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## Msg #1801 Counting The Cost

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

I have sketched five little cross-eyed bears in the margin of my Bible, two in Matthew, two in Mark, and the ugliest near Luke 14:27, that says, “And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.” Get it? “Cross-eyed bear.” That little clause, “Cannot be my disciple,” is repeated thrice in this chapter and is a stark contrast to, “Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” We seem to be talking about two different commodities here; the rich man who went away grieved in Mark 10 mightn't teach that, but if you will be a disciple with Christ as Lord, you should count the cost. You will have *Conflict* with his enemy, and his arch enemy is presently the prince of the power of the air. You will have *Contention* and the *Contempt* of this world; even from family, as Christ explained. There will be *Constraints* on your life, a lot of “thou shalt not” conditions come with him as Lord. There will be *Convictions* that handle the “gray-areas” of life; i.e. things you cannot do, watch, eat, drink, or play with, places you cannot go, thoughts you cannot harbor, even though other Christians have and do them. Convictions keep filth out of your life; one cannot have faith and filth together, nor fellowship, nor fervor for our Lord. As his disciple you will have *Correction* and *Chastisement*; you will never sin and enjoy it again. And *Contributions* will only start with a tithe, law or not; offerings are not to raise money, they are to raise Christians. Count the cost, but hear a couple crusty testimonies too, and learn the song, “It will be worth it all, when we see Jesus.” Be a disciple, and finish the course.

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## **Msg #1802 God Save America**

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When one hears “God bless America” the thought must rise “He has blessed America,” and hearing “God save America” should elicit “save her from her pride, her arrogance, and her pernicious, progressive ways.” Isaiah 25 succinctly promises that salvation, “Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth... therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee” (Isa 25:1,3). Democrats think they are the strength to the poor and down-trodden, Republicans suppose they are the strength of economic conservatives, but God says there is a veil over their understanding, a reprobate heart in their chest, “And he will destroy in this mountain (i.e. Zion, i.e. Jerusalem, where we properly place our Israeli embassy) the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations” (25:7). The salvation of a nation that preaches Evolution as their creator and god, sodomy as their alternate lifestyle, and murder in the womb as their privilege will first be a day of darkness, a terror-able day, the Day of the Lord. “He shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them... and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands” (Isa 25:11). Days are short in this January of 2018. The believer longs for his salvation because “He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces, and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the LORD hath spoken it” (25:8). That upcoming “Earth Day” is in reality the upcoming “Day of the Lord.” “God bless America, God save America, but first save my children, save my family, save my neighbor.” Preach the gospel, the Lord is soon returning.

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## **Msg #1802b Worship Canceled**

What Your Pastor Says - Good Samaritan Baptist Church Pastor Ed Rice

Dear Member/Guest

The frozen water pipes from our two broke furnaces kept me from preaching what God had laid on my heart for the second Sunday of 2018. The attached Penny Pulpit must suffice for that, but God has other lessons for GSBC to take away from the cancellations. For those that gathered at 10 am and shared a song and a prayer, God blessed your short and stunned worship and gave safe travels in bitter cold. Thanks for not flushing.

For those alerted of the dilemma and averted from cold travels, God blessed you with a longing for Christian fellowship on a Lord's day, and an answer to your prayer. It was simply a reset on the oil burner, a new fuse on the gas furnace, and not a single pipe was broken.

For those to ill, or old, or hospitalized to tackle twelve degrees of cold we missed you, and prayed for you, knowing you missed us and prayed for us.

To those with no intention of attending this 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service of 2018, the cancellation can still be a blessing because you hold this letter, and perhaps a new appreciation of the importance we place on our gathering with other believers on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, the day God rose his Christ, our Lord, from death to life.

On the twentieth anniversary of my pastoring Good Samaritan Baptist Church I must say that this Sunday, with frozen pipes, the breath of saints visible in the cold air, and the singing of three verses of "Jesus Loves Me" was a memorable blessing. Be blessed, and I'll see you when the heat is back up.

Your Pastor



## **Msg#1803 The Three Veils**

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The Bible reveals three veils that were removed because Christ gave his life for the remission of sin. The most familiar is found in Exodus 26, “And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet,... and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy” (vr. 31,33). The holy and sanctified were separated from the most holy presence of the LORD God himself and it is marvelous that that separation is rent in twain by the cross of Christ (Matt27:51, Mark15:38, Luke23:45). A second veil is found in Exod 34, “Behold the skin of his face shone and they were afraid and (Moses) gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went before the LORD to speak with him he took the veil off” (vr. 30,32-34). The Apostle Paul writes, “(Israeli) minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ... Seeing then we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2Cor 3:14, 12). The Holy Bible is not veiled in Christ. The third veil covers the face as a maiden offers herself to her beloved. Rebekah shows it such in a beautiful picture in Genesis 24:64. Tamar shows it ugly, soiled, and polluted in 38:14,19. But the picture is redeemed forever in the Ruth 3:15. Most do not understand the song, “Sweet Beulah Land” (Isa 62:4), but a Christian is married to Christ, and like Ruth our veil is off and filled with six measures of barley to sustain us “until the morning.” Three beautiful portrayals.

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## **Msg#1804 Rebekah**

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This year we have discussed the book of Job wherein the trials of our lives, no matter how great are not worthy to be compared to the greatness of our God, and the importance of his glory, and his glorying. We are to trust him, no matter what besets us in our pilgrimage here. We have walked to Egypt with Joseph, the late coming beloved son of Israel, who was rejected by his own brothers, and scorned by the world, but raised up to be their salvation, raised up to reign over them all. We have a marvelous Christ who would do no less. Prior we climbed Mount Moriah with Abraham and Isaac to watch a father offer his son, “thine only son Isaac,” on a hill shaped like a skull, called Golgatha in Aramaic, Cranium in Greek, Calvary in Latin, Precious in Salvation. It now comes as no surprise that when God preserves sixty-seven verses to describe how Abraham's eldest servant is sent with his ten camels to secure Rebekah as a cherished wife for his only begotten son, ... well God has a much grander story to tell in the picture. The Father, played by Abraham, sends his Holy Spirit, played by the eldest servant, carried by kneeling saints, played by ten camels made to kneel by the well, to secure a chaste virgin, played by Rebekah, for his Only Begotten Son, played by Isaac waiting by the well, called, incidently, *Lahai-roi* (for all those Hebrew language buffs). We should all read Genesis 24 with more tender care. Valentines Day is just around the corner and this is the most precious of love stories. In Rebekah's wooing every little detail, painted and preserved for 3,875 years, is extremely important to God; so too to his Son's chaste virgin.

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## **Msg#1805 A Marriage Mirror**

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In love and marriage God intends that a couple live in the most intimate relationship that is humanly possible, and that that arrangement, in becoming one flesh, foreshadow the intimate relation we are to have with our Lord Jesus Christ. The love, the significance, and the security that is found in each relationship is to mirror the other perfectly. The mirror, however, fractures when one does not first follow the “role of the sexes” called out by our Creator. Note them, as you note how much rebellion against them is found in society, even by many professed “Christians.” Genesis 3:16 states that the husband is to “rule over the wife,” and it goes on to state that the man shall provide for the home “in the sweat of his face.” The carnal church of Corinth is rebuked for letting women lead in prayer, reprimanded for letting them prophecy, and exhorted with clarity that women are not to be the leaders (1Cor 11:1-9). God goes on to rebuke their abuse of tongues and states, “Let your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not permitted for them to speak” (1Cor 14:34, cf 23-40). God continues the refrain in a charge to young Timothy, “I will therefore that men (males) pray everywhere... But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor usurp authority over the man (male), but be in silence. For Adam was first formed then Eve” (1Tim 2:8,12-13). God's role for women, his purpose in creating females, and a wife's submission in the home (Eph 6:21-33, 1Pet 3:1-7) are all points of contention in our rebellious society, but these are clearly communicated in God's Holy Word. Being a believer and ordering your marriage his way can make your home a taste of paradise. Rebellion,... not so much.

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## **Msg#1806 One Flesh Communicating**

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In God's design for your love and marriage there are three distinct roles. These are not roles to be “played,” or “acted out,” but are actions (and attitudes) which are assigned, required, and expected by God himself. There is the role of the wife, the role of the husband, and the role of one-flesh. The latter role has three essentials, Faithfulness, Forgiveness, and Communication. Any of these roles or essentials might fill this short essay, but focus on that third essential – communication. Via our communication we 1) Grow in knowledge and understanding of our spouse (and our Lord), 2) we interchange information and ideas to work as a team, 3) we work out differences and resolve conflicts, and 4) we grow in the same direction in support of each other. When our lifeline of communications is healthy we 1) never have to be careful what we talk about together and there is a sense of freedom to express ourselves, 2) we have a sense of being understood, 3) we see an absence of win/lose arguments, 4) we find that talking reduces tension, and 5) we feel a sense of being safe and secure in this relationship. Those are two excellent checklists to ensure a robust effective lifeline of communication in a husband's and wife's role of becoming one-flesh. A critically impaired lifeline would have one or the other always assuming a negative intent on the part of their spouse, or an increasing distance and increasing silence. Watch for those as well, and as the spring time of our year approaches let's revisit the spring time of our love and romance. God's model makes our homes a taste of paradise here on earth. Rejecting God's way will make it taste like something else altogether.

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**Msg #1807 Children Killing Children**

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America has “evolved” to a place where a significant number of our children, raised with no nurture and admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ, are psychotic, first degree murderers. Recall that the first man born in this world became the first first-degree murderer. Our depraved society uses statistical studies to show that capital-punishment does not deter crime, but God says to Israel, “And all men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear” (Deut 21:21). Also society, in its rebellion against our Creator, uses statistical surveys to show that corporal-punishment in the home is “uncivil.” Indeed they have, and will again, used social services to “rescue” children from corporal-punishment used in Christian homes. The LORD God says in Holy Scripture, “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.... Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.... Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.... Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.... The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.... Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul” (Proverbs 13:24,19:18,22:15,23:13-14,29:15,17). Our sick society says it is evolving, on a progressive path, they say, moving away from the things of God. Ugly fruit of that “progressiveness” is children killing children, and a blindness that makes them blame the AR-15. God, Help us.

