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New Life

Several weeks ago, I was driving home from the Report office. It was cold, dreary, and everything looked dismal and dead. As I drove around a curve and up a small hill, I came upon a house that I have seen many times before. I've never really paid much attention to it before, but that day it was different. All the way around the house were the most beautiful yellow daffodils that I had seen in a long time. What a contrast - the deadness of winter - and the new life of spring. It just overwhelmed me and my heart was filled with praises unto the Lord of life. I began to remember that newness of life that Christ brings. Among all the deadness of sin shines forth the life of Christ. I remembered the time in my life when I knew Jesus had come into my sin darkened heart and gave light and life. I will never forget the burden rolled away and the peace that took its place.

Today, in this dark world, we need to shine forth and let someone know that there is hope and real life. Thank God for newness of life.

Karen Oakes, Editor.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
2 Corinthians 5:17

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Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers who believe in the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and who have accepted Him as their personal Savior. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. The common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows.

- Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - Creation and Formation.
 - Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation.
 - Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
 - Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body, A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by the speaking in other languages.
 - Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
 - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
 - Washing of Feet.
 - Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
 - Do not condone divorce and remarriage.
 - Destruction of the Wicked
 - Conditional Immortality.
 - Rapture of the Man Child Class.
 - Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
 - A ministry supported by tithes and offerings.
- These doctrines shall be adhered to in the teachings of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teaching approved by the Board from time to time if they are not in consistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Apostolic Faith Bible College 1996 Student Body

A *Certificate of Completion* was awarded to the following:

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A *Certificate of Graduation* was awarded to *Darla Kaye Oakes*

Apostolic Faith Bible College

Words cannot express the deep appreciation that we, the Faculty, feel for the many people who prayerfully and financially supported the school over the last year.

It is friends, like yourself, that make it possible for us to educate and inform men and women in God's word. You have made it possible for God to enliven the Student Body to the needs of ministry in God's Harvest Field.

May the Lord richly bless and repay you for your sacrifice of love.

Sincerely,
Savoy Grimmer, Superintendent

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

God Still Answers Prayer!

On February 13, 1996, just two days after a glorious Mid- Winter Camp Meeting ended, I was involved in a very serious automobile accident. I was in a Nissan, and was hit by a motorhome going 55 mph. I was unconscious at the scene of the accident.

After arriving at the emergency room in Eagle Lake, I was diagnosed as having internal injuries, a broken femur in my left leg, compound fractures of the two bones in the lower left leg, a broken right wrist, with glass and lacerations everywhere. They called a helicopter to life flight me to Herman Hospital in Houston, Texas.

My wife called Sue Meyer from our church and told her what had happened and asked her to call people to pray. She did and almost instantly, prayers of the saints were bombarding heaven in my behalf. Folks, I can tell you, it pays to pray!

By time the helicopter landed, God had done a work in my body. The internal injuries were healed and there was no broken femur. I questioned who had made that error, but after getting the hospital bill, I realized that they had x-rayed the femur three times and that I had been given two pints of blood. My wife, Marie, said that they had a tube down my

throat to pump blood out of my stomach, and that it was literally pumping as fast as it could. She also said that a bump about the size of a butter bowl was protruding from my abdomen. Later they found that my pelvic bone was broken.

So THANK YOU if you said a prayer in my behalf. God honored your prayers and is healing me. Don't quit praying yet, though, because I need your continued prayer to complete the healing. One thing I know, GOD IS SO GOOD TO ME! He loves me and spared my life for a reason. My intention is to serve Him in such a way to bring glory to His name.

Words cannot express my appreciation for the folks who came to visit me in the hospital. Every telephone call, every card, every flower, every monetary gift, was such a blessing to me! God bless you for your love!

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For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. 2 Chronicles 16:9

The Lord Is Risen Indeed

by the late Gail Schultz

Luke 24:34

Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and the Christ shall give light. Ephesians 5:14. Surely with joyful hearts we praise Him, our risen Christ. He is the first fruits of the resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:20. Every man in his own order shall come forth, but Christ is first. 1 Corinthians 15:23. "Stand in awe, and sin not," are the words of David. Psalms 4:4. He looked forward to the resurrection with full assurance, saying "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness." Psalms 17:15. It is because of the resurrection after three days in the tomb that this hope of life beyond the grave lives, still brightly shining.

