



## WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

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In Luke 8:22-25 you have an incident where the disciples are out in a boat and Jesus is asleep in the boat. A storm soon arose and the boat was taking on water so that they thought it would sink. Feeling they were about to perish, the disciples awakened Him and He calmed the storm. Then, He said unto them: **"Where is your faith?"** Child of God, it is impossible to go through this world without storms - without trials, difficulty and opposition. And yet, most of us act as though there is something wrong if everything is not tranquil and just to our liking. Now, we need faith in the "good" days, but we especially need it in the "bad" days. There is no better time to exercise it. Curtis Hutson told of a young boy who was leading his sister up a rugged hill. "Come on," he said, "And I'll lead you in the path." After awhile it seemed as though the path had completely disappeared and was filled with stones. Stumbling and falling, she began to cry and said, "This is not a path. It is all stones." To which her confident brother replied, "The stones are for climbing." Most people, when they run into stones on life's path, complain and not a few quit. They seem to think no one ever had problems but them. Blessed is the man who realizes the stones are there for climbing. When the trials come, that is the time to look to the Lord and keep on climbing. He says to us: **"Where is your faith?"** Stop looking at the circumstances and look to Jesus! **"...looking unto Jesus..."** Hebrews 12:2.

If you look at the triumphs of the saints of God in ages past, I think that you will find that in every case there were obstacles, trials, and enemies. In fact, you can't have a triumph, a victory, without a battle? What about Moses and his deliverance of Israel from Egypt. It was nothing but one battle after another - first with Pharaoh and the Egyptian magicians and then with God's own people. Joshua's life was one battle after another. My how we glory in David's victory over Goliath and the Philistines! That was a situation with overwhelming odds against him. But he believed God; he had faith! The child of God who knows anything realizes that we are in a war...a real war. The Christian life is not some pleasant game nor a pleasure cruise. Now, in a war, someone wins and someone loses. The quitter never wins! Oh, Yes, someone has said, *"Quitters never win and winners never quit."* Did Luther, Spurgeon, George Mueller, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, etc. have no difficulties? No battles?

The plain truth is so many of God's children are spiritual babies and of course, a baby isn't much good in a war. (If that bothers you, grow up). The Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians: **"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."** (16:13). Stand fast in the faith. Be a man and go on to victory. Jesus said to the disciples, **"Where is your faith?"** It doesn't matter how big the problem or how strong the opposition if your faith is in the right place. Too many have faith in themselves and that is why they fail in the hour of testing. There is no situation which the Lord Jesus Christ cannot handle. Put your faith in Him; be strong in faith; be a man! It was by faith **"the elders obtained a good report."** Let's be like them and go on to victory! Jesus said to His disciples, **"Have faith in God."** ~Mark 11:22. How we need that admonition!

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

OCT. 30 - NOV. 1, 2015



- \*SEVERAL MISSIONARIES
- \*FLAGS MANY NATIONS
- \*COLOR SLIDES
- \*SPECIAL MUSIC
- \*NURSERY OPEN

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

FRIDAY... 7:00

SAT...3:30 - 4:30 (Buffet Supper) - 6:00

SUNDAY...9:30 - 10:45 - 5:30 - 6:30

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### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This is always one of the most inspiring services we have all year. *Join us and make it a real Thanksgiving to God.* After all, that's what it was in the beginning! Just how grateful are we to God for His salvation and multiplied blessings? **"Be ye thankful."** The truth is few Americans are grateful to God for all His blessings. How sad to see even Christians who think more of a ballgame than they do of God! Let us **"Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good."**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH - 8 P.M.

Gospel Song Service, a time for Testimonies and a Special Message. Having guests for dinner? Invite them to come along. Let's really put the Lord first!



## YOUTH CORNER

**THE LAST WORD!** The last word is God's Word! The atheist Robert Ingersoll over 100 years ago said, "In fifteen years, I'll have this Book (The Bible) in the morgue." Within fifteen years, Robert Ingersoll was in the grave. Long before that another famous atheist, Voltaire, said that in 100 years the Bible will be outdated, forgotten. Probably millions of Bibles are printed every year. Who prints or reads Voltaire's books today? Some years ago while in Paris, I visited Voltaire's home. Guess what they were doing there?

