

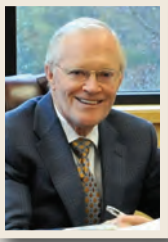
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**PROVE THE BIBLE!**



*A personal message from the Editor in Chief, Roderick C. Meredith*

## CAN YOU PROVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE?

Most people smugly drift along through life holding ideas and beliefs that they have never proved! This may not be too dangerous when it involves opinions about sports teams, or about who was the world's greatest politician, the most beautiful actress or things of that nature.

But when it involves one's eternal life—when it involves the whole purpose for human existence—then we had better be absolutely sure of our opinions. We had better prove beyond all doubt what we believe!

I well remember growing up in a small Midwestern city. My family was average in most ways. Mom, Dad, Patty, Kathryn and I were the family—I was the oldest child. We attended one of the largest and most respected “mainstream” churches. My parents had both graduated from a small liberal arts college sponsored by our church. They were very devoted to the church, though not in a strident or fanatical way.

Some of my earliest memories include celebrating Christmas. My sisters and I were told that Santa Claus would come “sneaking down” our fireplace chimney and bring us presents the night before Christmas. It was an exciting time—lots of presents, a big family meal and “time off” from school!

Then we learned that the “Easter Bunny” would lay eggs and we had to look for them all over the house on Easter Sunday mornings. Later, we were told that Christ rose from the dead on Easter, but that certainly was not the focus of our attention.

In Sunday School, we drew maps of the Holy Land, and we memorized the Lord's Prayer and a few sentimental scriptures. But when we were drilled on the Lord's Prayer, it was never explained to us what “Thy Kingdom come” actually meant, nor the vital phrase, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Rather, we were taught that if we were generally “good” boys and girls we would just “go to heaven” when we died. Of course, Jesus Christ's direct statement, “No one has ascended to heaven” (John 3:13), was never discussed. And certainly no discussion ever

occurred regarding the dozens of scriptures clearly describing the Christian's goal of assisting Christ in ruling this earth—such as 1 Corinthians 6:2–3: “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?”

The sweet little old lady who taught us in Sunday School told us many times—as did others later—that Jesus taught in parables to make more clear the meaning of what He was saying. Apparently this sweet lady—like hundreds of sincere ministers and teachers—was unaware of Jesus' direct explanation of why He spoke in parables. “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them’” (Mark 4:11–12).

But, you may exclaim, “Wasn't Jesus trying to save everyone?”

No, He was not, strange as that may seem. For He Himself said, “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:44). Then, for emphasis, Jesus essentially repeated that shocking statement, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father” (v. 65).

That, my friends, is why most people on earth have never been—and are not now—any kind of Christians. Only about one-third of the earth's population professes the name of Jesus Christ. Yet the Apostle Peter said “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

You must understand that—if you are willing to accept the plain words of the Bible—people are not truly “Christian” just because they profess the “name” of Jesus Christ. Most of the mainstream religions have

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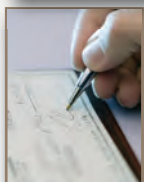


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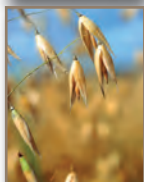
Can you trust what you read in the Bible? Were you taught that it is an outdated and inaccurate set of stories and myths? The truth is that you can prove, for yourself, that the Bible is accurate and true—and that it reveals not only history and prophecy but a practical and vital Way of life!

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# FINANCIAL SECURITY AND BLESSINGS!

By Roderick C. Meredith

**M**uch of the world is now suffering from the *greatest financial recession* since the Great Depression of 1929–39. Millions of people in the United States, Canada and Britain are unemployed. New jobs are very hard to come by. The financial picture certainly looks bleak. Why?

Where are we headed? And what is the only *genuine* solution for our peoples—and for you, personally, in the years just ahead? Frankly, if we look only at the “around”—the physical circumstances and financial indicators surrounding us—we will be missing the point. For these financial trials and tests are part of a Big Picture—part of the ongoing **purpose** being worked out by the Creator. As Sir Winston Churchill told a joint session of the U.S. Congress on December 26, 1941, “I will say that he must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great **purpose** and *design* is being worked out here below, of which we have the honor to be the faithful servants.” Yet, although his words imply a Supreme Power in charge of this working out, Sir Winston himself was *not called* to understand the very purpose to which he was referring.