This glad Easter morn, we awake to worship in spirit and truth the risen Christ, the Christ of the Cross, our Christ! We speak freely in this possessive term because He lives in our hearts by faith. Although he is the King of Glory, he reaches down with all-power to all men with a hand of mercy and hope. The sinner is justified the sick healed, the distress comforted, and prayer answered. All holy men give praise to Him, the Lamb of God, who meets men to lift the curse, bring a blessing and answer the cry of every hungry heart. In this life He is the satisfying portion, and beyond, through the promise of the resurrection, the greatest hope of man-kind. It is the one thing that bridges death, with consolation, when no other light burns. Despair is tragic, however hope makes sure the testimony of the Lord. The dead in Christ are called blessed, because they rest, and their labors follow them. Rev. 14:13. The greatest achievement of this life is to make our calling and election sure. 2 Peter 1:10, that is to have a faith in God that will lead to salvation by repentance, and a walk in holiness through the door of sanctification. This may be reached by consecrating our lives to God. With the witness to these works we may readily tarry for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. To ask of the Lord is pleasing to the Father, and a deep experience in Christ should be our goal, so that our hope in the first resurrection will be more pronounced. "Because I live, ye shall live also," is the words of our Christ. John 14:19. Even in dark hours, when loved ones have gone in death, there is hope for we know that Christ is living and is the resurrection and the life. The power of worship makes ready the soul of man to walk with his King.

Several events recorded about the resurrection not only substantiate the event, but give experience and hope for us now. Of the women who went to the empty tomb, that had held the Christ it is said, "Now

upon the first day of the week very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre." Luke 24:1. This was the dawn of the day. Christ had already risen. "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" was the question they faced from the angels. That new day an important question symbolizes for us that a new dawn is here when we find Christ on sins forgiven. There in a time of prayer the night of sin passes, the yoke of bondage is broken and praises from a new life roll forth. The things of this earth are dead or dying, and it does no good to seek life from its resources. The dead must bury the dead. For us there still remains this hope, we must seek the Living Christ. He is not in the tomb. He is not here, He is risen. We go not to an empty tomb in old Judea, nor stand by the shore of Palestine looking for His returning figure, but look heavens where he sits as the resurrected Christ. Some day every head will bow, every knee will bend, and every tongue will confess that Christ is Christ. The witness of the past left this testimony that the grave could not hold Christ, neither will it restrain them that now sleep in Christ, but at that appointed time they shall come forth. In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:53. An army countless for number will be there. Rev. 5:11. Faithful souls of all ages will meet on that glad morning, and testify of the well established fact that it pays to serve Jesus, that He is the MESSIAH and Prince of every age and race. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55 will be the greatest theme of victory ever sung. Redemption through the precious Blood of Christ, no doubt, will be the subject. Rev. 5:9.

He speaks to me this Easter morning, the Christ I love so much. It reminds me of the journey the two took over the lonely mountain road from Jerusalem to Emmaus right after Jesus was resurrected. They were not noted men, yet Jesus conversed with them. We may not be prominent, or rich, or even specially talented, yet Christ will walk with us too, for He is no respecter of persons. To know Him is to love Him. As first these two knew Him not, yet as He unfolded the Scriptures, they rejoiced and felt the warmth of His words. They were full of assurance and blessings. Later when Jesus revealed Himself to them and had gone away, they commented, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" That fire and fullness of heart may be felt again each day as our heart communes with God and His Spirit envelopes us in tender care and expressive love. We are not alone. Christ is with us. By faith in the resurrection we have a seal or pledge whereby we call beyond the tomb with a holy understanding.

It is not always easy, especially in trial to believe in the resurrection, as it proved in the case of Thomas.