They were printing Bibles and had been for many years. A few years ago, I read that all 92 of Voltaire's works were sold for the amazing sum of \$2.00. Boasters come and boasters go but the Word of God keeps going on - and it will forever. The Bible says, **"Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven."** ~Psalm 119:89. Yes, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, **"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away."** ~Matthew 24:35.

### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

"Don't approach a goat from the front; a horse from the rear or a fool from any side." -See Proverbs 26:4,5.

Some people are like a wheelbarrow: No good unless pushed and easily upset.

Honesty is still the best policy, but sad to say, many are satisfied with less than the best.

Better never to have been born at all than never to have been born again!

"Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor dealer. What sense is this?"

Blessed is the man who has nothing worth saying and

who is able to refrain from saying it.

The closer you get to God, the further you will get from this present evil world.

### DO YOUR FRIENDS A FAVOR!

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### **EVOLUTIONIST SPEAKS OUT AGAINST EVOLUTION**

The following is from Creation Moments.com, Mar. 25, 2015: "Meet Wolf-Ekkehard Lönnig, a brilliant scientist who worked at the Max-Planck Institute until his retirement. Though he has written four books on the subject of evolution, he has infuriated evolutionists everywhere by daring to challenge Neo-Darwinism on scientific grounds. He told the *Diplomacy Post* in March 2014: 'A scientific hypothesis should be potentially falsifiable.... However,' he added, 'the idea of slow evolution by "infinitesimally small inherited variations, etc. has been falsified by the findings of paleontology ... as well [as] genetics. Yet its adherents principally reject any scientific proof against Neo-Darwinism,' he said, 'so that, in fact, their theory has become a non-falsifiable worldview, to which people stick in spite of all contrary evidence.' Scientists continue to support evolution despite the evidence that actually falsified evolution because 'without Darwinism, philosophic materialism has lost its battle against an intelligent origin of the world.' But Wolf had more to say. 'According to Neo-Darwinism, all important problems of the origin of species are, at least in principle, solved. Further questions on the validity of evolutionary theory are thus basically superfluous. However, such a dogmatic attitude stops further investigations and hinders fruitful research in science.' Though Wolf-Ekkehard Lönnig has stopped short of giving recognition to God as the Intelligent Designer, we applaud his work for showing that evolution doesn't even deserve to be called scientific." – FBIS (8/21/15)

**THE POPE'S LATEST SURPRISE!** Pope Francis will give all priests discretion to formally forgive women who have had abortions during the Roman Catholic Church's upcoming Holy Year, in the Argentine pontiff's latest move towards a more open and inclusive church. In Church teaching, abortion is such a grave sin that those who procure or perform it incur an automatic excommunication. Usually only designated clergy and missionaries can formally forgive abortions. But from Dec.8 to Nov. 26, during an extraordinary Holy Year or "Jubilee" on the theme of mercy announced by Pope Francis in March, all priests will be able to do so, he said in a letter published on Tuesday by the Vatican. In the letter, Francis described the "existential and moral ordeal" faced by women who have terminated pregnancies and said he had "met so many women who bear in their heart the scar of this agonizing and painful decision". Francis is the first non-European pope in 1,300 years and has also marked himself out for his tolerance regarding taboo topics. In a remark that has become emblematic of his

papacy, he asked "who am I to judge?" with regard to a gay person who seeks God. –AOL News (9/1/15). Ed. There are those who tell us that the Roman Catholic Church doesn't change. The truth is it has changed hundreds, if not thousands of times down through the centuries. I wouldn't be surprised this is sort of like a trial balloon, if it goes over well, it will become church dogma.

### **EGYPTIAN CHRISTIAN IMPRISONED FOR HANDING OUT BIBLES**

The following is excerpted from "Egyptian Christian," ChristianHeadlines.com, Aug. 28, 2015: "A 35-year-old Egyptian Christian is likely to remain in jail for one to five years for handing out Bibles in a shopping mall. The Christian Post reports Medhat Ishak was caught handing out Bibles in Oct. 6 last year. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail for 'inciting sectarian strife' and 'harming national security.' However, a judge has now slapped Ishak with a heftier charge--blasphemy. The Christian man now faces a sentence between one and five years in prison for 'insulting religion,' though his lawyers argue Ishak did not commit the offense. According to attorney Rafik Rafaat, Ishak did encounter a Muslim man at the mall, though he did not know he was Muslim at first. Ishak offered him a Bible and when the man refused and explained that the was a Muslim, Ishak apologized and left." -Copied