We certainly hope that you who are reading this article *are!*

For *if* you have proved to yourself that a **real** God—a supreme personal God with total power and intelligence—truly exists, then you can begin to understand. And *if* you have proved to yourself that

the Holy Bible *really is inspired* by that great God, then *read on!* For the God of the Bible clearly shows that if His own people *turn away from Him*, they will suffer physically and financially as well. We have explained this many times in *Tomorrow's World* magazine. For the Anglo-Saxon peoples of the U.S. and the British-descended nations are definitely part of the "Lost Ten Tribes" of Israel. And so, the inspired word of God clearly prophesied that when these nations would turn away from God "in the latter days," they would suffer **enormous** punishments. The great wealth that God *gave them* would be taken away. Individually, these once-blessed peoples would be *brought down* and greatly **humbled** in a powerful way they never before experienced.

In an inspired warning to our forefathers—which certainly has a *dual* application and so *does apply to us today*—God stated, "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all *His commandments* and *His statutes* which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: 'Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks'" (Deuteronomy 28:15–18). This prophecy obviously involves national and individual **catastrophe** on the peoples who forsake obedience to their Creator!

Later in this same prophecy, God warns, "The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail" (vv. 43–44).

As you know if you have been following the news, until about 20 years ago the United States of America was the world's wealthiest nation and the world's biggest lender. Now, the U.S. is the world's greatest **borrower**—with a national debt now measured in the **trillions** of dollars! Nations like China, Japan and Germany now own *most* of the U.S. debt. If unduly provoked, they could economically *destroy America* in very short order!

### **"Listen" to the Bible!**

God's word is **powerful!** And we *need to listen*. God tells us, "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7). In more ways than one, we will soon become the "servants" of the very nations to whom we owe untold **billions** of dollars!

Again, *why?*

God's inspired word answers, "Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, *because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you*" (Deuteronomy 28:45).

As our Creator now begins to intervene in the affairs of this world more than ever, as our beloved nations are brought down because of our rebellion against God and His inspired word, will we nationally or individually be genuinely willing to "listen" to our Creator and **heed** His instructions?

*Listen!* The God of the Bible *wants us* to have a good life and reasonable prosperity. God's own Son stated, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The inspired Greek word here translated "abundantly" means a *full* and *plentiful* existence. True Christians will certainly *not* all become millionaires!

But our Father in heaven has **promised** again and again to watch over and "take care" of those who serve and obey Him and His laws.

After describing the natural concern most people have for the basic necessities of food and clothing, Jesus Christ exhorted us, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, "Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5). So God will **never** "forsake" those who truly serve Him.

What is the "mind of God" regarding *our financial responsibility* to the Creator who gives us life and breath? What does God clearly reveal in *His inspired word*? After describing the events regarding Israel's exodus from Egypt and the trials and tests and **punishments** God administered to ancient Israel, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Now all these things happened to them as **examples**, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

One of the primary examples given in the entire Old Testament is the example of Abraham. For Abraham is called "the *father* of all those who believe" (Romans 4:11). He is also called three different times, "the friend of God" (James 2:23; 2 Chronicles 20:7; Isaiah 41:8). Through Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his own son, Abraham is used as an example of *God Himself* in a way *no other man* has been in the Bible (Genesis 22).

So we should certainly *want to follow* Abraham's example!

Though Abraham was truly a great man, an even *greater* Personage is introduced in Genesis 14:18–20—"Melchizedek," King of Salem. This



great Personality is described in the inspired description in Hebrews 7:1–3: “For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, *to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all*, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”

As you read this chapter carefully, it becomes obvious that Melchizedek was not a man, but was actually the Personality who became Jesus Christ Himself in the New Testament! And God tells us in verse 9, “Even *Levi*, who receives tithes, *paid tithes through Abraham*, so to speak.”

This *powerful example* of Abraham—the “father of the faithful”—*paying tithes* to Melchizedek ought to make any God-fearing person want to follow the example of the father of the faithful—if that person would want to be truly faithful to his Creator! And, as is indicated in Hebrews 7:9, it is not merely a matter of “giving” a tithe to God—for Levi “paid” tithes through Abraham. The original example tells us that Abraham was aware that God was “possessor of heaven and earth.” God is our Creator, our Sustainer and our Provider. He makes it possible for us to breathe the air that we breathe, drink the water that we drink and eat the food that we eat. Most human beings simply *do not think about that!* But God—through His word—makes it clear that we *owe* Him a **tithe**—a “tenth”—of our increase, because He is our ultimate “Landlord” and, our **God**.