From the other disciples he learned, "We have seen the Lord." The reply from Thomas was, "Except I see in His the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." John 20:25. The Christ that is not willing that any should perish- came to Thomas in such a manner that he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" He was told not to be faithless, but believing, and upon his acknowledgment, comforted with the assurance that, "Blessed are they that believe." Christ can make His presence known to each one that will call upon Him. The world is left in darkness through its own desire to serve sin and reject righteousness. Precious Bible truths have been attested by men of all ages, however the foundation of God standeth sure. This Easter will be more than just another day or church festival, it will pass from deadness to a cherished living memorial with a holy meaning when Jesus becomes real to you. The fear of death and the dread of the tomb will loose their grip and the resurrection will bring new hope. I am the resurrection and the life, were the words of Christ.

My admonition to all men is that they might have faith in God, believe in His Word, and love one another, so that they may grow in grace and in the fullness of Christ-- these attributes build firm a Christian Character that serves well the cause of Christ, and sets apart a holy people, that someday will be the fruit of the resurrection, the Blessed and holy dead. There is a second resurrection one thousand years later wherein all the dead will come forth to face the judgment. Some to life, some to be lost. Let us make sure our election and calling so that we come behind in no gift. Praise God for His plan of salvation. Christ gave His life, for a more abundant life, and his life he gave to all. Heb. 7:16. The sum of it all are found in the words of Paul, "The life which I now live by the faith of the Son of God." Galatians 2:20.

WHEN ON THE ROCK

A storm wrecked a ship.
The only survivor was a
little boy who was swept
by the waves onto a rock.
There sat all night long. In
the morning he was seen
and rescued.



One of his rescuers asked him, "Did you not tremble while you were on the rock during the night?"

His answer: "I surely did tremble but the rock did not."

We are human. We cannot help but tremble, but the Rock on which we stand never does.

Selected

The Lily and the Rose

Two seeds were planted together
The lily and the rose.
Both broke free from their seed,
Two flowers began to grow.
Tender and fragile, was the one.
It's petals and blossom so fair.
Strong and coarse the other grew,
It's thick branches however still bare.
The meek and tender Lily soon faded,
And its blossom withered away.
In the midst of the sorrow,
The Rose blossomed in splendid array.
His life though beautiful was fragile,
From the start, He was destined to die.
The Lily grew and spread its glory,
Its petals reached toward the sky.
Like the Lily, Christ suffered.
The withered Lily faded away.
When they took Him from the Cross,
The Lily dead, lay in its earthen grave.
His tears, sweet as the morning dew.
The beauty that adorned his brow,
As the Lily bends its blossom,
So the Saviour would his head bow.
In the stillness of the earthen grave.
The Rose fought death's bitter hold.



And as if to claim the victory,
Its blossoms began to unfold.
The thorns, the blood of crimson,
Both a part of the Lily's end.
Now to the Rose of Sharon, the victor,
All knees will be bent.



You Are Invited 80th Birthday Celebration

Come and help us celebrate the **80th Birthday** of **Rev. A.W. Ferguson**, Joplin, MO, on June 1, 1996 at the Southside Apostolic Faith Church, 45th & Main St., Joplin, MO, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We want this to be a special time for a special man who has meant alot to all of us. For more information contact:

Shelly Mullins, Rt. 2, Box 90, Baxter Springs, KS 66713 or Martha Trayler (505) 526-4276.

Meanest Mother in the World!

I had the meanest mother in the world. While other children ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different from other children's also.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were all the time - you'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing. She insisted if we said we'd be gone one hour that we would be gone one hour or less - not one hour and a minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually spanked us. Not once, but each time we did as we pleased. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because she disobeyed? Now you begin to see how really mean she was.

While other girls were wearing mini skirts and jeans, and smoking cigarettes, we had to wear dresses and be little grandmas and were called old fashioned. Mother would not even let us go to the drive-in movies. How could she be so mean?

My mother actually had the nerve to break the Child Labor Law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook, and all sorts of things. I believe she laid awake at night just thinking up mean things to do to us.

She always insisted upon our telling the truth, and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us - and it nearly did. She embarrassed us by making our dates come to the door to get us. None of this "tooting the car horn" by the boys for us to come running.

