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THE PLACE OF POWER!

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Spurgeon said many years ago, "Most Christian work is done with the same power with which Christians served the devil." Of course, that is "flesh power" which can mimic but not perform the work of God. Of course, you have got to be in the place of God's appointment to do His will and work. Vance Havner said, "Are you where God wants you, 'perfect and complete in all the will of God?'" God told Elijah to go to Cherith and hide by the brook and added, 'I have commanded the ravens to feed thee THERE.'" Later God told Elijah to go to Zarephath and 'dwell THERE,' and added, 'I have commanded a widow woman THERE to sustain thee.' Mind you, He did not promise to feed Elijah just anywhere. He did not say, 'Just ramble over the countryside anywhere you like and I will feed you.' It was limited to THERE, the place of God's will. God only provides where He guides. The place of His purpose is the place of His power and His provision. But we must be THERE!" There are no doubt many of God's children who are not in the place of God's appointment but in the place of their own choosing. Of course, many of them attend church regularly and enter into some Christian work, but is it anything that will count for eternity? How can one really serve God if he is not in the place which God has marked out for him? As I mentioned, the flesh can perform "Christian" deeds but what do they amount to? It is still true, even as Jesus has said, "**The flesh profiteth nothing.**" Apart from being saved, what is more important than being in the place which God has prepared for you.

I thought of some of the great servants of God and what happened to them when they were not THERE, that is they were out of God's will; not in the place or circumstances of God's choosing. For example, David was not THERE (not in the place he should have been) when he fell into the sin with Bathsheba. In II Samuel 11:1 it says, "And it came to pass after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him...But David tarried still at Jerusalem..." You know the rest of the story and you know the dire consequences. Clearly, David was not THERE! And he paid a terrible price for being in the wrong place! What about God's great servant Abraham. God had promised that he and Sarah would have a child together. But they both became impatient and tried to help God out by using Hagar. However, God did not recognize Ishmael and he was nothing but trouble. And his descendants are still with us and they are nothing but trouble. As far as being in the will of God concerning this matter, Abraham was not THERE! Another servant of God, Jehoshaphat, basically a good man, also made a decision that put him in the wrong place. He "joined affinity" with wicked king Ahab. And Jehu the prophet was sent to him with a dire message: "...therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord." Because of space limitations, we'll mention just one more: Peter. When Jesus was on trial it says that Peter "followed afar off" He was in the wrong place; he wasn't THERE! The only safe way is to keep close to the Lord, stay in the will of God – THERE! Here are a couple of verses of Scripture it would do well to keep in mind: "**Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh read corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**" ~Galatians 6:7,8.

CORNERSTONE NEWS

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WED.-FRI.-7:00 + SAT.- 3:30, 4:30 (Buffet), 6:00
SUNDAY - 9:30, 10:45, 5:30, 6:30

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GREAT PREACHING

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FELLOWSHIP AND
REFRESHMENTS



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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THIS FAMILY?

Hearing a certain family had perfect Sunday School and Church attendance for several years, someone asked: What's wrong with this family anyway? Don't they ever have company on Sunday to keep them from Church? Don't they ever feel tired on Sunday? Don't they ever stay out late on Saturday night? Don't they ever have headaches, colds, nervous spells, tired feelings, picnics, pleasure trips or such things? Isn't the weather ever too bad where they live to go to Sunday School and Church? Don't they ever get more out of a radio or TV Church program? Don't they ever get tired of hearing the same preacher and same Gospel message Sunday after Sunday? Don't they ever get turned off by some cranky member of the Church? What's wrong with this family anyway? (Maybe it's just that they are truly born again and they love the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. "Christ loved the Church...")

YOUTH CORNER

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE ALL HAVE!

When Abraham Lincoln was running for President of the United States, he was asked by someone what he thought of his prospects. He replied, "I do not fear Breckenridge, for the North is against him. I do not fear Douglas, for he is opposed by the South. There is one man whose name I see in the papers who I do fear, and if I am defeated it will be by him: his name is Abraham Lincoln." I have read over the years of men like D.L. Moody who said that their greatest enemy was SELF! That is the plain truth of just about everyone, but very few have the spiritual insight and humility to see it – most think that somebody else is their problem. Of course, the Word of God points out the truth and gives one basic answer. The flesh (self) must be crucified – Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Even the apostle Paul had to say, "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing..." ~Romans 7:18. We may know it and not act upon it!

