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Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

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## Jesus—God in the Form of Man Did They Understand?



*Jesus Teaching From the Ship*, pencil by Jim Robinson. Jesus taught many things to those who would listen; how many of them understood God had come to them in the form of man?

There were a group of people in the days of Christ that understood the times: God had actually come down to them in the form of a man to teach them and die for them. But it was a hard saying because even Jesus' apostles did not quite understand the sacrifice of Christ until *after* he died ([John 16:16-24](#)).

Jesus began his ministry when he was 30, and it continued for 3 years. He preached and taught in his homeland as well as other areas around Judea. He didn't travel like Paul did on missionary journeys; he stayed mostly in the same place and to where he could get on foot. And the Bible says the people thronged him, vying for his time and mostly for Him to heal their sicknesses. People came from all over to have Jesus heal disease, blindness, deafness, leprosy, and many other ills of the human body, and he has often been called *The Great Physician*. But perhaps the people did not know what they had then when Jesus was here: He was God-man in man's presence. What greater gift

could God give man? *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever shall believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life* ([John 3:16](#)).

Jesus was a great teacher, and many times he taught in simple parables so the common man could understand and the wealthy Pharisee would be left perplexed. Jesus taught about finances, loving your brother, obeying and worshipping God, marriage, and common interactions. He resolved doubts about Biblical history and laws that many times were tweaked by Pharisees. The leaders of the day wanted to keep the common man uneducated and often watered down the laws of the Bible to suit them.

Christ developed a following of thousands of people including His 12 apostles whom He called. Some of the 12 later wrote scripture, and many of the 12 died in martyrdoms. Christ ended his ministry on the earth as a sacrifice for our sins.

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# Don't Let Miracles Go Unnoticed

## Gods' Blessing On the Faithful Christian

I firmly believe, although this is only a matter of opinion, that to a born again Christian who is faithfully serving God nothing in his life happens by accident or happenchance, and his life is completely ordered by God. Very often, whether we are faithful or not, we have to live with the consequences of our sins, and other times God brings *adversity* into our life. The reason for adversity is to make you stronger as a Christian and give you a burden that helps you to identify with other people who have had the same experience and help them with it like a light shining in darkness ([Philippians 2:15](#)).

The Bible says in Romans 8:28: *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* It also says in [Colossians 2:18](#) that you have a personal faith that no one can sever, not even when you find the presence of an angel. After years go by in your Christian life, when you have time to think about it, you can often see times when God brought miracles into your life as a blessing to solve a problem or give you something advantageous. You can see how things came together in your life for the better, even when you had bad things happen to you. God will show His presence with blessings that can be nothing short of miracles. I believe that God has performed miracles for us for all the 6,000 years we have been here, way beyond what has been recorded in the Bible. I believe America's success in the two great world wars were a miracle and a blessing of God on a country that feared Him to prevent an overthrow by other pagan



*David Plays a Psalm 1*, pencil by Jim Robinson. The most beautiful and humble times you will have with God will be when you discover a miracle he performed in your life in the form of a blessing. [Order print.](#)

countries.

If you take some time to meditate on the presence of God in your life, then the memories of the events in your life when the only solution was a miracle from God will help you to thank and glorify Him more. It will also bring you to a closer relationship with Him as well. The situation we are in now is the result of a lifetime of blessings and adversity, and sometimes we are living with consequences of our sin.

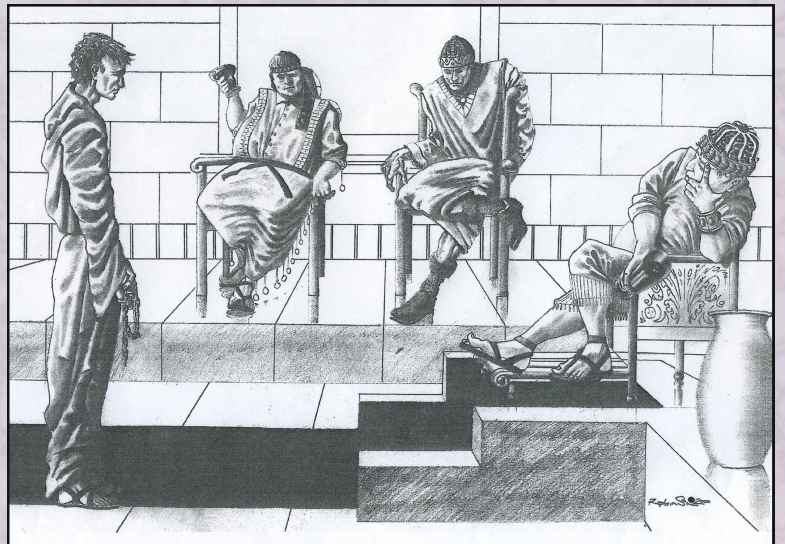
# “Almost Thou Persuadest Me to Be a Christian”

## Paul Before Agrippa

Towards the end of the book of Acts ([Acts 26](#)), Paul presents his defense to the opposing forces of his ministry which included the Roman government. The Romans had taken him away from the murderous Jews that sought to kill him to hear his case in a Roman court of law. Paul was given the freedom to defend himself.

In the course of his defense, Paul was set before Agrippa, Festus and Bernice—the three Roman officials who would have something to do with the determination of his fate. Since Agrippa was the highest ranking of the three, Paul had presented his case to Agrippa by explaining that the contention he had with the Jews was concerning the matter of the resurrection of the dead and Jesus Christ; he had not offended the Roman law in any way. It was a matter of Jewish law. Paul gave Agrippa encouragement in the scriptures and the power of God, and after his discourse he said, *King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian (Acts 26:27-28).*

Paul's testimony went everywhere he did, and with it the plan of salvation. Paul was always soul winning. Unfortunately, Agrippa didn't get saved, and “almost” was not good enough. But Agrippa's decision concerning salvation was affected by his Roman paganism, though he seemed to understand Paul's argument.



