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“...and his name
shall be called
Emmanuel
(which means, God is with us).”

—Matthew 1:23

AFBC News

The following letter was sent to Bro. & Sis. Grimmer 4 years ago when they first came to AFBC as Superintendent. We'd like to share this with you.

Dear Bro. Savoy and Sis. Karen,

We welcome you as Superintendent of our Bible College. The college is very dear to us, and many Bible College stories have blessed and motivated us. Here is one of those stories.

There was once a little girl who attended an Apostolic Faith Church with her babysitter. This little girl had had a tragic childhood from birth, but the babysitter was determined to introduce her to Someone who could replace all the pain and sorrow with His great love and joy. That Someone was, of Course, our Heavenly Father.

Though the little girl was not being raised by Christian parents, the babysitter led her to the Lord. The babysitter also told her of a place where she hoped the little girl would one day be able to go to the Apostolic Faith Bible College. She told the girl how she had attended that college some fifty years earlier, and how it was the finest decision she had ever made, next to giving her life to the Lord. She told about accepting the Lord as her Saviour at one of "Dad" Parham's revival meetings. She told of praying through to sanctification, and she told about praying through to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the third heaven of the old home at Bible College. The little girl listened intently as her babysitter told these stories.

Finally, when the little girl grew up and graduated from high school, things had gotten so difficult for her at home that she decided she would just do anything just to get away. The girl's friend asked her to go to the Apostolic Faith Bible College with her, and she did.

Now, the girl remembered her babysitter's stories and Christian teaching. She thought of how her babysitter had always dreamed that someday the girl would go to this Bible College, and she realized that this must be God's will.

The girl often went up to third heaven in the old home to pray. One night, she and her room-mate stayed up all night praying, and by morning the girl had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The girl had to call upon the Lord daily for His help in overcoming a childhood of heartaches. She struggled with what was a relatively new disease called anoxeria nervosa. She was 18 years old and weighed only 78 pounds. Still, everyone at the Bible College kept her in their prayers, and constantly reminded her of God's love and their love for her. Her pastor from the church that she grew up in found out about the disease and paid for physical

treatments that she needed, though she didn't know this until she went home for a visit.

It wasn't long before God healed the girl, and helped her to understand that He loved her no matter what. On top of this, He allowed the girl to meet and become engaged to a Christian man there, a man devoted to God and His service. After Bible College, the two were married and continue to serve the Lord to this day.

As you may have guessed, the girl in the story was me. My babysitter, Sis. Florence Walls, passed away just before I gave birth to our oldest child, but I'll never forget the way God used her to lead me to Him and to the Bible College. My friend that I went to Bible College with was Pam(Allen) Keeling, and her dad, Homer Allen, was my pastor. They all had important parts to play in my spiritual and physical survival, but if it had not been for the Bible College, I don't know if I would even be alive today. I so desperately needed to get right with God, and Bible College allowed me the time and place to do just that. I needed the love and support of God's people to remind me of my purpose in life, to serve God. And finally I needed the teaching and training that would enable me to serve Him to the best of my ability. The Apostolic Faith Bible College was the place God chose to allow all of these things to happen for me, and I praise Him for that.

I hope you can appreciate why the Bible College means so much to me, and I pray you will be fully led by the Lord in every decision you must make concerning it. Our every prayer is with you, the faculty, the staff and the students. We know God will bless you as you labor for Him.

In His Love,
Sandy Haney

Editor's Note:

As I read this letter I was reminded of all the ministries that God had used to work in Sandy's life. Some planted, some watered but God gave the increase. I was also reminded that we are not to grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Those in years past, who trained Sis. Walls, could never have known that Sandy's life would have been touched because of their ministry. I also thought of how God in His great love and mercy used so many in my life to lead me to Him. I especially think of a lady who taught me in Sunday School when I was about 5 years old. My memory is sketchy but I do remember sitting by her as she taught about Jesus. I do not remember her name but God does. What I do know is that she planted some seeds. I also remember a young man who taught Sunday School in an Army Chapel in Sasebo, Japan, when I was a teenager living there. I'm sure he watered those seeds that were planted years before

that. I'll never forget the first time I remember feeling the presence of the Lord in that Army Chapel on Easter Sunday . It was also the first time I partook of the sacrament. A few years passed and I became part of a family that knew the Saviour and gently led me to Him. I stand in awe when I think of how God works in a person's life to draw them to Him. I am also reminded of my responsibility to those that I come in contact with. Perhaps in all of our lives there has been a "Sandy" to cross our paths. I pray that we have not let them down but have planted those valuable seeds of salvation. Only eternity will reveal the harvest of souls.

WOMEN'S DORM REPORT

This year in the dorm, life has been "fair weather" most of the way. The girls have been very good and a lot of fun. When the Lord puts such a fine group of girls together there is bound to be results. We've shared secrets, laughs, and sorrows. For recreation we spend our time watching T.V. or playing games. In our devotion time we take turns sharing what the Lord has put on our hearts. There are eleven girls in the dorm this year. All but one have a roommate. Deciding to do something different this year it was decided to have Secret Pals. As girls we knew we couldn't exclude the guys so we included them in this adventure. For Christmas Jenny Wheeler had the brilliant idea to buy a Christmas tree and decorate the dorm. We all chipped in and had a Christmas to remember. Gifts were exchanged and everyone enjoyed themselves. We each share in the responsibility of cleaning the kitchen area and the living room. When it comes to the Dean, the girls have no mercy. They love to keep her on her toes not knowing what prank they will pull next. She secretly enjoys their antics and loves them dearly. It has been an all around great semester in the dorm and we hope to have an equally good one next semester.

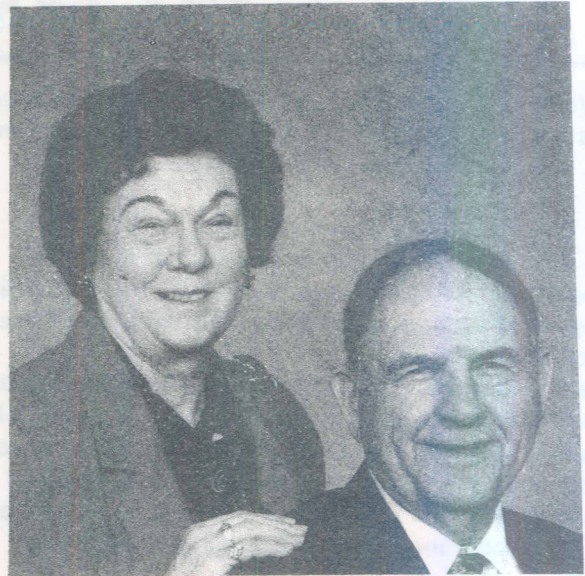
Dean of Women
Darla Oakes

FROM THE MEN'S DORM

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Christmas greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year from the men's dorm. We have six of us men in the dorm this Fall. These men are very good house cleaners, and we have done a lot of work on the yards around the School. I thank God for each one of the men and for what God is doing in their lives. Pray for us.

