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I met a man the other day that I have a little disdain for. I think my irritation with him is because he mirrored what is so prevalent in Christianity today. I met him in the KJV - Lu.12:13. Before we look at him, let us look at the circumstances under which this man comes on to the scriptural scene.

"In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, (Lu. 12:1)

Look at this Place....There is no greater privilege than to have sat at the feet of the Lord and listened to Him impart divine truth. It was the presence of Jesus that hallowed this spot of ground where this crowd gathered. It is so today, that the most sacred place upon earth is where Christ manifests His presence through the Holy Ghost. The very presence of Christ transforms the common dirt into the portal of Heaven. You can't get any closer to Heaven than when Christ manifests His presence.

Listen to these Words.... There is no speech that has greater meaning than those sentences that fell from His divine lips. Christ, in Lu. 12:1-12, admonishes this crowd to be real, for there is nothing that will not be revealed. He puts eternity into perspective by warning us not fear those who can only kill the body, but fear him only who has the power to cast into hell. He gives us the value of man telling us even the very hair of our head is numbered. He warns against blaspheming the Holy Ghost. These are very weighty and serious

words that concern the eternity of the human soul.

To be at the feet of Jesus hearing his words is to me the most sublime, sacred and grandest moment in a man's life. Now for the man I want you to meet:

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me (Lu. 12:13)

Look first at how this man enters. He just seems to barge in. He seems to interrupt the Lord. It makes me wonder if Jesus got to finish his message. How crude it would be to butt-in when Jesus was talking. When God the Son is talking it is time for us quiet our clamor and lift our ears to catch every word. Before we want to raise up and throw this man out for his rudeness, we need ask ourselves how many unfinished messages that we have caused. How many times have we listened to the Lord quietly without cutting Him off by our protests and excuses.

Buying, possessing, accumulating -this is not worldliness. But doing this so that the thoughts of eternity and God are an intrusion -doing so that one's spirit is secularized in the process; this is worldliness.

Listen to what this man says to the Lord. He wants to talk about an inheritance argument that is going on in their family. He seems to be far more worried about his share of the inheritance than he does the eternal truths of which Christ speaks. Now certainly Christ wants us to pray to Him about such matters that have to do with our earthly existence, but they should never be the sole focus of our life as it was with this man.

(See Pig on Heaven's Porch, Page 3)

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The Word of God alone shall be the Doctrine, Practice, and Discipline of this Board of Members: it being understood that we receive it as the inspired Word of God and the Divine rule of faith and conduct.

We believe in God the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried and arose on the third day according to the Scriptures, afterwards ascended into heaven where He is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, from whence He is come again to judge the quick and dead.

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We believe the Church of Jesus Christ to be a living Organism. The Body of Christ, and habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:20-22), and that each true believer is a member of the Body (1 Corinthians 12:14; Acts 2:47).

By Brother Ira J. Roberts

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EDITOR'S DESK



"...My tongue is the pen of a ready writer." Ps. 45:1



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Hello dear friends! I hope this issue of our work finds you seriously holding to that nail-scarred hand. I realize this is a figure of speech, but it is definitely a true figure of speech, for in it there is eternity. This word "Eternity" is only in the Bible one time; but, oh, what a word. God Almighty inhabits it. Read Isaiah 57:15. This staggers our imagination so that we can't comprehend its vastness.

Jesus Christ, God's only Son, died for our sins so we could have eternal life, 1 John 5:20. My, how kind God is to do this gracious act to us ex-sinners. Sometimes we read or hear some folk say, "I'm just a sinner saved by grace." They may mean well by saying that, but they are mistaken by saying it. When we are really born again, we become saints. Philippians 4:21-22, and many other Bible verses use this general term used for all born again people.

This word "Saint" was used a lot by our dear Brother Leon Buzzard. I can almost hear him say, "Come on saints!" I miss him a lot. He was a good man and a blessing to many people.

