



### MIXTURE: THE DEVIL LOVES IT - GOD HATES IT!

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The following is from a 1971 Challenge and is as pertinent now as then, if not more so: The devil loves mixture, confounding the things of God and the things of the world is his delight. With this, he confuses and deludes many, including believers. GOD HATES MIXTURE! Though many men, even some professing Christians, seem to think that God will tolerate just about anything as long as there seems to be some good in it, nothing could be further than the truth. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of illustrations and warnings about this very thing. In Ezek. 22:26 we read: **“They have put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither have they showed difference between the clean and the unclean.”** For this, God promised judgment. How sad to see this spirit of mingling the things of God and the world among God’s people in our day. I believe that spiritual discernment is at an all-time low and compromise is at an all time high!

An incident in the life of Spurgeon has much wisdom. P.T. Barnum of circus fame invited the great preacher to come to the United States. Barnum would set up a special tent in his traveling circus in which Spurgeon would speak, and do so without restrictions. Any help he needed would be provided and all expense would be paid by P.T. Barnum. Spurgeon would preach as long as he liked and would be paid \$1,000 per message (quite a sum in those days). Now, no doubt some Christians of that day, and many, many more in our day, would say: “What a splendid opportunity this would be to preach the Gospel, save souls, and at the same time reap a great sum for the Lord’s work.” This sort of thing would no doubt be accepted by many Evangelicals and yes, Fundamentalists. But Spurgeon did not see it that way, and he did not come to America under the auspices of the worldly Mr. Barnum. Mr. Spurgeon sent this very simple reply to Barnum’s invitation: “Dear Mr. Barnum, you will find your answer in Acts 13:10. Very sincerely yours. Charles Haddon Spurgeon.” If Mr. Barnum turned to that passage of Scripture, which I am sure he did, this is what he would have read: **“O, full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt not thou cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”** I don’t think many Fundamental Baptist preachers would respond quite like that today!

Many professed Bible believers today, beginning with preachers (I am speaking of many Fundamental Baptists) act as though **II Corinthians 6:14-17** (and similar passages) have been rescinded. Those verses begin by saying: **“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness...”** We are not to have any joint endeavor with the unrighteous (the unsaved, the ungodly), and even disobedient brethren. The rest of those verses basically say the same thing in different words. In Ephesians 5:11 it says, **“Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM.”** I read many years ago this good advice: “Never do evil that good may come.” You have probably heard of Jesuit casuistry (the end justifies the means) if it will help the church (Roman Catholic), it is all right to do it! But that is not what God says! He says, **“Touch not the unclean thing.”** The Bible has abundant evidence that GOD HATES MIXTURE! IT IS CONFUSION!

## CORNERSTONE NEWS

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 3-5, 2017



- \*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 23RD - 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 FAITH WAY IS GOD'S WAY.** It is God's way to have your sins forgiven – have faith in Christ and His death on the cross for your sins. It is the way to live the Christian life. God says, **"Without faith is impossible to please Him."** ~*Hebrews 11:6*. A school teacher gave three bright students a difficult problem. He said, "You will find it very hard, but I promise you there is a way to solve the problem." After several attempts without success, one of them gave up saying, "There is no way!" A little later, the second pupil also gave up. He said, "I think it can be done but I do not know how." The third student worked on for some time and though he was somewhat worn out, labored on saying, "I know there is a way because the Master has said it." We believe and act upon the Word of God because it is the work of the Master. If the Master, the Lord Jesus has said it, it must be so! One of the simplest definitions of faith I know is "taking God at His Word." It has been said: "God said it, I believe it; that settles it!" I think a better statement is, "God said it; that settles it!" The Bible says concerning the Christian: **"For we walk by faith and not by sight."** ~*I Corinthians 5:7*. I John 5:4 says: **"...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."** C. T. Studd said: "Yes, let us ever see the impossible, Yes, the utterly impossible, and then go to God and ask Him to do it. This glorifies Him, magnifies Him, or gives Him a chance to magnify Himself – which is best of all."

### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

True Faith is not a victory for you but a victory in or through you.

The Christian must be willing to forfeit human companionship in order to have God's fellowship.

If you want to know who your human friends are, just make a mistake or disagree with them.

One fool can ask more questions than ten wise men can answer. M.R.D.

We must be saved from dependence upon people and walk alone with Jesus. J. Hudson Taylor

If you don't believe in the devil's existence, try resisting him a while. –Charles Finney.

Our God is a Great God, but we make Him small by our unbelief.

**"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the Word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom..."** ~*Colossians 3:15,16*.

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**NETANYAHU SAYS ISRAEL BRINGING SALVATION TO THE WORLD THROUGH TECHNOLOGY** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, In his speech before the United Nations General Assembly on September 19, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a loose reference to Isaiah 52:10, saying Israel would be “a light to the nations” and “bring salvation to the ends of the earth” (“Netanyahu Lauds Israel’s Prophetic Contributions to World at UN,” BreakingIsraelNews, Sep. 20, 2017).

Netanyahu cited Israel’s influence in “the food you eat, the water you drink, the medicines you take, the cars you drive, the cell phones you use, and in so many other ways that are transforming our world.” Modern Israel is indeed a sign and her inventions are marvelous, but Isaiah 52:10 points, rather, to the coming of the suffering Messiah described in chapter 53. “The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God” (Isa. 52:10). God’s salvation is the atoning work of Christ on Calvary, and all the ends of the earth have seen it through the preaching of the gospel. Understanding that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy is the key to understanding Scripture. “And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things” (Luke 24:44-48).