Dean of Men
Winston Barker

50th Anniversary



Rev. & Mrs. Paul Clanton, Baxter Springs, Kansas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 1996. They repeated their vows with Rev. Winston Barker officiating at the Apostolic Faith Bible College. A reception followed.

Rev. Clanton and the former Bonnie Bard were married on Nov. 19, 1946 at Frisco Church, Webb City, Mo. with Olen Bachelor officiating. They have two sons, Dan and Max Clanton both of Baxter Springs, Ks., and four grandchildren.

Bro. Paul currently serves on the Board of Trustees and faculty of the Apostolic Faith Bible College and also pastors the Apostolic Faith Church of Baxter Springs.

Tried and True

Author Unknown

Religion you say is old fashioned?
How true! So is food, so is drink
So are fathers, mothers and neighbors,
And all things of value I think.

A new fangled creed has no power
until it is tried by the years;
If good, it endures through misfortune,
and abides in the valley of tears.

True faith, understanding and kindness --
well, these are old fashioned virtues too;
Thank God for old fashioned religion
in a world where too much is new.

Thank God For Salvation

Testimony by Rick Crouch of Joplin, MO

First I want to give God all the praise and thanks for so very much. God has truly been good to me even when I had failed Him.

Recently I made the statement, "I'm back where I should have been 20 years ago." As I look back at the forks in my life's road, so many times I took the easy path. Putting "Me" in the pathway, serving self and not God. When I was a sophomore in high school I felt God calling me to be a minister, but I didn't want to accept that.

Still God would move in my life. In the fall of 1978 God brought me together with a beautiful young woman who later became my wife. I know God brought us together and has kept us together. We've come through a lot of rough and trying times that without him would not have been possible. Continuing to bless us he gave us a son and later a daughter, both healthy. Their births were trying times for my wife, Lisa, and I. I came close to losing part of my family both times, but God kept and protected.

Still, I didn't see past self. I would continue to serve God when it was convenient. As time passed I let self take over, thinking that the decisions I made were good enough. I looked at other people and thought "I'm just as good as they are. Over the course of time I eventually lost sight of God completely.

When the going got rough, I bailed out. With my morals and values deteriorating, what freedom I thought I'd found, to be myself. But why was there still such an emptiness that nothing I could do would fill and last?

Praise God for I know He kept working in my life. He held life together for me in spite of all the mistakes I made. It took almost losing my daughter on her 12th birthday before I even thought that maybe I needed God back in my life. Finally, April 21, 1996 my wife and I both came back home to Jesus. What peace and joy it was and is!

Again, God began to deal with me, about what He wants me to do. When I said I can't, He said, "No, you can't, but with me We can". But still I didn't want

to accept His calling. I would say "Well I feel I'm supposed to preach". It wasn't until one evening Lisa and I were talking and she said "You'd better know it's what you are supposed to do" It was at that point I accepted His calling, not knowing how, just accepting it and letting him work out the details. Do you know it was at that point a calmness and peace came to me.

It's true that it has taken me 20 years to get to the point of accepting His will. There's no turning back, no more running from God, only to Him. His Word is full of truths and promises for us and for us to share with others. We are at an age, not only in our life but the world, we need to be firmly rooted in God. We need to reach out to any one that we can, after all God is no respecter of persons. Romans 2:11. Therefore we being God's servants are not greater than our Lord, who died for us. John 3:16.

Again I thank God for allowing me the time to go full circle and end up where I should have been all along. For the time we aren't promised. James 4:14.

Like so many people do, I allowed self to come into the picture. Starting with I'm fine, I can do it. I will, I want....I, I, I. When you put self in the center of your existence you find yourself in the middle of sin.

Don't waste time searching for true peace and happiness. It can only come through Jesus. Perhaps if we remember these seven points they will help us to stay focused on Jesus and his will for us.

- 1). God loves us. - John 3:16
- 2). Jesus is the way for salvation. - John 14:6
- 3). Jesus is closer than any friend. - Proverbs 18:24
- 4). Without Jesus we can do nothing. - John 15:5
- 5). Fear not, God will not fail us. - Deuteronomy 31:6,8
- 6). We can do all thing through Christ.- Philippians 4:13
- 7). All we have to do is ask, believing.- Matthew 21:22

Hold true to God, He has so much He wants to do for all of us. All we have to do is to let Him.

In Memory Of Dora B. Beydler

Dora B. Beydler, 80, who passed away one year ago on Nov. 19, 1995. She was a retired Apostolic Faith minister. She had traveled all over the United States pastoring with her husband, Robert Chester Beydler. She taught at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs, Kansas and authored several books.

She was born Dec. 31, 1914 in Tyrone, Nebraska to Leo A. and Sarah E. Cassens Spencer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in May, 1992. Her survivors are one son, Richard Wayne Beydler of Burleson, Tx., a daughter Carol Ann DuBry of Cheyenne, Wyo.; two brothers, John Spenceer od Mound Valley, Ks. and Wesley Spencer of Carolton, Tx.; one sister, Ava Jansen of Des Moines, Ia.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Season, A Time, A Purpose

by Lee Nelson of Amarillo, TX

I'd like to take a look at Matthew 24:3 and then drop down to verses 32-39. What I want to look at is a season, a time, a purpose. We've heard that before, in Ecclesiastes 3:1, which we will look at shortly. Let's focus today on a season, a time, a purpose. These three cannot be separated. Just like Father, Son, Holy Spirit or body, soul and spirit. They come in three. You can't have one without the others. I pray that God would breathe on His word and make it living bread for us, that it may feed it and revive us in those three areas, body, soul and spirit.

In Matthew 24, what is happening here is that Jesus is speaking to His disciples about the temple in Jerusalem. In verse 2 He says, "See ye not all these things?" He tells them there is going to be a change. There is going to be a change coming. He says "You see these things around here, they are not going to be the same as we know them today." Things are going to change. That's life, it happens. It's not always going to be the way we see it. And He says, "Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, (not one stone), that shall not be thrown down. And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately." They asked Him three questions.