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## **Msg #1808 John's First Epistle**

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The disciple that Jesus loved wrote five books in our Bible and the letter he aimed at Gentile believers is unprecedented in beauty and power. The Apostle John was commissioned by Christ to “write the things which thou hast seen.” He did so with a very careful consideration of his audience. His gospel was written to all people, his first epistle was written to Gentile believers, his second to Jewish believers (“the elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the Lord) (Notice that Catholic, Protestant and Reformed theologians suppose that they are the “elect-lady” and consequently they miss the heart of this little epistle, ... they generally miss the heart of Scripture altogether with that same self-righteous blunder), and John's third epistle was to a man named Gaius. John's carefulness to identify his audience is only one characteristic that makes him a superb writer. He refers to himself in the third person and glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ with every syllable. John was a disciple before Christ had disciples. Most people miss that John was the “other-disciple” when John the Baptist sent his two loyal disciples off to follow Jesus. (John 1:35-37). The Apostle John was thus the very first of the disciples at Christ's side. It takes a talented writer to capture a good introduction and conclusion, and a superb author to make them a prologue and epilogue. John is thus a superb writer in his own right, and when the Holy Spirit is dictating the very words that he records, well, undertaking the study of John's first epistle will make for an interesting adventure. Reading any of the Apostle John's works is equally so. John begins this epistle with his prologue addressing everything found in the body of the work. Let us begin there.

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## **Msg #1809 All In the Family**

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That which was from the beginning, the Life of God that was manifested, the Light of God that shined in darkness, the Truth of God that talked with mankind, we have bold eyewitnesses who saw the Word of Life. “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” (1John 1:5). The beloved disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ is a bold eyewitness and the extraordinary author in our focus, and the little letter he addressed to “my little children” captures our study. In introduction he emphasizes the fellowship that we now have with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. In raw simplicity fellowship has been called “two fellows in the same ship,” but a study of this little epistle will add depth and reality to that simplicity; we are family in this relationship, and family in Light will behave in a prescribed manner. The Reformed Protestant theologian explains that when one gets saved (confirmed, they suppose) they become part of the catholic church. They broke from the Romans so they now suppose that the catholic church is an invisible organization with 365 denominations and no organization. That's kind of awkward so they dare not say it out loud that much. In reality when one gets saved they become sons of God and are added to the family. John's precious first epistle is all about fellowship of family. “In him is no darkness at all” will deal with the question, “Are you truly in the family?” “If we confess our sins” will deal with any broken fellowship within the family. John's introduction promises a great understanding for “my little children;” if that is what you are, you'll love this epistle.

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## **Msg #1810 Is It Really Real**

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There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes, that have been taught to “act” Christian without understanding “be” Christian. In his “*My Little Children*” epistle the first thing the beloved Apostle John lays out is a means for determining the fidelity of ones faith; “Hereby we know that we know him” (1John 2:3a). The first stabbing probe is pointed, “He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him” (verse 4). With John's clarification these are Christ's commandments, not Moses' ten (verses 5-8). This is a New Covenant in a New Dispensation that reprimands Covenant Theology and exposes Ellen G. White's chronic debacle. These probes are not designed to be thrust into a neighbor's heart or a loved-ones soul, they are intent on a self-examination. A second heart searching probe, “He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now” (verse 9). Again this is not a club used to beat on someone else's feigned faith, it is to cut and reach into our own soul. Then, like the third tine of a pitch fork, from the pen of a ninety year old preacher, “If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him” (verse 15b). Paul wrote to reprimanded carnal Christians, “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, how Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2Cor 13:5). The Apostle John gives us tools for that examination. In dealing with this Peter said to one Simon the Sorcerer, “Thy money perish with thee... for they heart is not right in the sight of God” (Acts 8:20,21). Be sure yours is, don't just “act” Christian.

An Essay for week #10 Mar 11, 2018

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## **Msg #1811 Denominations 101**

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Little children, it is the last time... even now are there many antichrists... they went out from us... that they might be manifest that they were not all of us.... These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you” (1John 2:18,19.26). When the Roman Emperor Constantine mandated that all her citizens become “christian” the church in Rome delighted in declaring itself the catholic church, baptizing babies, worshiping Mary, and executing naysayers with their Roman sword. That is not “Christian” and calling it such is “fake-news.” The Roman Empire divided and two Orthodox daughters came of this mother of harlots. The king of England divorced and an Anglican daughter came out; Martin despised indulgences and the Lutherans were hatched. The Anglicans further divided into Episcopals, Wesley brothers and their Methods, and John Calvin with his Presbyters. Now the harlot had multiple denominations. Calvin despised priest-craft, loved hating Israel, and decided Jews were not the elect, Christians were. Methodists took their salvation methods and United with catholic Episcopals. The holiness movement wouldn't unite and birthed Pentecostals, who Oral Roberts and Benny Hinn divided into Church of God, Christ, Nazarene... et.al. All these are denominations, divided 157 ways, daughters of the Mother of Harlots, ergo anti-christs who deny Christ's power and think that salvation comes from sacraments or penance, baby-baptisms or baptismal regeneration, life methods or church mandates, election or enduring to the end ... et.al. These are mistakenly called “christian.” Nothing but free-will voluntary belief in the gospel message and calling solely on the Lord Jesus Christ can produce a Christian, and nothing but an autonomous, non-catholic, non-protestant, non-denominational, local, independent Bible believing church can represent what Christ called for in Holy Scripture. In brief, the latter is a Baptist. Praise the Lord.

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## **Msg #1812 The Passover Lamb**

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The passover lamb was selected and separated from the flock on the tenth of the month, examined for three days to be found without spot, and then slain on the fourteenth day of the month (Exod 12). God carefully followed this calendar when our Passover Lamb was crucified on Mount Calvary. On that Palm Sunday he was separated from the flock with a cry “Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” He purged the temple that evening and again on the morrow after cursing a fig tree, and the Bible says of him, “And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the Mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him” (Luke 21:37-38). To arrange that he be crucified on a Friday, fitting Roman Catholic tradition, scholars suppose Jesus took some time off and did nothing for one day, but those of us who can read God's calendar know that he was selected on the tenth and crucified on the fourteenth just like the 1,500 passover lambs before him. A Bible believer should study these last four days of the Christ's ministry with intrigue. They are addressed in Matthew 21-28, Mark 11-16, Luke 19-24, and John 12-21. (That's 30 of the 89 chapters of Gospel covering just the last week of Jesus' time on earth.) In these days of Church apostasy and compromised bibles it is important to study these days of his passion and resurrection for ourselves. Modernist ecumenical 'scholars' are not to be trusted with such a precious commodity. God bless your Easter Sunday worship.

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## **Msg #1813 A Victorious Resurrection and More**

What The Bible Says

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The **Victory in Resurrection** of our Lord Jesus Christ is preceded by three important things and followed by three important things, none should be overlooked. His **Vicarious Death** is essential to our saving faith as heralded by Romans 5:8, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.**” His **Virtuous Life** enabled him to be the Lamb of God, sacrificed for us, as proclaimed in 2Cor 5:21, “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,” and verified in Hebrews, “... **yet without sin**” (4:15, 9:28). Acknowledge also his **Virgin Birth**, he was not the son of a man, he was the Son of God (Luke 1:26-33). He was the “seed of woman” that would “bruise Satan's head” (Gen 3:15), and his Virgin Birth was a sign to all Israel that their Messiah had arrived to take away the sin of the world (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6). But there is even more to his victorious resurrection when we declare his **Vital Message**, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Rom 10:9). “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:17). Further, he will have a **Visible Return** where every eye shall see him (Rev 1:7, 19:11-18). An honest Bible student also sees his **Virtual Return** at the rapture (1Thes 4:14-18). Then there is a 1,000 year **Vibrant Reign** from the Throne of David in Zion. Worship his Majesty in Spirit and in Truth (Ps 21:5,29:4, John 4:23, Jude 1:25).

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## **Msg #1814 Sinless Perfection - NOT**

What The Bible Says

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The Apostle John carefully dictates some principles to determine the authentic conversion of professed believers around us. They are the same as those used to self-authenticate ones own conversion, obedience of Christ's commandments, a holy walk, and an authentic love for the brethren. But when rehearsing these he seems to over emphasize, perhaps because one cannot know another's heart as one's own. In this profound emphasis for authenticating a new-birth a person should abide in Christ and NOT abiding in sin. 1John 3:9 is the capstone of that emphasis. Be careful with this verse, even though a dozen verses earlier John says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1:8). Many use 1John 3:9, taken out of context, to support errant teachings about sinless perfection. Like some take Nebuchadnezzar's tree, or Satan's pinnacle to suppose that the world is flat! And some even suppose that it was half-angel half-human giants that caused God to destroyed the world with a flood The half-breed angles are the problem, they say, not man's depravity! False teachers take a verse out of its context and develop a whole system of error around it. Acts 2:38 might suppose ones baptismal regeneration, but the rest of the Bible cannot support it. Use great care in your Bible study and great criticism of charismatic teachers. Be a Borean (Acts 17:10-11) with your Bible. Don't be led down a crooked garden path. It is painstakingly Scriptural and obvious that believers still sin, but we now have an advocate with the Father, and he is the propitiation for sin. The point being (for 1 John 3:9) true believers use that advocate and do not continue in sin,..Every man that hath this hope in him is truly changed.

