In Christ,
- > Call to Glory Staff

Msg #24023 NOT About Antichrist But About Love

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Apostle John, writing the words of God, knew how to put precept upon precept and line upon line (Isa.28:13), and 1John 4 is but a reiteration of truth that John teaches to “my little children.” He adds insight about the “*many antichrists; whereby we know it is the last time*” (2: 18) “*we are of God, little children, and have overcome them (antichrists): because greater is he that is in you, then he that is in the world*” (4:4). Jesus warns the Jews of Jerusalem, NOT of an antichrist, but of the “*abomination of desolation*” which is to come in the 3½ year center of their great tribulation (Matt.24:15). The “christian” obsessed with finding “the Antichrist” has completely missed all that John writes here.

John reiterates that the perfect love of God is perceived in Calvary (3:16,4:10). He expands, “*herein is love, not that we love God, but that he loved us*” (4:8-10). And John reiterates “*he that loveth his brother abideth in light, ... he that hateth his brother is in darkness*” (2:11), and “*we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren*” (3:16), with “*we are also to love one another*” (4:11). But that love is expanded in 4:17-19, “*Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he (Christ) is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: ... He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.*”

God expertly adds line upon line, through the pen of his beloved apostle. With a little study, one finds each line drawn from Jesus' teaching in the Gospel of John. It is a marvelous expansion of truth.

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Msg #24024 1st John 5:7s Authenticity

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

A brief examination of context shows that modernist ecumenicals have wrongfully, arrogantly, and errantly rip-torn 1st John 5:7 out of their copyright bibles. Building precept upon precept John introduces the trinity, *“No man have seen God at any time. ... God dwelleth in us, ... we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world”* (1Jhn.4:12-14). John's interwoven theme continues, *“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”* (5:1,5).

One-hundred and seventy-five years ago, in 1850, Gaussen quoted Greek scholar Middleton's 30-year-old work perfectly establishing that the Egyptians of Alexandria mucked up this Epistle in their corrupted copying. There are no less than 140 Greek manuscripts that include 1st John 5:7, three from Alexandria that rip-tore it out! There are irregularities in Greek grammar when it is omitted, and the Greek pronoun structures cannot support its removal! [L.Gaussen, “Theonustia” Edinburgh&London, 1850, pgs192-194, and Thomas F. Middleton, “Doctrine of the Greek Article”, Cambridge, 1828, pgs606-624].

Despite Middleton's and Gaussen's infallible proof that 1st John 5:7 is authentic inspired Scripture, and their strong rebuke of the Bible critics of their day, Wescott&Hort's1881 NT, Nestle-Allan's 1966 NT, and every modernist, ecumenical, copyright English bible in print, has rip-torn 1st John 5:7 out of their copyright pages! This depicts the diabolical nature of the Bible critic and their modernist translators. Although corrupt Alexandrians rip-tore it out, the thousands of multilingual manuscripts that include it, capture the harmony of John's message, the Son is the Christ and is God in the flesh. Praise his holy name.

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Msg #24025 Let Us Pray

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Our Evangelist opened his 21st annual revival meeting teaching on prayer. *“Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving”* (Col.4:2). One cannot continue what they've not started, and we are exhorted *“That, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; ... I will therefore that men pray every where”* (1Tim.2:1,8). Jesus was clear, *“that men ought always to pray, and not to faint”* (Luk.18:1). It takes a prayer of faith, *“without faith it is impossible to please him”* (Heb.11:6). *“The woman of Canaan came out of the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, and cried unto him, (and after much consternation) Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith”* (Matt.15:22,28). Previously, when he came into his own country *“he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief”*(13:58). How's my faith? In prayer, do I believe? How long do I pray? *“In those days, Jesus went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God”* (Luk.6:12). Again and again we are exhorted *“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God”* (Php.4:6), *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us”* (1Joh.5:14). A key to revival, personal, church, or country, hinges on prayer. My longstanding favorite plea for prayer is *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not”* (Jer.33:3), and it has a NT parallel, *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”* (Eph.3:20). Let's pray.

An Essay for week #25, Jun 23, 2024

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Msg #24026 Revival Meetings A Great Help

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Spring and fall revival meetings can saturate us with preaching when our schedules are in moderate upheaval. It is a good thing to refocus prayer lives and expound “*the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, ... the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings*” (Phil.3:8,10). Even “*that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches Christ*” and know “*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable, ... which doeth marvelous things without number*” (Eph.3:8,Ps.145:3,Job.5:9). Then to come back in the evening and sing Psalm 18:3 and 46 3x, then rehearse verse 2 to recall the LORD is 1) my rock, 2) my fortress, 3) my deliverer; 4) my God, 5) my strength, 6) my buckler, 7) the horn of my salvation, and 8) and my high tower, concluding in song, “Now I belong to Jesus.” On Monday to hear “*Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. ... How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!*” (Matt.10:31,Ps.139:17). And on Tuesday to hear how Psalms 19 declares God in three ways and the central one has 6Appellations, 7Adjectives, and 6Actions attached. On Wednesday expound Psalm 100's 1) his presence, 2) he is God, 3) he made us, 4) his people, 5) his pasture, 6) his gates, 7) his courts, 8) his name, 9) his mercy, 10) his truth. And Thursday to be reminded that “*in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh*”, take care there are many deceivers so review Matthew 24's 7 indicators of the Lord's imminent return. Revival meetings are good “*to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them*” (2Pet.1:12). God is good.

An Essay for week #26, Jun 30, 2024

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Msg #24027 Punishment of Deceived Deceivers

What The Bible Says

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“Thus saith the LORD; for three transgressions of Damascus, Gaza, Tyrus, Edom, Ammon, Moab, Judah, Israel and for four I will not turn away the punishment thereof” (Amos.1:3,6,9,11,13, 2:4,6). God will bring punishment on a nation that continues in iniquity. Twice, Amos prayed for his nation, and God repented of the punishment already started (Amos.7:1–6). Then, God held out his plum line saying, *“I will not again pass by (Israel) anymore!”* Israel was then invaded, destroyed, and sent into captivity. So to, twice now for America, 911 and in 2016, God stopped the judgment and punishment, and for a season, blessed America. His plum line now shows America in full rejection of God as Creator, embracing evolution; she sanctions gay pride parades rejecting God as her lawgiver; she rejects Jesus as the Christ (Messiah) making her antichrist (1Jhn.4:3). God will only bless America when America glorifies him as God (Rev.4:11, Ps.2:10-12).

So what’s a believer to do? Three things come to mind: 1) Paul commends Thessalonians for their patience and faith through all their persecution and tribulations, then assures them *“seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you”* (2Thes.1:4,6); 2) The apostle John reveals *“Ye are of God, ... And have overcome them (the false-prophets, the deceived-deceivers, and antichrists) because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world”* (1Jhn.4:1,3-4); And 3) Peter warns that *pernicious false teachers, with feigned words will make the way of truth evil spoken of, beguiling unstable souls; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever* (2Pet.2). Don’t be overcome or deceived, be faithful, and *“let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father* (Matt.5:16). We are still his witnesses.