Here in Chapter 24, He begins to explain the conditions in the last age. I'm not talking about the New Age, I'm talking about the last age. A lot of people say we are living in the New Age. No, we are not, we are living in the last age. New Age, you can throw it out the window. Christ is interested here in the last age, not the New Age. That age is here and now, us today. Isn't that neat? We live in an exciting time, where if we could only see around the corner, what a change it would bring in us.

Here in Chapter 24, He is talking about the conditions of the last age. If you haven't read it for a while, I challenge you to do so. This is good stuff, good meat. Then He goes on to talk about the tribulation. He predicts the 70th week of Daniel. He also speaks of the anti-christ which comes up during this tribulation. Then He speaks of His second appearing. In verse 32 He concludes this by speaking of the parable of the fig tree. That's interesting, to conclude all of this by speaking of a tree, a fig tree. He tells us now to learn a parable. To me learn means like going to school and learning something that we will be tested on later. I can read a book for my own pleasure, but it's not necessarily learning it. When I learn something, it means preparing to take a test on it. That's what I've learned about learning. Learn the parable because you will be tested on it one way or another. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:" Right? Anybody question that?

That's right. Verse 33, "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." He's talking about our generation. When He said this generation, He was looking into the future and looking at us, this generation. He goes on to say, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Harken, He's trying to make a point here, He says, "Listen, learn." "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark." (Mt. 24:36-38). Things like that are happening today-eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, not knowing the season. And here in verse 39 He says, "And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

You see what the problem is with them, and I believe what the problem with us today is, is they did not recognize the season. And listen, with every season there is a time and a purpose. They didn't recognize the season so the flood took them away. But in verse 44 it also tells us to do something, "Be ready." Be ready. Watch and be ready.

Now with that turn with me to Ecclesiastes 3:1. "To everything, (it doesn't matter what it is), there is a season." And with that season it says there is a time. And with that time and in that time there is a purpose under the sun. To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the sun. Let us consider for a moment our lives. Would you agree with me that it is full of seasons? Yes, our lives are full of seasons. In other words they are full of changes. Full of appointment, full of turnings and full of happenings. I can prove it. How many of you have a photo album at home? All of us do, one or it you are like us a lot of them. Look back at your life in the past and see the changes. I can look back at the fashions. I wore long side-burns in the 1970's, trying to imitate Elvis Presley. I wore plaids and stripes and polyester. Polyester was in. You can look back and laugh at yourself. But you can also look back in those photo albums and cry because of the changes. Look at the changes in my kids. I used to hold Traci in my arms and now she is in her own world. We go through seasons in our lives. We go through changes in our lives. We go through appointments. Sometimes we go through disappointments. Our live is churning and turning. "As the World Churns." Have you seen that? Or is it "As the World Turns"? Our world is full of happenings.

I want to talk for a short time on seasons. And I want to speak on a time and I want to speak on a purpose. In each one of our lives even now there is a season, a time and a purpose. Let me define season for you. A season speaks of a broad area like fall or winter. Did you know, just because it's the first day of winter, it may not be winter. It could be sunny out. It could be December 21st, but in Florida you couldn't tell because they don't have winter like they do around Texas or Wyoming or Colorado. It's speaking of a broad area, it just doesn't happen the first day of winter or spring. March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. It happens over a period of time. A time however speaks of a period like when the leaves change. In Baxter Springs, we used to love when the leaves changed. We would go out for a drive to see them. That's the purpose, taking the drive to see the beauty of the colors. So a time would be something like when the leaves change. It's very specific and very special. It's like when the snow is deep enough you can go skiing. The purpose in this time and season is the skiing trip or the drive you would take. When the snow is deep enough, or taking the ride when the leaves change, this is the purpose.

I want you to understand this, before the time is right, the season has to be right. Before the time is right, the season has to be right. Do you agree with that? The snow has to be deep enough, the leaves have to change. When these two are right, the time and the season, then you go for the purpose. You go for the purpose.

I believe with each season which passes in our lives we have to come to a place where we recognize the time of that season and ultimately the purpose of that season. Let me say that again. I believe that with each season which passes in our lives personally we have to come to a place where we recognize the time of that season and ultimately the purpose of that season.

I want to say something. The seasons are changing in your life, in my life, in this fellowship, in this Church, they are changing. It's here in our midst, in our lives. It's in our fellowship, in our Movement. I officially say to you on His authority and I believe that "It's a new season." "It's a new season."

There's a sale going on for all you bargain hunters. I like that commercial for Mervyn's that says, "Open, open, open." That lady knew and she had the money in her pocket, or maybe some plastic, her husband's probably. She knew there was a big sale going on. There is a sale going on in the Spirit now I believe. And it's time to buy, when the price is right. I can prove it. Turn with me to Revelation Chapter 3, verse 18. This is the time to buy. It's better to pay the price now when things are right and the price is right, then to wait until the price goes up. How many bargain hunters would disagree with me? It's better to pay the

price when there is a sale then when the price goes up and you have to pay more.

In speaking to the Laodicean Church Jesus says, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." This is counsel from the Word of God. And I like verse 20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." I will partake with you of the most important thing together. That's what God wants, is to partake with us the most important thing of our life together, and I believe that's a relationship with Him. If we don't take advantage of this time now when the price is right, believe me we will pay a higher price later. Just ask the children of Israel who had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years because of unbelief and because of murmuring. Just ask them if we could. They had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. In fact, God had to get rid of that generation. A new generation went in, because the others would not pay the price. If we will not pay the price now, when the price is right, we are going to pay a higher price later. One way or another there is a price to be paid.

The times are changing and it's different with each season. There's a reason for each season. In the winter we wrap up, in the summer we take those wraps off. You'd think I was crazy if I turned on the heat in the summer. With each season the reasons are different. I like what Yogi Webster told me one time, "Jesus is always the reason for the season." No matter what season we are in, this season, He's always the reason for the season.

Let me talk about this season we are in right now. I believe that it's there in this time, in this season that we are to find our purpose and our pleasure. Oh, I'm not supposed to talk about pleasure. Listen, we have pleasure. We had emotions and feelings. There are things we can take pleasure in. And it's time, in this season to find that pleasure. It's time in this season to find purpose and that desire and that intent that we are here for. seasons come regardless, whether we like it or not. How many would agree with that? Winter is hard because I'm thin blooded and I've lived in Florida too long. Turn the heat up. I turn it up and Shirley turns it down.