Abraham’s wonderful example cannot be refuted by those who

would falsely claim that tithing was simply part of the “Law of Moses!” For Moses was *not even born* when Abraham set us the example of tithing. Later, we find that the patriarch Jacob also indicated that he would give a “**tenth**”—a **tithe**—to God (Genesis 28:22).

### Tithing Always Part of God’s Plan

In Genesis 26:3–5, we find the story of how God spoke to Isaac and described how He had given Abraham awesome blessings of national prosperity and millions of descendants, “because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.” Certainly **tithing** was one of these statutes (Leviticus 26:46; 27:30). So Abraham was simply obeying commandments and statutes that God had *already revealed* long before Moses was ever heard of! And so, Abraham became the “friend of God!”

Near the end of the Old Testament, in the book of Malachi—a sort of “bridge book” that leads right over into the New Testament—God told our forefathers, “*For I am the LORD, I do not change*” (Malachi 3:6). God has certain basic commandments and statutes that *last forever* for human beings. **Tithing** is certainly one of these. For the inspired instruction continues, “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, *In what way have we robbed*

*You?* *In tithes and offerings*. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it’” (vv. 8–10).

Because our human nature is basically selfish, and because God is not “real” to most people, most human beings and even *most ministers* come up with excuses as to why we supposedly do not need to **tithe**. Why? The Bible answers: “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of



God, nor indeed can be” (Romans 8:7). Carnal people seem naturally to resent the idea of a powerful God, who has a “**law**,” telling them what to do! So the typical arguments against tithing usually acknowledge that tithing *was a law* under the Old Testament, but that it is **not** required in the New Testament. Yet, Jesus Christ Himself **clearly** explained, “Whoever therefore *breaks one of the least of these commandments*, and teaches men so, *shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven*; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19). Therefore, as should be obvious for all who have eyes to see, Jesus specifically indicates that

His true disciples are to obey even the “least” of God’s commandments!

But did Jesus Himself *clearly indicate* that tithing was still to be done?

Yes! *He did*. Notice His words: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and

mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone” (Matthew 23:23). Here, Jesus shows that He expects those who practice love, justice, mercy and faith **also** to practice **tithing!** Any honest teacher of grammar—if it were *any other topic*—would agree that Christ is telling us **not** to leave tithing out! We must **not** leave tithing “undone”!

*How clear!*

For the entire Bible shows us that if we honor God with our possessions, “So your barns will be filled with **plenty**, and your vats will overflow with new wine” (Proverbs 3:9–10). We should all meditate on the inspired teaching of the Apostle Paul, “But this I say: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will

## Where Is Your Treasure?

*“A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; but money answers everything” (Ecclesiastes 10:19).*

Millions of investors have watched their “nest eggs” shrink in the last couple of years. Whether it is home equity lost, or retirement savings evaporated, the money on which they had counted is now gone.

Billions of people on planet Earth know a poverty that most in the Western nations can barely imagine. According to United Nations statistics, more than two billion human beings earn less than US\$2 per day. In the world’s 49 least-developed countries, 80 percent of the people subsist on that amount. Yes, even the poorest Americans are still among the wealthiest people on Earth.

On the one hand, Scripture warns God’s people against becoming complacent and lukewarm and trusting in their perceived riches (Revelation 3:17). Yet, God does **not** require poverty of faithful Christians who obey Him. The Apostle John told the brethren, “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in **all things** and be in health, just as your soul prospers” (3 John 1:2). Anciently, King David wrote that prosperity would come to those who delight in God’s law (Psalm 1:3).

So, how should Christians respond to economic crisis? One key principle is that if we have the right priorities, we should not fear. Jesus Christ taught us, “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:31–33).

Yes, to those who **first** seek God’s Kingdom, **all things** will be added. Does this mean two luxury cars in every garage, 60-inch flat-panel television sets and hundred-acre ranch estates for every Christian? No!

God assures Christians that if they stay close to Him, they will have everything they need—and, as He gives them more, He will also expect more of them (Matthew 25:14–30).

With wealth comes responsibility, and there is wealth that money cannot buy. Notice what happened when the sorcerer Simon approached the apostles, seeking to purchase the gift of the Holy Spirit. “And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, ‘Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!’” (Acts 8:18–20).

So, how are you using your money? Scripture reminds us that the true treasure cannot be found by building up our personal riches, or spending lavishly on ourselves. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19–21).

