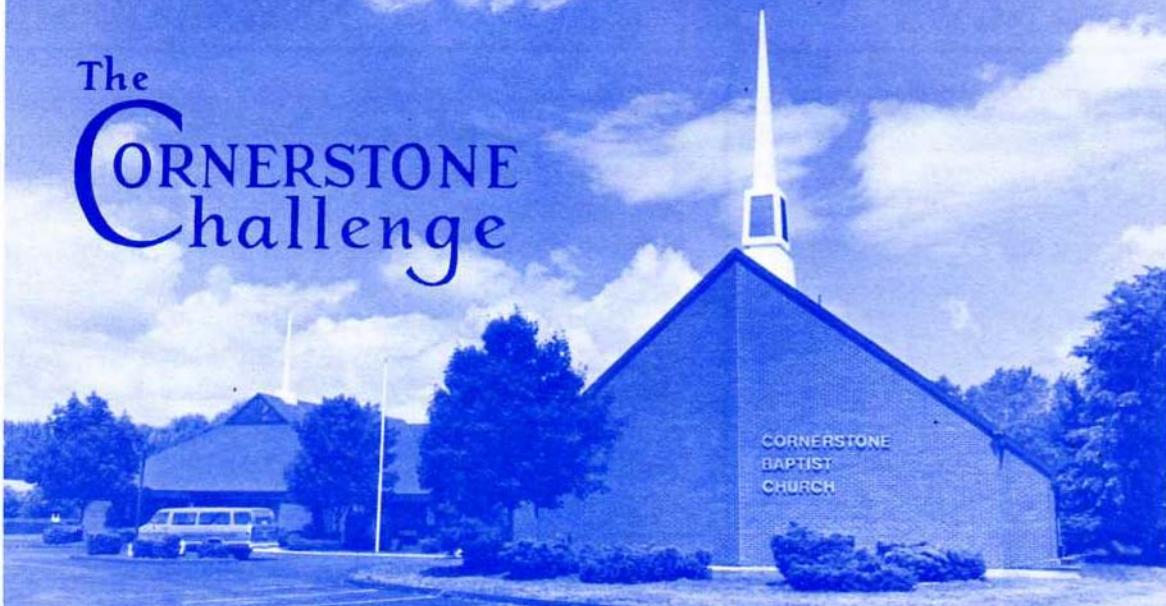


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TRUE FAITH MOVES MEN!

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"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world..." ~Hebrews 11:7. Noah believed God and he responded to what God said. "*He was moved with fear!*" He believed God; he believed judgment for sin was coming, and acted accordingly. "Fear" might be described as a healthy respect for God and what He says. Very few are moved today as Noah was. A.W.Tozer said, "I once heard a very fine speaker, an effective preacher, describe what he found in the emotional response of an audience. He told the story of a faithful old sheep dog. In the midst of a great storm eleven sheep were missing. Once, twice, three times he sent Old Shep, the dog, out for the missing lambs. Again and again he went until the weary, but faithful dog had brought in ten lambs. The master took Old Shep to the door and said, 'One more, Shep, one more.' Utterly exhausted, he went out into the storm. Much later he returned with the missing lamb. He placed the lamb on the floor and slumped to the floor himself. After caring for the sheep, the shepherd turned to Old Shep to express his gratitude. But it was too late; Old Shep was dead. He had given his all to rescue the sheep. He said his audience was in tears as he finished the story. Then, he made the Gospel application. Deliberately, intentionally, he told of the faithfulness of the Son of Man as He was led to Calvary. He described the love that motivated Jesus to die on the cross. 'I painted the picture as vividly as I could,' said the preacher. 'I let the Saviour hang there for men and women to see.' And what was the result? 'An obvious look of indifference came over them. They had been moved by the story of a faithful dog; moved to tears. But the Saviour's dying on the cross-they had heard it all before and were no longer stirred by it."

Is this not tragically true of professing Christians who get "moved" by a ball game or some other irrelevant thing. They are moved by the story of starving children in some foreign land. That is not in itself wrong, but they are not moved by the story of Jesus and His love. They are not moved by multitudes all around them who are perishing in their sins. There is a dangerous, dull and deadly indifference all about us; it is in our churches. The **"fear of God"** and **"the terror of the Lord"** are not much heard in many of our fundamental churches today. Then, Noah didn't just sit at home and say, "Well, if God's going to save them, He will do it whether I go out and witness or not." **HE WAS MOVED!** Most who claim to be God's children might say that they are unmoveable, but it is not Scriptural attitude found in I Corinthians 15:58! They are not **"...stedback, unmoveable...in the work of the Lord,"** they are just unmoveable, period! Beloved, faith leads to obedience. It sets out to do whatever God has commanded. All of those in Hebrews 11 believed God and were moved to do God's will. Many Christians have lost their first love! Their love for Christ has grown cold! Are you one of them? If so, it's time to repent! If you are not a true child of God, you need to believe God. That means you must accept His pronouncement that you are a sinner and need a Saviour. **"All we like sheep have gone astray...and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."** ~**Isaiah 53:6.** Your sin is no trifle before a Holy God! It says, "Noah...moved with fear." Only a fool would not fear God! **"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."**

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THE GATEWAY TO HEAVEN – CLOSED!