Things are going to change, that's life. One of these days Traci is going to be leaving us. She will be out on her own in a few years. That's life. Do you know what our responsibility is? Our responsibility is to recognize the time, Jesus did. He wept over Jerusalem in Luke 19:41-42. He wept over Jerusalem because He knew they were not recognizing the time of their visitation. He wept. If only they had known the time of their visitation. But they didn't recognize it and

guess what, they had to pay a high price for it. They are still paying, they are still paying today. You'll pay **one way or another.** Our responsibility is to recognize the time. Recognize our time.

God wants us to recognize the time of our life. While others are having the time of their lives, we're to recognize the time of our lives. That doesn't mean we are to be miserable people. God doesn't want us to be miserable. In fact, He says He wants us to have life and that more abundantly. We are to recognize the time of our life, while others are having the time of their lives. Look at Matthew 24 that we were just looking at. They were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, not knowing the time, not knowing the season, till the flood took them away. In fact, in Jeremiah 22:13 their attitude was eat and drink for tomorrow we die. Having the time of their life. But for us, we are to recognize the time of our life.

Our lives are moving regardless. I'm almost 40 years old. My life is changing. yours is too. In Psalms 90:9 it says, "For all our days are passed away in the wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told." Notice that word spend. You are going to spend it one way or another. We spend our days as a tale that is told. In each book we have, there is a beginning, a preface and then there is a conclusion. In the middle is the body. We spend our life as a tale that is told, as a body of a book. We don't have anything to do with our birth, I didn't ask to be born. and we don't have much to do with our death. But we have everything to do with the body. You spend your life as a tale that is told. Your life is moving.

David said once, "Teach me to number my days, that I might apply myself to wisdom." In my version He's saying to grab a hold of the reason that I am here. This is it. It's time for us to recognize the seasons that we are in and then to learn to spend the time accordingly and live in purpose and live in joy and live in peace. On the other side of the coin, we need to overcome and go through. In the winter of course wisdom tells us to wrap up and summer tells us to turn on the air conditioner. Within this season and in this time we have to live in that purpose. If we don't then we just talk about it.

In Acts 17:21 Paul went of the city of Athens and he heard there all of the people there talking about nothing else but some new thing. What is talk if we are not going for purpose. Talk is just talk. We have got to live in purpose. What good would it do if I just talked about turning on the heat today? You'd be cold. What is it if I just talked about opening the Church today? It would be locked when you got here. Talk is cheap. Talk is cheap. We have got to live in purpose in the time and season.

How are we spending our lives., our time as a tale that is told? Let's get a hold of our lives today, for now is the acceptable time. Did you know that tomor-

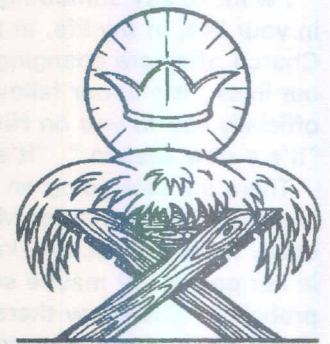
row is like a round tuit, it never comes. Tomorrow never gets here. Shirley has a round tuit in her purse and she hasn't gotten around to it yet. Yesterday is past, tomorrow never comes. Once tomorrow is here it's today. There is always a tomorrow, always a round tuit. How are we spending our years? Now is the acceptable time. Our lives are moving and with that the times and the seasons. Not many of us can say, "I'm just going to skip winter this year." How many of us have a summer home in Florida? I don't. This is it. It's here, we can't skip it. We can't always be like the birds and fly south for the winter.

For most of us it's here and now. The seasons happen whether we are prepared or not. I believe that's why God gives seasons, for us to be prepared. It's time to prepare. It's time to make up our minds. It's time to know what you want in life. for us that are accountable, it's time for us to know what we want in life, to know what we want in God and to know what we want in fellowship and what we want in this Church. If not it's going to change. I'll guarantee, it's going to change. One way or the other. How are we spending? How are we preparing? Ask yourself that once in a while, how are you changing? How are you preparing for the times and the seasons? How are you spending your life as a tale that is told? What will become of us tomorrow? What will become of this fellowship? What will become tomorrow of this Movement? Things change. Sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. What are we to do? Recognize the time and prepare. That's what we can do. That's what turns failure into successes, recognizing and preparing.

Pearls of Promise

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 4:6-7



For unto us a child is born,
to us a son is given ...

Isaiah 9:6

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The Spoilage of a Preacher

by Ron Noble of Pampa, TX

This is a confession that I reluctantly offer, but the Lord has so kept it upon my heart that I feel I must share it.

It was in the months of June and July of '95 that my family and I traveled over ten thousand miles, visiting and preaching at Apostolic Faith Churches.

During all the miles, not once did I have a flat, run out of gas, go hungry, or have to sleep in the van. The Lord provided through the generosity of His people. We did have a wonderful time and feel so privileged we were allowed to make this journey. "With numberless blessings each moment he crowns, and filled with His goodness divine, I sing in my rapture, O glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine." I'm overwhelmed with all that He has done for me and though I've often failed Him, He's never failed me.

But I would like to discuss a statement I've heard several times from some of my elder preachers, and consider two different viewpoints of it. I've been privileged to know many older 'contenders for the Faith' that have testified of sometimes not having enough gas to make it from one meeting to the next; of not knowing where the next meal was coming from; of having only one suit of clothes. And I think to myself, "My Dear God, I've never had to be in a situation like that! I've never had my 'faith' exercised to that extent before! I don't know what real sacrifice is."

Then I've heard from some that have experienced these things, "Younger preachers have it harder today that when we first started out."

How can this be so!? How could it be harder? I have everything I need and most of my wants. The Church I pastor may be small, my prayer life is less than what it should be, I may not witness as I should, but I have everything I need: Two vehicles, clothes, computer, (always) enough food, etc. Then the Lord has me to ask myself, "Or has the 'everything' go me?"

So many times I feel like Saul who hid himself among the "stuff". Within my spiritual life, at times it's so "stuffy" because there's no wind. "But Lord, I live by faith," I boast. (I've wondered if I have used that line before to try to appear spiritual? I think I have.) And the Lord again replies, "But Ron Noble (He often calls me by name that I may know He is speaking to me and not to another), your faith is in people that they will give you 'support'. Real faith would be trusting in me to supply your needs when the situation looks hopeless and there is no people to depend on. Real faith is going and not knowing where to go, but having confidence of getting there; it is seeking for healing and not running to the doctor or to medicine when the answer doesn't immediately arrive."