When you gain some wealth, do you mainly think about the nice “things” it can buy you? Or do you think first about your responsibility as a steward of what God has given you—how you can use your wealth to help your family, your loved ones and your community, and to thank your Creator and support His Work? God is looking at your heart. Are you seeking His treasure?

—William Bowmer

also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:6–8).

Again, as in so many biblical passages, our Father in heaven is revealing to us that *if* we are generous in giving to Him and His Work, He will indeed *pour out* blessings from heaven upon us in many different ways. For the very Creator is **able** to “make all grace abound” and cause us to “get the breaks,” to always have enough to eat, to always have enough to take care of our family—if we truly serve and obey the One who gives us life and breath.

Even though terrible trials and tests remain ahead for our people—physically, financially and otherwise—those who truly “walk with God” and **obey** their Creator will prevail in physical trials, in other personal matters, and will have the *divine protection* of God in the perilous times to come. It is all a question of how “real” God is to you! Will *you* be willing to truly see the Big Picture of your Creator intervening in human affairs, guiding the rise and fall of nations, actually **supernaturally blessing** those who serve and obey Him? It is **not** “too difficult” to tithe! For God’s laws only produce good in the end—since they are backed up by the living Creator!

*That* is the key! Near the end of the New Testament, the beloved Apostle John wrote, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3). Truly—if properly understood and practiced—God’s laws and commandments are **not**

“burdensome”! For they draw us closer to a constant acknowledgement of the reality of our Creator. They bring us closer to Him as we actually “walk” with Him in keeping His laws and commandments as a *way of life*. And then, through faith, we “see” the **blessings** He pours out on us in so many different ways. No, He will **not** make us all millionaires. But He will see that we have “enough.” He will take care of us. He **will** watch over us during the perilous times ahead.

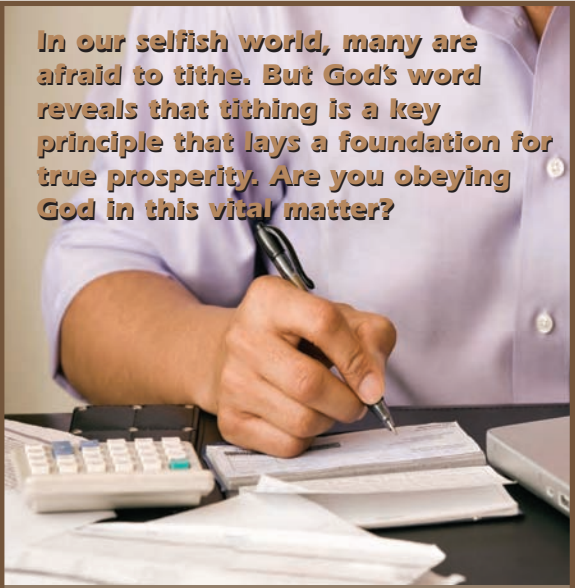
Having Jesus Christ **living within us** through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20) will enable us to obey *all* of the laws of God. Through Christ in us, we will be developing the very **character** of God. We *will want* to give, to help and to serve. And in these “last days,” we will want to zealously do *our part* in getting out Christ’s message to a very confused world. Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work” (John 4:34).

Then, through Christ in us, our passion will be to become totally involved in *generously supporting* the Work that Christ is now accomplishing through those who faithfully preach His full Truth. In *faith*, we will look forward to Christ’s return and to hearing those wonderful words, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will

make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord” (Matthew 25:21).

If we let Christ live His obedient life within us, and if we faithfully support the true Work of God in this age by tithing and also *giving offerings*—as He commands—we will have God’s blessings in *every part* of our lives. It is just that simple. Never believe the silly arguments that you “can’t afford” to tithe! The **biblical truth** is that you cannot afford **not** to tithe! For this very act of *worship toward your Creator* draws you closer to Him, to His way of life, and to the innumerable blessings that He will begin to pour out on you now and forever. ■

## God’s People Tithe!



**In our selfish world, many are afraid to tithe. But God’s word reveals that tithing is a key principle that lays a foundation for true prosperity. Are you obeying God in this vital matter?**

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# Questions & Answers

**QUESTION:** I have read that God will not hear sinners' prayers. Since all have sinned and come short of God's glory, how is it possible for God to hear anyone's prayers?

**ANSWER:** The sobering truth is that sin—the breaking of God's law—*does* cut us off from God! Indeed, ever since Adam and Eve, all *have* sinned, falling short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). The prophet Isaiah told the Israelites that their "iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2; John 9:31; Proverbs 28:9). How, then, can God hear us? Notice Isaiah's answer:

"Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6–7).