I am in the state of Virginia at the present and I will be 80 years old when you get this issue. I've been the editor since 1958. God has been good to me. We were printing 425 copies, now we are printing several thousand. To God be the glory! Proverbs 27:2 says, "Let another praise thee." I've had many compliments over the years and I thank all of you for

that. I don't deserve it, but I am thankful for it. I've been criticized some, but that is to be expected. I have outlived most of my critics, and some have backslid. I am sorry that events like this happen. We must give room for misunderstandings, and even some misinterpretations. These things are somewhat common. Forgive we must and be forgiven we must, since Heaven is our goal when all is said and done.

I want it clearly understood that I don't serve the Lord to miss Hell, (of course that is included) but I serve Christ because He saved me, and I love Him mainly for that. He is my Savior and Friend. If you don't have God's friendship, you are in deep trouble; that is certain. Abraham believed God. See Genesis 15:6, then read James 2:23 and you will find that he was called the Friend of God. Mark you well, dear saints, to be and remain a child of God. You need the friendship of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In ancient times He was called the Holy Guest. Thank the Lord for being our Guest. We need to be careful how we entertain our Holy Guest.

Ben Franklin said, "Company is like fish: In about three days they begin to stink." This is not true, that is if you know how to help out around the place and do what you should. Mankind is God's greatest creation and we need to love and treat Christ's friends respectfully, and all will go well.

Some evangelists' wives should learn in a hurry that she is not to just sit around and do nothing. There is work to be done. Carpet to be vacuumed, floors to be mopped, and all you have to do is say, "Can I help you?" If she says no, then you can pray for the revival and other things. Be wise and ask and do. If you don't, they are not likely to ask you back. There is more to do than preaching. You must study and pray all will go well.

God bless you for your support and thanks for your prayers. We need both.

Bro. Ralph Cox

The Pig on Heaven's Porch

FROM PAGE ONE

We see with this man's request the **Invasion of the Spiritual by the Secular**. This is neither the time nor place for this man to butt-in with his inheritance problem. He is so concerned with the carnal that he has no interest win the spiritual. He rushes in where angels stand with wings folded over their feet in reverence. His animal appetites have overcome him so that he is senseless to the high and the holy. This secular man with his carnality, is as out of place as a pig on Heaven's porch.

This preoccupation with the earthly led this man to have a severe problem with his priorities. He seems to be **More Interested in His Inheritance than His Integrity**. All of us know that we have basic human needs. We are to give rightful attention to these needs, but certainly not at the expense of the soul. The things Christ was teaching in His discourse could have led this man to have a balanced and holy soul. He desired to have luxury and comfort for the body at the expense of his own soul. It seems it is so easy for us to forget the eternity of the soul. Our eternity will carry the irrevocable stamp of what we were upon this earth. *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. (Rev 22:11).*

If the man of our study could have stopped his fussing about his inheritance, he would have felt the hunger pains of his soul for the Bread of Life. He would have been challenged by the Words of the Lord to be a better man with higher aspirations. He was a man of folly for he never seemed to realize the far greater importance of the heavenly Bread that money can't buy than the earthly bread he could have bought with his inheritance.

Alas! How many within the holiness church sit preoccupied with earthly attractions while failing to see the value of those things that make a holy soul.

IT is a most vulgar misuse of Christ, that this man makes of Him as he comes with his inheritance squabble. He **Seeks in Christ a Lawyer, Instead of Lord**. This man wants Christ to go "speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." He wanted Jesus to use His authority to settle the dispute with his brother. He wanted Jesus to do the work of a lawyer. Jesus didn't come to sort out the legalities of the business world. We can't just use Christ for our own ulterior motives to advance ourselves in this world. He came to be our LORD.

What it amounts to, is this man wanted to use Christ as a means to attain his own selfish ends. Christ is not a means to an end. He is an end to which we should use all means to attain. How vulgar of us to only want him settle our legal dis-

putes and then not bow at His feet and pay him homage with our life. Jesus said to him "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?" Jesus then immediately said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Christ then told the parable of the rich who main priority in life was bigger barns, eating, drinking and being merry. Following this parable, Jesus says, "And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. (Lu. 12:22-23). Jesus then proceeded to give us some very plain teaching about our priorities. (Read Lu. 12:22-34).