Guiltily am I, O Lord. I am spoiled (almost 'rotten' as

the saying goes.) Perhaps Lord, if life were more demanding of me, I would learn to lean on you more. This has been my experience, my beloved.

Consider also another viewpoint. In this age when the love of many is becoming less than it should be, and iniquity is abounding, I've noticed (even in myself) that people seem to be 'harder,' less sensitive, even stiffnecked. Is it also because there is so much 'stuff' to be had, so many entertaining places to go, so many recreational hobbies to do, or so much everyday work one thinks has to be done, that hinders people from 'looking for the fullness of the blessings of the Lord?' I don't suppose it's hardly anyone's intention to lose or misplace their first love, but I've noticed that sometimes the very things that we think we've avoided are the very things we become involved in. If we profess to love the Lord, why don't we make the commitment to pray and read every day; to go to His House on His Day to be with Him and His people? I know sometimes there are legitimate reasons that keep people from church. I'm not talking about those who really want to, but can't. I am talking about those that can, but find some reason not to. People often tell me, "God understands why I am not doing what I should be doing." I'm sure God does understand, but I'm not sure He always approves of the 'reasons'. Of course, I know that one's salvation doesn't depend on church going, yet many of the same reasons people give for not attending church are the same ones used for not reading and studying the Bible. Certainly there is people to see and places to go, but without seeing Jesus by faith, there will be hell to pay.

Are you and I harder than we used to be? Have we allowed the stuff in our lives to overcrowd us, leaving little or no room for Christ? The stuff we have may not be so bad, but it's a question of where it's placed. I know doctors, medicine, etc., have their place, but where is that place? I think of the song "Try Jesus, He never fails..." and many times we do this, after first trying the arm of flesh. (I am sure that I am very 'trying' to the Lord!) Many times I do try Jesus, but when He seems to be long in answering, my faith wavers, tossing me to and fro between what I believe and what I feel. I've really never had to trust God for any major sickness of disease and I've often thought "Lord, am I going to have enough faith whenever I face Calamity?" He inspired me recently with a new thought--why don't I praise Him for the health I now have. Am I grateful I don't have to worry about affliction when it hasn't touched me?

He asked the disciples on the storm tossed boat, "Where is your faith?" My Reply? It's back there behind the stuff; behind fear, doubt, and negligence.

Perhaps you have faith today, but where is it placed?

Maybe yourself has got your allegiance. "God, help me never to be so hard that you can't work with me." Some of us are too ignorant to realize that our being hard hearted isn't getting us anywhere except further

from God. No, I don't suppose I'm spoiled. I just like things my way. "Father, help us to be submissive and not spoiled, humble and not hard, worshippers and not whiners." May the Grace of God be with you all. Amen.

Are You Taking Your Vitamins?

by Bob Taylor of Laverne, OK

Health consciousness, including weight loss programs, exercise machines, along with diet books have made a mega-buck industry. What we consume in our physical food determines what we are. For instance, fast foods, which are easy and pretty tasty but have very little nutritional value and often contain a lot of bad stuff that we should avoid. Fast foods often have dazzling packaging and sometimes a free trinket thrown to attract the younger generation, who urge moms to buy them. Neither of these things change the nutritional value of the fast food.

We need to consider our spiritual food consumption. Spiritual food is referred in the scripture as meat, milk, bread of life, which represent the basis and solid mainstays of our spiritual lives. To become spiritually healthy disciples of Christ is worth our most earnest consideration and effort. Does our spiritual diet each day provide the essential ingredients to produce a healthy christian so that when illness strikes our spiritual body will be strong, resistant, and able to recover and become spiritually healthy once again? Consistently balanced spiritual intake produces spiritually healthy christians. It is just as important to our spiritual life, as it is to our physical, to eat regularly and take our vitamins. Vitamins are needed to compensate for what we fail to get through our normal food source. To be spiritually we need daily doses of the following vitamins.

VITAMIN D - Doctrine. Satan would have us believe that as long as we believe there is a god, it's enough. Not so, my friend, because the devils believed and trembled... James 2:19. It is absolutely necessary that we know in whom we have believed; what we believe and why we believe it... John 6:16-18. There are many winds of doctrine... Ephesians 4:14; doctrines of devils... 1 Timothy 4:1; doctrines of men... Colossians 2:22; strange doctrines... Hebrews 13:9; but there is also sound doctrine... 1 Timothy 3:16. Let us daily take our spiritual vitamin D so that we can show incorruptness. If we do not stand for godliness, we will fall for anything. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14:6. Again, Jesus said, "Know the truth and truth shall make you free." John 8:32. "We know that we are of the truth and our hearts are assured before Him... 1 John 3:19. We can check our production of fruit... Ephesians 5:9, because if we are producing the fruit of the Spirit (not a spirit), it will be in all truth. How fortunate we are to have the precious Holy Spirit to give us all truth... John 16:13.

VITAMIN C - or Christlikeness is so needed for our daily spiritual nutrition. God has given to us, from the scriptures, exceeding great and precious promises that by these we might be partakers of the Divine Nature... II Peter 1:4. It was God's purpose that we were to be conformed to the image of His Son... Romans 8:29. Paul, who was changed from a murderer to an evangelist, attributed the change to the fact that Christ now lived in him... Galatians 2:20.

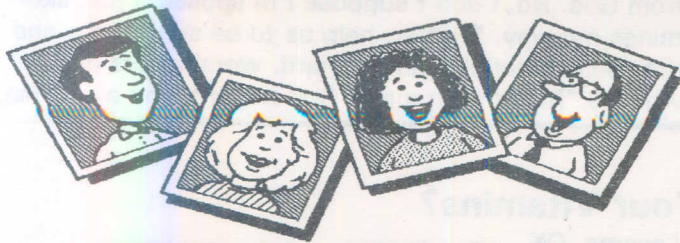
VITAMIN A - atonement. While we were sinners, Christ died for us and now we are justified before God by Christ's blood... Acts 20:26; cleansed by His blood... 1 John 1:7 and we are overcomers by His blood... Rev 12:11. We need an ample supply of Christ's blood covering us every daily.

