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ONE THING THE DEVIL DOESN'T WANT.

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If there is one thing the devil doesn't want anyone to do, it is think. Most people do not believe in a real devil, but they are sadly mistaken. One way he keeps people from thinking is to keep them entertained. Thinking does not come naturally but having fun (especially sinful fun) does. David said, **"While I was musing, the fire burned."** Musing means to think, to meditate (amuse means "not to think"). Few folks know much about the former. Satan attacks different ways; sometimes he comes as a roaring lion, but most of his work is done as the subtle serpent. God warns of the **"wiles of the devil."** He's called **"the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."** Those of us who are saved were also under his control before we came to Christ, we lived **"...in the lusts of the flesh fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind..."** as the unsaved now do. The unbeliever just does what he wants to; whatever feels good. The lusts of the flesh! A while back, someone gave the following list of what was on TV one morning and afternoon: "Donahue: 'Alleged sexual misconduct by people who claim to be religious.' Oprah Winfrey: 'Frustrated teachers meet frustrated parents.' Regis and Kathy: 'Two special couples.' Jenny Jones: 'Women jealous of their spouses friends.' Vicki: 'Glamour secrets of the stars.' Geraldo: 'Married lesbians.' Maury Povich: 'Gay couple's wedding announcement.' Jesse Raphael: 'Women who say their divorced parents are running their marriages.' Montel Williams: 'Swim suit competition.' Jerry Springer: 'People who claim they've seen Elvis Presley.'" While people watch this, they certainly aren't going to do much thinking about God and eternity. Evening TV is no better, often worse. All this appeals to the flesh and keeps people from thinking about what's really important-especially one's relationship to God. God says, **"Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa.1:18.** Most Americans are being led by Satan like sheep to the slaughter. A.W.Tozer said when he was a boy on the farm, every fall they butchered for the winter; his job was to coax the fattened hogs into the barn. He'd throw corn on the ground as he went, and they were pleased as they came grunting in with that corn still grinding in their mouths. But in minutes they were dead. If you are unsaved, please listen to me. God wants you to stop and think! Think about your sin. Think about eternity. Think about judgment. Recently, I spoke to a man about God's judgment. Quite seriously, he said, "I don't want to think about it!" You must repent, turn from your sin and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Don't let the devil deceive you anymore. I'll close with a word to Christians. One of the saddest things is many of God's people are still feeding on the world's garbage, **"fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind."** I am afraid many professing Christians are not Christians at all and have **"only a form of godliness."** We don't expect much from the world, but how sad it is to see many professed believers in Christ, sitting for hours watching the senseless, sensual, sinful stuff on TV, the Internet, etc. If that describes you, and you profess to be a child of God, I urge you to repent **"do first works."** The hour is late! **"It is high time to wake out of sleep."**

CORNERSTONE NEWS

SUNRISE SERVICE!

A great way to remember the resurrection of our Lord! Bring the family! Invite a friend! Full course breakfast (free) afterward, so you can stay for Sunday School (9:30) and Morning Service (10:45).

"HE IS NOT DEAD!"
SPECIAL MUSIC
FULL BREAKFAST



MARCH 27. 6:30 AM

FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE!

Now is the time to make plans for a great time of blessing.

CONFERENCE DATES

JULY 10-15, 2005 (Sunday – Friday)

Make plans now to be here!

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTISTS BECOMING NEW EVANGELICAL!

Many are using "The Purpose Driven" and other New Evangelical programs. We have two books on the compromises of New Evangelicalism that we will send you for only \$5.00 postpaid.

SIMPLE TEST OF MODERN BIBLE VERSIONS.

For a proper, unprejudiced study of the KJV and modern versions, just look at some key passages in each. For example, look at Daniel 3:25. In the KJV it says, "**Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.**" In the NASV (all modern versions say basically the same thing) it says, "...and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." Well, what did Nebuchadnezzar see; the Son of God or a son of the gods? I don't know how he could have seen a son of the gods for there are none! Now, I have heard the human rationalization given for such a butchering of the Word of God, but that's all it is, human rationalization. There's only one pure Word of God (Ps.12:6,7), the King James Bible. Don't settle for less!