In *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan, you may recall the description of the man with the muckrake, the man who could look no way but downward. He was offered a celestial crown for his muckrake, but would neither look up, nor regard the crown he was offered but continued to rake to himself the filth of the floor. He would not look up to see the glory of the celestial city because he was so focused on what treasure he might find while raking in the muck.

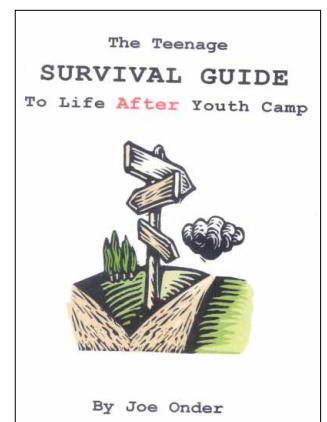
The man who on this page was the subject of my holy tirade, was a muckraker with a capital M. He stood before the Incarnate Son of God and all he could talk about was an inheritance. He couldn't see the glory of Jesus Christ because he was filled with greed for the transient and earthly.

Bill Parks

The Teenage Survival Guide to Life After Youth Camp

Each summer, thousands of teenagers go to church sponsored youth camps in order to help them grow stronger in the Lord and to solidify their faith in God. Unfortunately, a lot of these young people leave camp and face some tough challenges once they get back home. *The Teenage Survival Guide to Life After Youth Camp* is a 67 page booklet and is designed to be used as a resource for teens to help them overcome these challenges. It also has words of advice and quotes from many respected holiness ministers.

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YOUTH PAGE

"Even the Youth...Shall Mount Up with Wings as the Eagles."



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I hope our youth have benefitted from the recent writers on this page. I am sure you will be challenged by the messages of Evangelist Brent Gabbard, of Bond, KY, as he shares his heart in the upcoming months. -BP



How to Survive in Babylon III

Hello and welcome once again to the youth page. I am amazed at how quickly the days of summer have come and gone. By the time this comes to print and reaches your hand, you will have traded the lazy days of summer for the busy days of a new school year with its obstacles and challenges. It is my sincerest hope and prayer that you maintain the spiritual glow you found this summer, and carry the experiences of youth camp and revival into this "new year" with you.

If you have been following us for the past couple of months then you know that we have embarked upon a journey to ancient Babylon and the days of Daniel, to discover the secret of his success and what it was that enabled him to survive, and even thrive, in that wicked culture. In the beginning we set forth three characteristics in Daniel's life to be considered as the fundamental building blocks to surviving in Babylon. We noted that Daniel was:

- Committed to a Divine Purpose
- Dedicated in Prayer
- Determined to Persevere

We have dealt briefly with two of those

factors to date, and this month we shall conclude our journey by examining the third. We have seen the importance of recognizing and committing to the Divine Purpose in your life. We have witnessed how Daniel used that purpose as the foundation for survival and then built upon it with a dedicated prayer life. Now we shall turn our attention to the fact that Daniel was also a young man who was determined to persevere.

Someone has said that perseverance is one of life's most underrated and overlooked necessities. This was definitely the case in the life of Daniel. Ask anyone what it was that made him successful in Babylon, and the answers you receive will be as varied as the personalities of the people to whom you posed the question. Some will point to his dedication. Others will proclaim that it was his praying that did it, and neither answer is wrong. However there is another quality in the life of this young man that is often passed over because of its seeming insignificance. It is found in chapter one verse twenty one. *Daniel 1:21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of King Cyrus.*

There, did you catch it? I must confess that had I read it several times over the years before I ever caught the significance of it. It is a simple truth portrayed in the first three words of the verse: *And Daniel continued.....* It says to all who pause to ponder its meaning that Daniel was a young man possessed with a determination to persevere.