VITAMIN H - a vitamin not spoken of in most religious circles but yet a very much needed vitamin. Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord... Hab. 12:14. Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God... 1 Cor. 7:1. We take this necessary vitamin by daily yielding our members as servants to righteousness unto holiness... Romans 6:11-19.

Vitamin K - knowledge of God's word is needed because it is not good for the soul to be without knowledge... Proverbs 19:2. God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"... Hosea 6:6. Christians are advised to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ... II Peter 3:18.

VITAMIN G... the gifts of the Spirit. This vitamin is profitable to every man 1 Cor. 12:7. Whether it is the word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles prophecy, discerning of Spirits, divers kinds of tongues, or the interpretation of tongues, we profit when these are manifested. Do not fail to daily desire this vitamin... I Cor. 14:1.

VITAMIN E - eternal life is one that must not be neglected. This is life eternal knowing God and his Son, Jesus Christ... John 17:3. We acquire this by sowing to the Spirit... Galatians 6:8. Our daily dedication for the Kingdom of God's sake is rewarded in this present life and in the world to come, life everlasting... Luke 18:28-30. The individual that daily believes on the Son hath everlasting life... John 3:36. ARE YOU ADEQUATELY SPIRITUALLY NOURISHED OR ARE YOU UNDER NOURISHED?



NEWS ABOUT OUR PEOPLE

Midway

Our church is happy to have Bro. And Sis. Ragan to pastor for another year.

In August we had a Kid's Crusade with a nice number of children attending. Ilene Sanger and Pauline Messner were in charge with all members helping.

In September we had a good revival with Bro. & Sis. Calvin Springer. Sis. Janae Harris was welcomed with her music ministry.

Birth Announcements



Walters

Jeff and Kelly Walters announce the birth of their daughter Rebekah Lynn, on July 13, 1996. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Proud sisters are Erin, 10 years old and Jamie, 3 years. Grandparents are Jim and Ruth Whitlock and

Dan and Mickey Walters all of Joplin, Mo.

Robinson

Garrett Bryce Robinson was born to Danny and Rae-Mona Robinson, Granby, Mo., on July 19, 1996. Garrett has a big sister, Marissa, and a big brother, Drew. He is the grandson of Danny and Pat Robinson, Branson, Mo. and the late Lora Arnall Boyer. Garrett weighed 9 lbs. 1/2 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Brown

Charles and Lynette Brown, Neosho, MO. announce the birth of their daughter, Molly Lauren Brown, born on Nov. 1, 1996. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 in. long. Her grandparents are Lyndel and Kathy Arnall, Neosho, Mo. and Harold and Mary Margaret Brown, Holden, Mo.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for making my 80th birthday a special day in my life. Special thanks to my daughter, Martha Trayler and Shelly Mullins. Also, thanks to Karen Oakes for furnishing the cakes. It was delicious.

God's blessings on all who came, sent cards, phone calls and gifts. Love to all.

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Gene Cornell Health Report

Rev. Gene Cornell moved from his home in Laverne, Ok. in October to be near his son, Jack. His apartment is in Del-Wood Apartments on Downs (behind Wal-Mart) Apt 103 B. His mailing address is P.O. Box 1312, Woodward, Ok. 73802.

Bro. Gene was in the hospital three weeks in October but is doing much better now...and would like to hear from his friends.

As a family we would like to express our thanks to each one of you for your prayers and kindness extended to him.

Yvonna Whiteley and Jack Cornell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Just a note to say hello and hope all is well with all of you. This fall has been a rough one but God has been good to us through it all. We were happy in the September yearly check-up that there was no re-occurrence of the cancer but October 11, I underwent open heart surgery with two arteries 99.9% closed. As far as the surgery was concerned, I did real well, but I was unfortunate to be a part of the 3% that get an infection in the chest wall that is very serious. I spent most of two weeks in the hospital in Shattuck and Oklahoma City. They have found the problem and I'm on the road to recovery. I'm still weak and unable to do very much but thankful that I can be up and do a little bit. It has been very hard for Hazel as she isn't very well and with all the responsibility falling on her has made it real hard on her. She is going to have to have a new knee just as soon as I'm able to be up and about. It seems odd that within 16 months time, Hazel, Bobby Wayne, and I all had to have heart surgery.

We pray for God's richest blessings to be upon the work of the Lord in your area. We covet your earnest prayers for the work here. It seems discouraging at times when people are so unconcerned but we must press on. God bless you is our earnest prayer...

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Creation and Formation of Mankind

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In this paper I would like to introduce the reader to the God of the universe. I will attempt to explain who God is and who makes up the trinity of the God-head. I will continue by discussing the time variance between the accounts found in Genesis 1:1 and 1:2. how they differ. I will describe for the reader the difference between being created and being formed. I will show the reader a view of the two races mentioned in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2. A created race spoke into existence by God. A formed race created by the hand of God (for His good pleasure). I will discuss how inter-marriage between the two races caused problems in the plan God had for mankind (man chose disobedience. When man disobeys God there will always be consequences). Finally, I will show the purpose of God through Christ to save mankind.

In the beginning God created...(Gen 1:1). A person may ask "who is God?" The children of Israel ask Moses, "Who is God?" God's response was, "I AM." This statement answers many questions about God's nature. The meaning "I AM," I am whatever you need. God was in the beginning-before the world ever existed (Job 33:4; Jn 5:26; Heb 11:3). God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1). God is eternal (Ps 90:2). God is everywhere (Jer 23:24). God is all powerful (Mt 19:26). God is an ever-present help in time of trouble (Ps 46:1). God understands and knows those that trust in Him (Nah 1:7). God knows the thought and intent within a man's heart (He 4:12). Most of all God desires to have fellowship with the things He has made (Gen 3:9).

God may seem as three different people but really He is one. A person may have different roles in life that define who he/she is. An individual may be a teacher, a parent, a Sunday-School worker while being the same person. God has three different types of a personality functioning as God the Father, Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit (Gen 1:26).¹ Each personality serves a function in the God-head or Trinity yet God is One. Each role in the God-head has a function just as an individual may play various roles in life; so does God. The Father oversees the care for the world. Christ the Son redeemed the world and intercedes for man before the Father. The Holy Spirit convicts, comforts, and allows us to know the will of the Father.