People who hear the gospel and fail to get saved may still be open to it in the future, and there is always a chance they may change their mind. Being a good testimony always helps, and when you come around your listener may remember your fervent case about the gospel without you saying a word.

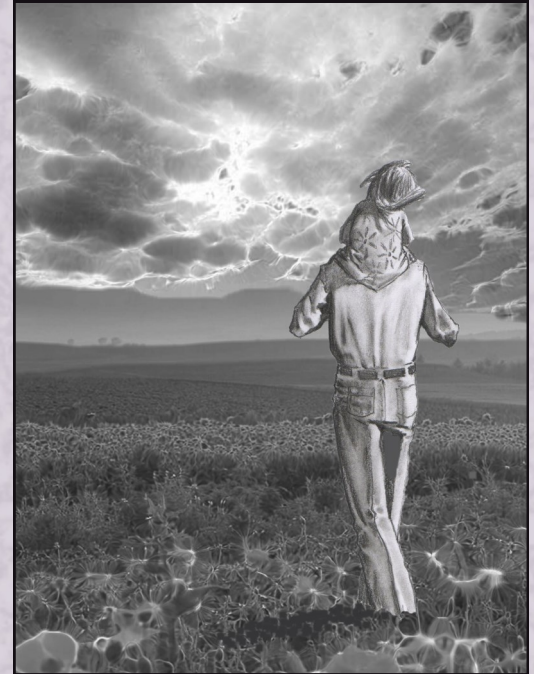
# Obedient Children

## A Blessing From God—and A Lot of Hard Work

When I was a school teacher teaching young children, the only way I was able to teach anything is if the children were obedient to the rules of respect for the teacher and each other. They were not suppose to be talking while I was, they were supposed to be paying attention and participating in the exercises. All of these rules allowed them to learn and made the classroom experience beneficial to them. It was the children who refused to obey the rules that caused the most problems for the entire class by disrupting it with their behavior.

Although I'm not a father, I would imagine it is the same way in a home. Children disciplined at a young age to obey the requests of their parents yield a productive and law-abiding adult later on in life. Much prayer went into my classroom children, and a lot of time was spent being concerned about their needs. When the child obeys and the parents do not provoke them to anger, there is potential for growth ([Colossians 3:20-21](#)).

Of the many words that a child can be taught, one of the most important and difficult to teach is the word "no." But it is probably the most simple and critical word. When a child reaches for a potential hazard like an electrical fixture, if he has been taught to stop at the word *no*, that is all you need to say is *no*. Much of this kind of training is repetitive with a slap on the hand until the child gets it right (something only a parent can do). The child will challenge and rebel, as my classroom children did, but the more you show compassion for their punishment when they do something wrong, and the more lenient you are with them, the more they will continue to disobey.



*The Field of Flowers* is a short story available on [kjvbiblebooks.net](http://kjvbiblebooks.net) about a girl's relationship with her dad.

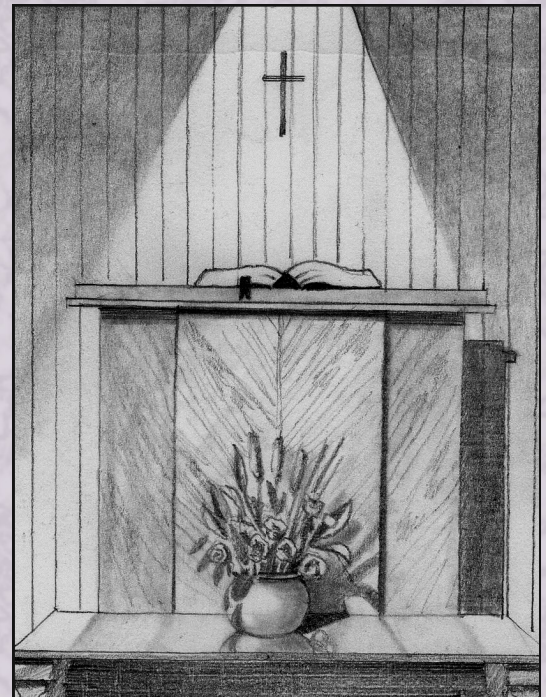
# Doubting God as a Nation

## The Devil Is Making It Increasingly Easier

During America's development, many people were in fear of God and paid him reverence, but there were others who blasphemed him. By far, the majority feared God and that is why God blessed this nation. For 200 years we have enjoyed our freedom and opportunities here in America because of the bloodshed and sweat of our forefathers. But is it coming to naught?

The Statue of Liberty has a torch shining forever to welcome all people to our America. And with the nationalities that came also came their religions. They gave options to our younger generation for ways to get to their god who they claimed was God. Many times those of our young people who did not grow up with a Christina discipline followed after the strange gods. You saw that clearly with the younger generation of the Vietnam War era and the rise of the Beatles, heavy metal music, flower children, etc. Yet these gods came in different forms, some as mere philosophies that tagged on to the New Age religion. The New Age religion is the religion of the last days that depends on secular humanism or science, which explains away the God of the "foolish" (as they call it) King James Bible and replaces it with a new god—a higher power. That god is nothing short of the Angel of Light, or Lucifer. He comes as the answer to all of our problems using science.

God may have left us to ourselves when we started to rely on technology more than Him. Today there are constant medical breakthroughs, but could those medical problems have been solved by the hand of God? Even our churches today are veering away from the old-time religion and replacing it with scientific principles. We may never stop the direction we are going.



Many churches today are swaying toward New Age philosophies based in secular humanism (science) even though they may be keeping the deity names of God.



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