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**Msg #1815 Genuine Believers and 1John 3:16**

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“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” It seems so symmetrical that the Apostle John expounds the third ingredient of a genuine believer's evidence of a changed life in 1John 3:16. He mounts up this evidence so one can guard themselves against “pretend” believers that attract like moths to a light. “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous” (3:7) There is no greater deceiver than one who deceives themselves and so the Apostle carefully mounts this evidence to point inward as well as outward. “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother” (3:10). Ergo the genuine love for others is herein contrasted against Cain, against murder in general, and against closed up bowels of compassion. Cain hated Able because unrighteousness hates righteousness. The first born human became the first first-degree murderer illustrating the point. Just look at Washington DC, Albany, churches, families and 1John 3:13. And how serious is murder? “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him” (3:15). In his Master's teaching murder was not an extreme, but a common carnal attitude (Matt 5:21-26). Genuine love will not stand guilty of murder nor be tolerant of such hatred, but neither will it withhold good when a brother is in need (3:17). Is your “Christian” friend's love genuine? Is yours? Do not be deceived, “And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him” (3:19). Authentic believers have genuine love.

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## **Msg #1816 Genuine Revelation and 1John**

What The Bible Says

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Expect that John, called the disciple that Jesus loved, would, when writing an epistle to Gentile believers, emphasizes the things Jesus emphasized. In Chapter two, three, and four he states it plainly and repeatedly, make sure you and others are truly saved, saved people have a different sort of love, and watch out for false teachers. An astute Bible student might take this theme of John and find it repeatedly interwoven in the teachings of our Lord and Saviour. After his nine blessed “R”s Jesus teaches that his commandments are higher than the commandments of the law (Matt 5:21 ,27, 31, 33, 38), and John says, “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments is a liar” (1John 2:4). His sermon on the mount declared “If ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?” (Matt 5:46), and John says “For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another” (1John 3:11). Jesus taught on that mountain side, “Enter in at the straight gate,” and “beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing” (Matt 7:13,15), and John, “This is that spirit of antichrist, wherefore ye have heard that it should come” (1John 4:3). Man, as secular humanist, Roman religionist, or ecumenical modernist, teaches that the Bible is a man-made book. The Apostle John wrote the Truth down sixty years after he heard it from our Lord Jesus Christ. C. I. Scofield attests to the miracle of such inspiration with this thought, “These writers, some forty-four in number, writing through twenty centuries, have produced a perfect harmony of doctrine in progressive unfolding. This is, to every candid mind, the unanswerable proof of the Divine inspiration of the Bible. It is herein marvelous to behold.

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## **Msg #1817 Tell Them, Tell Them, and Tell Them**

What The Bible Says

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In a military briefing I was taught to tell what I was going to tell them, then tell them, then tell them what I told them. The Apostle John adds to that standard in that he tells us what he is going to tell us, then he tells us, and tells us, and tells us, then he tells us what he told us (1John 1,2-3-4,5). I love his clarity when he exhorts us to “try the spirits whether they are of God,” and that “Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist” (1John 4:1,3). The cults, Russel's JWs, Smith's LDSs, White's SDAs, are immediately classed as antichrists under this rule. But what of Roman Catholics and their Protestant children? These confess and defend the Deity of Christ; they confess that “Jesus is come in the flesh” (vr.2). Are they still considered “the spirit of error?” (vr.6). When “trying the spirits,” although a written creed may declare Christ's deity, the spirit of their error makes them antichrist. Their spirit teaches Mariology, or baptismal regeneration, or black cloaked priests with backward collars, or election of souls. Their emphasis is not the propitiation of a substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of God's Only Begotten Son. They are deceivers with another gospel, let them be accursed, they are antichrist. There are many “good people” tangled in their web of deceit. Like a good parent, the Apostle John warns his little children “Be careful who your friends are.” There is a wide gate and broad path for the deceivers and their following. Enter ye in at the straight gate and warn your friends. It is more than belief in God, keep the Lordship of Christ your main thing.

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## **Msg #1818 Ascension Thursday**

What The Bible Says

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Five Sundays plus four days marks out the forty days Jesus shewed himself in his resurrected body before a Thursday Ascension. Those forty days receive precious little study from the “normal” Christian, but a pure student of Christ, being a pure student of the Bible should mark them well. Twenty years ago when I found the Mennonite Farm Store closed for Ascension Thursday I began giving it brand new awareness. What was this all about? Why were other Christians paying this Thursday little heed? They twiddled around with an artificial Roman Fat-Tuesday, and a Catholic Ash-Wednesday but had no Ascension Thursday observed. When a Bible student ignores Rome they find Jesus was crucified on, and ascended on a Thursday. On resurrection Sunday disciples on the Emmaus Road said, “today is the third day since these things (the Thursday crucifixion) were done” (Luke 24:21b), and count off forty days in his resurrected body to find him ascending into heaven on a Thursday. We have tenaciously studied our Lord's appearances on resurrection Sunday, but in this week of his ascension we might further study his many appearances in his forty day shewing. I like three theories, he appeared every Lord's Day, he appeared on each week day, and he held a three day Bible conference (Acts 1:3-7). The Bible records seven appearances after resurrection day, eight days later to the eleven with Thomas present, (John 20:26), a Galilean visit (Mark 16:7), “After that he was seen of above 500 at once” (1Cor 15:6), seen of James, then of all the apostles (together? or individually? )(vr. 7). He appeared after Peter's fishing expedition (likely they were skipping a mid-week prayer service), then on Ascension Thursday (following his conference?). Be a Bible student who knows each of his appearances, and observes Ascension Thursday.

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## **Msg #1819 A Virtuous Woman**

What The Bible Says

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“Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies” (Prov 31:10). The prophecy that king Lemuel's mother taught him closes with eighteen salient illustrations of what that woman would do (vr11-28). The list may be grouped into seven qualities, trustworthy, diligent, industrious (even entrepreneurial), strong, compassionate, wise, and successful. Examine some gems that may get overlooked in Lemuel's list. “She will do him good” (vr12) brings to mind Proverbs 17:22, “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine....” In the darkest circumstance, in the deepest valley, in the greatest trial, men can quickly turn to the song “gloom, despair, and agony on me,” but a virtuous wife can keep a level of humor and merriment around her that does a family good “all the days of her life.” In verse 19 her diligence is subtly presented. “She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.” The spindle is twirled in the hand to spin thread, and the distaff holds the flax or wool that is to be spun. In third world countries, never in the USA, you see women spinning yarn whenever they find an idle moment. The virtuous woman does not spend hours in front of an idiot box. In verse 26 her mouth opens with wisdom tempered with kindness. Twice Lemuel's mother instructed him to “open his mouth,” once in compassion (vr8), once in righteous judgment (vr9). A woman who opens her mouth is not a rare thing, but the one who does it with wisdom and kindness, her price is far above rubies. Solomon was wise to commission his last chapter into the hands of king Lemuel. He aptly listened to the prophecy that his mother taught, Solomon,... not so much. Happy Mothers Day.

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## **Msg #1820 Pentecost**

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“And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD” (Lev 23:15-16). The Lord Jesus Christ is our Sheaf of the Wave-Offering, and Passover Lamb and the feast of weeks marked off by these seven sabbaths ascribe a fulfilled Pentecost like no other. In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue and Jews were banished from Spain and settled into Jerusalem in droves. At Pentecost of 1492 BC the Law was given at Mount Sinai and the Covenant of Law was established by God. How appropriate that at Pentecost, fifty days after Christ's resurrection the Covenant of Law officially died and the Covenant of Grace was installed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God as recorded in Acts 2. God's calendar, when the fullness of time was come, has no flaws or coincidences. For Bible believers every day is holy, we esteem each, but consider the importance of Pentecost for the believer. The Covenant of Law is dead and gone on its birthday; the New Covenant of Grace, the New Testament in his blood, and God's sending the Comforter on that fiftieth day marks a whole new dispensation in time. Praise His Holy Name. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Let us shew forth all his mighty works. A Bible believer rejoices in Pentecost and knows a New Covenant. A Protestant Covenant Theologian knows nothing of God's grace, mercy and truth in these things. Keep your Bible open in these last days, this dispensation of grace will close when he removes his church.

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**Msg #1821 1John Five In Reality**

What The Bible Says

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1John 5:7 has embroiled the last chapter of the Apostle John's epistle to "My little children" in controversy when it should be exalted as one of the greatest written conclusions in Holy Scripture. Any student of the Bible could see it as genuine. Any student of history could know that Roman Catholic Saint Origin of Alexandria Egypt, the Father of their allegorical method, and the Father of their Bible criticism, was diabolically driven to omit this verse and twenty other whole verses of Holy Scripture. Indeed any student of diabolical methods and Biblical criticism could see their despise of inspiration and preservation of Holy Scripture. But not every student does. If your Bible does not contain 1John 5:7 as accurately translated in the Authorized King James Bible, I'll encourage you to become a student of the Bible, of history, and of Satan's textual criticisms, and then promptly drop his work into a suitable trash receptacle. From a KJB examine the conclusion of such a precious epistle. (If you prefer a modernist, ecumenical, copyright bible, I encourage you to all the more take heed here.) Is your salvation genuine? (vr.1-5). Is your love real? (vr.1). Is your obedience real? (vr.2-3). Are you an overcommer? (vr.4-5). Second, do you understand the triune witness who established these truths? (vr.6-9 KJB only)(Any shmo can see the "and" in verse 6 connects to the authentic verse 7, and that connection is all the more pronounced in the Greek.) Thirdly understand the simplicity and certainty of conversion, the gospel, and the new birth (vr.10-13). Lastly, understand and use the confidence that we now have in Christ. The confidence we have in Christ (The Word) springs from the confidence we have in the Holy Bible (The Word). Don't allow some Bible critic to mess with your faith.