THINK ABOUT THIS!

God is the originating cause of salvation.
Jesus is the meritorious cause.
The Bible is the instrumental cause.
Faith is the conditional cause.
The Spirit is the efficient cause.
In other words:
God thought it.
Jesus bought it.
The Word taught it.
The mind caught it.
The soul sought it.
Faith brought it.
The Spirit wrought it.
The devil fought it.
But I've got it. –Copied

BE ON GUARD ABOUT BIBLE VERSIONS

Be on guard against any tampering with the Word! Whether disguised as a search for truth or a scholarly attempt at apparently hidden meanings; and BEWARE of the confusion created by the senseless rash of new versions, translations, editions and improvements upon the tried and tested Bible of our fathers and grandfathers.

– M. R. DeHaan

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS TOGETHER FOR CHRISTIAN ROCK.

The 13th annual Lifest Christian rock festival in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, featured five days of rock & roll, complete with a Catholic mass and a message by well-known evangelical speaker Greg Laurie. Some 20,000 people gathered July 6-10 to hear Christian rock groups such as Hawk Nelson, Skillet, TobyMac, Lincoln Brewster, MercyMe, Superchick, Newsboys, and Kutless. Greg Laurie of International Harvest Crusades, spoke on the last day of the event, preceded by a Catholic mass led by bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay. Lifest founder Bob Lenz said, "We want to get all the flavors of the church" ("Green Bay Bishop David Ricken Leads Mass," Green Bay Press Gazette, July 10, 2011). –FBIS (7/22/11). Ed. As we have illustrated many times before this shows the apostasy of the Evangelical movement. When you read some of their writings, you get the impression that they are winning the world. The truth is, they have been won by the world and its false gospel of ecumenism. They keep getting more and more like the Catholic Church with their contemplative prayer, etc. Of course, you can get a lot of people together for a rock concert, and even a Catholic mass.

STUDY SHOWS ABORTION TIED TO DEPRESSION, SUICIDE.

Women who have undergone an abortion have an 81 percent higher risk for mental health problems and are more likely to attempt suicide, abuse alcohol and suffer depression, [Baptist Press](#) reports. The study appears in the latest edition of the *British Journal of Psychiatry* and is getting considerable attention from both sides of the abortion debate. The researchers examined 22 studies from 1995-2009 involving 877,000 women, including 163,000 who had experienced an abortion. The paper's author, Priscilla K. Coleman of Bowling Green State University, said there actually are "hundreds of studies" showing a link between abortion and serious mental health risks, and that three recent studies that reached a very different conclusion had major flaws. "[T]here are in fact some real risks associated with abortion that should be shared with women as they are counseled prior to an abortion decision," Coleman writes, chiding the research community for not conducting unbiased research. The fact that the study was published in one of the world's leading psychiatric journals is important, those who monitor the abortion debate say. –*Religion Today* (9/5/11). Ed. I have read similar studies over the years, but they are not likely to change many people's minds. The whole abortion business is built on satisfying self and money.

ELIMINATING THOSE WITH GENETIC DISEASES

New pre-natal screening test makes eliminating all people with genetic disease an achievable reality. [Excerpts] 'Fetal DNA tests: Are we finally entering an era of eugenics?' As an Ashkenazi Jew planning to have a baby, Fliesler sought prenatal screening for Tay-Sachs disease, an incurable and lethal condition. But she asks, 'What about diseases that don't severely limit lifespan and aren't that disabling?' What should we screen for? Down's syndrome? Genes associated with bowel or breast cancer? X chromosomes? Where do we draw the line? Now, however, there is a new non-invasive test that is highly accurate for screening babies early in the first third of pregnancy. This test may mean that every pregnant woman will in the future be tested at an early stage in pregnancy and offered an abortion if their baby carries any genes (including a female chromosome) that they find undesirable. The Human Genetics Commission (HGC) [United Kingdom], a government advisory committee, has already given the green light to preconception genetic tests saying that there are no specific 'social, ethical or legal' reasons that stand in the way. The UK National Screening Committee will now consider this advice as it decides whether widespread screening should be introduced in GP surgeries, family planning centres, IVF clinics or pharmacies. Our society's increasing obsession with celebrity status, physical perfection and high intelligence fuels the view that the lives of people with disabilities or genetic diseases are somehow less worth living... –*TBC* (9/8/11). Ed. Man loves to play God! God help us!