And Daniel continued..... could these have been the most important words in Daniel's quest to survive in Babylon? I am not sure, but I would definitely put them toward the top of the list. Daniel's patient perseverance was the crowning jewel in the life he had sought to build. Purpose was its foundation. Prayer was its infrastructure. And Perseverance is what brought it to completion. Nothing could deter him from his purpose or his prayer because of his perseverance! Kings and kingdoms came and went but Daniel continued. If my numbers are correct I count at least four different monarchs that sat upon the throne of Babylon during his lifetime, and yet the

text reminds us that Daniel continued. Babylon the Great may have given itself to change but Daniel didn't.

I am convinced that is the missing ingredient in so many of our lives as young people. We start the journey with a purpose, and even give ourselves to prayer for awhile; but then when the "new" wears off and the glow begins to fade we find ourselves slipping away from our moorings and beginning to drift along with the current of the world. Our purpose is forgotten, our prayer life forsaken, and then but for the grace of God we end up shipwrecked upon the rocks of sin. What we really need is a good dose of Daniel's perseverance! *And Daniel continued.....* he finished what he had started! And here is where so many of us find ourselves falling short. We are excellent "starters," but extremely poor "finishers." I challenge each of you to find a spirit of perseverance that will stir up the gift of God that is within you, and quicken your lagging loyalties until you reach the end of your quest having fulfilled your divine purpose.

I want to close with a story I read recently on the subject of persevering in the task to which you have been committed:

A father was trying to encourage his frustrated son. "Don't give up, don't ever give up," he said. The son replied, "But I can't figure things out. I can't get it all together. I've got too many problems." The father told him, "Remember, son, the people who are remembered are those who didn't give up: Robert Fulton didn't give up; Thomas Edison didn't give up; Eli Whitney didn't give up; Abraham Lincoln didn't give up. And look at Samuel McPringle!" The boy said, "Who is Samuel McPringle?" You see," said the father, "You never heard of him. He gave up."

So there we have it: Daniel's formula for surviving in Babylon. You must be committed to a divine purpose. You must be dedicated in prayer. But both of these will come to naught unless you are determined to persevere. The reason we read of Daniel is because he never gave up! Daniel continued!

Till next we meet, may God richly bless you in the beauty of His Holiness!



And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me (Ezek. 8:1).

(1) IN THE HOUSE EZEKIEL HAD SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES AKIN TO THOSE HE HAD ELSEWHERE.

Ezekiel knew God's love for His people's homes. He felt that God cared for them with affectionate care. He earnestly desired that nothing in the life of his home should grieve the God who loved that home so well. If we are to have rich spiritual experiences at home we must realize the love of God as centred on that home. Ezekiel also felt the sacredness of home. He deemed it no merely secular place. He saw its divine element. That God's presence was in his home he doubted not. Nor would he allow anything which might sin against that benign and holy presence. Every home may be a temple. When home is seen to be a sacred place there need be no limit to our expectation of spiritual blessings there. Now how is it with you, my friend? Do your spiritual experiences in the house rival those you enjoy elsewhere?

(2) IN HIS HOUSE, EZEKIEL SAW THE DIVINE BEING God in our house! This is an experience beside which all other experiences pale. If you see not God in your house you will see Him nowhere else. Behold Him there and you will behold Him everywhere. God in our house! His touch felt: His glory seen! This makes the house beautiful, fragrant, heavenly. Ezekiel found God willing to visit his house. Jesus often entered into a house when here, and God is ever entering into houses.

(3) GOD'S INFLUENCE WAS UPON EZEKIEL WHEN VISITORS WERE IN THE HOUSE.

It is shameful that we should give no sign of the things of God to our visitors at home. If they are not Christians we must show that we are. Let the word of God be read. Let the voice of prayer and praise be heard. Our house will be a center of evangelism if we thus commend God to our friends and our friends to God. If God's hand be upon us in our house those who visit us will perceive it by the spirit we shed forth. And yet more by our conduct. Can we doubt that Ezekiel's deportment and his actions would show his friends that God's influence crowned him in his home. Vain any profession of godliness if our conduct at home belie it.