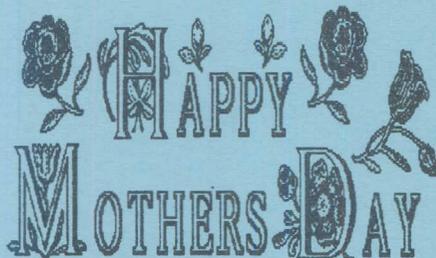
My mother was a complete failure.

Because she was so mean, none of us has ever been arrested, divorced, or beaten by a mate. Each of my brothers served his time in service to this country. And who do we have to blame for the terrible way we've turned out? You're right - our mean mother.

Look what all we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, attend a rock concert, take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and many other things that other children did. She forced us to grow into God-fearing, educated, honest adults.

Using this as a pattern, I am trying to rear my children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me "mean".

Author Unknown



Birth Announcement

Louis and Kim Keeling, Kingman, Kansas announce the birth of their first child, Kiona Brianne Keeling, on Dec. 1, 1995. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long.



Her grandparents are Darrell and Linda Hill of Laverne, Ok. and Vernon and Helen Keeling of Kingman, Kansas.

DEADLINE!

Copy must be in by May 20th to be in the next issue.

I Voted to Close the Church

Last Sunday I voted to close the church-- not intentionally, nor maliciously- but carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted. I voted to close its doors that its witness and testimony might be stopped. I voted to close the open Bible- the Bible that had been given us by years of struggle and by blood of martyrs who died that we might have it to read. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the Gospel. I voted that the children of the Sunday school no longer be taught the stories of the Bible and no longer lift their tiny voices in singing.

I voted for the voice of the choir and the congregation to be stilled, and that they no longer sing in united praise.

I voted for every missionary of the church to be called home, every native worker supported by the church to stop preaching, every hospital, every school and every dispensary in it's foreign fields to close. I voted that every home mission be abandoned, every influence for good and right and for truth in our community to be curtailed and finally stopped. I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance and the curse of selfish greed once again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already overburdened world.

I vote for all this. For you see, I could have gone and I should have gone, but I didn't. I stayed away from church last Sunday.



50th Anniversary of Ministry

The family of Winston J. Barker invites you to come and help us celebrate his 70th birthday and his 50th year of ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ, on July 6, 1996 at the Family Life Center of the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy, Tx. from 3 - 5 p.m. A scrapbook will be made with cards from those who are unable to attend. For more information contact: Jerry Barker, 5702 Pine Arbor, Houston, Tx. 77066. Ph. 713 - 537 - 6397.

Winston James Barker was born on Aug. 15, 1926 at Elmwood, Ok. and was married to Alberta Vastine Reiswig on May 26, 1945. They had three sons, Clifford Dale born in 1946, Keith Alan born in 1947, and Jerry Winston born in 1948.

Winston and Alberta were ordained at Baxter Springs, Ks. campmeeting in August of 1946. They were ordained by Alford Whiteley, Ben Barker, Gail Schultz, Jacob C. Regier, Jack Barker and others. Winston and Alberta and son, Cliff, came to the Apostolic Faith Bible School in Jan. 1947 and then spent the rest of the year in revivals. They returned to Bible School in Jan. 1947 and continued to hold revivals after school until the campmeeting in Meade, Ks. They moved to Wichita, Ks. to pastor the Orchard Apostolic Faith Church after camp meeting. They returned to Bible School in 1951 and from there went to Roswell, N.M. to pastor. In March 1953 a call came to pastor the church in Alvin, Tx. They remained there until August of 1959. They then moved to pastor the church in Amarillo, Tx. Their next pastorate of four years was at the Buckhorn Full Gospel Church. In 1967 they went to Rockdale, Tx. and in 1969 moved back to Alvin, Tx. to pastor. Bro. Barker also taught Bible Doctrine from Sept. - Dec. of that year and Sis. Barker served as cook at the Apostolic Faith Bible School. In 1970 their son Keith married Charlene Spicer and Jerry was married to Lavonda Russell in 1971. Bro. & Sis. Barker also pastored the churches in Beaver, Ok. and Spearman, Tx. Their son Clifford Dale married Lynette Long in Dec. of 1971. Winston's 50th birthday was their first Sunday as pastor of the church in Taneyville, Mo. Grace Ann Beeler went to Taneyville to help with Sis. Alberta and work in the church. They were able to conduct three convocations while they were there. In Sept. of 1980 Bro. Barker was one of three pastors at Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo, Texas. Sis. Alberta passed away on July 10, 1982. The next two years Bro. Winston spent in Old Mexico, living