Summer tourists tell of a church they saw which had printed over its front door: "THE GATEWAY TO HEAVEN," but on a smaller sign: "Closed during July and August." We snicker at the inconsistency, but thinking about it we become alarmed at the implications of a closed church. Sunday evening closing (and Prayer Mtg) is spreading across the land.

THE WISDOM OF SPURGEON. A wealthy businessman wrote to Charles Haddon Spurgeon urging him to come and preach for his Church so they could raise enough funds to pay the debt on the Chapel. The man offered Spurgeon the use of either his own mansion, his country home or his seaside resort. Spurgeon promptly replied: Dear Sir: Sell one of your places and pay off the debt. Very truly yours, C. H. Spurgeon. Many a work of God languishes while some member (or more than one) sits on sums that would readily take care of the needs. God says if you see a brother in need and you bless him but do not give him what he needs, you are a hypocrite. I take it that would go for the Church as well. Remember, "**God loveth a cheerful giver.**" Here is something else to remember: "**...ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price...**" ~*I Corinthians 6:19,20*. If you are a child of God, you belong to Him along with all that you have!

DO NOT DELAY! There are many who put off being saved. I read of an old man who said to a pastor, "When I was seventeen, I began, at times to feel deeply about settling my soul's estate and this continued for three years. But I determined to put it off until I was settled in life. After I was married, I reflected that the time had come when I promised to attend to religion. But I had bought a farm and I thought it would not be convenient for me to become religious until it was paid for. Attending Church would take time and money. I then resolved to put it off ten years, but when the ten years ran out, I thought no more about it. I sometimes try to think about it but I cannot keep my mind on the subject one moment." The pastor urged him not to face death as an enemy of God, but to repent and be saved. But he said, "It is too late; I believe my doom is sealed, and that is just as it should be, for the Spirit strove with me but I refused." Maybe someone reading these lines has been putting off trusting Christ as his Savior. I personally knew a man who said that he was going to get saved after he got the house paid for. To my knowledge, he never did trust Christ! If you are unsaved, do not delay! Trust Christ NOW! God's Word says, "**Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.**" ~*Isaiah 55:6*. It also says, "**...behold NOW is the accepted time; behold NOW is the day of salvation.**" ~*II Corinthians 6:2*.

THINK ABOUT THIS: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." ~*Isaiah 1:18*

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

RICK WARREN PRAISES MOTHER TERESA

Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church and author of The Purpose-Drive Life, praises Mother Teresa in his introduction to Mother Teresa: The Life and Works of a Modern Saint (by the editors of Time magazine, 2010). Warren says, "My wife, Kay, was so deeply affected by her visit to Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying in Calcutta that our foundation is named Acts of Mercy. ... By being the hands and feet of Jesus, this petite Albanian Catholic nun became one of the great evangelists of the 20th century. ... Mother Teresa is exhibit A of a true hero-a saint." Here Rick Warren shows his apostasy and proves yet again that he is the blind leading the blind, for the Bible warns sharply about false christs and false gospels, which Mother Teresa most definitely pursued (2 Corinthians 11:3-4; Galatians 1:8-9). But what about her good works in Jesus' name? The Lord Jesus Himself warned, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and IN THY NAME DONE MANY WONDERFUL WORKS? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." ~*Matthew 7:22-23.* -FBIS (8/17/12)

ATHEIST TO OPEN COUNCIL MEETING WITH PRAYER. An atheist will give the opening prayer before this week's Tulsa City Council meeting. Dan Nerren says his invocation will encourage council members to respect "the inherent dignity and worth of each person." The Tulsa World reports that critics have petitioned the council for years, asking the city to halt the prayers read before each meeting. City leaders say they're confident the opening prayer is constitutional, and council chairman G. T. Bynum says he has no problem with an atheist giving the invocation. Bill Dusenberry of the Northeast Oklahoma Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State says allowing an atheist to offer the invocation is a good move by the city. He says such a move shows a "willingness to accommodate diversity." – AP Religion -Ed. How ridiculous can people get. To whom will this man pray? Those who are allowing it are as foolish as the one who will offer it. "**The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...**" Psalm 14:1 and 53:1.