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## **Msg #1822 The Bell Tolls**

What The Bible Says

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I had not heard Psalm 116 called the Death Psalm, but the title fits. It begins, "I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications," and proceeds to an exquisite salvation testimony, "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me... Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. ... yea, our God is merciful." This Psalm, not labeled such but presumed written by King Hezekiah, who understood some things about staring into death's door, now addresses "Return unto thy rest, O my soul..." and "I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living..." wherein attention is focused on dying. He reaffirms salvation, "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD..." before declaring in verse 15 the curiosity of this chapter, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." The marvel of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ will always be, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Some here have loved ones on death's door, some are themselves dealing with a cancer that could take them home this year, and none of us are guaranteed another year or day here on earth. Even in a coma on the very edge of eternity one can call upon the name of the Lord. Rehearse this Psalm and the Romans Road of salvation (3:10,23, 5:8,12,18-19, 6:23,10: 9-10,13) out loud with your loved ones while there is time. Verse 14 and 18 of Psalm 116 talks of paying one's vows. You cannot pay your own way into heaven, our Lord Jesus Christ paid your necessary sacrificial vows. Call on him today.

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**Msg #1823 The World, The Word, and The Witness**

What The Bible Says

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The majesty of Psalm 19 is brought to bear when one sees the faithful testimony of God in the World, the Word, and the Witness. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.... There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard” (vr.1, 3). This world faithfully testifies to every nation, creed, and kindred that there is a God. Further, Romans 1 declares that man knows about the pending wrath of God and is without excuse. The Psalmist continues, “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure,... The statutes of the LORD are right,...” (vr.7-8). The Only Begotten Son of God, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, the only Saviour, the only Redeemer, and the only Mediator between God and man, is not seen in the world, he is seen in the Word. Satan does everything he can to destroy the Word of God. It has been burned, polluted in Latin, and is presently being polluted with English copyright. God says the 400 year old King James Bible will endure forever as a gospel testimony that “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). The Psalmist concludes, “Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer” (vr.14). The third and final step for God getting his gospel message to every creature comes from your mouth (Romans 10:14). Satan roadblocks the gospel with evolution, bastardized ESVs and your fear to preach. Tare down a roadblock and preach the gospel to someone today. This message was preached by my son, missionary to Peru and Italy, while on a 2018 furlough. Contact Shane at [www.ricefamilyministries.com](http://www.ricefamilyministries.com).

An Essay for week #23 Jun 10, 2018

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## **Msg #1824 The Word Was Made Flesh**

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Christ humbled himself, took on the form of a servant, made himself of no reputation, was made in the likeness of men, was made a little lower than the angels. At one time prior to “the Word was made flesh,” and also “before the world was,” Christ had all the glory of the Father, and while robed in flesh, Jesus prayed to the Father that he would be restored to that glory (John17:5). Also consider what Jesus said, “The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do” (John5:19), and again, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also” (John14:12). These powerful revelations are brought into harmony with the understanding that to be Jesus, Christ set aside his omnipresence, his omnipotence, and his omniscience, and for thirty-three years he operated in the likeness of men, as you and I do. This truth escapes the orthodox theologian; they set these Scriptures aside and consternate about how Jesus got a soul and how a union of two natures is even possible. While on this point consider that we are not “Jesus-ians;” we are “Christ-ians.” One cannot be saved by believing on Jesus, one must believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John20:31). God is very careful where he uses the names Lord, Jesus and Christ and we should be. Modernist translators striving to copyright God's words are cavalier, even callous, about their use, so a serious Bible student should get and use only an uncopyright Authorized Bible. The name Jesus references what he did while in the flesh, the name Christ references his eternal Godhead as Messiah the Anointed One. Even in their compound use God is very careful about their order. It is awesome what Christ did.

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**Msg #1825 Decisions Decisions**

What The Bible Says

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“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision” (Joel 3:14). This week Dr. John Mills of H.E.L.P. addressed for us the importance of making wise decisions. The negative side is established by Joshua's league with the Gibeonites. He was uneasy about the decision and the Bible states, “And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD” (Josh 9:14). Like in this decision consequences can go on for generations. Adam blamed his wife, Flip Wilson the Devil, psychologists the parents. Take responsibility. “I'm sorry” does not erase consequences so practice these three principles for decision making. After making the greatest decision of life, receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as the savior of your soul, one has all new aptitude for them. First labor to please God every day of your life. We daily battle the world, the flesh, and the devil and to “in all thy ways acknowledge him” (Prov 3:5-6) is going to take determination, dedication, and discipline. Our desires ought to always please our Lord. Second habitually feed abundantly on the Word of God. Devotionals are wonderful tools, but they do not divide the thoughts and intents of our heart. Pick up your King James Bible and dedicate yourself to much reading, much study, and much meditation (Psalm 1, 119:97,104, Josh 1:8). It equips us for making wise decisions. Lastly practice the inverse of Joshua 9:14. James 1:5 says, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally.” Remember Psalm 27:14, “Wait on the LORD” and wait for a clear indication from the Lord; we often press on leaning on our own understanding, the inverse of Proverbs 3:5-6. Joshua failed in his chapter 9; it was recorded so that we need not fail.

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## **Msg #1826 A More Sure Word**

What The Bible Says

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When the Apostle Peter writes “We have also a more sure word of prophecy” (2Peter 1:19) comprehend what he is saying. Peter was an eyewitness of Christ's majesty (vr.16). He was present and saw with his own eyes when Christ “received from God the Father honour and glory.” There on that mount of transfiguration they saw “The Son of man coming in his Kingdom” (Matthew 16:28). Peter, James, and John saw Moses and Elias talking with Christ, the only begotten Son of God. “His face did shine as the sun, and his raiment as white as the light” (17:2). Then Peter heard out of the bright cloud that overshadowed them, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him” (vr.5). But now, in the close of Peter's ministry, he writes that, concerning the power and coming of our Lord Jesus, we have a more sure word of prophecy. The Holy-Bible we hold in our hand is a more sure word of prophecy concerning the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ than is the eyewitness of Peter who saw all these things. At the time of Peter's writing twenty-two of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament had been penned. These and all thirty-nine in the Old Testament were perfect inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired writings of God, and Peter declares it so with the label “more sure prophecy.” He goes on to say, “Where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.” Don't let the ecumenical modernists tell you there is no inerrant, inspired Bible today. Hold your Holy-Bible close, it is a more sure word of prophecy than Peter in person.

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## **Msg #1826b Some Giant Questions Answered**

On 7/5/2018 7:58 AM, mike wrote:...

Pastor Ed, Some Bible Questions

Q. 1- Do you believe that verses indicate a "start over" i.e.- an event caused the vEarth to be w/o form and void?

Q 2- Do you believe a study of Nephillin and antediluvian tech/concepts to be wise and profitable.

Q 3- opinions on author Steven Quayle.

Thank you.

Brother Mike.

Brother Mike,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good to hear from you. Quick answers A.1 - No, A.2 - No, A.3 - Quayle is a dangerous demon.

A.1 The gap theory tried to fix the Bible when it said the earth was only 6,000 years old and "science" (so-called) said it was millions of years old. Never correct the Bible because of atheistic science's explanations. Well after they got the "gap" pried open they started cramming all kinds of things into it. One Peter Ruckman was a whole-sale crammer and tried to justify a whole previous failed creation in "the gap." He could really stretch some verses to fill the gap with all kinds of junk. None of it fits with the theme of the book.

A.2 The idea that God destroyed the world in a flood because angel-human half-breeds messed things up has become all the rage and was likewise fueled by Peter Ruckman's wild and irresponsible speculations. It was not the depravity of man, they reason, it was those half-breed angels that mucked things up. Them nasty angels even copulated with animals, that is why the complete flood's destruction of them was necessary, ... they suppose. Then them nasty angels must have done it again because giants were in Canaan land. What's more they must have done it again, those nasty angels screwing around with our women, that's what's causing all the ill in this world. Those giants are being hid, they say, by those bureaucrats in Washington DC! Be careful the whole world is in on this conspiracy, don't you know?

A.3 Author Steve Quayle believes, promotes, and profits from teaching all this utter stupidity. His strong deception might have more followers than the KJV-Only crowd. It, and he, are demonic. We, the KJV-only crowd, stand on the truth of Scripture, which shows the depravity of man requiring the atoning blood of Christ, not the angel half-breed devils ruining everything scenario that Quayle is profitably promoting.

Thanks for asking. Stick to what the Bible says, avoid what charismatic teachers try to twist into its pages.

Pastor Ed Rice

## **Msg #1827 Plenary Inspiration**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

After the Apostle Peter called our Holy Bible a more sure word of prophecy, more sure than his eyewitness accounting, he give a tremendous insight as to how that happens. In my GARBC upbringing I was always taught that 2Peter 1:20 warns against using Scripture for our private interpretations, but it does not. Second Peter 1:20 is not about the reader of Scripture, it is about the writer of Scripture. The next verse clarifies that the holy men of God were not self-willed in providing the words of God, they were, instead, “moved by the Holy Ghost”. Understanding how inspiration works is like understanding how Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. Many have tried natural explanations for these Supernatural events. “Faith” is the noun, “believe” is its verb; by faith (noun) we believe (same word in verb form) that every word in the Holy Bible came directly from God. That's called “plenary verbal inspiration”. The Bible says this is so (2Tim3:16-17, 2Peter1:15-21, Psalm12:6, Gen15:1 et.al.). Further, His words are preserved to all generations (Psalm 33:11, 119:89, et.al.). The modernist lie is still the “not” in the Devils tale as they preach to the wide-gate and broad-way that only the original autographs are inspired, and make wholesale copyright changes to God's words. Paul did not say “all autographs are inspired,” all Timothy had were copies of copies of copies! Don't be taken in, hold your Holy Bible close, every word is from God, not man. And “me” think one can learn the nominative and accusative cases of words; it was pretty easy for “I”, and can be for thee (second person, singular, accusative). If you-all can learn where to use “I” vs. “me” at age five, thou mayest learn to properly parse all of God's pronouns.