To be heard in prayer, one must **seek** God by turning away from sin. Sin is the breaking of God's spiritual law—the Ten Commandments (1 John 3:4). Because the carnal mind rebels against God's holy and righteous laws, Christians often experience an inner struggle (Romans 8:7). The Apostle Paul describes this struggle by exclaiming, "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:24). His answer? "Jesus Christ our Lord!" (v. 25).

When we repent, we turn 180 degrees and face toward God. With repentance comes a revulsion against sin, and a heart-rending change of mind. By God's mercy, repentant people see their helplessness and their inescapable need for faith in Jesus Christ. That faith in Christ and His shed blood cleanses the conscience from dead works (Hebrews 9:11–14), opening us to direct contact with the Father.

"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:19–22).

Genuine repentance means **total surrender** to Jesus Christ—repenting of thoughts as well as deeds! One must **truly accept** Jesus Christ—not shallowly, but **deeply** as Lord, Master and soon-coming King. True repentance means making His will, not our own, our life's priority

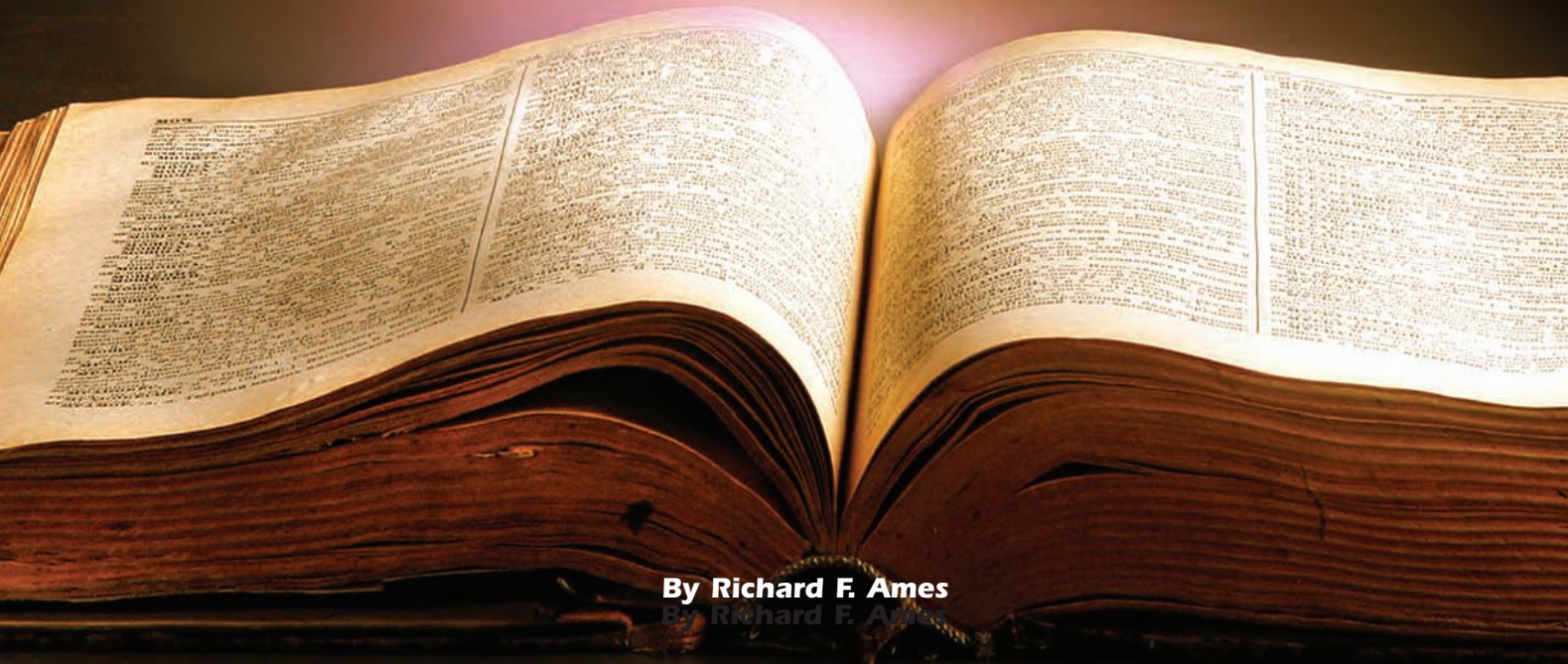
God *does* hear the prayers of those who truly **seek** Him, *repent* of their sins and turn His way. Notice the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9–14)! Those who rebel, ignore God and never change will simply **not** be heard! Their sins are a barrier, and cut them off from God. But a truly repentant attitude moves God to hear (Psalm 34:17). God promises, "But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word" (Isaiah 66:2).