An Essay for week #27, Jul 7, 2024

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Msg #24027a The Father of Biblical Criticism

What The Bible Says

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This Wednesday, while teaching out of Isaiah 45 and 46 God's use of the line *"I am the LORD; and there is none else"* (Isa.45:5,6,14,18,22 46:9); and God's warning that we humans should never say anything like it (47:8-11); Satan did in Isa.14:12-15, and Ezek.28:12-15); so, ... while introducing Isaiah in that Bible study, the vile sin of Origen of Alexandria Egypt was briefly introduced. Origen attempted to rip-tear Israel out of the book of Isaiah, and force-fit a "Catholic Church" in its stead. Clement of Alexandria Egypt, Origen's meantor, saw Rome kill every Jew in "Palestina" and errantly supposed God was done with Israel forever. They attempted to rewrite the Holy Bible with that error inscribed. Rome loved it. Still does. At age 72 I think I have forgotten more than I know, but I well documented some of that in my Systematic Theology for the 21st Century – Volume 02 Bibliology – Chapter 10 Christian Biblical Hermeneutics, page 475-477. For inquiring minds, it is repeated below:

The School of Alexandria Origen, (in full Latin Oregenes Adamantius) (born AD 185, probably in Alexandria, Egypt—died AD 254, in Tyre, Phoenicia) was called "The Father of the Allegorical Method" (Also the "Father of Bible Criticism," also "A Father of Roman Catholicism"). The Britannica says of him, "the most important theologian and biblical scholar of the early Greek church," and "His greatest work is the Hexapla, which is a synopsis of six versions of the Old Testament." Origen's mentor, Clement of Alexandria (AD 150 – 215) determined that it was impossible for God to keep his promises to Israel, in that Jerusalem was leveled, and every Jew that occupied Israel was annihilated in AD 70. Almost anyone might suppose an original source for the English prose about Humpty Dumpty, so I have supposed it was Clement of Alexandria who thought, "All the King's horses, and all the King's men cannot put Israel together again." Since Israel, Hebrews, and all Jews were now annihilated, Clement supposed that the catholic church would be the new recipients of every promise that the Old Testament Scriptures made to them.

In response to his mentors oversight, Origen refined an allegorical method which could strip all the promises made to Israel, King David, and the Jews from the Old Testament Scripture and apply them to a catholic church. Little wonder that the Roman Catholic Church sainted both

Clement and Origen posthumously a couple hundred years later.

Clement and Origen were instrumental founders of the School of Alexandria. The Britannica says of it:

School of Alexandria, ... founded in the mid-2nd century AD in Alexandria, Egypt. Under its earliest known leaders (Pantaenus, Clement, and Origen), it became a leading centre of the allegorical method of biblical interpretation, espoused a rapprochement between Greek culture and Christian faith, and attempted to assert orthodox Christian teachings against heterodox views in an era of doctrinal flux. Opposing the School of Alexandria was the School of Antioch, which emphasized the literal interpretation of the Bible.²⁴

In the hands of the Roman Catholic Church the allegorical method of Bible interpretation became the scourge of Christianity. In their doctrine no one less than the Roman Catholic trained priesthood had the pious maturity to properly interpret the secret, hidden allegorical meanings of Scripture. Others found reading Bibles were killed. Millions of Christians were called heretics and burned alive under their doctrine. The Protestants did not readily set aside this practice. Even today Protestants give credence to the allegorical methods, and to the “Clergy” for interpretation of Scripture. The “laity” are disesteemed as a lower class that ought not interpret what they read.

This distinction between “clergy” and “laity” is likely the sin of the Nicolaitons. (ΝΙΚΟΛΑΙΤΗΣ – meaning “destruction of people”, from the Greek root ΝΙΚΟΛΑΟΣ meaning “victor of the people.” Ergo the division of classes, such as clergy and laity, seems to be indicated.) Of this Jesus said to the Church of Pergamos, “*So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate*” (Rev 2:15). Baptists are not Protestants and justly depose allegorical methods and the tag titles of clergy and laity.

(See “*A Systematic Theology for the 21st Century*” – Volume 02 Bibliology – Chapter 10 Christian Biblical Hermeneutics, page 475-477 at www.GSBaptistChurch.com/theology see also **School of Antioch** pg 477 and **Hermeneutics - Believe What Jesus Believed** pg 479)

Yet Another Longer 700 Word Essay for week #27, Jul 7, 2024

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Msg #24028 To Garner Saving Faith

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1Joh.5:12-13). The most important thing to know in a sojourn here on God's green earth, is that everything's alright between me and my Creator. That knowledge is on a spiritual plane which transcends the physical, but after the fall of man, humans, by their nature, don't spend much time on that plane. The only access is by faith; faith is the noun for the verb believe, and it comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom.10:17). To garner saving faith, one must believe the word of God, the Holy Bible. The Apostle John writes this little epistle highlighting the integral purpose in his Gospel *“These (signs) are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name”* (John.20:31). Three things, then, flow out of these two verses, first, *“Without faith it is impossible to please him: ... faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Heb.11:6, Rom.10:17). Second, a journey to faith begins with an open Bible. Get your neighbor one. Most people do not have a Bible, more have never read one. Third, don't dummy down salvation to, *“Say you're sorry for your sins.”* Look at our text, and know what salvation is. This text also teaches us to add to our faith; it's appalling how many *“Christians”* don't read their Bible. Just do it, and grow your faith.

An Essay for week #28, Jul 14, 2024

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Msg #24029 Christians Can Get Like That

What The Bible Says

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To both Isaiah and Jeremiah God gives an abundance of justification for the judgment that is going to fall on the nation he loved and called his own. Both Israel and Judah were warned repeatedly of the consequence of their disobedience and rebellion, yet they provoked the LORD God to wrath. So too America. So too many a “Christian”.

In Jeremiah chapter 17 God says, *“The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars”* (vr.1). Christians can get like that: CARNAL. So established in a sin that it is graven upon the table of their heart. God says, *“Whilst their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills”* (vr.2). Children can get like that: MISLEAD! What we allow in moderation our children will take in excess! The way we lean is the way our children will fall. God says, *“For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited”* (vr.6). Christians can get like that: PARCHED! NOT growing, murmuring, critical, criticizing. God says, *“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is”* (vr.7). Christians can get like that: MATURING, growing in faith. *“Hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God”* (Ps.43:5). God says, *“I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings”* (Jer.17:10). Christians can get like that: MOVING! cf.Prov.3:5-6.