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**Msg #1828 Suffer a Little**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

In the margin of my Bible next to Hebrews 5:8, “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered...” I have listed ten reasons why suffering is good for us. Foremost, we are here for His purposes not for ours, and in this Scripture God's purpose involved Christ's suffering. Recall Abraham who believed God but did not see fulfillment for twenty-two years. He and Sarah tried a man-made fulfillment... we know how that worked out. Isaac arrived in Genesis 21 but in chapter 22 God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only begotten son. God was painting a picture; the world waited a long time for the birth of the Messiah, he was then sacrificed for us. Suffering keeps us humble. In 2Corinthians 12 the Apostle Paul's thorn in the flesh brought humility and strength. In verse 9 God's strength is made perfect in weakness, and in verse 10 Paul himself was made strong in his weakness. Our immune system is made strong by fighting. Tonsils used to be ripped out regularly until we learned their role in our immune system. Exotic diet chemicals in the food industry destroy the immune system and cause numerous autoimmune diseases. Our suffering builds up our immunity to many other things, and produces our strength. When we are “dull of hearing” (Heb5:11) suffering holds our attention. Suffering teaches us to love, to enjoy blessings, to be Christlike, to be forgiving, to minister and long for heaven. “I walked a mile with happiness, she chatted all the way, but I was none the wiser for all she had to say. I walked a mile with sadness and not a word said she, but oh the things I learned from her, when sadness walked with me.”

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## **Msg #1829 Do What Jesus Did**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The things that Christ did while made in the likeness of men he did because he was one with the Father. We often hear it said, “Of course he did no sin, ... he was God,” or “Of course he knew their thoughts, ... he was God,” or “Of course he could raise the dead, ... he was God.” A careful read of Scripture reveals he did not do these things in his own power, he did them because he was in perfect union with the Father. A Christian is to be in perfect union with the Father and that is why Jesus said, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also” (John 14:12). Many Scriptures come into clearer focus when we acknowledge that for 33 years Christ operated in the same flesh that we live in. John 5:10 declares, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself.” Granted, Christ, not born of the seed of man, had no sin nature drawing him to sin, but he was every bit as flesh and blood as you or I. Christ didn't do his own will (John 6:38), nor teach his own doctrine (7:16-18), it was the Father's. All he did in those 33 years he did in the power of the Father. You and I can and need to do the same. Christ took upon him the form of a servant (Phil 2:7), and operated here with the same rules that a believer operates under. When Christ rose victorious over death the Father restored him to the glory he had before the world was (John 17:1,5). Until we join him we are to live like he did, in complete surrender to the Father.

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## Msg #1830 Nuggets

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Here are some nuggets I jotted down from the preaching at the NE Pastor's Summit. It is more important that God is in the service, than it is how many people are in the service (Pastor Clark Jr.). Dr. Gibbs reminds us from Dan 9 to pray fervently, with repentance, fasting and faith! Pastor Christenson, don't chisel your rock (Exod 20:25), bring it just as you are; He will meet with you there; approach God just the way he says. The most spiritual thing a man of God can do is to love his wife (Pastor Clark Jr.). Dr. Gibbs reminds us, peace is promised to those who rejoice evermore, are moderated, don't worry, and talk to God about everything (Phil 4). Pastor Mike Clarke adds, Peace is easily lost and quickly stolen. Dr. Fisher reminds us that Jacob wrongfully blamed himself for Joseph's death, but the Holy Ghost NEVER says to us, "It's your fault"; He only gives us HOPE. Pastor Clark III adds, Discouragement is loss of heart, depression is loss of hope.

Dr. Don Sisk (85) shared his testimony with the men, then taught us, "Think about heaven, it will make you earthly good," and then, Finish well (Greek – *telesti* "it is finished") by 1) Knowing God is watching, preach to an audience of One; 2) Preach ALL Scripture; 3) Men with itching ears will not like you; 4) Watch – what you watch, both who and what; 5) Endure afflictions – not like a boy scout, like a soldier; 6) Do the work of an evangelist; 7) Make full proof of ministry.

Pastor Wilkerson reminds us that James writes five chapters promoting Christian maturity. A child screaming on an airplane cares nothing about others. A mature Christian cares about nothing but others. They are preserved through trials, have bridled speech, a benevolent spirit, a blameless separation, a blatant submission, and the patience of a wise farmer. Pastor Shirley closed reminding us that Nehemiah is a type of Christ in his concern for Jerusalem, intercession, participation, inspiration of others, taking the willing – whosoever will, building motivation, and standing by with a trumpeter to call everyone together before the biggest battle. It was a year of encouragement, packed into one week, I jotted down what I could.

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## **Msg #1831 The Potters House**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

God took Jeremiah to the potter's house to see some things that would cause him to hear God's words (Jeremiah 18). Evangelist Engesath, [masterpotterministries.com](http://masterpotterministries.com), took us there Sunday for the same reason. The potter takes clay through eight stages to make a vessel meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work (2Timothy 2:21). We too are made of clay and it is no coincidence that these eight refinements align with God's steps for our sanctification from 2Peter. The potter digs clay out of a pit like faith set our feet upon a rock when we believed God's Word (Psalm 40:1). The potter weathers the clay with water removing impurities like hiding God's Word in our heart adds to our faith virtue. He violently wedges the clay to homogenize and remove air-pockets like studying God's Word adds knowledge. After the clay is cut and wedged it is rested like meditating on God's Word adds temperance. These four sanctification processes involve absorbing God's pure words. They do not build in a column like we read them, but are layered like staggered bricks where three faiths hold up two virtues which hold one knowledge. The next four stages involve being a doer of the Word. After it is rested clay is shaped on the wheel like thankful trials add to our temperance patience (James 1:3-4). If marred it is re-wedged. The earthen vessel is now low-fired in a furnace to crystallize its chemistry like we add Godliness by our contented devotion and worship. A covering glaze is added like we are robed in righteousness (Isaiah 61:10) and add brotherly kindness. Finally the vessel is high-fired in the furnace, the glaze is bond with the clay like we add charity that never faileth. Wherever you are at, keep adding, keep building.

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## Msg #1832 Hope in Christ

What The Bible Says

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Evangelist Mike Patterson reminded us Sunday that “Christ in you, the hope of glory” is the mystery God uses to make known the riches of his glory (Col 1:26-27). With this hope there is no cause to be in the mulligrubs. *“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.* (Psalm 42:5). This hope in Christ manifests in seven ways. Titus 1:2 assures surety of eternal life, “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” In Psalm 31:24 hope strengthens the heart, *“... he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.”* Hope will cause us to praise God (Psalm 42:5,11,43:5). Back in Titus 2 “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (vr.13), causes us to speak and exhort (vr.15). The hope in this new covenant is an anchor, *“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast...”* (Hebrews 6:19) Without the hope we would be “most miserable” (1Cor 15:19), so with it we can be most joyful. Lastly the hope we have in Christ makes us know God's mercy, *“Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine”*(Psalm 33:18-19). Even Job's “friend” Bildad knew some things about uncertain hope, *“So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish”* (Job 8:13). *“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God”* (Psalm 42:11).

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## **Msg #1833 Learn From Jacob's Mistakes**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

As Jacob walks across twenty-six chapters of Genesis he teaches, by bad example, things about the believer's walk with God. To get the blessing he lied to his father about his name, and then tried for a deal with God,... if you bless me I'll have you as my God (Gen28:20-22). He cheated Laban out of his flocks. Lambs and calves are born at watering troughs and when drooped on pilled white strakes they are deeply stained and are “ringstraked, speckled, and spotted.” This was not magic or superstition, this was thievery. And then to cover up his cheat he made up a dream from God and said God helped me do it. (31:9-13). Jacob's great fear and flight from Laban was completely unjustified. His fear and conniving to appease his brother Esau was also completely unjustified. Worry is interest paid on tomorrow's debt before it is due. We should not be living in fear. God has things in his control. When Jacob wrestles with God to get a blessing, God, like his father, asks “What is your name?” This time he didn't say Esau. At least Jacob had learned not to lie about it. When confronting the loss of his favorite son, Joseph,... “all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning” (37:35). Doubtless Jacob blamed himself for the loss of Joseph, and was in depression for twenty years about it. It was unjustified, God was watching out for Jacob, but he never knew, and he never trusted God. The born-again believer has three things Jacob did not; Christ indwelling him, God as his Father, and the written record of Jacob's life; take full advantage.

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**Msg #1834 Repentance Is Required**

What The Bible Says

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“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2). David provides exhibit A for the need of our repentance. Mercy needs called for when the guilty and condemned want to escape just desert. Recall “the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke xviii.13). An hundred-and-ninety years ago J. Thornton was compelled to write a lengthy discourse, “Repentance – Explained and Enforced,” to confront false teachers who po-poed repentance of sin. He declares, “Repentance is contrition of heart, deep self-aborrence, where the genuinely penitent one is abased and confounded with a view of the greatness of his sins.” Among the many Scriptures defending this definition he points out Psalm xl. 12. “For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.” A hundred-and-thirty years ago Charles H. Spurgeon embarked on a similar defense stating, “Repentance is to leave the sin we loved before and show that we in earnest grieve by doing so no more.” The Roman's Latin Vulgate struck every occurrence of “repentance” from their translation and substituted “penance.” Ecumenical modernists would do it again today; be on guard for their pernicious ways. Forgiveness only comes to those who can lament “woe unto us, that we have sinned” (Lam 5:16). Our sacrifice for sin needs to be “A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise” (Psalm li.17).

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## **Msg #1835 Extreme Christianity?**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

To Capture attention in this day we have extreme sports, extreme racing, and extreme everything, but, unfortunately, we have lukewarm Christianity. Sunday our son Shane, missionary to Peru, Italy, and Ohio, aptly portrayed Josiah's walk through two chapters of our Bible as “Extreme Christianity” (2Kings 22-23). Despite an evil father and vile grandfather, as king, at eight years old, Josiah purposed to rebuild God's temple and found “The Book” (22:8). “When the king had heard the words of the book of the law he rent his clothes... for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us” (vr.11, 13). This was no “Not Inspired Version” giving what ecumenical counsels thought God meant to say, it was the inspired Word of God and it caused Josiah to weep over, and repent of, sin. “And the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book” (23:3). He first purged his kingdom of evil; all the perversion, i.e. sodomites (vr.7), all the idolatry, all the all the false worship, and “all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book” (23:24). We need to perform the words of God's law, and must first purge, some things from our kingdoms. God said that before, or after, there was no king like unto Josiah, “that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might” (23:25). Extreme Christianity, try it.