part time at the Benito Juarez Orphanage in Reynosa, Old Mexico and with the Don Russells in Pharr, Tx. In 1984 He went to Camp Arrowhead to work with his son Keith and daughter -in-law Charlene for a year and a half. He then began fill-in work, three months at Snyder Nazarene Church and two months at Ropesville Church of the Nazarene. He was appointed as pastor of the Amarillo North Beacon Church of the Nazarene for the next four years. He then moved to Wheeler, Tx. where he opened a church that had been closed for two years. A new pastor came six months later. Bro. Jerry McClenagan went with him for about nine months to Faith Community Church of Canyon, Texas to fill in until a new pastor came. In the spring of 1991 he became associate pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Amarillo, Tx. In 1991 Jerry married Gaylene Bickley and in 1994 Grace Ann married Dale Pierson. In April 1995 he moved back to Camp Arrowhead, GlenRose, Texas and stayed there until February, 1996. When Keith and his family moved into GlenRose he was able to fill-in at the Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin, Texas, while the pastors, Edwin and Patsy Waterbury went to Israel. It was a nice trip for the Waterbury's and a treat for Winston to fill in at Alvin. He then stayed a few weeks with Jerry and his family in Houston, Tx.

At the present time Bro. Barker is serving as Dean Of Men at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas and will return in the fall in that position.

Commitment

"Will you please tell me in a few words," said a Christian woman to minister, "what you think consecration means?"

Holding out a blank sheet of paper, the minister replied, "It is to sign your name at the bottom of this blank sheet and let God fill it in as He wills."



A LIBERATED WIFE

I am a woman. I hold down a full time job. I work as a department manager and as such, I make important decisions each day, and I also work a lot of overtime. It is my responsibility to keep my department running smoothly. The superintendent for whom I work is a great person. We've gotten to know each other better over the years and have learned to work together well. And our president is the most wonderful being I have ever known. Although he has many people working for him, he always has time to help each one. He treats all his employees fairly and is certainly an equal opportunity employer. As you have probably guessed, I am a liberated woman; and I wouldn't want to change places in life with anyone. You see, I'm not just a "housewife"I am a homemaker. My superintendent is my husband; our president is our God (1 Cor.11:13).

I have a great responsibility. Within my control I hold not just store merchandise which will someday be of no use and destroyed, but the destiny of souls - the souls of my children. My most important task is to teach my children.

The Bible tells me I must teach them when I am sitting in my house, when I am walking, when I lie down and when I rise up (Deut.11:19.) I must teach them " precept , line upon line, here a little and there a little"(Is. 28:9). My job also has a guarantee. I am told that if I train up my children rightly, that when they are old they will not depart from his teachings (Proverbs 22:6). However, I must train them. This word implies that I must work diligently at my task and this is why my job requires so many hours.

Yes, I am a liberated woman. I was liberated from sin through Christ's death on the cross. Through study of His word, I know who I am, why I am here, and where I am going. I also learn from His Word the Work which is expected of me (Titus 2;3-5). My job is very important - for, you see, the strength of tomorrow's church lies in the hands of mothers today.

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Twentieth Century Home

It was 165 years ago that a publication first appeared, which for today is often referred to as " the book which everyone intends to read, but never does." This is that monumental epic by Edward Gibbon, THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

You probably say, "Why call attention to that? What have we in this 20th century to do with old Rome?"

The answer is, "Much in every stabbing serious way!" For in more ways than we dare realize, we are fast on the downward way of becoming the 20th century Rome!

In his writing, Gibbon sets forth five primary reasons, or causes, for the catastrophic end of this great empire. I shall set forth these reasons, without comment. But I shall set them forth with a prediction. I shall say that as you read these reasons, you will not see the old Rome at all, but feel them to be an amazing and accurate analysis of our land today. Here are sharp, flaming arrows directed to the very heart of America!