4) EZEKIEL WAS QUALIFIED FOR HIS MINISTRY BY SPIRITUAL BLESSING RECEIVED IN HIS HOUSE.

God's hand fell upon the prophet in his house that he might be the more equipped for the work he had to do among men. Power was received at home for service abroad. He presently had rough and painful duty to accomplish. All enduement

divine would be needed. Loathsome sights were to be seen. Heart rending tasks were to be fulfilled. The word of the Lord was to be proclaimed. Righteous judgments were to be executed. Without strength received in private such public ministry could never be discharged. All who have public service for the Master must qualify for it as Ezekiel did. At home we must gird up the loins of our mind and receive the anointing of the Holy Ghost, then issue forth to keep our charge.

Spiritual Experiences at Home, Dinsdale T. Young



FROM TEXAS

We would like to take a moment to introduce Champion Holiness Mission. This is a new work located in Donna, Texas 8 miles east of McAllen, Texas.

This work is the vision of Bro Frank Rogers & Bro Thomas McCoy. The facility will be a bilingual church, a distribution center for food, clothing, etc and an oasis for our Holiness Missionaries laboring in Mexico & Central America. They will be welcome to use the facility free of charge as they travel to and from Mexico and return to the border to renew their visas. In addition to lodging in the dorms, RV hookups will be available to missionaries who need them. There will be someone on the grounds at all times.

The property has a 50' x 82' block building that will be made into a two story structure. The ground floor will serve as a warehouse and kitchen area. The warehouse has tall ceilings for multi-level storage and two large refrigerated areas for storing perishable foods. One chiller for produce, dairy products, etc. and the other for freezing meat products. The kitchen area will be constructed to accommodate an eventual youth camp & fellowship meeting. The upper floor (60' x 82') will be primarily dorms & restrooms.

The Lord has blessed us to acquire the property on July 23. Now the work begins in earnest to make this vision a reality. We hope to have enough completed to use in the annual toy drive in December. We will be having fundraisers, including a bike-athon based out of Fairland in October, to complete the construction of the facility. Our special thanks to Bro Jim Suits for the architectural drawings and everyone who has generously supported this vision. Champion Holiness Missions is incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-for-profit corporation. The mailing address of the Champion Holiness Missions, Inc.: P.O. Box 384 Bloomburg, TX 75556.

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A word from the WORD

The "Gates of Hell"... *"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it"* Matt. 16:18.

Christ appointed Peter to a leadership role in the church which He promised to build, and taught that this church would be powerful and victorious. Interestingly, many take this verse to teach security, that although Satan and his henchmen are attacking, the church and the Christian are safe within their fortress. In fact, many commentators understand 'gates' metaphorically, feeling that since gates are strong and important, they can be viewed as synonymous with 'power', implying that the 'power' of hell is marshaled against the church.

But this is not the case. The Greek word appears only a few times, and in no case can it be understood to mean power. It always means gates, either literal gates in a literal wall or a figurative entry way. Our text is not talking about the 'power' of hell but the "gates" of hell. The picture is not one of Christians cloistered within their castle while Satan attempts to destroy them, but one of Christians on the attack. The forces of evil are the desperate ones huddled within their stronghold, while the church is battering down the gates to destroy those within.

This same teaching is found elsewhere. *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringeth into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"* (2 Cor. 10:4,5). Verses like these sound the battle-cry, and the battlegrounds are the minds and hearts of men. We are to cast down (literally to demolish) improper reasoning and arrogant philosophy, capturing every thought for Christ, thereby destroying the bastions of evil.

Church, there is a time for us to defend ourselves, but let us never forget we are to be on the offensive as well. The Christ who leads us into the battle will surely lead us to victory. Yes, we are often afraid to speak up least we say the wrong thing or don't know enough to explain the truth. Remember His word in Matt. 10: 19, *"take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak."* So. ...TRUST GOD, He saved you, He has kept you these many years and He can lead you with the right word for your friends salvation.

