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BEWARE THE WILES OF THE DEVIL

D.L. Moody was warning the congregation about the “wiles of the devil.” He said that during the Franco-German war, the German drummers and trumpeters used to give the French beats and calls in order to deceive the enemy. The command to halt or cease firing was often given by the Germans and it has been said that the French soldiers were thus placed in positions where they could be easily shot down like cattle. One of the great “wiles” of the devil is to counterfeit the truth. This is true in many areas, none more important relative to the Bible. Modern versions are nothing but counterfeits of God Holy Word!

THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING GOD

Testimony of a true servant of Christ – David Livingstone: “People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which simply pays back a small part of the great debt we owe God? Is anything a sacrifice when it brings its own blessed reward in beautiful activity, consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with such a thought – It is not a sacrifice but a privilege.” **“To me to live if Christ, and to die is gain.”**
~*Philippians 1:21.*

QUITTIN’ MEETINGS

Sam Jones was an earnest Evangelist and very plain spoken in his meetings. Every once in a while, he would have a “Quittin’ Meeting during one of his revivals. He gave the people an opportunity to confess their sins and to repent of them. (Confession without repentance is just a waste of time, if not downright hypocrisy). During these meetings, many quit swearing, drinking, smoking, gossiping and other sins. On one occasion he asked a certain woman what she was going to quit. She replied, “I ain’t been doing nothing, and I’m going to quit that!” That’s a good idea; there are too many Christians who aren’t doing anything for God and it is time that they got busy for the Lord.

UNBELIEVER’S VIEW OF THE BIBLE

George Bernard Shaw once had a Bible. Four years before he died, in 1950, he sold it to auctioneers. Some time later the auctioneers sold the Bible for \$50.00. One of the selling points seems to have been a writing on the flyleaf by the playwright himself. It read: “Except as a curiosity, this book as a material object is a most undesirable object... I must get rid of it. I really cannot bear it in my house.” I wonder what the famous Mr. Shaw thinks of the Bible now?

TESTIMONY OF AN ATHEIST

H. G. Wells was another famed unbeliever; actually he was an atheist. His final literary work has been called a “scream of despair.” Around 1950 he wrote: “The science to which I pinned my faith is bankrupt. It’s counsels... have led to the suicide of Europe. I believed them once... In their name, I helped to destroy the faith of millions... And now they look at me and witness the great tragedy of an atheist who has lost his faith.” Yes, and his soul! That was sixty years ago and yet we still have the godless philosophies of communism, yes it is still very much alive, and evolution being propounded by so called intellectuals. As far as producing anything good, both are still bankrupt. They never will be anything but bankrupt because they both are godless and contrary to God’s Word. **“The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.”** ~*Psalms 53:1.*