### **IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER SAYS ISRAEL WILL BE DEAD WITHIN 25 YEARS**

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said this week that Israel will not survive another 25 years ("Iran Deal," Breitbart, Sept. 9, 2015). On Twitter, Khamenei said, "God willing, there will be nothing as Zionist regime by next 25 years." Khamenei is a big user of Twitter. November 8, 2014, he tweeted, "This barbaric, wolflike & infanticidal regime of Israel which spares no crime has no cure but to be annihilated." In an address to an assembly of tens of thousands of Basij militiamen in November 2013, Khamenei declared that Israel was doomed to fail and characterized the "Zionist regime" as the "sinister, unclean rabid dog of the region." He said Israelis "cannot be called human beings." Footage of the event showed the crowd shouting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel." In an address in Tehran in September of this year, General Moshen Kazzemeinni said, "The Islamic Revolution will continue enhancing its preparedness until it overthrows Israel and liberates Palestine" ("Commander: Iran Continues Military Enhancement until Collapse of Israel," Fars News Agency, Sep. 2, 2015). This is the outfit with whom the Obama administration has made a life or death treaty... -FBIS 99/11/15). Ed. As noted, this is the leader of the land with which we made a very unwise and dangerous nuclear treaty. The leaders in Washington just don't get it. Truly America is in deep trouble!

## YOU ARE EXCUSED!

Jesus said, The kingdom of God is like **“A certain man made a great supper and bade many...”** Luke 14:16. (in Matthew 22 it is a king and the supper is the wedding of His Son) Clearly, the man represents God and the Son is Jesus Christ! The response: **“They all with one consent began to make excuse.”** They all had something more important to them than attending this very important occasion. That is how multitudes (perhaps you are one) respond today to the invitation of God to come to His everlasting feast. W.G. Biederwolf, an evangelist of the early 20th century said, “God invites you to the greatest happiness that can come to a man in the world, yet you say, ‘Excuse me.’ He invites you to a life of the noblest service any man can live, yet you say, ‘Excuse me.’ He invites you to a happy reunion with loved ones who have gone on before, whose faces faded away in the gloom of the grave, yet you say, ‘Excuse me.’ And yet He has borne with you in patience and love. Sometime He will take you at your word and say, ‘You are excused,’ and shut you out forever from His mercy and pardon.” My friend, Jesus Christ died the agony of the cross of Calvary to save you from hell - a real place with literal fire - to an **“inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that faded not away.”** He invites you to the great **“marriage supper of the Lamb.”** But you say, “Excuse me, I have something else to do; maybe later, but not now.” **“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”** Repent of your sin and unbelief - trust Christ NOW!

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## GOOD ENOUGH FOR HEAVEN

In John 3:3, Jesus said, **“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven.”** He reiterated it in v.7: **“Ye must be born again.”** The Bible is clear that **“There is none righteous, no not one.”** **“Not by works of righteousness which we have done...”** **“Not of works lest any man should boast.”** I am amazed at how many I speak with who think they are good enough to get to Heaven. One evening several of us were going back to our cars after going door-to-door witnessing. A young lady on the other side of the street said, “What are you guys doing?” I went over and engaged her in conversation. I showed her a tract which we use on Visitation. The title is: *“Why Should God Let You Into Heaven?”* I said, “What is your answer to that question.” She said, “Because I am a good person.” I shared the above Scriptures with her. I once read of an Evangelist who preached on these lines and afterwards a young doctor came and said, “I believe I am good enough for Heaven. I have always lived a good moral life. I am better than some of your born again Christians.” The Evangelist said, “It is not a matter of how good you are but a matter of regeneration. Salvation is a state or condition. Suppose we were in the state of Colorado. One man may be on Pike’s Peak at 14,000 feet; another may be at 2000 ft. above sea level, the lowest point, and another in a mine 3000 ft. below the surface. All are at different altitudes, yet all are in the state of Colorado. Salvation is matter of being in the state of regeneration. It doesn’t matter how good you think you are, if you are not born again, regenerated, you cannot see the Kingdom of God!” Jesus said **“Ye must be born again,”** and that’s all there is to it! Have you been born again, regenerated? If not, you’ll not see Heaven. Repent of your sins and ask Christ to save you. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”**