Handbook for Pentecostals, W. H. Wyatt

A UNIQUE APPLICATION OF JACOB'S LADDER CONCERNING PASTORAL SUPPORT

A WELSH clergyman invited to assist in the ordination of minister in some part of England, was appointed to deliver the address to the church and congregation; and having been informed that their previous minister had suffered much from a lack of financial support, even though the church was fully able to support him comfortably. He took the following method of administering reproof.

In his address to the church he remarked, "You have been praying, no doubt, that God would send you a man after His own heart, to be your pastor. You have done well; God, we hope, has heard your prayer; given you such a minister as He approves, who will go in and out before you, and feed your souls with the bread of life. But now you have prayed for a minister, and God has given you one to your mind, you have something more to do; you must take care of him in order to make him happy among You."

"I have been thinking. You have need to pray again. What should we pray for? Well, I think you have need to pray again and I will tell you what for. Pray that God would put Jacob's ladder down to the earth again. What has Jacob's ladder to do with our minister? Why, I have been thinking that if God would put Jacob's ladder down to the earth again, that your minister could go up into heaven each Sabbath evening after preaching, and remain there all the week, and then he could come down every Sabbath morning, so spiritually minded and so full of heaven that he could almost preach to you like an angel."

"Oh, yes, that may be all very well; and if it were possible we should like it; but, then, we need our minister with us during the week, to attend prayer. meetings, visit the sick, hear experience, give advice, etc., therefore, we must have him always with us; we want the whole of his time and attention. That may be; and I admit the necessity of his daily attention to your concerns; but, then, you will remember that if he remains here he must have bread and cheese; and I have been told that your former minister was often wanting the common necessities of life while many of you enjoyed its luxuries. Therefore, I thought that if God would put Jacob's ladder down, your present preacher might preach to you on the Sabbath and by going up to heaven after the service of the day, it would save you the painful necessity of supporting him."

-Bagley's Family Biblical Instructor



I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

God loves everyone, but prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

Excuses:

"They all with one consent began to make excuse." *Lu.14:18.*

I. An excuse implies guilt. It is the acknowledgment of an unperformed duty, with a request for pardon. Our capacity for action in a life full of limitations is such that we are occasionally forced to leave undone or defer doing what we ought to do. In such a case we feel justified in asking to be excused. But our excuses become insults to the party to whom they are offered when we exalt a minor duty above a great and essential one, when by our very excuses we minimize the importance of the one thing needful.

II In the parable of the great supper earthly interests are set against the divine call of grace by the unwilling guests. Does the Lord, then, mean that in order to become Christians we must let weeds grow on our farms, suffer our cattle to perish, and break a lawful marriage engagement? Indeed not; all these things have the divine approval and do not in themselves conflict with the profession and practice of Christianity. Peter was engaged in plying his trade as a fisherman when the Lord asked for the loan of his boat, and Peter incurred no loss by suspending for a season his regular occupation.

III. Godliness is profitable unto all things, and has the promise of this life and that which is to come. But foolish shortsightedness, carnal indifference, and plain aversion to holy things make men misunderstand completely in which direction their best interests lie.

IV. It is this materialistic, thoroughly secular spirit that the Lord attacks in the present parable. As a servant of the Lord and rejoicing in God's favor, how much better would the farmer have enjoyed his new field, the cattle-raiser his oxen, the newly-married the holy estate of matrimony [Justly the Lord of the banquet is angry at such ruthless contempt of his gracious overtures to sinners.

Points To Ponder

Zoo visitors were amazed to see a cage, labeled "Coexistence," containing a lion and some lambs. The zoo director explained that there was no difficulty about it at all - "just add a few fresh lambs now and then. So is the coexistence of the church and world; one will conquer the other.



Man is the only animal that blushes -or needs to!



The devil is the father of lies. But he neglected to patent the idea, and the business now suffers from too much competition.

THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD... Proved by Experimental Evidence.

Do men want to know whether the Bible is God's Word? Let them examine it, as I would take a piece of coal if I were a scientist, or a mineralogist, and examine it carefully, and trace it right through the stages of its development, and prove it coal. This is what the scientists would do -examine every component part, and then declare it coal.