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Msg #24030 Cleaning Out the Temple

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“And (he) found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers’ money, and overthrew the tables; And said ... make not my Father’s house an house of merchandise” (Jhn.2:14-16). The Bible records three times that Jesus purged the temple, here at the beginning of his ministry; then twice after his triumphal entry into Jerusalem; on the Sunday he got there, then on Monday after cursing a fig tree. It is written, *“My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves”* (Matt.21:13, Mrk.11:17, Luk.19:46).

We often consider Jesus' zeal, passion, and authority, and even the scourge of small cords in his hand, as he cleared the money changers from the temple, but for a moment, consider how much he desires a cleaned out temple today. *“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? ... for ye are the temple of the living God”* (1Co 3:16, 2Cor.6:16). Some of what Jesus drove out of the temple was needful to its sacrificial operations, but attitudes there had “den of thieves” motivations. When I look through the chunk of his temple that I am, examining my motivations, and my priorities, while considering *“Whatsoever is not of faith is sin”* (Rom.14:23b), well, ... I know about his zeal and authority, and I've seen the scourge of small cords. A good Bible reading schedule, and a good Pastor of integrity, keep us up to date on our temple cleaning practices. I pray you have all three.

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Msg #24031 A Saved, Service, Sacrifice Privilege

What The Bible Says

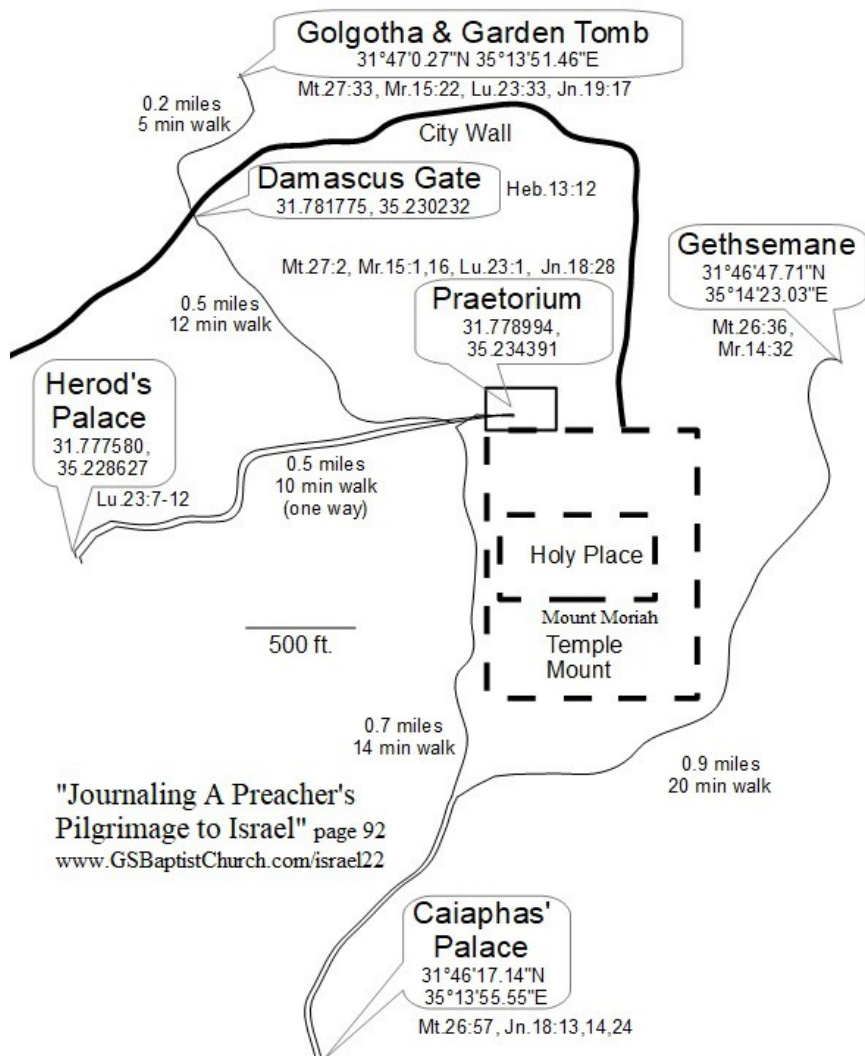
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“And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham” (Gen.22:1). In every meaning of the word it is a privilege to be saved, a privilege to serve God, and a privilege to sacrifice for our Lord. In this tacit example, wherein Abraham is asked to give back to God the very promise that God gave to him, God is painting a self portrait, a high resolution self portrait. Notice particularly in Genesis 22 the emphasis on *“the place which God had told him of”*, in verse 2, 3, 4, and 9. That place was *“one of the mountains”* in the *“land of Moriah”* (vr.2). Most suppose it was Mount Moriah itself, but not me. About a half mile NW of there was a skull shaped hill called in Hebrew *Golgotha*, from the Greek called *Calvary* (not found in modernist ecumenical bibles). If God grew the tree, that he knew would be, the old rugged cross, as the song writer supposed, I'll suppose he knew the mount where His Only Begotten Son would be crucified. I think Abraham offered his son on the very mount where God would offer his Only Begotten Son. That is why Abraham called it *“Jehovahjireh”*, Hebrew for, *“on this mount, just you wait and see”* (vr.14). I'd further suppose that David dropped off the head of Goliath on this skull shaped mount (1Sam.17:54) because here God would stomp the head of Satan himself (Gen.3:15).

God uses trials, tests, challenges, and afflictions to paint portraits of his Son. These are on public display, printed in God's Holy Bible. Yours might be more private, but it is a portrait just the same. Use the cross-eyed-bears, and the trials of your faith to shew forth Christ. For a Christian, sacrifice is a privilege.

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Msg #24032 Perfect Peace in Troublous Times

What The Bible Says

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“O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. ... Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever” (Isa.25:1,26:3-4). Reading Isaiah can cause a believer to react right in troublous times; Israel and Judah saw them big time, and it is clearly justified that it is the hand of God and their own foolish fault. A couple things here enlighten and encourage. Foremost, the Lord GOD has all things under control. In the military it's been said, “If you can keep your head while everyone else is loosing theirs, you probably don't understand the situation.” In real life, the Word of God gives both understanding and perfect peace, so keep your head. It is very frustrating when progressive-liars are so widely believed, but God promises things at Christ's return, *“And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, ... And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces”* (25:6-8). Isaiah is laced with these promises for Israel in the Kingdom Age, he will fulfill every one of them, and Jesus said *“behold, the kingdom of God is within you”* (Luk.17:21). Live in the Kingdom, *be ready always to give reason of the hope that is in you, ... And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him* (1Pet.3:15, Isa.25:9).

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Msg #24033 Joseph, A Superb Type of Christ

What The Bible Says

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Joseph is a type of Christ, indeed a superb portrait of Christ in the full depth of typology. When some ignominious Bible teacher says Joseph portrays Christ because Joseph forgave his brothers, I cringe and rant at their shallowness. When they say he was a spoiled brat with family relationship issues, another rant.