In the Genesis account Genesis 1:1 states "God created the heaven and the earth." In Genesis 1:2 the earth was without form and void. I would like to attempt to prove to you, the reader, how a time gap existed between verses 1 and verse 2.² The word "form" in verse 2 in the Hebrew is "tohuw," means "to lie waste; a desolation (of surface), i.e. desert; fig. a worthless thing."³ The word void (in the Hebrew- bohuw), means to be empty; a vacuity, i.e. (superficially) an

indistinguishable ruin:--emptiness, void.³

In Job's account (Job 9:5-8), God's anger removed mountains and shook the earth. The sun refused to shine and the stars sealed up. God spread out the heavens and treaded upon the waves of the sea. Is this a world God had created? When God created things, He called it "good" (Gen 1:4,10,12,18,21, 25,31). In Genesis 1:2, the world was a wilderness, a ruin, a worthless wasteland. Darkness was upon the earth. Could this be the same heaven and earth talked about in Genesis 1:1? I don't think so! Why would God create something worthless?

The word for create as pertaining to the creation (bara in the Hebrew) means "the divine act of bringing into existence that which was not."² God didn't have building materials He had to gather. He didn't need to send for an architect or contractor. He spoke and the earth and life on the earth...was!

The word formed used in the Hebrew, is yatsar meaning "to form (through the squeezing into shape); to mould into a form; espec. as a potter;" (Gen 2:4).³ God's hands used the dust of the earth, to form Adam. Adam became a living soul when God breathed into Him the breath of life.

The words form and void signify desolation, emptiness and wasteland. God does not create mistakes. God making something short of perfect is not God's pattern. According to verses 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25 and 31 of Genesis one, God called that which He had created "good." These verses do not show a destroyed world or wasteland as found in verse two of the same chapter.

When God created the world He moved upon it (Gen 1:2). He separated things and distinguished one thing from another. He said "let" there be...and it existed (Ge 1:3,6,9,11,14,20, 22,24,26). In Genesis 1:2 the story appears to shed a different light than things being precise and separate (like a name of a child who comes from several children within one family). In Genesis 1:1 the heaven and earth are separate entities in God's creation. In Genesis 1:2 the earth was void, dark and desolate. What could have caused such a disturbance.

In Isaiah 34, Isaiah warns of God's creation needing to listen to His commandments addressed to them. People have a tendency to avoid strong warning because it may not be convenient. Some people ignore warning because if they don't think about the matter "my worst fear" could not possibly happen. The Lord warns and as people do they ignored the warning. Judgment was how God got their attention. The earth became a wasteland (Isa 34:1-10).

Jeremiah talks of the same destruction (Jer 4:17, 20-27). He talks of judgment because of rebellion and neglect of God. He talks of people having opportunity

to change but would not. Does God have a choice but to keep that which He promises. God's promises are **sure (2 Pe 3:9). God destroyed the world.**

Is God unfair? Does God unjustly punish innocent people? No, He does not. God does not ignore sin or rebellion. He did not do it with Satan nor will He do it with us. In Isaiah 14:12-17 Lucifer, son of the morning, rose up against God. Lucifer tried to elevate himself above God (I will...). God does not consent to anyone opposing His authority. God cast Lucifer (Satan) from the heavens to the earth. In verse 17 the world as a result became a wilderness (additional accounts found in Ezek 28:2-10 and Job 9:5-8). God needed a plan to bring back fellowship with His creation. God reconstructed the world again, thus another account of creation in Genesis 1:3-31.

God created the world in six days and on the seventh day He rested. A day, as mentioned in Genesis one is not a 24-hour day but a time period.⁴ A time thing happened (such as would take place in a person's life), a period within history (historic event), a day a person lives in. In the Bible, Peter describes one of God's days as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day (2 Pe 3:8; Ps 90:4). The Jewish Talmud simplifies a day as a thousand years.² Some people may think that the creation could have taken place over a six thousand year period.

On the first day He created light and distinguished between the light and the darkness (Gen 1:3-5).² On the second day of creation God created a firmament (an expansion or space, a breathing space for life to dwell in) dividing the waters from above and below the earth thus creating the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:6-8).²

On the third day He created the waters and dry ground found on the earth. He also created grass bearing herb yielding seed for such things as trees and grass. (Gen 1:9-13).² Can you imagine the technology man would have to have to create things in perfect balance such as is found on the earth? On the fourth day God created the sun, the moon, and the stars (for signs, seasons, days, and years)(Gen 14-19).²

On the fifth day God created sea life and fowl (Gen 1:20-23).² God created the earth in balance for itself. We can see this to be true when such animals as dinosaurs and whale can live on the same planet without extinction. Each animal produced in like manner as unto itself (Gen 1:25).

On the sixth day He created living creatures and man (created race). This man was to have dominion over all (Gen 1:27). He created man as male and female (Gen 1:29).² Man ate whatever he wanted (Gen 1:29). He was to be fruitful and multiply the earth (Gen 1:22, 25,28).² This man had no restrictions. The land he lived on was a paradise (there was no sickness, no pain, no toil, no death).

God enjoyed His creation and rested from His works

on the seventh day. He set it apart to be a day of rest. A day when His labors ended.

On the eighth day God formed man from the dust of the ground (Adam-formed from the components of the ground) (Gen 2:7). Adam's purpose was to work. He was to till the ground (Gen 2:5). Adam lived in the garden, Eden (Gen 2:15). God told Adam what to eat and he was given the job to name the animals. When God saw that man had no companion God formed Eve from the rib of Adam (Gen 2:22).

In Genesis, chapter three, Satan tricked Eve and deceived her. Satan appealed to her senses (Gen 3:6; 1 Jn 2:16). He caused her to question what God had said to Adam. She looked and saw the fruit looked good; what could be the harm? This statement gets mankind in trouble all the time. Our reasoning ability gets us nowhere when we question what God has told us to do. We can make excuses all day long. Eve went to Adam and he ate of the fruit.

Immediately Adam saw that he was naked (Gen 3:10). He moved from innocence to rebellion; to the age of conscience. Adam tried to hide from God when God called him (Gen 3:10). God knew what he (Adam) had done yet gave Adam an opportunity. Adam blamed God for sending the woman to him. Sin was the woman's fault but God held Adam responsible showing man was spiritual head of the family. For this reason Eve was to suffer in childbirth (Gen 3:16). Man was to toil by the sweat of His brow (Gen 3:17-19). Satan disguised himself as a serpent, so from that day forward the serpent crawled (Gen 3:14; He 2:14-15). The first blood sacrifice made clothing for Adam and Eve (Gen 3:21) and they were put out of the garden (Gen 3:23). The first promise of a savior was made in chapter three of Genesis (Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14; Lu 1:31-35).

