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SHEEP NEED A SHEPHERD!

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I have read any number of times that sheep are the most helpless animals in the world. They need help: they get lost readily, they cannot find food, they are weak. They need a shepherd! I will never forget the three basic points of the sermon upon my installation as Pastor here 47 years ago. The Preacher said, "There are three basic responsibilities of a Pastor, a Shepherd. *He must lead the sheep; he must feed the sheep; he must protect the sheep.*" Of course, he was talking about an under-shepherd, the Pastor of a Church. All Pastors would do well to follow his admonition. Too many Fundamental Pastors are busy entertaining the sheep while the three imperatives go undone. But obviously this is also the work of our Great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ: He leads, feeds and protects His sheep. He is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep (Psalm 22). He is the Great Shepherd who perfectly leads His sheep (Psalm 23). He is the Chief Shepherd who is coming again to receive His sheep. Our Shepherd perfectly knows each one of His sheep (Psalm 24). He said, "**I am the good shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine.**" He calls each one by his own name. D.L. Moody told of a friend of his who was in Syria. He came upon a shepherd with his flock and asked the man if it was true that each sheep had a name and responded to it. The shepherd said, "Neriah." A certain sheep looked up. The shepherd called out "Come here." The sheep came over to him and looked up into his face. He called another and there was the same response. How wonderful to know that our Lord knows each one of us and cares for us. He has promised to supply all our needs. He has promised to lead us all the way and take us to His Heavenly home where He went to prepare a place for us.

The most important question is, Are you one of His sheep? Many claim to be, but in reality are not. There is a very simple way to tell. Jesus Himself gave it. He said, "**My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me.**" ~John 10:27. I read of another preacher who was in the Middle East and was acquainted with a number of shepherds. One day he was by a pool of water when one shepherd after another brought his flock down from the hills for watering. All of the flocks mingled together drinking. He wondered how they would ever be able to sort the sheep since they all looked basically alike. The answer soon became apparent. After awhile one of the shepherds started out over the hill and cried out "Men-ah" which in Arabic means "follow." Certain sheep, his sheep, came out of the multitude and followed him over the hill. He never even looked back to count them or to see if they were all there. Shortly, another did the same, and another, etc. Let me ask you: "Do you follow the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ?" His voice is the Word of God! Jesus said His sheep hear His voice and they follow Him. They do not follow some Pied Piper who promises them good times, etc. The preacher mentioned above said to one shepherd, "I know Arabic pretty well. Let me put on your turban and cloak and carry your staff and I believe your sheep will follow me." The shepherd said, "I do not think so." The man tried it. Not one sheep moved. If you are Christ's sheep, you will obey His Voice! If you are Christ's sheep, you have eternal life. Jesus said, "**I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish.**" ~John 10: 28. Jesus hasn't lost any of His sheep yet - and He won't!

FRIEND DAY!!!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30
CHURCH SERVICE – 10:45
DINNER UNDER THE TENT
 (Free for attendees)
GOSPEL SONG TIME – 1:30
EVENING SERVICE – 6:00



Gift for each visitor at Sunday School & Church!

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE

(BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH)

SUNDAY: Sunday School - 9:30
 Church Service - 10:45
 Training Hour - 5:30
 Evening Service - 6:30

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HOW TO RAISE WORLDLY YOUNG PEOPLE!

I received a flyer for a so called Christian youth meeting. The title says: "Heaven 'n Hell Skate Blowout Party." It will be held at a local skating rink. For \$8 you get skate rentals, pizza & drinks, loads of candy, Christian music (we wonder), local rappers, cool giveaways and more. PLUS - a short drama "To Hell and Back." Another flyer which came with it announced basically the same program (for Halloween night), without the skates, to be held at a local church. Now, I have heard of hell and of people going there, but I never heard of anyone coming back! How in the world can this be to the glory of God? Can you imagine what kind of Bible teaching you get in churches which promote this sort of thing? No wonder our youth are confused and no wonder there are so many false professions of faith in Christ. Do you think that this is the sort of thing where you would have found serious Christian young people like David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, etc. Is this something that Jesus would endorse? Young people must choose between the carnal and the spiritual, between that which pleases the flesh and that which pleases Jesus! Which kind of young person are you? God says, "Love not the world..." Are you really a Christian?