1. The rapid increase of divorce and the undermining of the sanctity of the home.
2. The spiraling rise of higher taxes and the spending of public money for free bread and circuses.
3. The mad craze for pleasure and the brutalizing of sports in every imaginable manner.
4. The building of gigantic armaments and the failure to realize that the real enemy lay within the gates in the moral decay of the people.
5. The decay of religion and the fading of faith into mere form, becoming too impotent to serve as a guide to the people.

If this is applied to our country, then earnest prayer for revival, restoration and recovery is certainly needed.

Who can tell? perhaps even now, in this mad, late hour, we may avoid becoming the "full Bloom" of a 20th century Rome, and spare another Gibbon the task of chronicling our decline and fall.

Edwin Raymond Anderson

Editor's Note: This appeared in the Apostolic Faith Report over 43 years ago. We are reminded of the words of Jesus, "*Watch therefore, for ye know not the hour your Lord doth come*"

He Paid It All

by the late Lealand Grimmer

Text: "The Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me". Gal. 2:20. Christ had no earthly possessions other than The Cross which was His own.

They borrowed a bed to lay His head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town;
But the crown He wore and the Cross He bore
Were His own -
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountain side.
He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which He satisfied.
But the crown that He wore and
The Cross that He bore
Were His own -
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude:
He borrowed a nest in which to rest -
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that He wore and
The Cross that he bore
Were His own -
The Cross was His own.

He borrowed a room on His way
To the tomb
The passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for Him a grave,
They borrowed a winding sheet.
But the crown that He wore
And the Cross that He bore
Were His own -
The Cross was His own.

Though Jesus had no other earthly possessions besides the Cross, He gave His Head to wear the crown. When the crown of thorns was placed upon His head He didn't murmur or complain, but He bore the shame of it all silently.

Christ was smitten in the face and spit upon by the Jews and those who were in favor of crucifying Him. He was brutally smitten in the face and yet He never murmured or complained.

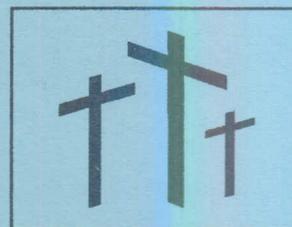
Jesus gave His tongue to pray. He prayed many a prayer for His disciples and wept many a tear for us. In the garden of Gethsemane He prayed all night just before He went to give His life on the cross.

Jesus gave His shoulders to bear the burden. On His shoulders were placed the sins of the world. He no doubt felt the load and the responsibility that was placed upon His shoulders as He walked up the road to Calvary, but He muttered not a word of complaint.

Stripes were placed on His back in atonement that we might be healed of every manner of sickness and disease. He bore the reproach of being cruelly lashed that as His followers we might go free.

Jesus gave His side to the spear. As He hung there on the cross that day suspended between heaven and earth, and the soldiers thrust that wicked spear into His side, Christ just looked at them with eyes that were filled with mercy and love. He didn't even speak one harsh word to them.

Jesus gave His hands to the nails. As Christ was being held outstretched on the Cross and the nails were driven through His hands, He didn't cry in anguish and pain, though it must have been great, but



He suffered to pay the debt for us as His followers.

Christ gave His feet to the iron spikes. As the soldiers drove the iron spikes in His feet that day on Golgotha He didn't squirm and fight but He stood the torture for you and me.

Jesus gave His blood. His blood was spilled there on the cruel Cross that we might be set free from the clutches of Satan and be loosed from his binding power and forces. The last thing He had left to give, the one thing that some people spend great sums of money to preserve, was His life.

Jesus gave His life. Friends, Christ loved us so much that He was willing to lay down His life that we might have life, peace, contentment and happiness in Him.

What's Yours Is Not Mine

So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor. No fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in the earth in which to live and hide. No squirrel ever died in anxiety lest he should not lay enough nuts for two winters instead of one. And no dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years. So many people put the emphasis on the wrong things. The Bible teaches us to lay up treasures in heaven, not here on earth (Mt. 6:19-34). Also it is important to remember that God will provide for our needs as we seek to please Him only (Ps. 84:11).