In the Bible there is a lot in a name, and even the name Joseph means “another son is coming” (Gen.30:24). There are five Josephs in the Old Testament, all significant, nine in the New (Joseph the eleventh son of Jacob, of course Joseph espoused to Mary, Joseph one of his sons, a half brother of Jesus, a Joseph of Arimathea, one surnamed Barnabas, one surnamed Justus, and three others in the lineage of Christ.) Each one, with that meaning in their name, is significant.

In Genesis 37 Joseph was a young man who was shown that his brothers would one day bow before him: consider that Jesus knew “*every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God*” (Rom.4:11). Joseph was wrongly judged, badly misused, stripped of his garment, and thrown into a pit, consider Jesus was “*wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, ... And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called Golgotha, ... now his coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. ... Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be*” (Isa.53:5, Jhn.19:17-24). Joseph was pulled from the pit and sold into Egypt: consider Jesus, “*Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a Victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign*” (Robert Lowry).

Egypt is a portrayal of the world and Joseph was transported there even as the resurrected Lord left the dispensation of the Jews and went to be Saviour to the world. But our Genesis story of Joseph is interrupted here by Genesis chapter 38; C.I. Schofield

labels it "*parentheses:the shame of Judah.*" There, the things Judah did splash across a page of our Bible as a shocking display of how God's stiffnecked people operate without him while Joseph languished in Egypt.

And all the while Joseph was struggling there in Egypt, there is a portrayal of the Christian saints, in Christ, struggling in this world. Tested by bondage, but keeping integrity; tested by sexual temptations, but keeping purity; tested by prison, but rising above it; able to discern the times; able to endure hardness as a good soldier; able to stand before kings; rising successful above all challenges; having a world impact; and even able to touch Israel.

Continuing on, the touching story of Joseph revealing himself to his brothers is a portrayal of Jesus's testings and trials bringing Israel to a place where "*every eye shall see him and they also which pierced him.. shall wail because of him*" (Rev.1:7). In Egypt Joseph becomes saviour to the world, a saviour to all that come to him for bread. In Egypt Joseph then became saviour to Israel; the brothers who rejected him came and bowed before him calling him Lord. For Jesus the Saviour of the world, Romans 11:26-27 states it this way: "*And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*" That's what makes Joseph a type of Christ.

A 600 word essay for week #33, Aug 18, 2024

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Msg #24034 The Fear of the LORD

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the centerpiece of Job's final argument he says: "*Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? ... Behold, **the fear of the Lord**, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.*" (Job.28:20,28). Noah says, "**Wisdom** is discerning what is most just, proper and useful" and "**Fear** is a desire to ward off expected evil. ... We have reason to fear the punishment of our sins." The saved can say, "*I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.*"

Job was first to write, "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*" the Psalmists address it thrice, singing, "*Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*" Solomon concurs, in his 1st chapter declaring "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction ... For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD*" (Prov.1:7,29). He gives an IF-THEN declaration with eight IFs and a THEN "*Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God*" (Prov.2:5). He defines it, "*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil*", reiterates it "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom*", lists eight advantages of it, (1) it longeth for life, (2) is strong confidence, (3) a fountain of life, (4) better with little, (5) the instruction of wisdom, (6) men depart from evil, (7) it tendeth to life, and (8) brings "*riches, and honour, and life*" (10:27,14:26,27,15:16,33, 16:6,19:23,22:4). Solomon's last mention contrasts it "*Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long*" (23:17). Let's be walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost (Acts.9:31).

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Msg #24035 The Ungodly are Like Chaff

What The Bible Says

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Zechariah the prophet provided God's exhortations to Israel as they came out of the Babylonian captivity. The two themes are “*I am very sore displeased with the **heathen***” (Zech1:15), “*And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the **heathen**. O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong*” (8:13). Ten visions in six chapters outline an “*it shall come to pass*” extending to our day. There appear four horns (1:18) which are “*the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem*” (1:19). The horn depicts a king, and Daniel 7 depicts the four world empires, “*The first was like a lion (Babylon) ... a second, like a bear (Persia) ... lo another, like a leopard (Grecian) ... and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, (Roman World Empire) (Dan.7:4-7)*. The same four are depicted in Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2. Another study might ensue looking at the fourth beast's “*ten horns*” and “*the little horn ... speaking great things*”, but here attention turns, “*The LORD shewed me four carpenters ... These are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles*” (Zech.1:20-21). The Persians *frayed* the Babylonians, Alexander the Great *frayed* the Persians, the Romans *frayed* the Grecian world empire, and ... wait for it, ... “*a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold ... Is not this the **Carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary?***” (Dan.2:45, Mt.13:55). In his time Jehovah God will deal with “The New-World-Order”, “*The ungodly are like the chaff...*”, in our time we need to “*preach the Gospel to every creature.*”

An Essay for week #35, Sep 1, 2024

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Msg #24036 Israel's Salvation Prophesied

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Zechariah reports, *“Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease”* (Zech.1:14-15). This sounds like a headline for the TimesOfIsrael.com today, and it goes on to say, *“I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts”* (1:16). God did that in 520BC after Nebuchadnezzar had leveled Jerusalem, and he will do it again after Rome's 70AD destruction of her. Zechariah sees the *“man with a measuring line in his hand”* (2:1,cf 1:16), and hears, *“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD”* (2:10). Zechariah continues, *“And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him”* (3:1-2). Israel's high priest rejected their Messiah at his first-advent, Satan was *“at his right hand”*, and *“he was clothed with filthy garments.”* But for Christ's second advent it says, *“Take away the filthy garments from him. ... Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment”* (3:4). It goes on, *“Hear now, O Joshua (Jehovah is Salvation) the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: ... for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH”* (3:8). This BRANCH is herein called *“one stone with seven eyes”* and *“the stone that I have laid”* (3:9), depicting Isaiah 11's BRANCH and the *“corner stone”* being a *“stumblingstone”* (Isa.28:16, 8:14-15, Rom.10:31-33). This is marvelous Biblical prophecy; he is coming back as King of kings, and will save Israel (Rev.19,Rom.11:26).

An Essay for week #36, Sep 8, 2024

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Msg #24037 Light in Light of Prophecy

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the 70th year of captivity, 536 B.C., Zerubbabel led fifty-thousand Jews out of Babylon, back to Jerusalem, and God sent this light, *“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD”* (Zech.2:10). God ALWAYS sends a light; he lets people know what he is doing, and going to do. Zechariah writes ten visions shining all the way to the upcoming Kingdom Age. He continues prophetically, *“And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: ... And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again”* (2:11-12). Israel was the light of the world (cf.Ps.78), their Messiah became the light of the world; *“In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ... That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world”* (John.1:1-9) Jesus gave that light to us, *“Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men”* (Matt.5:14-16).