DEMOCRATS EXPEL GOD AND JERUSALEM. A report by Pat Buchanan states that for the first time - and in the longest Democratic platform in history, 26,000 words - there was no mention of God. The convention approved the platform, but when a firestorm erupted, Obama ordered God reinstated. But when the amendment was offered to the delegates, the idea of

restoring "God" was hooted, jeered and booed by half the delegation, who three times howled "No." In another report by the Associated Press, carried on AOL News, the Republican Party platform mentions God twelve times. That report also notes that the Democrats have dropped from their platform recognition of Jerusalem as the only capital of Israel, a move that has opened President Barack Obama to criticism... Four years ago Democrats stated unequivocally that 'Jerusalem was the capital of Israel...' Romney called the change a "shameful refusal; to acknowledge Jerusalem as Israel's capital." -From *Huffpost* (9/5/12) Ed. Buchanan also notes that the Democratic platform endorses homosexual marriage while the Republicans call for a Constitutional Amendment calling marriage to be for one man and one woman.

NINETEEN NIGERIAN CHRISTIANS KILLED IN ATTACK ON CHURCH. Gunmen armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles surrounded a church in Central Nigeria and opened fire during a Monday night church service. According to the Associated Press report, the attackers killed nineteen worshipers at Deeper Life Bible Church in the town of Otite in Kogi state, located 155 miles southwest of Nigeria's capital Abuja... According to AP, no arrests have been made...no group has claimed responsibility for the massacre. However, the radical Islamist sect Boko Haram has attacked numerous churches and has vowed to make Nigeria an all-Islamic country while driving out all Christians. AP puts the number killed by Boko Haram at 660 this year. – *Christian Newswire*. Ed. This sort of thing is going on in a number of other African countries.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS AND ROME. An FBIS article details Wycliffe translators working with priests on a Roman Catholic translation of the Bible. (This is nothing new, it has gone on for decades). The Lamso translation will include seven Apocryphal books. It is from these seven books that some of the false doctrines, like purgatory, are taught. The publishers have agreed to put out two editions; one with the Apocryphal books for Catholics and one without them for Protestants. Like many translators of modern versions, this shows that they have no regard for the truth. How can both of these *bibles* be the Word of God? Of course, it never dawns on these people that there could only be One Bible given by God! And we do not hesitate to say that in the English language it is the King James Version. And because it came from God, it doesn't need to be updated. "**For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven.**" ~*Psalm 119:89.*

UNFAILING REMEDY

Bishop Kavanaugh was one day walking through the streets of the city when he met a prominent physician who offered him a ride. The doctor was an infidel. After awhile, the subject got around to religion. "I am surprised, said the infidel doctor, "that such an intelligent man as you should believe in such old fables (as the Gospel)." After some time the bishop said, "Doctor suppose years ago someone recommended to you a prescription for pulmonary consumption and you had procured the medicine and had taken it and that you were perfectly cured of that terrible disease. Furthermore, over the past twenty five years, you had never known it to fail when taken as prescribed. What would you say to the man who would not believe in and would not take your medicine?" "I would say he was a fool," said the physician. The bishop replied, "Twenty-five years ago, I tried the power of God's grace. It made a new man of me! All these years, I have preached the Gospel of the grace of God and wherever it has been truly accepted, I have never known it to fail. I have seen lives changed: the proud man humbled, the drunken man sober, the profane man of pure speech. It works for the rich man and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, the old and the young have been changed." The doctor said, "Sir, you have got me fairly and honestly; I have been a fool." The infidel doctor was saved and later became Sunday School Superintendent. The Bible says, "**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**" ~*II Corinthians 5:17*

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DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Vance Havner wrote: "History is a record of decisions, good and bad. Our lives are the sum total of our decisions and their consequences... History is made by men of decision, good and bad. Someone asked an old servant of Andrew Jackson: 'Do you think General Jackson will go to Heaven?' 'I don't know,' was the reply, 'but if he made up his mind to go, he did.' This world is not moved by double-minded men who are unstable in all their ways." The double-minded man is one who makes a decision but it is never settled; first thing you know he has given that up for something else. Then, that won't last very long either. This sort of person never accomplishes much in this world and the Christian who is such will not attain anything either. Alexander the Great was once asked how he was so successful in conquering the world . He gave words to the effect: I never hesitate, I simply go forward. Note what God says to believers in James 1:6-8: "**But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.**" The object is to make the right decision and then stick to it. There will no doubt be trials and tribulations, but keep your eyes on the goal and press forward. The Apostle Paul said, "**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**" We all must make decisions from time to time (to make the right ones see James 1:5); let's make the right ones and stick to them!