Selected

The Fear Of The Lord

by Shirley Nelson

Luke 6:39-49 says, "And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the hearth is mouth speaketh. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like; He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock, but he that heareth and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."

The verse that I would like to concentrate on is verse 46, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" What does it mean to do what he says? Well, it means instead of reading books and having seminars on prayer, we pray. Assembling of ourselves together, we have fellowship one with another. It means when your brother asks you to go one mile you go two, even if your favorite TV show is on at the time. It means when your church has a foot washing service you don't find another place for your feet to be.

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; Therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fools voice is known by multitude of words." (Eccl 5:1-3). There are four important points to note in these verses:

1. Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of

God. It is so easy to get side tracked from coming to the house of the Lord. We are so busy that when church time comes we either have something else to do or we are too tired to go. We need to set our hearts and our feet on going to the house of the Lord.

2. Be more ready to hear. We need to take the time to listen to what God has to say. How can we know what to do if we don't know what God is saying to do? We also need to take time to listen to our brothers and sisters to be aware of the needs in their lives.

3. Be not rash with thy mouth... and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. The church today is full of a multitude of words. Turn on any Christian TV or radio station and you can hear all kinds of wonderful words, but what is missing? Action!!! We need to be doing the things that the Lord says to do.

4. God is in heaven, and thou upon earth. I think this is the biggest problem in the church today-the lack of the fear of God. I don't mean standing in fear of a hard task master who will beat you every time you do something wrong. I mean standing in awe of God-who He is-what He has done-what He is going to do. He is in heaven, we are on earth. His ways are higher than ours. If we truly keep the presence of God with us throughout the day there would be a lot of things we wouldn't do, or say or even think. There would also be a lot of things that we would do and say and think, if we would just follow His leading.

There are many scriptures in the Bible about the fear of the Lord, probably the one that is most often quoted is Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Psalms 111 also mentions the fear of the Lord. "Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honorable and glorious, and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered, the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his hands are verity and judgment; and his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever."

There are two important points to notice here:

1. In verse 10 the fear of the Lord and keeping His commandments go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other.

2. Did you notice how many times the word works is used in this psalm? God is not only a God of words, but He is also a God of works. Since He is our example, We also must be people of action, doing what He says.

Going into the New Testament we also find scriptures on the fear of the Lord. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." (Eph 5:15-21). We walk circumspectly by doing what He says.

In II Corinthians 7:1, we find, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." How do we perfect holiness? By doing what He says.

The book of Revelation mentions the fear of God in several places. Beginning in Chapter 14, verses 16-17, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." What is the everlasting gospel they were preaching? Fear God. In chapter 15 and verses 4-8 we read, "Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgements are made manifest. And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." Who was the wrath of God poured out on? Those who would not fear Him.

Revelation 19:5-9 tells us, "And a voice came out of the throne saying, Praise our God, all ye His ser-

vants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, write, blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And He saith unto me, these are the true sayings of God." How do we prepare ourselves for the marriage supper of the Lamb? By fearing God and doing what He says. These are the true sayings of God and we should follow them.

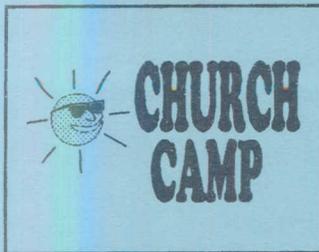
Luke 6:46- "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl 12:13-14).

Reaching the Summit by Way of The Valley

The Christian is to find exaltation by humility. Christ advised his hearers, when they went to a great dinner, not to go early and get into the best places, but to go in modestly and take a humble seat, and then if it was proper for them to have the higher place, the host would honor them by public invitation to the better seat. It is by being, and not by seeming to be, that one really comes to be exalted. Christ emptied himself of all reputation, laid aside his glory and his riches, and came to the earth to be born among the lowly in the manger of an inn stable; but it was the way toward exaltation, for Paul says: "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." We, too, shall come to our highest through sacrificing ourselves in humility for the blessing of others. Selected

**... Be strong and of a good
courage; be not afraid, nei-
ther be thou dismayed: for
the Lord thy God is with
thee withersoever thou go-
est. Joshua 1:9**



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