But I have a much better way, and a shorter one. This is my evidence. I go to my fire, which is burning brightly, and throw it in. Does it burn like coal? Yes it does.

And now, if we could only get our minds to lay hold of it, and practise the mighty principles laid down in it, then indeed shall we be able to speak experimentally of the Word of God and of those mighty truths which make us men. Samuel Taylor Coleridge said he believed the Bible was God's book, because it found him out as no other book did. -*Sharpened Tools for Busy Workers*

Bro. Tony Stidham has made a ministry transition and wants to sell his RV. Apha Gold 5th Wheel, model 274 Year 2003, 3 slides 396 Sq. Ft. 14,500 lb. aluminum frame, leather furniture, king bed, oak cabinets, trim Tony Stidham 6300 S. Garrison Rd, Connersville, IN 47331 765-825-9242

Special Services

Youth Services

Semms, AL
Allentown Holiness Church
Holiness Youth Retreat, Oct. 17-18
Sat. 9:00 AM Jonathan Brock
Sat. 2:30 PM Bro. Ricky Savage
7:30 PM Bro. Douglas Meadow
Contact Joseph Snow 251-404-7487

Fellowship, Camp Meetings

Oklahoma City, OK
Mt. Vernon Holiness Church
60th Anniversary Fellowship
Oct. 24-28
10:00 AM Visiting Ministers
7:30 PM Bro. Shad McDonald
Pastor Rick Searcy 405-635-0840
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Sumter, SC
Pocolla Holiness Church
Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 26-28
Day Spkr Bro. David Horton
Night Spkr Bro. Ralph Horton
Pastor Tim Hudson 803-481-3541
◆
Mounty Airy, NC
Boones Hill Emanual Holiness Church
Campmeeting, Oct. 1-4
Fri. 11:00 AM Visiting Ministers
Sat. 11:00 AM Bro. Lynn Head
Night Spkr Bro. Lynn Head
Pastor Tommy Jackson 336-786-6666
◆
Bond, KY
Bond Holiness Church
Bond Holiness Campmeeting, Oct. 7-10
10:00 AM Rev. Bill Parks
(& Visiting Ministers)
7:00 PM Rev. B. D. Sutherland
Pastor John Gabbard 606-364-3180 or
606-364-4258

Indianapolis, IN
 Shelby St. Pentecostal Lighthouse
 32nd Annual Homecoming Oct. 5-10
 7:00 PM..... Bro. Neil Bridges
 (Also Sunday 11:00 AM)
 10:00 AM..... David Mann & Family
 Pastor Wayne Grace 317-834-0222 or
 Pastor Carlos Burdine 317-881-9807



Gastonia, NC
 True Vine Church of God
 Homecoming Services,
 Oct. 5-10
 Spkr Bro. Randy Webb
 Pastor Richard Williams
 704-864-0409



Robertsdale, AL
 Soul's Harbor Holiness Church
 5th Annual Fellowship Meeting @
 Loxley Civic Center,
 Oct. 8-10, 7:30 PM
 Wed. Bro. Philip Deane
 Thurs. Bro. Bill Perryman
 Fri. Bro. Kevin Webster
 Pastor Robin Nelson
 251-223-1022



**17th Annual Pentecostal Ladies Retreat
 October 8-10, 2008**

NEW LOCATION: Settle Inn Resort &
 Conference Center, 3050 Green Mountain
 Dr. Branson, MO
 (Formerly Kimberling Inn Resort in
 Kimberling, MO)
 Eve. Speaker: Sis. Shirley Lester:
 Day Speakers:
 Sis. Darla Lester & Sis. Ruth Brimm:
 MUST register to attend. Registration fee is
 \$ 60.00 Registration will be closed after
 Sept. 30, 2008

Contact: Brenda Galiher, 7063 County Road
 1120, West Plains, MO 65775, 417-257-1055
 Director: Tricia Hight: 417-255-1703
 Co-Director: LaDona Blue: 864-445-3161



