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FLEE LUSTS...FOLLOW RIGHTEOUSNESS!

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“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” ~II Timothy 2:22. Resisting youthful lusts is not always, perhaps never, easy. God’s solution - flee! Stay away from things that stir up the old man within you. Do not sit down in front of the TV or any other device, and watch things that are contrary to godliness. God says sin with the mind is as bad as sin in the flesh. I remember one man in our Church some years ago who, under the preaching of the Word was convicted to throw out his television. About three years later, he bought a much more expensive model. When asked how he could do that after being convicted by the Lord to give up the TV, he said, “Oh, I am much stronger now.” How deceived that poor man was; television gets worse from year to year if not week to week. That man was not in the Church very long and three of his four children departed from the Lord, and the other one became a very worldly Christian. God says, **“Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” ~Romans 13:14.** To watch or read something that is unclean is like playing with fire; you surely will get burned. It may not be right away, but a harvest will come. **“Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap...”** Remember Lot! He was a believer, but he made a very bad choice in going to Sodom. Listen to what God said about it: **“For that righteous man...vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.” ~II Peter 2:8.** Lot was worn down by seeing the lusts of the flesh in the ungodly. Little did he realize that his unholy choice would someday lead to the loss of everything, including his family. The Bible says, **“Remember Lot’s wife.”** And, yes, it would be a good idea to remember Lot also; he brought it all about.

Many dumb animals have more sense than some Christians (God says don’t be like the donkey...). A small circus was being dissolved and everything was to be sold. There was a huge amount of hay, where lions and other wild animals had been bedded down. A farmer bought it at a very good price, and went home feeling quite proud, that he indeed got a very good bargain.. Though his animals had never seen a lion or tiger, when he put some in the stalls of his horses, they were quite uneasy, very restless and tried to run away. It was an instinctive dread of an enemy. Christian, **“Flee youthful lusts...”** Remember, you have three enemies that will continue to try and bring you down and make you an ineffective believer. Heaven knows that we have enough of this kind of Christian already. If we totally surrender to the Lord and are wholly committed to do right, we shall have a God-given instinct to flee all that is contrary to the will of God and righteousness. Christian, you cannot improve upon God’s plan for your life. God’s salvation is also a call for separation from this present evil world. I urge you to obey God and have a victorious Christian life. **“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.” ~Proverbs 3:5,6.** No man, no Christian, can put himself in the place of temptation and be assured that everything will come out all right. That is simply wishful thinking, for God tells us we will reap exactly as we sow. One final word from God’s Word! **“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.” ~I Peter 2:11.**

CORNERSTONE NEWS

SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE

JULY 10 – 15, 2011

SEVERAL SPEAKERS

MORNING & EVENING

FELLOWSHIP TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MTGS.



Sunday: 9:30, 10:45 & 6:00

Mon.-Fri: 10:00, 11:00, 7:00

Refreshments under the tent - 10:45

THEME:

**“HIGH TIME TO WAKE
OUT OF SLEEP”**

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHURCH?

We live in a day when quite a few professing Christians have little love for the local Church. Yet, the local Church is God's program for this present age. Vance Havner said, "We are hearing today about those who like Christ but they do not like the Church. But **'Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.'** How can we like the Head but not the Body, the Groom but not the Bride?" There are a lot of willful souls running around who just don't want to be obligated or subject themselves to any authority. They have the attitude: Nobody is going to tell me what to believe. Nobody is going to tell me I am supposed to tithe. Nobody is going to tell me what to wear. These willful souls know nothing about the Lordship of Christ and one wonders if they know anything about salvation! Believe me, to disdain Christ's Church is a serious error! It will not go well with such souls at the Judgment Seat of Christ!