In Zechariah's 7th vision there's a light prophesied for the upcoming seven year tribulation period (cf.Mt.24:21); when believers are raptured out of this world, God will provide *“a candlestick of gold ... with seven lamps ... and two olive trees ... These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth”* (Zech.4, cf.Rev.11:1-5). There is ALWAYS a light, the Bible shines it prophetically into upcoming events: the rapture, the tribulation, the wrath of God poured out, the coming King of kings, Armageddon, and the Millennial Kingdom. *“Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good”* (1Thes.5:20-21). God Bless.

An Essay for week #37, Sep 15, 2024

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Msg #24038 Grace, Not Under Law

What The Bible Says

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When Zerubbabel leads 50,000 Jews out of captivity Zechariah sees a 30'x15' flying roll of a book given to *“the face of the whole earth”* (Zech.5:1-4). On one side law about stealing, on the other law about swearing; representative of the two laws that Jesus expounds in Mark 12; love the Lord thy God, and love thy neighbor. Here, breaking either law causes a curse, being *“cut off”* and one's house being *“consumed”* (5:3-4). This flying roll emphasizes the Word and its curse; that's what law does, *“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them”* (Gal.3:10). The Word has this tremendous power in every dispensation. The ten vision to Zechariah have a near fulfillment and a more complete far fulfillment. The released captivity rebuilds the temple to reestablish Law, and likewise, during the Millennial Kingdom, the Son, the King, the Judge, sitting on the throne of David, *“He shall judge the poor of the people, and shall break in pieces the oppressor ... and rule them, (... and break them) with a rod of iron”* (Ps.72:4,2:9, Rev.2:27,12:5,19:15).

In our present dispensation, nestled between LAW and KINGDOM, we see God's GRACE, whereby *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: ... that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”* (Gal.3:13-14). It's never been easier to be redeemed from the curse and free of condemnation, and it is the Word of God *“that is able to discern thoughts and intents.”* Don't be using a lesser, compromised, revised, copyright version, of the flying roll, use the Authorized Version.

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Msg #24039 The Prophecy to Israel's Mountains

What The Bible Says

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“Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD”

(Ezek.36:1). It is intriguing that God spends a chapter of Ezekiel's writings talking to mountains, hills, rivers, and valleys. His emphasis is, *“Surely the heathen that are about you, they shall bear their shame”* (vr.7), and his great promise is, *“Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, ... Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord GOD”*

(vr.12,15). These promises are to be fulfilled in the Millennial Kingdom Age, and God tags on this footnote, *“Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. 23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes”* (vr.22,23). There is little question here that God will fully restore Israel into their Promised Land, they will be fully cleansed, with a new heart, and new Spirit, the LORD said, *“Ye shall be my people, and I will be your God”* (vr.24-28). In these last of the last days, it's intriguing to *“carefully watch the fig tree”* (Mat.24:32, Mrk.13:28,Luk.21:25). Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

An Essay for week #39, Sep 29, 2024

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Msg #24040 The Last October?

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

An annual hunt for the last October begins with the Autumn Feast of Trumpets. It began on 2 October when at sundown in Jerusalem the trumpet sounded. Then a sunset trumpet call on 11 October marks the Day of Atonement, and one on 16 October marks the beginning of the 7-Day Feast of Tabernacles. These three important 7th month Jewish feasts are described in Leviticus 23 and they prophetically depict the second Advent of Christ for the Jews; their in gathering, their salvation, and their tabernacling with God. But born-again Bible believing Christians are listening for a trumpet call as well. A trumpet call will mark their “in gathering” to heaven (1Thes.4; 1Cor.15). Then the believer's “atonement” is finalized when we meet him in the air with resurrected bodies, and we will “Tabernacle” with him as it says in the phrase “so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1Thes.4:17).

The Jewish feasts described in Leviticus 23 are prophetic portrayals. Passover portrays Christ our Passover Lamb, the Feast of Weeks portrays Pentecost when the Comforter came down, and the three fold fall feasts have a Feast of Trumpets, with a trumpet call that summons together; a Feast of Atonement, that saves and cleanses, and a 7-day Feast of Tabernacles, that depicts “This world is not my home”, tabernacling with God. Curiously, both phases of his 2nd Coming get depicted, when he comes FOR his saints (cf. 1Thes.4) and when he comes WITH his saints to save Israel (cf. Rev.19, Rom.11:26). These feasts are marvelous prophetic pictures, and it would behoove Christians to pay them more heed, and not write them off as “just another Jewish holy-day.” There is coming a premillennial, pretribulation trumpet call that will call his saints out of here, this could be our Last October down here.

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Msg #24041 Here Comes the Judge

What The Bible Says

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The 10th vision declared to Zerubbabel, as he led 50,000 Jews thru the rebuilding of Solomon's decimated Temple in Jerusalem, was one of upcoming judgment and recompense, one of wars and rumors of wars, one of God going to and fro through the whole earth (Zech.6). Four chariots, symbolizing the power of God in judgment, come out from two mountains of brass, also symbolizing judgment (Zech.6:1). In the first chariot were red horses, via The Revelation of Jesus Christ, able to take peace from the earth (Rev.6:4). In the second black horses, i.e. a pair of balances in hand with pending economic collapse (cf.Rev.6:5), in the third chariot white horses, i.e. conquering and to conquer (cf.Rev.6:2).

In the Bible anything speckled or grisled has to do with Israel, who lied, deceived, and stole from Laban, by tie-dyeing his cattle, back when his name was Jacob (cf.Gen 30-31). God uses speckled and grisled symbolism to remind us where Israel came from (Jer.12:9, Zech.1:8,6:3,6), and here the grisled go towards the south country (Zech.6:6). The bay symbol in the Hebrew has more to do with strength than with dapple, and here it echos 2Chron.16:9, *“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.”* That verse ends, *“Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.”*

These prophecies about upcoming judgment, famine, and war are still upcoming. They are foreshadowed in multiple generations after Zerubbabel, but will find complete fulfillment in the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The signs are everywhere in the news these days, judgment will come to heathen nations, and redemption to Israel. Where does that leave USofA? Where indeed! Even, so come, Lord Jesus.

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Msg #24042 Persecuted Embers of Truth

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Gospel's first stab into this licentious world walked through six cities in what is now Turkey; it dropped embers of truth that smoldered and burst into flames contained in New Testament, independent, autonomous, local churches (Acts13-15). Their baptized by immersion believers carried embers to their neighbors, *“And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do”* (Acts15:36). Thus began a second missionary journey of the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the embers of truth crossed the Aegean Sea to inflame Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus, trading cities wherein local autonomous churches spread embers across the face of Europe. In the Gospel's first reach *“Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts”* (Acts13:50), and *“the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren”*(14:2).