WHEN SHOULD A CHILD START TO WORK?

R.G. Le Tourneau, the great Christian industrialist when asked that question said, "I would say at about the age three. I do not believe in sweat shops or child labor that deprives a child of his education or the pleasures of carefree hours and that breaks down his health and stunts his development. But there is one thing sure: if one does not learn to work as a child he will never do much when he grows up. As for health, I probably chopped as much wood as a boy and shoveled as much sand in the foundry when I was in my early teens as any fellow; and I don't know what it means to lose a day through sickness. Show me a man today at the head of affairs who didn't work as a boy. I think that without exception those who get things done today are those who worked as children. We need to teach our children the dignity of labor and the pleasure of accomplishment; and that only by determined effort do we create things that are worthwhile. Not only do sweat and toil keep us out of mischief, but the more we do the bigger kick we get out of doing things."

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

GLOBALISM ON A GRAND SCALE! Dr. Jerome Corsi, author and investigative journalist has published a report revealing that President George W. Bush recently signed an agreement with leaders of the European Union (EU) that commits the U.S. to “deeper transatlantic economic integration” without congressional approval. Pres. Bush, on his own authority, calls for the regulatory convergence, which means rewriting our administrative laws to conform with those of the EU...in 40 different areas. Corsi says it is similar to the agreement being done with Mexico and Canada. Bush signed the agreement which commits the U.S. to a “deeper transatlantic integration without ratification by the Senate... It is a broad agenda to create more economic integration between the U.S. and the EU... So, the globalization agenda of the Bush administration should be apparent to everybody.” - *OneNewsNow* (5/12/07). Ed. Bush is implementing the “One World Order” spoken of often by his father when President. It is coming, only much faster than anyone would have thought. Are you ready for the Rapture?

THE POP-PSYCHOLOGY GOSPEL. A couple of years ago *World* reported a study about the beliefs of teenagers. The results were: 1- A god exists who created and ordered the world. 2- God wants people to be good, nice and fair... 3- The central goal of life is to be happy and feel good about yourself. 4- God does not need to be particularly involved in one’s life. 5- Good people go to heaven when they die. It’s not the philosophy of teens only, but also of most adults. It’s the self esteem gospel that is making a great deal of converts. Norman Vincent Peale’s *Positive Thinking* and Robert Schuller’s *Possibility Thinking* have certainly come of age. The great thing in life is to be happy. The goal is to take good care of number one. Sin and judgment are not in the vocabulary of too many today. Sadly, many fundamentalists have bought into it. What a shock they are in for when they meet God.

THE ANSWER MAN –MORE WRONG ANSWERS!

In a new book, *The Apocalypse Code*, Hank Hanegraaff, host of the *Bible Answer Man* radio broadcast attacks Tim LaHaye, author of the *Left Behind* series, calling him a racist and a blasphemer. The great majority of the book is a rant against dispensationalism, in general and LaHaye in particular. “The book is not only filled with factual error, it teaches that most of Bible prophecy is already fulfilled...that the Emperor was the Beast of Revelation

(i.e. the antichrist) and the tribulation has already taken place. Hanegraaff is certainly no lover of Israel since he teaches God has divorced Israel and has married the church. He supports the pro-Palestinian claims against Israel...” -*National Liberty Journal* (May 2007). Ed. I think it’s arrogant to call yourself the Bible Answer Man, especially when most of your answers are wrong.