Lake Placid, FL
 New Life Holiness Church
 South Florida Campmeeting,
 Oct. 14-17
 10:00 AM..... Bro. Dollas Messer
 6:00 PM..... Youth Services
 7:30 PM..... Bro. L. D. Savage
 Contact: Bro. Rufus Caraway 863-990-
 0054 or 863-993-0655

West Harrison, IN
 Higher Ground Conference Center
 12th Annual Ladies Retreat, Oct. 15-17
 Day Spkr:
 Jo Ann Bridges, Sharon Brock, Darla
 Lester, Carolyn McDonald, Janice Wood
 Contact: Diane Miller 812-637-5393 or
 Missy Cornett 513-417-2418



Piedmont, AL
 Charlie Penny Road Holiness Church
 Homecoming, Services,
 Oct. 15-18
 Spkr Bro. Joey Hight
 Homecoming: Saturday, 10:00 AM
 Pastor Roger Boyd 256-283-5091 or
 Justan Pruitt 256-847-1436



Elkton, VA
 Bible Holiness Church
 11th Annual Indoor Campmeeting
 Oct. 16-19
 10:00 AM..... Bro. Dollas Messer
 Night Spkr Bro. Brent Gabbard
 Pastor Gary Edenfield
 540-298-1277



Enid, MS
 Calvary Holiness Church
 Fellowship Meeting,
 Oct. 16-19
 Thurs. & Fri. Night, Sat. Morn. Speaker:
 Bro. Randy Webb
 Fro. Morn, Sat. & Sun. Evening Spkr:
 Bro. Shad McDonald
 Pastor David Uselton
 662-623-9996



Thayer, MO
 Midway Pentecostal Church
 Fall Fellowship Meeting,
 Oct. 23-26
 Day Spkr Bro. Jimmy John Millikin
 & Visiting Minsiters
 Night Spkr Bro. Darrell Meadow
 Pastor Don Tabor
 417-264-2958



Louisville, KY
 House of Prayer
 Fellowship Meeting,
 Oct. 30 - Nov. 2
 10:30 AM..... Visiting Ministers
 7:30 PM..... Rev. Lynn Head
 Pastor Jimmy Deckard
 502-966-0234

Dayton, OH
 First Pentecostal Church of Murlin
 Heights
 Fellowship Meeting, Nov. 7-9
 10:00 AM..... Bro. Russell Cheek
 7:00 PM..... Youth Service
 Night Spkr Bro. Tracy Boyd
 Pastor Kevin Lloyd 317-507-5543 or
 832-1215



Prague, OK
 Lighthouse Holiness Church
 Fellowship Meeting, Nov. 7-9
 10:00 AM Visiting Minsiters
 7:30 PM..... Bro. Randy Webb
 Contact Bro. Araon Brock 405-830-1928



Pascagoula, MS
 Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle
 Annual Fellowship Meeting,
 Nov. 12-15
 10:00 AM..... Visiting Minsiters
 6:00 PM..... Youth Services
 7:30 PM..... Bro. Lloyd Shuecraft
 Pastor Russell McDonald 228-990-8329
 or 474-2216



Richmond, IN
 Trinity Pentecostal Church
 Annual Holiness Convention,
 Nov. 18-21
 10:00 AM..... Bro. Lynn Head
 7:00 PM..... Bro. Randy Webb
 Pastor Stephen Barrett
 765-277-9377 or 765-962-8258



Waynesboro, MS
 Waynesboro Holy Church of God
 Fellowship Meeting,
 Nov. 19-21
 7:30 PM..... Rev. Bill Finley
 Pastor I. D. Sullivan 251-846-2157



Riverbank, CA
 Riverbank Holiness Church
 Thanksgiving Campmeeting
 Nov. 26-30
 Spkr Bro. Terry Guthrie
 Pastor Fred Wood
 209-869-1132



Russellville, AR
 Parker Hill Holiness Church
 Annual Anniversary Service
 Dec. 5th, 7:30 PM
 Spkr Bro. Tim Brimm
 Pastor David Harrison 479-967-1036 or
 970-7797