SOME SERIOUS THOUGHTS: The work (of the Lord) is solemn – therefore do not trifle. The task is difficult – therefore do not relax. The opportunity is brief – therefore do not delay. The path is narrow – do not wander. The prize is glorious – therefore do not faint. –Copied

YOUTH CORNER

SPIRITUAL DWARFS! Spurgeon wrote the following: "There was once in London a club of small men, whose qualifications for membership lay in their not exceeding five feet in height; these dwarfs held, or pretended to hold the opinion that they were nearer to the perfection of manhood than others and when the human race has perfected itself all men will be as they. Such a club of Christians might be established in most cities and without any difficulty might attain to an enormously numerous membership; for the common notion is that our dwarfish Christianity is, after all, the standard..." It is sad but true that many Christians are stunted and not full grown. They do not read or study their Bibles and earnest prayer is unknown to them. They are casual attenders and cannot be counted upon for any serious Church work. The Word of God admonishes us: **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”**

~1 Peter 2:2.

THE PERFECT CHURCH!

I think that I shall never see

A Church that's all it ought to be:

A Church whose members never stray

Beyond the straight and narrow way;

A Church that has no empty pews,

Whose Pastor never has the blues,

A Church whose deacons always deak,

And none is proud but all is meek;

Where gossips never peddle lies,

Or make complaints nor criticize;

Where all are always sweet and kind,

And all to others faults are blind.

Such perfect churches there may be,

But none of them are known to me.

But still we'll work and pray and plan

To make our own the best we can. –Copied

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

Someone has said concerning the early Church:

“The prayers went up and the power came down,

The people went out and the prospects came in,

The preaching went on and the persecution came.”

I wonder how many of us would really like to have that power? How many of us are willing to pay the price?

TRUTH ABOUT BIBLE VERSIONS

All bibles are not the inspired Word of God! Pastor Starr's book :“Is Your Bible Really The Word Of God?” will help you understand the truth. \$3.00 each plus 1.50 postage. 3 for \$9.00 pp. (U.S. \$)

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MORE U.S. COLLEGES ADDING MUSLIM CHAPLAINS.

[USA Today](#) reports that a growing number of universities and colleges are bringing full-time Muslim chaplains on board. “We’re not thinking of this as trying to address a major deficiency, but rather a natural evolution,” says Nadeem Shafi, a Cornell alumnus who is an assistant professor at the University of Florida College of Medicine. The school is considering adding a Muslim chaplain. “The idea of having a Muslim chaplain provide supportive services is not a new one. There are several (universities) that have them. It’s time and appropriate for such a support system to be here (at Cornell).” An estimated 30 Muslim chaplains work on campuses throughout the U.S., most of them part-time. – Religion Today (3/25/11).

U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TO ISRAEL CONTINUES SHIFT.

[Foreign Policy Magazine](#). 2/17/11: U.S. Agrees to Rebuke Israel in Security Council. [Excerpts] – The U.S. informed Arab governments Tuesday that it will support a U.N. Security Council statement reaffirming that the 15-nation body “does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlement activity,” a move aimed at avoiding the prospect of having to veto a stronger Palestinian resolution calling the settlements illegal. In exchange for the scuttling the Palestinian resolution the United States would support the council statement, consider supporting a U.N. Security Council visit to the Mid-East, the first since 1979, and commit to supporting strong language criticizing Israel’s settlement policies in a future statement by the Middle East Quartet. *TBC* 3/11. Ed. Under the present administration, the relationship between the U.S. and Israel has continually deteriorated and no doubt will continue to do so. Contrariwise, this country is giving more and more support for the Palestinian and Arab countries.

CHINA’S PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS ESCALATES

[Baptist Press](#) reports that the Chinese government intensified its pressure against Christians in 2010 for a “fifth straight year of escalating persecution,” according to ChinaAid Association. The Christian human rights organization says that beatings, torture, arrests, harassment and church demolitions are among the 90 recorded cases of persecution, a nearly 17 percent increase over 2009, according to a report released on March 31. The cases “are just the tip of the iceberg,” according to a ChinaAid news release. “The Chinese government’s stranglehold on information and the authoritarian regime’s other security measures make getting a true picture of the extent of persecution

impossible,” even though the report includes incidents from all over China. –*Religion Today* (4/6/11). Ed. Please note in the report it says that exact figures are impossible because of the way China controls all media. Indeed, I believe this is only the tip of the iceberg. And yet, we give China “favored nation” treatment.