AMERICANS TAILOR RELIGION TO FIT OWN IDEAS.

New research reveals America's drift from clearly defined religious denominations to faiths cut to fit personal preferences, according to a report by [USA Today](#). Religion statistics expert George Barna's new book on U.S. Christians, *Futurecast*, tracks changes from 1991 to 2011 in annual national surveys and shows that all the major trend lines of religious belief and behavior ran downward except two: More people claim they have accepted Jesus as their savior and expect to go to heaven, and more say they haven't been to church in the past six months... In 1991, 24% were "unchurched." Today, it's 37%.. When he measures people by their belief in seven essential doctrines, defined by the National Association of Evangelicals' Statement of Faith, only 7% of those surveyed qualified. Barna: "People say: 'I believe in God. I believe the Bible is a good book. Then, I believe whatever I want.'" –*Religion Today* (9/14/11). Ed. This is exactly what we find knocking on doors; everybody has his own Jesus! Then, everybody is good enough to go to Heaven!

INDIGESTION TROUBLES

Some time ago, in Antwerp, Atda, the Zoo's biggest elephant died of intestinal trouble and an autopsy revealed that her stomach contained 1,706 peanuts, 198 cheese, ham and other kinds of sandwiches, 1330 pieces of candy, seven ice cream cones 811 biscuits, 17 apples, 198 pieces of orange, 891 lumps of bread, one small sausage, 3 wads of paper, 3 bags, one white glove, one shoestring for a total weight of 127 pounds. It is little wonder that Atda got sick and died. This reminds me of the spiritual condition of too many Christians. Many are sick and some ready to die spiritually, and no wonder. A spiritual autopsy would be quite revealing. The average week for more than a few would no doubt contain quite a few hours of carnal and even sensual television viewing and along with that, carnal and even unsavory videos. Then, it might be discovered that there was much more than a few hours wasted searching the Internet, and some of that looking at things no Christian should be watching. Add to this hours reading books and magazines which are not exactly wholesome, hours on the phone in gossipy conversation, and countless others things that a Christian ought not to ingest. It is little wonder that many believers are sick and cannot accomplish anything in the work of God. Maybe you are one. Better wake up before it is too late! Repent and give up the junk food and start to "eat" healthy. Feed on the Word and pray. Get involved in eternal things. God says to you, **"Love not the world, neither the thing *that are* in the world...For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof..."** ~1 John 2:15-17

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DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR SOUL

The following is a true story that happened some years ago. A Church was holding a series of Evangelistic services with a guest preacher. At the last service the preacher spoke on the topic, "Don't Gamble With Your Soul," from the text in Mark 8:16, 17 : **"For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"** During the invitation the preacher urged the audience not to gamble with their souls. He noticed a young couple in the front row of the balcony. The young man wrote a note and handed it to the young lady. She smiled and nodded, Yes. They did not respond to the invitation to trust Christ. About two o'clock in the morning, the Pastor received a phone call from the hospital. It was from one of the parents of the young couple who had been in Church that night. The couple were involved in a terrible automobile accident and both of them were killed. After doing what he could to help the parents, the Pastor headed home along with the preacher. The preacher remembering the couple and especially the note said, "Can we go by the Church?" Upon arriving, they went to the balcony and found the hymnbook in which the young man had put the note. The note read: "I'll gamble with my soul if you will gamble with yours." They gambled and lost! In fact, if you gamble with your soul, you too will lose! Maybe you are gambling that there is no judgment, gambling that everybody goes to Heaven, gambling that you will do it later, etc. The only safe way – trust Christ now! **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."**