Adam and Eve conceived children (Gen 4:1). They were Cain and Abel. The first family had its own problems--jealousy between brothers with murder as the result (Gen 4:2-10). God did not turn His head to this jealousy. He punished with stern judgment. Cain left his family and became a wanderer and a vagabond (Gen 4:12). Cain continued his farming experience and now Cain faced with an even greater problem in tilling the soil. The ground was cursed the more because of sin. Cain thought God was not just but that his punishment was greater than he could bear (God had judged him more harshly than he deserved)(Gen 4:12-16). Of what person could Cain have been afraid (the created race)? God put a mark upon Cain to protect him from those that would seek to kill him.

Cain relocated in the land of Nod (Gen 4:16). He married a daughter from the created race. The two races were not to intermarry. The wickedness of men increased and was great upon the earth (Gen 6:5). Wickedness and evil were what the created races was known for when they turned their back on God. When

God created the sons of men He put them in a different place apart from the garden where Adam and Eve lived. When Adam and Eve left the garden they were not to live in the same area as the sons of men (the created race). In the creation, men produced after their own "kind" (Gen 1:21,24,27).

The created race and the formed race were different. God had intended the created race to be like Him (in the image of God)(Gen 1:27). Adam and Eve were temporal (earthy). They were made from dust (they would see death because of sin).

When the created race (sons of God) intermarried with the formed race (daughters of men) men of renoun-giants were born. They had great strength and were known as great warriors in their day (this was never God's plan). God called these to be a separate and distinct people, like the creation He had made.

What is so important in having a pure race? Adam was not only the first man mentioned but Adam is an example of a type. Adam was the first Adam and Christ was the second Adam. The first Adam considered earthy; the second Adam, a quickening spirit (redeemer to be made a curse for man's sin). Man needed a redeemer, one who could snatch him from the grip of sin. Who could fill the qualifications of a sinless, spotless lamb but the Son of God, Jesus (Isa 53:2-11; Jn 1:29; 1 Pe 1:19)? A blood sacrifice needed to be offered because this was the pattern God had established to take care of the sin problem in the garden. God is consistent. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (He 13:8; Jas 1:17); He changes not. He is moved with compassion when one of His children calls out to Him.

God has a plan. God needed a person pure, upright, holy before Him (perfect in the sight of God-not as man sees perfection but walking in the truths God has given him responsibility over), (Gen 6:8-9). Noah was the man God used. Noah was perfect before God. God gave him instructions for the task. Build a boat; there's going to be a great flood (rain). What's rain? Noah believed God. He started building the ark. The ark was going to be the shelter from the wrath of God destroying the created race and mankind upon the earth. God tried to save more than just one man and his family. During the time Noah was building I'm sure many people asked "Noah, why are you building an ark? And laughed because he was an old man, a dreamer, crazy. Noah was not crazy; he was just following God's instructions to the letter.

People laughed and Noah continued building. The time drew nearer and nearer and Noah kept telling of the coming disaster but no one listened (sound familiar in today's time?). Noah was faithful to God just as God had been faithful to Him. God kept His word and the time came when God told Noah to take shelter.

God gave Noah further instructions to continue life, life that He had created. God preserved Noah and his

family and the animals by shutting the door Himself. God shut the door of the ark? Why would God do such a thing? God wanted to protect and nurture man. He wanted to continue to have fellowship with man. He didn't want to destroy man but His creation had committed sin. Man chose to sin against Him. Man made a choice to do as God had commanded or do something else-sin. Sin is not something God can excuse (Job 15:11-13). Noah trusted in God. Proverbs 3:5-7 says to trust in the Lord with all our hearts and not to lean on our finite understanding but in all ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths. Noah committed his ways to the Lord. When everyone laughed, Noah kept building. Noah built him a future in God's plan by his obedience.

God's plan did not stop with Noah. Through the line of the first Adam, Noah existed. Noah continued this ancestry through Christ. We being from the lineage of the first Adam having a sin nature, we choose like all of mankind in our day. What will we choose? Will we continue in the footsteps of the first Adam (sin)(Rom 5:12). The wages of sin are death but the gift of God is eternal life (Rom 6:23). Christ, God's only son, so loved the world so much that He gave His life for you and me (Jn 3:16). What will we do with the second Adam (Christ)? Will we continue to sin knowing its reward or will we do away with sinning and go onto perfection (Heb 6:1-3). Noah was perfect in the sight of God. We can walk in victory over sin and death (hell and the grave) by one important step. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your house. Noah believed God. Noah followed God. God has not, nor will He ever fail to fulfill one of His promises. God's promises are yea and amen to the will of God (2 Cor 1:20).

I have shown you, the reader who God is to mankind. How God is the creator of all things, and all life. I have explained how God was in the beginning. I continued by discussing how Genesis 1:1 and 1:2 reveal a troubled era. I have shown you how one race of man was created and one race was formed. Each race had a responsibility to God. I will show you how that intermarriage played a part in the destruction of the world. How that God destroyed the earth by a flood, showed how that one man's faithfulness to God continued life on planet earth. I have shown you the consequences and cure for the sin nature within mankind. What will you do with Jesus?

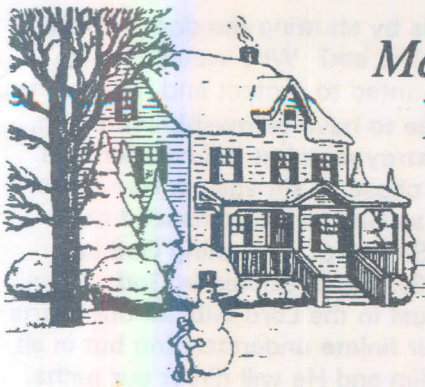
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¹ Jacob C. Regier Who Is God?; The Creation Bible Doctrine 1963 Pgs 23-27; 33-39

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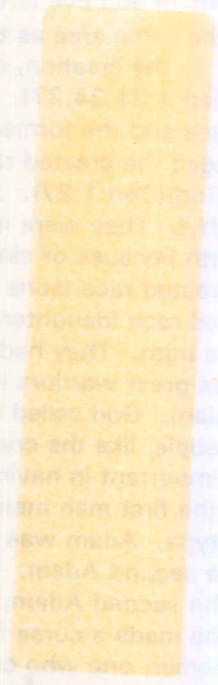
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