USA TODAY SAYS CATHOLIC CHURCH HAD SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE KJV

- A USA Today report on a traveling Bible exhibit makes the amazing claim that the Roman Catholic Church had a significant role in the King James Bible. The exhibit, called Passages, is set to open at the Vatican in October. “The announcement was made at the Vatican Embassy to highlight the Catholic contribution to the best-loved English text, the 1611 KJV, which draws about 80% of its majestic language from an earlier translation by a Catholic priest” (“New Museum to Use Science to Tell Bible’s History,” USA Today, April 8, 2011). What the reporter forgot to mention was Rome’s most significant role in that project, which was burning that “Catholic priest” in a public spectacle in Vilvoorde, Belgium. The “priest” in question was William Tyndale, who published the first printed English Bible and the first English Bible translated directly from Greek and Hebrew. Though he was an ordained Catholic priest, he renounced the Roman Catholic Church and its heresies and called the pope the Antichrist. In *The Practice of Prelates*, Tyndale likened the pope to an ivy which climbs up a tree and gradually saps the strength of the host and kills it, emphasizing that this is what the pope had done to England and every other nation under the papal thumb. Tyndale called Roman Catholicism “a nest for unclean birds.” Tyndale also brazenly disobeyed Rome’s law that forbade the translation of the Bible into the common languages of the people without ecclesiastical permission. When the Tyndale New Testament was smuggled into England (because the Roman Catholic authorities there forbade its distribution) large quantities were confiscated and burned, beginning in 1526. –Copied. Ed. What gross hypocrisy and deceit to pretend that Tyndale was a practicing Roman Catholic priest when he translated the Bible into the language of the people. The Catholic Church burned him at the stake for it! I think of something I heard many years ago: “Figures don’t lie, but liars sure do figure!”

“BEING BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.” I Peter 1:23. The KING JAMES VERSION is the pure, inspired, inerrant Word of God. All other versions are of corruptible seed!

FALSE HOPE

During WWII a seaman on a British minesweeper grew weary of wearing his life-preserver. But because they were in a very perilous area, he wore it everyday. The big bulky belt was quite burdensome to him but he continued to wear it. There were many times he felt like throwing it overboard. But he knew at any time his ship could be torpedoed and sink. So he kept it on. Then, one day came the glorious news that the Armistice had been signed, the war was over. He ran to the side of the ship and threw that wearisome life jacket into the sea. However, his glee was short lived, for the life preserver he had worn those many months in that dangerous area, sank like a rock to the bottom of the sea. Had he ever been forced to jump into the sea, that which he hoped would save his life would have surely have caused him to drown. A good many people in this world are wearing spiritually defective "life belts." That which they hope will save their lives and take them to Heaven is defective and unable to save them in the hour of trial. Many are trusting their good works, but God says it is **"Not of works, lest any man should boast."** ~*Ephesians 2:8,9*. Others are trusting in their religion or their Church membership. False gospels abound, like the "self esteem" gospel. That sounds good to most people, but it is a defective, a false gospel.. There is but one sure way to be saved; trust Christ who died for your sins. **"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."** ~*Acts 4:12*. Give up your false hope and come to Jesus Christ today. Jesus said: **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent, me hath everlasting life..."** ~*John 5:24*.

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TRUE ESTIMATION OF SELF

Some years ago, an Appalachian mountain couple, dressed in clean but well-worn clothing came before the welfare board which was the final step in adopting a child. The director of the agency said that he had bad news for them. He broke it as gently as he could saying, "We think you should know that this little girl has barely passed her intelligence test - it appears that she may not be very bright. It is also obvious that she ain't too pretty either. We would like to have you seriously consider these things before you undertake to make her your own child." The couple went aside for little while and then came back before the board members. The man said very deliberately, "We have decided that we ain't very smart ourselves, and we ain't very pretty either, so she'll suit us just fine."

There is a spirit that is pretty hard to find these days, even among those who are "born again." In *Philippians 2:2,3* we read: **"Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."** God says we are not wise when we compare ourselves among ourselves. It is a work of the Spirit when a man or a woman gets a true picture of themselves. The flesh is proud! *Galatians 6:3* says, **"For if a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."** We need to remember that Christ, who is the highest, became the lowest to save our souls. **"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men...he humbled himself..."** ~*Philippians 2:5-8*.