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## **Msg #1836 A Marriage Relationship With God?**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The love, security and significance humans find in a Godly marriage prepares the heart, awakens the spirit, and tempers the soul for the type of relationship that our Creator desires to have with men. Genesis 2 tells us “it is not good that man should be alone” and goes on to describe the “appropriate-helper” that God made for him. In verse 24 God clarifies that marriage is 1) to form a new family relationship, 2) for one man and one woman, and 3) the forsaking of all others. Marriage is 4) to be “until death do us part,” and 5) a means of procreation where a mature, loving, faithful, and stable relationship provides the environment for rearing Godly children. So too, in our relationship with God, it is not good that man should be alone. 1) God pleads that we enter into this new “family” relationship “Come now, let us reason together” (Isa. 1:18). 2) “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other.... Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24). “The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might” (Deut. 6:4-5). 3) “Thou shalt have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3), because he is a Jealous God (34:14). 4) “For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb 13:5). And for Christian procreation, 5) Preach the gospel to every creature... baptizing them ... and teaching them to observe... (Matt.28:18-20, Mark16:15, Luke24:46-48, John20:21, Acts1:8, Rom.1:16). Yet only 5% of Christians ever lead a soul to Christ! With these five parallels we should take stock of marriage, and of our relationship with the Lord our God.

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## **Msg #1837 Daniel Revealed In Revelation**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

It is curious that John in the Isle of Patmos was told by the Lord Jesus Christ to “write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter” (Rev1:19), and in Daniel 7 is written the things which Daniel had seen, the Babylonian and Medo-Persian Empires represented in the first and second beast, the things which are, being the third beast representative of the rising Grecian Empire, and the things which shall be hereafter, represented in the dreadful and terrible fourth beast. Daniel says, “Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast” (Dan7:19), and there follows a description of the end times which is fully fleshed out in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Revelation is written in Greek but its soul is in the Hebrew imagery portrayed in Daniel. For those with ears to hear it lays out events that “must shortly come to pass.” The fourth beast of Daniel 7 is the dragon of Revelation 12:3, 13:1, 17:3,7; the ten horns are ten kings which receive dragon power for one hour (17:12,16). Their mother church taught all Protestants to read their Bibles as allegorical literature and they have no ears to hear. They cannot understand Christ on the Throne of David because they suppose they replaced Israel in God's promises. They so misconceive, “Thy kingdom come” that Ellen White (SDA) said it would in 1844, Charles Taze Russell (JW) in 1878, Edgar Whisenant in 1988, and Harold Camping in 2011. All these false teachers started with Roman misinformation about God's chosen people, Israel, and “no ears to hear” the Revelation of Jesus Christ. These anti-Christ's spring from MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS” (Revelation 17:5). They play right into the hand of that dragon.

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## Msg #1838 Redemption Draweth Nigh

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The doom of the beast with ten horns in Daniel 7, Revelation 12,13 and 17 is certain and the time of his rise and fall is clearly prophesied. *“Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon the many waters... and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast... having seven heads and ten horns”* (Rev 17:1b,3b). Rome is the city on seven hills and in desperation to claim Peter as her first pope Catholics, because of 1Peter 5:13, ironically, diabolically, and voluntarily, assign themselves the label “Mystery Babylon.” *“The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman (Mystery Babylon, Mother of Harlots) sitteth... And the ten horns... shall hate the whore... and the woman is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth”* (Rev 17:9,16,18). The beast with ten horns and a mouth speaking great things (Daniel 7:8, Rev 13:5) is given power to continue only forty-two months (Rev 13:5) (one half of the seven years of the great tribulation, i.e. the seventieth week of Daniel 9:24). After that two-thousand and three-hundred days (Daniel 8:14,12:11, Rev 11:3,12:6) the beast is destroyed by the “Lord of lords and King of kings” of Rev 17:14, “The Ancient of Days” of Daniel 7:9, “The Son of man” of Daniel 7:13, and the “Faithful and True” who “in righteousness doth judge and make war” of Revelation 19:11! That dragon powered beast and the ten horns which receive power as kings for only “one hour” (Rev 17:12) only exist in the last half of the seven year tribulation. Romans and their Protestants do not have ears to hear these things but Bible believers are looking for the upptaker not the undertaker, or the beast, or the anti-christ. Keep looking up.

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## **Msg #1839 Mind Your Own Business**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

I am not advocating that we roll over but it is clear in Biblical prophecy who dominates in our battle against the lying, cheating, manipulating, power mongering, progressive liberal, championing sodomy and moral decay as a way of life, and their progressive socialism as a new world order. Babylon, meaning confusion, raises her seven heads and ten horns in Genesis 11, right after the world flood. She carries the scattered Gentile nations of this world as a vast river flowing through time, while Genesis 12 through Matthew 12 traces only a tiny creek of chosen people called Israel. God uses this rill to show that the LORD our God is one God, to show the great advantage of serving our God, to provide the oracles of God, and to bring His Messiah, His Anointed One, the Christ, the only Begotten Son of God (Psalm 2:2,7) into this world. In this rill is found the Dispensation of Promise, and Law. In the mean time, the larger river of mankind continues in "babylon" with only the Dispensation of Conscience and Human Government to keep her on course. After Matthew 12, when Christ turns his attention from Israel to offer himself as the Saviour of the whole world, all enter into the Dispensation of Grace (Eph 1:10, 3:2). The river Babylon then births from the Roman beast, Mystery Babylon the Mother of Harlots (Rev 17). It behooves the Bible believer to keep this larger picture in mind. That is why God laid out Revelation 17 and 18 for us to read. Some are inclined to march on DC and battle the beast, but it is above my pay-grade, battling Babylon; I am instead commissioned to preach the gospel to every creature. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

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## **Msg #1840 Faith Promise Missions Giving**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Turns out, the liberal giving that the Apostle Paul endorses for the Church at Corinth exactly fills the need for autonomous local churches supporting missionaries who preach the gospel to every creature. Paul's complete recommendation is captured in what many call "Faith Promise Missions Giving," wherein "we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches... unto the riches of their liberality" (2Cor 8:1-2). Paul encourages this church, on the rebound from being the most carnal of churches, to pray, purpose, and with desire give "beyond their power" (vr.3). This "grace of liberal giving" is beyond their tithe, and is intended to minister to the needs of saints (vr. 4) who are out there fulfilling the great commission. Faith Promise Missions Giving and 2Cor 8-9 encourage every believer to be involved, to purpose an amount that God can give through them, and then to start giving that amount, trusting God to supply it each week. Just like these Scriptures teach, Faith Promise is not part of our tithe, it is a freewill offering; it is not a pledge to man, but a by faith promise to God, and it is not just doing what one is able to do, it is what God is able to do through us. God will give more through you than he will ever give to you. The grace of liberal giving taught in 2Cor 8-9 has put more gospel preaching Baptist missionaries on foreign fields than any other entity. Paul expresses the joy this type of giving produces and experience shows the tremendous effect it has on the local church. If your church does not use the Biblical Faith Promise Missions Giving method, read the chapters and investigate why not.

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## **Msg #1841 Enduring Unto the End?**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Unless one has embraced errant Protestant eschatology, Matthew 24 clarifies a lot of things about the coming Kingdom. The coming Kingdom of God is not about the church it is about Israel. The Protestant/Reformed theologians suppose that they are Israel, and that we are presently living in the great tribulation. No, we are not Israel, and this is not the great tribulation. Thinking so, and treating the Revelation of Jesus Christ as allegorical literature, will never lead one to “rightly divide the word of truth” (2Tim.2:15). Also, if one is going to insert a gap between verses they should leave the Genesis account alone and insert it between verses two and three of Matthew 24. The time it took Jesus and his disciples to walk from the temple, where Jesus gave a profound prophecy about the temple stones, to the mount of Olives was adequate for the disciple's minds to stop reeling and start absorbing. At the mount they ask, “Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming? And of the end of the world?” (Matt.24:3). Jesus responds, “Take heed that no man deceive you,... ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars... nation shall rise against nation... ye shall be hated of all nations...” (vr.4-9). That is just an outline, when Jesus gets to “the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet” (vr.15), the Bible student is certain that Jesus is describing the “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world...” (vr.21). For a believer to be saved in this tribulation he must “endure unto the end” (vr.13). Enduring to the end is not for the blood bought saints of today, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God” (1John 3:2). That is comforting.

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## **What's Allegorical in Msg #1841?**

Hi Pastor Ed,

The wrinkle in this is verse 34. "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened." It seems to me that by ignoring this verse, or allegorizing it, we are making Matthew 24 allegorical. If I had to make a choice between taking Matthew 24 or Revelation allegorically, I would choose the book that is filled with allegory, head to toe. To me it is just more straightforward to read Jesus' words and see if it is possible He could be talking about something coming within the disciples lifetimes. The destruction of the temple was a massive upheaval, a literal destruction of the old covenantal ways. And one of the more brutal attacks on mankind recorded.

But it is okay to disagree with each other. And Like I said, I haven't studied this strongly, because it is a minor point and I have very little interest in end times. I am following, and encouraging my flock to follow Christ today, for today, for every day till He comes. Whether He comes in my lifetime or not, I am a blessed man to endure it all till the end. Praise Jesus.

Blessings to you Pastor!

Randy

Dear Pastor Randy,

Thank you for writing, I always enjoy your insights. What we have here is a failure to communicate. It's my fault. When I cram four pages into a three-hundred word essay I condense a lot. Let me expand three points; the complete and utter failure of the allegorical method anywhere in Scripture, the exact language of verse 34, and a reasonable understanding of the verse.