The gospel is always opposed by religion. Three hundred years in, a Roman Emperor mandated “Christianity” for his entire Empire and a man made Roman Catholic religion took up the persecution; three hundred years again and Islam reared its vile and ugly opposition. The Jews required circumcision; the Romans, penance with infant baptisms or be burned with your Bibles; the Muslims conversion or beheading; religions always oppose the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today WOKE Democrats mandate that we bow to their Global Warming gods, stop using gas stoves, and endorse queer marriages. As things come to a head in this licentious world, born-again Christians should leave a trail of life changing embers all the way to the voting booth.

An Essay for week #42, Oct 20, 2024

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Msg #24043 Precursors to Armageddon

What The Bible Says

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There is coming a Day of the Lord that is thoroughly described in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Therein Christ is revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev.19:11-21,20:1-3) and therein is depicted the much talked about Battle of Armageddon; *“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon”* (Rev.16:16). There are seven precursors to this battle. (1) A falling away of the church, *“for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first”* (2Thes.2:3), i.e. a Laodicean church age (Rev.3:14-19). (2) A “catching away” of church saints (1Thes.4,1Cor.15); i.e. Christ does not come WITH his saints, until after he comes FOR his saints. (3) *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD”* (Mal.4:5): i.e. two indestructible witnesses for 3 ½ years (Rev.11:1-6) and the 144K Jewish virgin male witnesses (Rev 7:1-8,14:1-5). (4) The opening of seven seals (Rev.6:1,3,5,7,9,12,8:1). (5) Seven trumpets of warning (Rev.8:2,7,8,10,12,9:1,13,11:15), *“Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: ... for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand”* (Joel.2:1). (6) *“For that day shall not come, except ... that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition ”* (2Thes.2:3): i.e. the abomination of desolation, revealed 3 ½ years into the great tribulation, when Satan is cast from heaven (Rev.12-13) kills the two witnesses (11:7), and does signs and wonders via his false prophet (13:13). And lastly, (7) Seven vials of God's wrath are poured out (Rev.13:1-12,17). *“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. ... ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief”* (1Thes.5:1-4). Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

An Essay for week #43, Oct 27, 2024

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Msg #24044 More than Conquerors

What The Bible Says

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In seven apostasies Israel *“forsook the LORD God of their fathers, ... followed other gods, ... provoked the LORD to anger”* (Jud.2:12), and God raised up thirteen judges before Samuel became the authoritative prophet. *“And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; ... And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle”* (1Sam.3:1,11). Israel's high-priest died after his two “sons of Belial” died taking the ark of the testimony out of the tabernacle to aid in their war effort. Samuel, Israel's Prophet and Priest, says; *“If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. ... And they gathered together ... and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. ... And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines”*(1Sam.7:3,6,8).

Christians in prayer for a forty day prayer runup (40Days4God.com) have seen a tremendous miracle in this election, but there's more required to Making America Godly Again. *“As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. ... Then Samuel took a stone, and set it ... and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us”* (vr.10,12). Let's pray without ceasing.

An Essay for week #44, Nov 3, 2024

PS: Thank you LORD for the 47th President Elect, Donald J. Trump; LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear: To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress, or slander, or condemn, or impeach, or assassinate.

For those who took 40Days4God seriously, another 40 days of prayer and praise is in order.

Msg #24045 You Hath He Quickened

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins:” (Eph.2:1). Three things I learned twenty years ago when Dr. Decker gave me a C+ in two semesters of Greek: #1 after fifty-seven (57) of the world's very best linguists assembled and pontificated for seven(7) years over an English translation of holy inspired scripture, never say of it, “A better translation is ...”. There is no better English translation (period). #2 when those fifty-seven (57) expert linguists added text in *italics*, it was quintessential to understanding the original language of the Greek or Hebrew text. And #3 when anybody says “A better translation is ...”, or “The *italics* is not in the original, just leave it out!”, recognized their vile folly, they are dangerous, back away from them slowly. (Number three also applies when someone says, “That is not in the oldest/best manuscripts”... Just back away slowly.)

In Ephesians 2 the Apostle Paul is addressing the method of Gentile salvation and those fifty-seven (57) expert linguists pulled the phrase “*hath he quickened*” from the Koine Greek of verse 5 and highlighted it in verse 1 because they knew that English readers might not diagram the extended English sentence and get the emphasis on the right si-lu-bul (syllable def. “A unit of spoken language larger than a phoneme”).

Three things to learn here: #1 To *quicken* is “To make alive; to revive or resuscitate, as from death”; #2 In word study (*via quicke**) it is used in Psalms 14 times (see 119:25,37,40,50, 88,93,107,149, 154,6,9), and in the NT 11 times, wherein Jesus said “*For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will*” (John.5:21); and #3 A sentence diagram still helps with Paul's first seven verses of this chapter.

An Essay for week #45, Nov 10, 2024

Ask and I'll send you my sentence diagram and verse lists.

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Msg #24046 Gentile Salvation, A Mystery Revealed

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, writes “*to the saints which be at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus*” (everywhere), to show (1) the exalted position in Christ, (2) its proportion in the body of Christ, and (3) our expected walk in that hallowed position. God the Father blessed Gentiles, chose Gentiles, and predestinated Gentiles, “*to the praise of the glory of his grace*” (1:3-6). In Christ Gentiles have redemption, forgiveness, all wisdom and prudence, and an inheritance, “*to the praise of his glory*” (1:7-12). When saved by faith we Gentile believers are “*sealed with that holy Spirit of promise: Which is the earnest of our inheritance ... unto the praise of his glory*” (1:13-14).

With the whole trinity thus involved in Gentile salvation, Paul reveals that this was quite a mystery that is revealed to us now, because “*in the dispensation of the fullness of times*” (which is about to dawn on this earth) God will “*gather together in one all things in Christ*”(1:9-10).

A period of time where stewardship is tested is called a *dispensation*. We are in one of them, called a dispensation of grace (3:2); man previously came out of one, a dispensation of law; and an upcoming great tribulation period and the Battle of Armageddon will open the next one, a dispensation of Kingdom. Law and Kingdom are openly revealed in scripture, but this dispensation of grace, “*Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed*”, is/was indeed a mystery that is revealed. It is easy for a Bible student, not intimidated by popes or priests, scholars or clergy, to start in the Garden of Eden and measure out the seven stewardship dispensations. That's how one rightly divides the word of truth (2Tim.2:15).