3 WAYS TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE!

All of you and none of Christ
Some of you and some of Christ
None of you and all of Christ

Only the third really works – see Galatians 2:20

YOUTH CORNER

NO GOOD UNLESS YOU PUT IT ON! A preacher told of two friends who went for a boat ride. They were not out long when the boat upset. The river was swift and deep. The man to whom the boat belonged took two life jackets along. He had put one on and gave the other to his friend who declined to do so but laid it beside him. The boat owner said, "When we were thrown into the river, my life jacket soon brought me to the top, but my friend never came up again." That reminds me of a good many in our Fundamental Baptist churches - maybe you are one of them. They go to church Sunday after Sunday and listen to the Gospel which will save their souls. But they never put it on! That is, they hear the soul saving message, they know it, but they never repent of their sins and by faith put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Does this say something to you; you know the way of salvation but you are not saved? I plead with you to do it now. You never know *when the boat is going to be upset* and you will stand before God. A life jacket that is not put on can do you no good and the Gospel cannot save you unless you "put it on." **"But as many as received him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."**

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

S is for Sunday – a new week begins.

U are expected to gather with your friends

N ot just for laughs, amusements, or fun, but

D own to earth lessons, no matter how young.

A nd no matter how you are or may feel,

Y our place is in Sunday School for a spiritual meal.

S ure, there may be excuses, reasons, and stuff

C onsidered by some are important enough.

H ealth is essential and sleep is a must, but

O n the Lord's Day let "First things be first."

O h, my friend, may God's Spirit speak to your soul,

L et it never be said that you missed Sunday School!

A serious Christian attends all of the services of the church. *He attends because he wants to be there* to worship God and listen to His Word. He also accepts the Lord's admonition: "**Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.**" Heb.10:25.

The Bible is like a lion –

You don't have to defend it,

Just turn it loose!

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME! There's been much talk in recent years about "hate crime" laws. One more sign that they are coming is a recent development in California. Gov. Schwarzenegger has signed into law SB 1234 which defines "sex" and "gender" to include a "person's gender identity, related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with a person's assigned birth sex." In other words, there can be no criticism of homosexuals, cross-dressers, transgendered people, etc. Louis P. Sheldon of Traditional Values Coalition said, "Swartzenegger has sided with the homosexual and drag queen lobby in muddying the biological realities of male and female." Furthermore, the definition of what constitutes a crime under this bill is left up to the individual who feels offended. Punishment can be a fine of \$10,000 to \$25,000 and a year or more in jail. - *Sword of the Lord* (10/22/04). Ed. This has very ominous signs for Bible believers and those who intend to **"preach the whole counsel of God."** Let's face it; who cares how these people live outside of God's people, those who intend to obey God rather than men! This has been pushed by the homosexual crowd for some time (several foreign countries have such laws) and I believe it is only a matter of time before it gets to be a common thing here.

INFLUENTIAL ROCK GUITARIST MURDERED.

"Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, thrash metal guitarist for Pantera and Damageplan, was shot to death during a concert at a nightclub on Dec. 8 at age 38. Nathan Gale, a 6 foot 3 inch former semi-pro football player, rushed the stage yelling, "You broke up Pantera," and held Abbott while he fired at least five shots into his head. Gale was apparently upset about the band's breakup in 2003 to form Damageplan...Gale's former football coach, Mark Green, said Gale "psyched himself up before games by piping Pantera music into his headphones" ("Gunman Obsessed With Pantera," Fox News, Dec. 10). Chimaira's lead singer Mark Hunter said, "It's going to be hard for people outside the metal world to understand, but this is as important as losing a president." Pantera was formed in 1983, and Abbott's brother and former Pantera drummer, Vinnie Paul, said their tradition was "hell-raising." Their song titles were along the lines of "Hell Bound," "Slaughtered," "Death Rattle," "Message in Blood," "Cemetery Gates," "Burnnnn!" "Killers," "Takin My Life," and "Down Below." Zakk Wylde, lead guitarist of Ozzy Osbourne's band, said of Abbott, "He's sitting at God's tavern, having a cold one with Randy Rhoads

and Hendrix." Zakk needs to read his Bible a little more often. **"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire"** (Rev. 20:15). *FBIS* (12/17/04). It is interesting to me how many Fundamentalists say that music is neutral, only the lyrics matter, but the killer psyched himself up before games with the music. People just don't get psyched up over lyrics. How foolish and deceived *Bible believers* can be!