Roman Catholic Saint Origen (AD 185-254) of Alexandria Egypt is called the Father of the Allegorical Method. A good review of the three schools of hermeneutical methods, Jewish Exegesis, The School of Alexandria, and The School of Antioch, can be found in *Systematic Theology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Section 2 Bibliology, Chapter 13 Christian Biblical Hermeneutics*<sup>1</sup>. In short Origen's allegorical method holds that all scripture has a deep secret meaning hidden behind the literal interpretation and that only the very pious and diligent lifetime student of scripture can read and discern this hidden meaning. Origen devised this method to eliminate Israel from Scripture, he and his mentor, Clement of Alexandria, had seen Israel annihilated from the face of the earth, and it was inconceivable that they would ever be back to claim the promises of God, ergo the promises must go to the catholic church, ergo the allegorical method would accommodate such divergence from the literalness of Scripture. They supposed

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the literal interpretation was for the immature, (laity) the allegorical for the mature (clergy).

As stated in my systematic theology book: “Since Israel, Hebrews, and the 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.”<sup>2</sup>

Now Origen's allegorical method is very different from the Jewish Midrash methods. The Apostle Paul makes reference to their allegorical methods in Galatians 4:24, but even there he is more-so taking a stab at the foolishness in their allegories, than he is defending any use of allegory. Recall that Martin Luther was considered the very best Roman Catholic allegorist, until he understood that Romans 1:16 was not allegorical at all, it was literal. Then he became the Roman Catholic's worst nightmare. Baptists have always used the literal-grammatical-historical method that Jesus used; it was defined and defended by the School of Antioch and is in stark contrast to the School of Alexandria's methods. The literal-grammatical-historical method understands figurative, similitude and parable usages in the context of the Scriptures.

Brother Randy, you and I refuse to call Matthew 24:34 allegorical so lets look more particularly at that verse.

You said the verse says, “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened,” but I must first clarify that it more accurately says, “Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” I'll contend that things being “fulfilled” is very different than things “happening.” Biblical prophecy often has a near term, literal fulfillment, fore-shadowed fulfillments and a complete fulfillment. For example consider Isa. 7:14, and the destruction of Ephraim and Syria that was a near term and literal fulfillment, i.e. what “happened” there. And/Or consider Jesus' prophecy that “*There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom*” (Matt 16:28) and how that “happened” in the chapter 17, but it was not then fulfilled in its fullest sense. The Bible says what it means and means what it says, and one needs to be very careful with renderings which come from ecumenical counsels that did not believe in an inerrant, infallible verbally inspired Bible (and further they believed in the allegorical methods of Saint Origen). In the same way that Matthew 17:2 is a “lesser” fulfillment of “the Son of man coming in his kingdom,” there may be a “lesser” fulfillment or even several “lesser” fulfillments of Matthew 24:34.

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2 [http://www.gsrbaptistchurch.com/theology/21cent\\_vol02Bibliology.pdf](http://www.gsrbaptistchurch.com/theology/21cent_vol02Bibliology.pdf) pg 489

Let's examine the full context of the verse by examining the verses around it, (I'll be using the Authorized Version) *“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”*

Dr. DeHann taught me when I was a boy that “the generation that sees these things from this parable will not pass till all these things be fulfilled.” He contended that the fig tree putting forth leaves was the 1948 treaty once more making Israel a nation, and thereby expecting “all these things be fulfilled” before 1998. (Others contended for the 1967 Six Day War, as the leaf.) He was wrong but I learned a great deal about looking at Matthew 24:34 from Dr. DeHann; it did not necessarily singularly and completely apply to the disciples who heard Jesus say it. Surely “all these things” should include the abomination of desolation, the great tribulation, the flight from Judah and coming of Christ described in Matthew 24. The disciples generation passed away not seeing all these things. Obviously we need a larger picture to discern the truths of this passage. But never go allegorical on any Scripture, it is unbecoming of a Bible believer.

Just some uncondensed thoughts on you input. God bless you in your studies.

Pastor Ed Rice

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Awesome notes, Pastor. Thank you. ...

Having said that though, I still have to conclude that in discerning the next successive fulfillment, we would need to make it comfortable—that is, not stretch scripture too much. I think we could all agree that we don't have to stretch scripture too much to say that AD70 was a meaningful robust fulfillment of Matthew 24. Could there be a future successive fulfillment? Absolutely! We are solidly in agreement there. But, if I have to climb out on a limb and point my finger at the successive fulfillment, I am going to have to be certain beyond a shadow of a doubt.

So here's where we might be on different pages, perhaps.

- It seems to me many people are trying too hard to find reasons for the next fulfillment to be coming soon. I don't see it. Every generation has thought they were it. They were wrong. Statistically, this generation is wrong as well.

- Stretching scripture to fit a theory seems man-made. I lived too long

as a prideful man, trying to make up a god that I liked. I am being really cautious about ever doing that again. If I am in doubt about it being man-made or God-made, I am happy to wait on God to reveal it to me. 70 weeks of Daniel, two resurrections (beyond the one I already went through in being raised from the dead of my wretched old self), another great tribulation beyond 70 AD, two second comings of Christ, and there a few others that I can't think of right now within dispensationalism.

· I don't see that the secular nation of Israel has any more interest in following God than they ever did before 70AD. Nor can I see that God is going to go back on His second covenant. Jesus is the way. The only way. Forever. I think everyone is on equal footing now. The Father of the bride was not pleased with his invited guests, so He went out and burned their city, and invited everyone else in. So, my concern is that I and my flock are ready, wearing the right wedding clothes for His return (which could happen soon, but is highly likely not going to happen in my lifetime). Every Jew has equal opportunity to come back to the wedding, to be grafted back into the vine they were cut off from, but only on God's terms. Nobody has any special favor now. That covenant is over. The city was burned. We are not going back to the old covenant with a temple and animal sacrifices. The old covenant has been destroyed, even the Jews agree with that. They are practicing Rabbinic Judaism today, not the Law, and they are not going back to animal sacrifices. And without animal sacrifices, we have no old covenant. Moreover, even if they did, Christ already fulfilled the law, He was the final lamb to be slain, giving us access to the Holy of Holies.

· The fig leaves that they were to read came about 40 years later. And they read them correctly and fled Jerusalem. I am glad they did. Could there be a successive fulfillment of the fig tree, prior to His return on the last day? Absolutely, but I don't see it yet.

But I could be missing something! As I admitted before, I haven't studied this enough or felt it was important enough to be looking very hard!

Blessings to you Pastor! Glad to have these conversations with you.

Randy

Pastor Randy,

Thanks for again writing. Your insights are very helpful, and your caution is appreciated. We are but Bible students comprehending the infinite God through his finite revelation. We will understand it better when he appears. Praise the Lord.

In the mean time I want to tweak two thoughts. Consider, when there is a prophecy there is often a “precursor” fulfillment, and sometimes successive (shadow) fulfillments, but always a final, primary, complete fulfillment. Seventy AD saw such a complete fulfillment of Matthew 24:3, but could not even approach what was prophesied in verses 15 or 21. I’m just saying, there is a whole bunch prophesied about the second coming of Christ that has yet to be fulfilled, it fits into the seventieth week of Daniel, and it fits perfectly with the non-allegorical reading of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Secondly the covenant with Israel is not done, nor is it dependent on Israel’s interest in following after God. God made some promises to Israel that he cannot renege. Promises of restoration and national salvation: promises to completely occupy the Promised Land, to dwell there in peace and safety; promises of the only begotten Son of God sitting on the throne of David and reigning over the whole earth from Jerusalem, i.e. the holy hills of Zion (Psalm 2). These have had “precursor” fulfillment, and shadowed fulfillments, but not their final and complete fulfillment. Christ will sit on the throne of David for a millennial reign (Rev 20) and more. It is promised repeatedly.

Having taught college statistics, allow me to further say, statistics can never determine truth: statistically the Apostle Paul and all the saints after him were wrong about the second coming of Christ occurring in their lifetime. But I believe “The Lord is not slack concerning his promises...” and that I will “never die” because he will come in my lifetime, ... regardless, “The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...” and it has not yet come. cf. John 11:25-26, and 2Peter 3:1-18.

May God richly bless *our* studies of his coming.

Pastor Ed Rice.

## **Msg #1842 The Big Picture of Bible Prophecy**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

The Gospel of Matthew chapter twenty-five comes just after Matthew chapter twenty-four. That is not profound, nor is it mentioned so a Bible student revert to baby-steps. People often segment God's Word into favorite stories, familiar passages, or memorized clips without keeping the holistic view of what God is communicating. This is all the more true when addressing Bible prophecy. When assembling a thousand piece jigsaw puzzle there is wisdom in putting the frame together first. Russel, Smith, White, Eddy and Camping had great followings but no idea where the frame-work fit. Matthew chapter twenty-four captures, "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of the coming, and the end of the world? ..." and then, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (vrs. 3, 44). Chapter twenty-five teaches in parable, be ready, be busy, and be sure the Righteous Judge is coming. It has five wise virgins, five invested talents, and five righteous deeds considered by the Judge. Many spend effort on oil not shared but bought, a talent not used but squandered, and good deeds withheld at great peril. Remember, parables have one major principle in view. Their intent is to drive home one major thought. Don't get lost or mislead in minutia. "Be ye also ready", "Occupy till I come", and "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ... always keep the big picture in view. Matthew chapter twenty-five pretty much drives home the premier point of all the prophecy on the second coming of Christ: be ready, be busy, the Righteous Judge will soon appear. There is coming a Last October for this vile world, the Righteous Judge will set everything straight.