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Msg #24047 Good Samaritan Phase I

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Since my childhood when Rices sat around the Thanksgiving table and sounded out about what they were most thankful for, the resounding theme was set by my father, “That God would save the likes of me.” *“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved”* (Jhn.3:17). In Luke 10 Jesus answers a lawyer's question, “Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He answers with a profound parable of “The Good Samaritan”, who we often role-play, missing the depth of his answer. To inherit eternal life one must first role-play the certain man who was left half dead. Priests in black dresses cannot save you, religion's Levitical religiosity cannot save you. No, it takes one from out of this world, one who comes to where you are at, one with selfless compassion who pours in oil and wine to lift you up and quicken your soul. Praise God, it takes the Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, ... *that the world through him might be saved.*

After salvation one can be Christlike and role-play the Good Samaritan; to seek out with compassion the half-dead and to lift them up with the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, but look first at the account that precedes the lawyer's question. Jesus said to the seventy returning witnesses, *“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven”* (Jhn.10:20). Every Thanksgiving since 1958 my father Levi Rice, mimed that next verse, saying, “I'm thankful that God would save the likes of me”; most thankful for salvation. Two years later, I started; “I'm thankful that God would save a wretch like me.” Happy Thanksgiving.

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Msg #24048 Advent Prophecies

What The Bible Says

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“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel” (Gen3:15). At least two things begin in this Genesis revelation; first is the tracing of the seed-line that would bring the Saviour of mankind into the world, second is the progressive revelation about the *Messiah*, (Greek, the *Christ*), the Only Begotten Son of God. In the Bible the seed-line traces through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, and King David with an obscure clarity that is discerned with study. In our sick and twisted rebellious society that often rejects all knowledge of X and Y chromosomes it is doubtless necessary to point out that women do not have seed, they have egg, thus the seed of woman in Genesis 3:15 fits succinctly with *“a virgin shall conceive”* of Isaiah 7:14. The catholic church, Roman, Eastern or Protestant, has never done well at separating between Christ's first advent and his second advent. C.I. Scofield (1841-1921) pursued a “Fundamental” separation from their apostasy and wrote, “The O.T. fore-view of the coming Messiah is in two aspects - that of rejection and suffering (i.e. Isa 53), and that of earthly glory and power (i.e. Isa 11, Jer 23, Eze 37). Often these two aspects blend in one passage (i.e. Psalm 2).” It would behoove the serious student of Christ to read through Scofield's hundred-and-five chain-referenced verses on the First Advent, (80 O.T., 25 N.T.) and note them as distinct from his hundred-and-seventy-six chain-references on the Second Advent (50 O.T., 126 N.T.) Such a scripture study (often eluded by Catholic/Protestant Clergy) will enable a more profound worship of our Lord Jesus Christ as we acknowledge his virgin birth in Bethlehem. Merry Christmas.

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Msg #24049 Bethlehem Ephratah

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“O little town of Bethlehem,” the tiny town in the hill country of Judah, the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, has a rich Bible heritage. When Israel first returned to the Promised Land, his wife, Rachel, died in childbirth in Bethlehem (house of bread); it took the subscript, “*Ephratah*” (an ash-heap AND place of fruitfulness). How is it that out of the ashes comes fruitfulness? Rachel called her child Benoni “*son of my sorrow*” but his father called him Benjamin “*son of the right hand.*” So to the Christ was “*despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief*” (Isa 53:3), but in his death, burial, and resurrection he was fruitful, bringing everlasting life. A Benjaminite named Saul visited Rachel's tomb on his way to the throne (1Sam 10:2), and out of his failed kingdom rose King David, born in Bethlehem, a man after God's own heart (1Sam 16:1). David's great-grandmother, Ruth, bears her own story of ashes, fruitfulness, and our own Kinsman Redeemer (Ruth 1-4). Despite the garrison of Philistines camped in Bethlehem, David desired water from its well (2Sam.23:14-17), and Jesus said, “*whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst... a well of water springing up into everlasting life*” (John 4:14). Out of Bethlehem, “house of bread” comes Jesus saying, “*I am the bread of life... He that believeth on me hath everlasting life*” (John 6:35-48). “O little town of Bethlehem,” still today a garrison of hate filled “Philistines” are there, but Micah 5:2 promised great victories come from heaps of ashes. God still takes ruin and turns it into fruitfulness; God Bless America. “Come to Bethlehem, and see, Him Whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.” Merry Christmas.

An Essay for week #49, Dec 8, 2024

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Msg #24050 Advent Shepherds

What The Bible Says

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One can learn a lot from a shepherd. In the Bible a pastor and shepherd are the same word. Able was one, Cain killed him. In God's economy pastors-shepherds are the heralds of truth. At Jesus' birth, "*there were shepherds abiding in the fields*" (Luke 2). These heralds of truth were given insight, signs, and the time, curiosity, and initiative to pursue holy things. So is your pastor. "*And when they (shepherds-pastors) had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.*" So does your pastor. God wants you under a pastor-shepherd. "*Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, ... that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd*" (Num.27:16). There are bad shepherds destroying God's vineyard (Jer.12:10), causing sheep to go astray (50:6), brutish, not seeking God (10:21). Just move away slowly, God will deal with them (Jer.23). In Ezekiel 34:2-6, through bad shepherds, God reveals seven things a good pastor will do; 1) feed-flocks, 2) strengthen, 3) heal, 4) bind up broken, 5) bring-in driven-away, 6) seek the lost, 7) not-scatter sheep. Jeremiah 23:4-6 reveals that under a good pastor-shepherd sheep will be well fed, fear no evil, not be dismayed, and not be lacking. For the Christian, God is clear, "*I will set up shepherds over them.*" Certainly in Christ we have a Good Shepherd (Jhn.10:11, Psalm22), a Great Shepherd (Heb.13:20, Psalm23), and a soon coming Chief Shepherd (1Pet.5:4, Psalm24), but "*the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation.*" Not a woman, not a brute, not a charismatic miss-leader, you need a pastor-shepherd, and you need to pray for him. In this day of apostasy he is God's herald of truth.

An Essay for week #50, Dec 15, 2024

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Msg #24051 Wise Men Seek Him

What The Bible Says

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The wise men of Matthew 2 knew some things, saw some things, and did some thing. Wise men make a study of “*He that is born King of the Jews.*” These wise men came from the 300 year old ashes of a Babylonian world empire that held God's chosen people for 70 years. They knew the newborn king would be the only begotten Son of God from Psalms 2; even the founder of the empire knew of that relationship (Dan.3:25). Their instructor, Daniel, was a profound teacher of God's truths; he still is; he has been for all wise men studying scripture. They knew this Messiah would arrive 483 years after the Jews were released from bondage (Dan.9:24-26). They knew he would be the Saviour of the world (Gen.3:15), the seed of Abraham (12:3) occupy the throne of King David (2Sam.7:16), be born of a virgin (Isa.7:13-14), and be called “The mighty God, the everlasting Father” (Isa.9:6-7). I would that my neighbor new that much about Messiah because, “*Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life*” (Jhn.3:15). These wise men saw a supernatural star that led them to a house where the child was. Those not believing in the supernatural suppose it was Mercury crossing Venus in 4 BC, or perhaps a supernova, but believers know it was not natural, but a supernatural sign from God. We know because, “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God*” (that is, copies of copies of copies that young Timothy had when 2Tim 3:16 was original manuscript). The wise men of Matthew 2 worshiped the Only Begotten Son of God, who said worship no other God but the LORD God. The Son is indeed “*the mighty God, the everlasting Father,*” and we should worship him too. Merry Christmas.

