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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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HE MADE NO PLANS

D.L. Moody told the story of a certain wealthy man down South before the Civil War. He had an old slave who was a believer, a true Christian. One day the rich man died and people said to his slave that he had gone to heaven. The old slave shook his head and replied, "No, I'm afraid he's not gone up there." Someone said, "Why, what makes you say that, Ben?" He answered, "Cause whenever he went up North, or went on a journey to the springs, he always talked about it for a long time; he packed his bags and got ready. But I never heard him talk about heaven; never saw him get ready to go there." Now, just about everybody wants to go to heaven; nobody I meet wants to go to hell. And somehow most folks who have not the slightest interest in the Bible, prayer, a Fundamental Church, seem to think that that's where they are going. Of course, they wouldn't mind staying here forever. Moody said, "The unregenerate man likes heaven better than hell, but he likes this world best of all."

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

My friend, I am sure that you want to go to heaven; but have you made any plans? Jesus said, "**In my father's house are many mansions...**" He went on to say, "**No man cometh unto the father but by me.**" The Bible warns you, it says, "**Prepare to meet thy God!**" Are you prepared? Jesus said, "**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven.**" Have you been born again? Have you come to God as a sinner and asked Him to forgive your sins because you believe Christ died for you? If you died now, where would you go? This is a personal matter. No one else can do anything to save you, the choice is entirely up to you. Your mother or father can't do it, your wife or husband can't do it, no church or any other thing on earth can do it for you. Jesus said, "**Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him...**" Notice "any man" (any woman), that's you. Will you open the door?

YOU MAY WAIT TOO LATE!

One of the most costly habits we human beings have is procrastination. We just put things off! I speak to people all the time about this and many say, "Well, I know I should think about the future; I am going to do it some day." I have seen too many for whom that day never came. It wasn't God's fault. He invited them; He warned them. But they just neglected the most important thing this side of death; the eternal destiny of their soul. God asks, "**How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?**" You don't have to reject Christ to be lost - you are already lost! You need to receive Him in order to be saved. Will you not bow your head right now and acknowledge to God that you are a sinner and then ask Jesus Christ to save you? "**As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.**" Don't be like that man Moody told about; make your plans now! "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**"

-From a Gospel Tract by Pastor Starr

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DID YOU KNOW THAT...

In Psalm 12:6,7 the **King James Bible** says,
"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

And that the **New American Standard** says,
 "The words of the Lord are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times. Thou, O Lord wilt keep them; Thou wilt preserve *him* from this generation forever."

The NASV is much easier to understand? It doesn't even make sense! The context is not talking about a person but about the "words of the Lord," a plural subject. The people who wrote that, and those who promote it, simply do not believe we have the pure, inspired Word of God today!

OUR CHRIST HAS ALL THE ANSWERS! An ad in the *Hartford Courant* shows a picture of Christ kneeling with a headline that reads: "We don't have all the answers. But that's okay; neither did he (small 'h' shows they didn't understand the deity of Christ). I assume from the article that it was advertising a church or religious organization. One thing you need to be sure about in these days of confusion is that you have the real Christ! The real Christ is God - God the Son - *and He knows everything.* See John 16:30, Colossians 2:3, etc. He has the answer to sin and righteousness, life and death, and Heaven and Hell. He said, **"I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."** ~John 14:6. If you want the answer to the things above, there is only one place you can find them - Christ! I urge you to ask Christ to save you from your sin and to give you eternal life. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."** ~Acts 16:31.

YOU CAN'T FOOL GOD!

You can fool the hapless public,
 You can be a subtle fraud,
 You can hide your little madness,
 But you can't fool God!

You can advertise your virtues,
 You can self-achievement laud,
 You can load yourself with riches,
 But you can't fool God!

You can criticize the Bible,
 You can be a selfish clod,
 You can lie, swear, drink, and gamble,
 But you can't fool God!

You can magnify your talent,
 You can hear the world applaud,
 You can boast yourself somebody,
 But you can't fool God!

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

Some people get lost in thought because it is unfamiliar territory to them.

A Christianity that won't take you to Church regularly won't take you to Heaven either!

It's not that people don't understand the Bible; it's just that they'd rather not.

After all is said and done, more is said than done.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

All the wisdom in the world – Is wasted on the ear
 That only wants to listen – To what it wants to hear!

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

SEPARATING THE MEN FROM THE BOYS!

We are fast approaching the time when, in America, it will cost something to stand up for our faith. The following are excerpted from *Legal Alert*, July 2004:

"Hate crimes" laws are getting closer. In Canada it is now a "hate crime" to criticize homosexual activity in any fashion. Broadcasters are forbidden to air any critical discussion of homosexuality. A pastor in Sweden was arrested *in his church* for reading Bible verses on homosexuality.

In Montana, a pro-homosexual marriage group has threatened to sue a church for gathering signatures against such conduct before and after church services.

More and more public schools are supportive of homosexual rights. A Missouri school honored a lesbian as teacher of the year despite protests of the Christian community. Schools in Connecticut are posting pro-homosexual literature inside classrooms. A Christian woman has been cited for opening her home to feed small groups of homeless as invited guests.

THE IMMODEST DRESS PROBLEM.