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## **Msg #1843 The Biblical Millennial Reign**

What The Bible Says

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The Millennial Kingdom, wherein the Lord Jesus Christ reigns over all the nations of the earth from the throne of David set in God's holy hill of Zion, has snippets of prophetic promises scattered throughout the whole Bible. A Bible student can assemble them like he would assemble a jig-saw puzzle after seeing the big picture and getting the frame together right. It takes study and rightly dividing the Word of Truth. The majority of Christendom holds up these prophetic promises to a back-drop painted by the Roman Catholic Church, and cannot piece together an accurate portrayal of the end times. They allegorize everything, suppose the lion lies with the lamb in the catholic church, and suppose that in AD 70 Emperor Titus was the "Abomination of Desolation" spoken of by Daniel and Christ. They suppose we are presently in the great tribulation, that Satan is presently bound, and that there is no 1,000 year reign of Christ because, in allegory, a thousand years is as a single day. So how does an honest Bible student study and understand the upcoming, non-church-age, millennial reign of Christ? Discard their big picture and realize that God made promises to Israel, God's elect and chosen nation, and he will very literally fulfill every one of them. Now look how well all the pieces fit together. Know too who Mystery Babylon, the Woman on the Beast, truly is. Get out of the apostate church and get into a Bible believing one. Already in a premillennial, pretribulational rapture teaching church? Praise your Blessed Redeemer, and, in this Laodicean Church age, stay on that straight and narrow path. Understand too, why some of your friends are so confused about end time prophecies, they have an old Roman/Protestant/Reformed allegorical backdrop held up in front of their Bible.

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## **Msg #1844 Well Pleasing or Overthrown**

What The Bible Says

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For the carnal church at Corinth the Apostle Paul solidifies a point about those who went before, “But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness” (2Cor 10:5). Those desiring to be well pleasing and avoid such an overthrow might pay earnest heed to Paul's poignant message. The overthrown all had the same advantageous start; they saw the Shekinah cloud and the dry path through the Red Sea (vrs.1-2); they ate the manna and drank the water from the Rock (vrs.3-4). Yet they displeased God and were overthrown for four primary reasons: 1) Idolatry (vr.7): making up and worshiping false gods. We do not do that with wood, stone and precious metals today, but many “Christians” have, in their mind, made up their false concepts about “the man upstairs,” and worship a false god. God is holy, and we are commended to “know him that is true” and “keep his commandments” (1John 5:20,2:3-4). 2) Fornication (vr.8): foreign use of one of God's most intimate and precious gifts. There is no greater human intimacy than sexual intimacy, no greater human pleasure than sexual pleasure, and no greater oneness of a male and female exists. When that is used “foreign” to God's intent it is called “fornication.” Twenty-three-thousand displeased God and were overthrown in one day. Pay attention. 3) Tempting Christ (vr.9): Jesus said, “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God,” when Satan bid him to cast himself onto a promise of God. God is not here for our show-and-tell, nor does he play “Let's make a deal.” 4) Murmuring (vr.10): ... this short essay could not capture the extent of failure in our murmuring. Take heed lest ye fall... and here Paul gives us four things to take heed of.

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## **Msg #1845 Signs for Saul**

What The Bible Says

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The signs given to Saul, son of Kish, as he entered into a full time ministry are rich with insights that often get overlooked. Two men at Rachel's sepulcher in the border of Benjamin at Zelza (shadow) gave Saul advice about his present physical dilemma. The setting invites recognition of the old paths and the breaking down of borders. God gives called men wise advisers that stay on the old paths and know how to push back borders. Then three men met Saul in the plain of Tabor (mound). At Tabor stood an old oak tree that marked a mountain ridge extending across the plain to Nazareth. That is rich with symbolism. The men had meat, bread, and wine. Saul got only some bread. One might not always eat meat in the ministry, and one should not drink wine (Prov 20:1,23:29-35,31:4-7), but the bread of life, manna, and "not by bread alone" are all rich in symbolism for a God-called minister. Lastly one going into ministry is going to the hill of God, will cross a garrison of Philistines, and meet a company of prophets with all manner of musical instruments. Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs of Col. 3:16 should come to mind here, not the rock bands of apostate Christendom. Look at the next thought, "And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee" (1Sam10:6-7). It is sad how Saul tainted his calling to the point where God set him aside and called another. But God's provision for his calling was impeccable. When God calls he provides all the needed resources.

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## **Msg #1846 A National Day of Thanksgiving**

What The Bible Says

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Give special thanks for being born in a country that has for the past hundred and fifty-five years observed a national day of thanksgiving, but in that thanksgiving prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator, and Sustainer of this world, plead for our country, “Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened” (Rom 1:21 ). Our nation needs its foolish heart, and reprobate mind, enlightened by Christ. In his 1863 “Thanksgiving Proclamation” President Abraham Lincoln said it thus: “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 nations are blessed whose God is the Lord. ... We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; ... But we have forgotten God. ... 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. ... we have become ... too proud to pray to the God that made us.” Worse than forgetting God, we have actively tried to dismiss him and erase him and his Only Begotten Son from the minds of our children. (Song lyrics come to mind, “I don't believe in evolution I know creations true.. so praise the Lord for what he made, give credit where it's due... ) Give thanks, and pray for revival of our nation. Happy Thanksgiving.

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## **Msg #1847 Black Fridays**

What The Bible Says

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Black Friday is not so named for the covetous, greedy, depraved, materialistic heart of the American consumer. It probably could have been. Shopping on Friday after the National Day of Thanksgiving can provide some keen insight to God's command, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" ( Exod. 20:17). To covet is to yearn, desire, or crave to have. Marketers know how to focus a yearning into an overpowering craving that blooms into full on greed. That's what they do. The Psalmist clarifies, "For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth" (Psalm 10:3). Rather than being "abhorred" by the LORD, Christians should follow David's heart, "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness" (Psalm 119:36). Solomon says, "The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not" (Prov. 21:25-26). Be a giver not a coveter. Covetousness is often listed with the vile affections and works of the flesh which are in the past-tense for Christians, but look at the insight given in Colossians 3:5, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Idolatry is praying to and worshiping false, man-made gods! On Black Friday it is easy to see it in others, but be careful that some of that idolatry isn't lodged in our own craw. In this season promoting materialism, be careful not to covet, and God Bless your Holy-Day season.

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## **Msg #1848 The First Advent in Scripture**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

“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 now 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. foreview of the coming Messiah is in two aspects - that of rejection and suffering (as e.g. in Isa 53), and that of earthly glory and power (as e.g. Isa 11, Jer 23, Eze 37). Often these two aspects blend in one passage (e.g. 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 chained references on the Second Advent (50 O.T., 126 N.T.) Such a scripture study (never taught by 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 #1849 Bethlehem Ephratah**

What The Bible Says

Good Samaritan's Penny Pulpit by Pastor Ed Rice

Important things are often overlooked when one thinks of “O little town of Bethlehem,” a tiny town in the hill country of Judah but the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ. After Rachel died there in childbirth it came to be called Bethlehem Ephratah; Ephratah meaning both heap of ashes and place of fruitfulness. How is it that out of the ashes comes fruitfulness? Rachel called her child “son of my sorrow” but his father called him “son of the right hand.” So the Christ was “despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isa 53:3), but in his death 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, who was born in Bethlehem (1Sam 16:1). Bethlehem means “house of bread” and out of her comes he who said, “I am the bread of life... He that believeth on me hath everlasting life” (John 6:35-48). Despite the garrison of Philistines camped in Bethlehem, David desired water from its well (2Sam 23:14-17), and it is no coincidence that Jesus said, “whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst... (it) shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14). “O little town of Bethlehem,” there is still a garrison of hate filled Palestinians there, but God in Micah 5 still promises great victories to come from that heap of ashes. God still takes ashes and turns them into fruitfulness. “Come to Bethlehem, and see, Him Whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.” Merry Christmas.

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## Msg #1850 Shepherds-Pastors

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One can learn a lot from a shepherd. In the Bible a pastor, a shepherd, and a herdsman are all the same word. Able was one. 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 first insight, special 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). Move away, God will deal with them (Jer. 23). In Ezekiel 34:2-6 God reveals seven things a good pastor-shepherd will do by showing what the bad didn't do, and in Jeremiah 23:4-6 he reveals that under a good pastor-shepherd sheep will be well fed, fear no evil, be not 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 (John 10:11, Psalm22), a Great Shepherd (Heb 13:20, Psalm23), and a soon coming Chief Shepherd (1Peter 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.

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## **Msg #1851 Wise Men Worship the Son**

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The wise men of Matthew chapter two knew some things, saw something, and did some thing. Wise men make a study of “he that is born King of the Jews.” These came from the 300 year old ashes of a world empire that once held God's chosen remnant of these Jews. 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 (Daniel 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 (Daniel 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 (2Sam7:16), 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” (John 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 in 2Tim 3:16). The wise men of Matthew chapter two 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.

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## **Msg #1852 A 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Manner of Life**

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The Apostle Peter closes his ministry with his second epistle and he closes that epistle penning the question, “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?” (2Pet3:11). This endgame question is good consideration for ushering in a new year. Peter slams Charles Lyell's geological uniformitarianism (vr.4), exposes the willing ignorance of the evolutionist (vr.5), and corrects the world flood deniers (vr.6). The Godless “science” of our day denies God's supper-natural. They are sorely mistaken. Peter likewise derides those who deny Christ's second coming and God's endgame. He jumps right to Revelation 21, which the Apostle John had not even written down yet. Believers held these truths for two-thousand years now, and Peter's verse 8, about a thousand years being nothing at all to God, justifies that wait. It is sadly ironic that John and his Calvinist's use verse 8 to dismiss Christ's Millennial reign altogether! In verse 15-16 Peter even highlights the Apostle Paul's wisdom about the rapture (1Thes 4), the judgments to come (2Thes.2, 1Cor 3), and the dispensations of God (Eph 3); dispensations that Calvinists and Reformed theology denies. We can rest assured that our Saviour is coming back as the Judge, and in the end these elements shall melt with a fervent heat, i.e. it is all going to burn. The prose has been coined, “Only one life, twill soon be passed, only what's done for Christ will last.” The Apostle Peter's closing argument has begged the question, “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God.” Happy New Year.

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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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