An Essay for week #51, Dec 22, 2024

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Msg #24052 Jesus – Worthy of Worship

What The Bible Says

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Jesus said, “*for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and **him only shalt** thou serve*” (Luk.4:8). Thou shalt have no other god before thee, but wise men “*when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him*” (Mat.2:11). “*And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him*” (8:2). “*Behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him*” (9:18). “*They that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God*” (14:33). “*Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me*” (15:25). “*They came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him*” (28:9). “*When they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted*” (28:17).

And further, “*When he (a man with an unclean spirit,) saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him*” (Mrk.5:6). “*And they (disciples) worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy*” (Luk.24:52). “*And he (blind from his birth) said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him*” (Jhn.9:38). Peter forbid Cornelius's worship, Paul the Lycaonian's, (Acts.10:25-26, 14:11-15), angels refused man's worship... but the Son of Man, the Second Adam, He is to be worshiped. Of our Lord Jesus Christ it is said, “*The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*” (Rev.4:10-11), and again, “*The four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever*” (5:14). Wise men still worship him. Happy New Year.

An Essay for week #52, Dec 29, 2024

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Msg #2501 A Resolution to Believe

What The Bible Says

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“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” It is good to start this new two-thousandth-and-twenty-fifth year of our Lord with resolution that we believe every word of his Bible, and Genesis 1 is an excellent start. *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear”* (Heb.11:3); so this is an *ex-nihilo* (out of nothing) creation. Time, space, and matter continuums, each with three tenses, dimensions, or states, is a big deal to wrap one's head around, so comprehend that there was no planet earth, or solar system on day one. Earth here is matter, and it is without form and void until the Spirit of God assembled a hydrogen atom, with a proton and a neutron, buzzed about by an angry little electron. He then crammed eight hydrogen atoms into one package, labeled oxygen, which stuck magnanimously to two hydrogen atoms and the first molecule was called water. The Spirit then moved upon the face of the waters, and matter, called earth, was no longer without form and void. In time man discovers that protons and neutrons are made of NOTHING, they are just energy-bands enfolding on themselves. In God's next verse, he adds light energy, and in the fifth verse he closes the first day of his creation week; *“For **in six days** the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day”* (Exod.20:11). God says what he means and means what he says! Even nuclear physics approves.

An Essay for week #1, Jan 5, 2025

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Msg #2502 Ministers of Reconciliation

What The Bible Says

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What does it take to be a minister of reconciliation? The Apostle Paul wrote, *“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**: 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 ”* (2Cor.5:17-18). Some of us were taught to memorize the first thought and ignore the call to minister reconciliation to others. Paul leads us into this ministry because *“we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;”* and *“Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men ”* (5:10,11); and because *“the love of Christ constraineth us ”* (5:14)! To be a minister of reconciliation we need to be reconciled ourselves, to comprehend these three reasons, to have the great change, and accept this charge to be a reconciler, ... if that's a word. It's essential in such a ministry to know you have a counselor on-board (Isa.9:6), that you talk to him regularly, and know that *“The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, ... a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* (Heb.4:12).

Never underestimate the power of a pencil; get a notebook and write down your personal salvation testimony, you can use that. People might not want saved from sin, or hell, but everyone needs saved from condemnation, and Romans 1 says they've got it, and get it. Same notebook, write verbatim 12 verses of the Romans Road (Jhn.3:16-18,36,5:24, Rom.3:10,23,5:8,6:23,10:9-10,13). Start ministering.

An Essay for week #2, Jan 12, 2025

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Msg #2503 Healthful Amazing Praising

What The Bible Says

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“Rejoice evermore. ... In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ... Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: ... Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD ... Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits” (1Th 5:16,18, Ps.106:1,150:6,103:1-2).

God, the Creator and sustainer of the universe, made man in his image and likeness, and one's Creator knows best what makes them tick and how to keep them ticking along in good working order. He gave instructions; and Jesus said, *“If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them”* (John.13:17). The Psalmist put it, *“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God”* (Ps.42:11,43:5). Rejoicing, blessing, praising, thanksgiving, glorying in His name, counting your blessings, ... out loud, that goeth not out of feigned lips, ... God says it will be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones, ... health to all your flesh! It can change brain chemistry faster than fluoxetine musters up serotonin, and its side effects are all blessings! Your brain chemistry will be changed when you PRAISE THE LORD! Before mind altering drugs overran the market, clinical depression was cured with “talk therapy”; it still should be, it is amazing what praising can do. Mankind's first step away from God is, *“they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful”* (Rom.1:21); step back. Praising him and health to thy navel are clearly interconnected.

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What The Bible Says

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The first and most intimate relationship for mankind on God's green earth is the marriage relationship; so intimate that God parallels it to man's relationship with his Creator. Understanding the parallel is key to having a home that is a taste of paradise on earth. Our world is replete with marriages that taste entirely different than that. To be *'intimate'* is "to love entirely a familiar friend to whom thoughts are entrusted without reserve." That captures the intimacy of the marriage relationship.

Love is three dimensional with body (physical), soul (emotional) and spirit (spiritual) each has depth in charity, significance and security; that would be nine measurable attributes of God's love for you and of your love to your spouse. All nine are visible in verse, "*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*" (Jhn.3:16), "*So ought men to love their wives*" (Eph.5:28).

Men are made of dirt; "*And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet (appropriate) for him.*" She is your appropriate physical helper, your appropriate mental-emotional helper, your appropriate spiritual helper. Imagine living a life where you are significant to no one, no one significant to you; imagine living a life insecure in your most intimate relationship. Imagine it, but don't do it. The genesis of marriage concludes, "*And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed*"; the genesis of sin opens "*they knew that they were naked; ... and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God*" (Gen.2:25,3:7-8). Spring is just around the corner, get her a Valentine's Day card, candy, and roses.

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Personal Testimony of Pastor Edward Rice. I was saved in 1960 at the age of eight. My father and mother were saved and founding members of Fellowship Baptist Church in Gang Mills New York. In 1958 my dad, Levi O. Rice, an agnostic, was invited by Cecil Palm to be a founding member of that church; both of my parents were born-again-saved two weeks later. My mother, Doris was converted from Roman Catholicism, and became a Christian. She stopped her Roman penance and practiced Bible repentance, stopped praying to Mary and called upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save her. She was thus converted from Roman Catholicism to the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone needs converted from something. Mom and Dad were now born again, and two years later I was saved in revival services with Evangelist Dale and Opel Linbaugh. Opel cut the flannel graph burden of sin off little Christian's back in her Pilgrim's Progress presentation, and I was born-again-saved before it hit the basement floor. In 1995 I retired from the USAF as a systems engineer and became an ordained Baptist Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 18:3).

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