IS THERE ANY JUSTICE IN THIS? A Canadian court awarded a grocery store thief over \$10,000 in damages after he bumped his head and lost a tooth as store officials attempted to apprehend him. The judge said although the man was trying to steal about \$95 worth of razor blades, the store officials had no right to tackle him so roughly nor restrain him when he struggled so forcefully. *World* (5/5/07) We’ve heard of similar things in the U.S. Much worse was the case of two security guards on our southern border who were sentenced to 11 and 12 years in prison (and are currently in jail) for wounding a drug smuggler who was attempting to flee back into Mexico. The wound was not serious and he was awarded immunity for testifying against two law officers who were doing their duty. You say, “That *ain’t* fair!” You’re right, it *ain’t*!

OBAMA BASHES RELIGIOUS RIGHT! Barak Obama told a church convention Saturday that some right-wing evangelical leaders have exploited and politicized religious beliefs in an effort to sow division. “Somehow, somewhere along the way faith started to be used to drive us apart,” he told the United Church of Christ (Congregational). Faith got hijacked, partly because of the so-called leaders of the Christian right, all too eager to exploit what divides us. At every opportunity, they’ve told Evangelical Christians that Democrats disrespect their values and dislike their church, while suggesting to the rest of the country that religious Americans care only about abortion, gay marriage, school prayer and intelligent design... I don’t know what Bible they are reading, but it doesn’t jibe with my version.” Ed. One wonders what bible Obama reads. I doubt he seriously reads any bible with regularity. There’s only one Bible; I suggest he read that One! The truth is the politicians don’t respect our values! It’s OK to be liberal but not conservative!

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ALL WORRY IS WASTED!

We are verily guilty concerning our Lord: first, because we have exhibited such little faith in Him. Beloved, we must never put our unbelief of Christ amongst our little sins, for it is one of the greatest we can possibly commit. Is there anything that vexes you more in a friend than for that friend to mistrust you? Yet we treat our Lord Jesus thus! Some of us habitually mistrust Him, and the best of us too frequently fall into doubt and fears. When Cromwell sent Whitelock across to Sweden as his ambassador, he took ship; and the night coming on became stormy. He sat up in great uneasiness of mind fretting about the unsettled state of the nation and thinking he was living in the worst and most perilous times that men had ever known. But he had a godly valet, who said, "Mr. Whitelock, how did God govern the world before you were born? Did He manage it all right?" "Oh, yes!" promptly answered Mr. Whitelock. "He managed the world with wisdom." "And when you are dead, sir, will God be able to manage the world without you?" "Oh, certainly," replied Whitelock, "He does not need me." "Well, then," said the servant, "don't you think He is able to manage the world with you just as well as without you, and would it not be better for you to go to bed and get some sleep?" -Copied. When you are tempted to worry and fret, remember Isaiah 26:3, 4: **"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in the. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."**

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FROM A DIFFERENT KINGDOM

Though it is far from popular (and not easy), we try to maintain a proper dress code in the Church. Human nature being what it is, sinful; some of God's people are always drifting off into the ways of the world. They get desensitized by the culture around them, in spite of many admonitions in Scripture warning them. Dr. Louis Evans told the story of a man who entered the hut of a British officer in Africa and found his friend clad in a formal dinner jacket and before him the appointments of a formal dinner. Surprised at his being dressed up in the midst of a lot of savages, he wondered about the man's sanity. But he was told that once a week the custom of dressing for dinner was followed because the officer felt that he must not adopt the customs and standards of the natives of Africa. He belonged to the Empire of Britain and he determined he was going to live according to the codes of British conduct, not those of the heathen. It hardly seems necessary to make the spiritual point - we are not of this world but another - John 17:16. We are called to a life of holiness and to producing a testimony that we are not of this world. God says that we are to dress **"modestly."** Shorts, short skirts, slit skirts, tight clothing, slacks on women, low cut blouses, see-through blouses, T-shirts etc., are not modest! If you want to get angry and go to another Church, I am sorry, but we are not going to lower **God's standards!** Many of God's people sing, *"This world is not my home..."* but you would never know it by their dress.