**IRAN BOASTS THAT IT TRICKED THE WORLD AND CAN NOW START MAKING NUCLEAR BOMBS** (Friday Church News Notes, September 29, 2017, - The following is excerpted from “Iran Boasts,” *Israel Today*, Sept. 7, 2017: “Israel warned former US President Barack Obama that Iran wouldn’t honor the nuclear arms deal he brokered with the Islamic Republic. The ayatollahs and their elected puppets went through the motions, but never truly fulfilled the stipulations of the agreement. The West, fearful of escalating tensions, turned a blind eye to numerous violations. But that only kicked the can down the road, as the Americans say. Now, top Iranian officials are openly boasting of

successfully playing the West, while retaining the ability to restart their nuclear arms program at a moment’s notice. In an August 22 interview on Iran’s IRINN TV, the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, Ali Akbar Salehi, revealed that his people had poured cement into a few external pipes at the Arak nuclear reactor in order to fool international inspectors, but had not disabled its core. ‘If we want to, we can start enriching uranium to 20% within five days, and that is very significant,’ said Salehi.”

**U.S. ARMY’S TRANSGENDER TRAINING ADDRESSES MALE PREGNANCIES** (Friday Church News Notes, June 23, 2017, [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org) [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org), 866-295-4143) - The following is excerpted from Todd Starnes, *Fox News*, Jun. 16, 2017: “The Army has begun mandatory transgender sensitivity training for soldiers. The training covers everything from ‘transfemale’ soldiers to transgender shower etiquette to dealing with a male soldier who becomes pregnant. ... ‘That pregnancy scenario is beyond words,’ Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty executive director Ron Crews told me. ‘This is an example of how this social policy can be used simply to promote personal agendas at the expense of taxpayers with no regard for being what the military is all about.’ The matter of male soldiers with child is tucked away inside the Army’s ‘Policy on the Military Service of Transgender Soldiers Training Module, Tier 2: Commanders and Leaders.’ ... [It was] mandated during the Obama Administration. ‘The training module specifically outlines key roles and responsibilities of commanders, transgender soldiers, military medical providers and administrative management organizations,’ Lt. Col. Jennifer Johnson told *USA Today*.

‘This training is mandatory for all uniformed members, as well as Department of the Army civilians.’ The briefing materials cover all sorts of scenarios--from shower stall etiquette to ‘transfemale’ soldiers deployed to anti-LGBT countries. ... Female soldiers must also come to terms with taking a shower alongside men who identify as women--even if the transgender soldier did not undergo sex-reassignment surgery. ‘Soldiers must accept living and working conditions that are often austere, primitive, and characterized by little or no privacy,’ the module states. ‘All soldiers will use billeting, bathroom and shower facilities associated with their gender marker.’ The Army guidelines mandate facilities will not be designed, modified or constructed to make transgender-only areas. ‘Accommodations cannot isolate or stigmatize the TG soldier,’ the guidelines state.”

## NOW IS THE TIME TO BE SAVED

On a voyage from New York to San Francisco, the steamship Central America sprang a leak in mid-ocean. A vessel in the vicinity, hearing her signal of distress came close by. The captain of the would-be rescue ship sent a message: "What is amiss?" The reply came back, "We are in bad repair. Lie by till morning." The reply came, "Let me take your passengers aboard now!" Because it was night, the Captain of the Central America, not wanting to possibly lose anyone, and believing that they would be able to keep the ship afloat until daylight said, "Lie by till morning." Once again the Captain of the rescue ship said, "You had better let me take your passengers now." As on the previous occasions the answer came back: "Lie by till morning." It was about an hour and a half after the last call when the lights of the Central America were missing and no sound was heard. The Central America had gone down and all who were on board perished because it was thought that they could be saved at a later time. Perhaps someone is reading this article who is not saved from his sin. You have never been "**born again**" through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You need a Savior! Christ died for your sins 2,000 years ago, but you must put your faith in Him. The Bible says, "**Prepare to meet thy God!**" Perhaps you may say, "Well, I will do it at a later time but not now." Delay is dangerous! God says that the time to be saved is NOW – when you hear the Gospel, the "Good News" that Christ died for your sins. Listen to God: "**...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**" ~II Corinthians 6:2. If you are not saved, God's time for you to be saved is right now, while He is speaking to you! "**Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.**" ~Proverbs 27:1

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## LOVE OF ENTERTAINMENT

The following was written some years ago by T.T. Shields, longtime Pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada. "It is a fact that vast numbers of professed Christians are now being carried away by an ever-growing love of pleasure which, like a mighty tide is sweeping over the world. The great question that faces us is this: What is the truly Christian attitude toward these things? The passion for pleasure, for society, for worldly amusements, has made barren churches as it has childless homes. 'It is only an innocent pleasure,' you say... It is the simple standard of the new Testament, (that) if there be any pleasure upon which my heart is so set that it is of more interest to me than the interest of a soul for whom Christ died, I am unworthy of my office and I ought immediately to resign that pleasure or resign my office. If there be a deacon in this church who thinks more of an evening at the theater, of the diversion of a game of cards, or the pleasure of dance, than the interest of a soul for whom Christ died, he is unworthy of his office, and he ought to immediately resign either the pleasure or the office. The same is true Sunday School teachers or officers, and also every member of the church. There is but one course compatible with love and loyalty to Christ, and that is to resolve by His grace, and by the might of His Spirit in the inner man, we will put Him always everywhere first; then we will live to realize the purpose of the cross in our own lives; that we will lose our lives for Christ's sake that we may find them."