Religion Today (6/12/04) states: "The president of the American Decency Association says pastors around the U.S. have been voicing concerns about immodest dress they see in their churches. Bill Johnson says the church needs to counter this trend primarily because Christians worship a holy God. He said, 'As we come to the house of God on a weekly basis [we need to recognize] that we are there primarily to bring glory and honor to His name. Distractions caused by immodest dress can detract from a person's worship experience. The true Christian would not knowingly contribute to the downfall of another.'" Editor: We have preached and written on this serious topic before. The worst thing about it is many Fundamental pastors will not deal with it. I don't hear many complaining about it! In a recent *Challenge* we quoted Rick Flanders: "There is a problem with immodesty in the more strict fundamentalist churches too. Christian women and girls are letting the trendy stores decide how they will dress. Too much skin is allowed to show on the top by low necklines and wide armholes, and in the middle by short tops and sagging bottoms, and at the bottom by short skirts, short culottes and just plain shorts. Clothes worn by too many believers are too tight and otherwise revealing. There is too much nakedness among believers. "God commands Christian women to dress modestly and He tells preachers to deal with it. He told preacher to tell the women that they **"adorn themselves in modest (appropriate) apparel."**

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST AND EVANGELISM.

Evangelist Greg Laurie held a "Southern California Harvest" at Anaheim Stadium. It featured "Extreme athletes (who) flew from ramp to ramp during a motocross demo, BMX riders and skateboarders exhibited tricks on a Vert Ramp, and crowds danced to music from artists as diverse as Skillet to Fernando Ortega...The evening crusade program called 'A Night of Worship' featured a message from Laurie, known for communicating the Gospel in a fresh, culturally relevant way." -*Religion Today* (7/15/04). This makes me sick! I think it must make God sick also; read Rev. 3:16, I John 2:15-17. They say they're just repackaging the Gospel. I don't think God appreciates it when you wrap the Gospel up in a bucket of garbage! I am sure the *culturally relevant gospel* had no place for sin, hell or repentance. That sort of show will get a crowd and even some *decisions*, but I doubt that anybody was really saved with a *culturally relevant gospel*.

SUPREME COURT PROTECTS PORNOGRAPHY!

"The estimated number of pornographic websites is 4.2 million and the number of individual pornographic web pages is 372 million. The value of keeping kids safe from internet pornography: Priceless. A price too high, apparently, for the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court ruled 5-4 that the Child Online Protection Act (COPA) which requires commercial sex sites to verify every user's age, likely violates adults' free speech 'right' of unfettered access to online smut. The justices bounced COPA back to a lower court for a new trial, where legal analysts say it has almost no chance of survival... According to *Filterview*, 26 children's character names - from Barbie to Pokemon - were linked to thousands of porn sites (luring children into the world of porn). The average age at which children are exposed to online obscenity is eleven. And 80% of 15 to 17 year olds with internet access admit to multiple exposures to hardcore porn." -*World* 7/2004. Did the Founding Fathers intend freedom of speech should include such wickedness?

JOHN KERRY'S RELIGIOUS ADVISOR.

Mara Vanderslice has been added to the Kerry team. Wm. Donahue of the Catholic League said, "It is an incredible slap in the face to evangelical Christians to have a woman who is associated with Marxist politics, and [who in college] engaged in the most left-wing demonstrations in the country, trying to shut down Washington D.C." He also said, "Catholics will be interested to know she's also spoken for ACT UP." -*The Servant*, 7/2004. Ed. ACT UP is one of the most radical homosexual groups.

RIGHT OR WRONG!

Job was right when, he said, in spite of all his troubles; "**Though he slay me yet will I trust him.**"

Joshua was right when he said: "**As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**"

Daniel was right when he determined that "**He would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat.**"

Mary was right when at the marriage in Cana, when she said, "**Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!**"

David was right when he said, "**I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**"

John the Baptist was right when he said, "**Behold the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.**"

John (Apostle) was right when he wrote the words of Jesus: "**Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me.**"

Lot was wrong when he lifted up his eyes toward Sodom and then pitched his tent there.

Jeroboam was wrong when he thought he could worship God as he pleased (under the symbol of golden calves).

Jehoshaphat was wrong when he foolishly agreed to join affinity with the wicked King Ahab.

King Uzziah was wrong when he went into the temple to perform a ministry which was not given to him.

Pilate was wrong when he thought that he could be neutral and washed his hands over the fate of Jesus.

King Herod was wrong when he refused to swallow his pride and brutally murdered John the Baptist.

Demas was wrong when he forsook the Apostle Paul and went back to the ways of the world.

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MOST WANTED MEN

We thank God for every faithful woman in the church, but if we are going to have Scriptural churches, churches with power, we must have men. We must have real men of God! It is time to stop playing Church, which is what most professed Christians are doing. About one hundred years ago the famous explorer Shackelton was seeking to recruit men for an expedition to the Antarctic. He put an ad in a London newspaper. It read: "*MEN WANTED for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success.*" People scoffed and said he was crazy, nobody would respond to an offer like that. But they were wrong - thousands did! But where are the Christian men who will respond to the call of Jesus, the Son of God? He calls today: "**Take up your cross and follow me.**" I see few cross bearers among the saints of God. We are living in desperate times; the hour calls for men, real men of God. What kind of men are needed. Men who will hazard their lives for Christ and His cause. We need men who live Phil. 1:21 - men who will truly be the head of their homes - men who love God and His Church more than ease and entertainment - men who are true examples of what a Christian should be - men who will be concerned for others and not themselves - men who will be bold witnesses for Christ, consistent soul winners - men who will build up and not tear down. I wonder if there are any men like this reading these lines!