NEWS BRIEFS WORTHY OF NOTE: Dec. 2004 **Pres. Bush signed the anti-terrorist bill** which calls for national uniform driver's licenses. Many are warning, and I believe rightly so, that this could be turned into a national ID card. Advances in technology would make it easy to keep track of people and to include all sorts of information about the individual. It may not be the mark of the Beast, but one can readily see we are headed in the direction of total control by "Big Brother."

"Hate crimes" enforcement heats up. In Philadelphia, Christians were arrested for demonstrating - actually, they were praying and quoting Scripture (seen on police video) - during a city sponsored "gay (homosexual) pride" event. If you can believe it, they were charged with "three felonies: criminal conspiracy, ethnic intimidation and riot." Reading the Bible and praying in public is criminal and riotous? If convicted, they could face up to 47 years in prison.-*Religion Today*, 12/16/04.

Self esteem gospel found wanting. Dec. 16, 2004, longtime (29 years) conductor of the Crystal Cathedral's orchestra, Johnnie Carl, 57, barricaded himself in a bathroom at the church and shot himself to death. Schuller said he was "a creative genius..." The self esteem gospel, nor any other false gospel, cannot meet man's needs - only the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! The Gospel that says, **"Christ died for our sins...was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."**

BLIND LEADER OF THE BLIND! Dr. Rowan Williams, head of the Anglican Church, said concerning the tsunami several months ago: It would be wrong if faith were not upset" by the catastrophe which took over 150,000 lives. He added, "The question, 'How can you believe in a God who permits suffering on this scale?' is therefore very much around at the moment, and it would be surprising if it weren't - indeed it would be wrong if it weren't."-*TBC Today* 1/10/05. Ed. I guess the dear Doctor never read about the days of Noah nor the case of Sodom and Gomorrah. And to think, 70 million people call this man their spiritual leader!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

In John 9 you have a man born blind whom Jesus healed. The Scribes and Pharisees, the enemies of Christ, said: (1) "**We know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner.**" (2) "**We know that God spake unto Moses:**" (3) "**As for this fellow, we know not whence he is.**" Like many people, some of the things they know, just aren't so! I meet this kind of person from time to time; they know the Bible is full of errors, that doing the best you can is all that is required to be saved, etc. The thing that was most important, they didn't know - they said they didn't know where Jesus came from. They were well educated and very religious, but were ignorant of the Person of Christ and ignorant of salvation. The poor blind man, while he could not explain exactly how his sight came, said: "**ONE THING I KNOW, that whereas I was blind, now I see.**" He knew the one thing that was really worth knowing - he could now see. Not only could he see physically, but he could also see spiritually. When Jesus revealed who He was to him, the man said: "**Lord I believe. And he worshipped Him.**" Multitudes today are like the Scribes and Pharisees, most of what they *know* is simply not so, and what they do not know damns their souls. What about you? Do you know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came into this world to die on the cross for your sins? Do you know your sins are forgiven? You can! "**These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have eternal life...**"

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THE MINIMUM CHRISTIAN

Spurgeon asked: "The minimum Christian! And who is he? The Christian who is going to heaven at the cheapest rate possible. The Christian who intends to get all of the world he can, and not meet a worldling's doom...The minimum Christian goes to worship in the morning: and the evening also, unless it rains, or is too warm, or too cold, or has a headache from eating too much dinner. He listens to the preacher, and joins in prayer and praise. He applies the truth judiciously, sometimes to himself but mostly to others. The minimum Christian is friendly towards all good works, but it is not in his power to do much for them... He is very friendly to missions, and gives his mite... He thinks there are too many appeals, but he gives enough to save his reputation. The minimum Christian is not clear on a number of points. The opera and dancing, the theatre and card-playing and large fashionable parties give him much trouble. He cannot see harm in this, or that, or the other popular amusement... He does not see but what a man may be a Christian and go to the dance or opera. He knows several excellent persons who do so. Why should not he? He stands so close to the dividing line between the people of God and the people of the world that it is hard to tell which side he is on. Ah, my brother... Beware, lest you find at last that in trying to get to heaven with a little religion, you may miss it altogether... True godliness demands self-denial and cross-bearing, and if you have none of these you are making a false profession."