Do Christians still sin—even *after baptism*? Yes! "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Yet God looks at the **heart** to see the intent. Before conversion, the human heart is hardened in deception and rebellion against God. After conversion, most Christians sin out of weakness or neglect, but repentance moves the growing Christian to cry out to God for forgiveness and strength to overcome. Many scriptures explain that conversion is a **growth process**—that we must "*grow* in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

But does sin *after* conversion cut us off from God as before? All sin that **has not** been repented of **does** hinder our prayers from being answered (1 Peter 3:7). However, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). As we repent of sin and yield to God, our prayers can and will be heard!



# PROVE THE BIBLE!



By Richard F. Ames

**King Solomon wrote, “Of making many books there is no end” (Ecclesiastes 12:12). But there is one book more important than any other.**

**Y**ou probably have a copy of the world’s best-selling book in your home. You may even own several copies. As the *Wall Street Journal* commented, “It’s an astonishing fact that year after year, the Bible is the best-selling book in America—even though 90 percent of households already have at least one copy. The text doesn’t vary, except in translation. The tremendous sales volume, an estimated 25 million copies sold each year, is largely driven by innovations in design, color, style and the ultimate niche marketing” (“Prophet Sharing: The Good Book Is the Best Seller,” December 23, 2008).

Yes, our Western world has long revered the Bible. But, what is the Bible? Is it really the revelation of the Creator God to human beings on planet Earth? Can you really prove that the Bible is divinely inspired—and historically and prophetically accurate? Yes, you can!

A recent Barna Research Group report indicated that while 58 percent of Americans age 64 and older believe the Bible is totally accurate in its teachings, just 30 percent of those age 19 to 25 share this view (“New Research Explores How Different Generations View and Use the Bible,” October 19, 2009). But what is the truth of the matter?

In our discussion of Bible integrity and inspiration, we will see just how accurate the Bible is. You need to prove the Bible. Many just base their religious beliefs on upbringing, hearsay, peer pressure, rumors and false tradition. They do not take the time to study into the matter for themselves and prove the truth. Yes, what is sufficient proof for one person may not be for another. But if you are willing to make the effort to prove the matter for yourself, you will find the truth! In fact, the Bible itself challenges us in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, “Test all things; hold fast what is good.” Or, as the *King James Version* states it, “Prove all things.” This article will briefly examine four proofs of the Bible!

## **Proof 1: Historical Accuracy**

Time and time again, skeptics and critics have alleged that major nations and individuals featured in the Bible never existed! But they have been embarrassed by evidence proving them wrong.

Is the Bible accurate? Not long ago, I was talking to a salesman who, in the course of our conversation, said,

in effect, “Well, you can’t trust the Bible.” I took a few moments to share with him evidence to the contrary—particularly the accurate preservation of the scriptural texts. Some people, to appear intelligent and enlightened, just go along with spurious criticisms. Back in the 18th century, critics even *questioned* the existence of the Assyrian Empire and the existence of the ancient city-state of Nineveh mentioned in the Bible. The skeptics were proven to be very wrong!

We see an example of this in the life of famous British archaeologist Austen Henry Layard. In *The Luck of Nineveh*, author Arnold Brackman reminds us, “In 1817, when Austen Henry Layard was born, there was no tangible proof that Nineveh, the seat of the Assyrian Empire, which reputedly had endured longer than any empire before or since, ever existed. For that matter, there was no evidence that there ever was an Assyrian empire” (Foreword, p. vii).

Layard was working in an environment that ridiculed the biblical accounts. As Brackman wrote, “In the Old and New Testaments Nineveh is mentioned twenty times, and in the Old Testament there are 132 references to Assyria... An increasing number of skeptics, however, their religious faith diluted by the spectacular scientific breakthrough accompanying the first stirring of the Industrial Revolution, sneered at tales about Nineveh and treated it as a legend that belonged to an age of fables. For them, there had *never been* a Nineveh any more than there had ever been a Troy” (pp. 12–13).

Despite attacks from critics, Layard eventually discovered Nineveh. Artifacts in the British Museum in London, the Louvre in Paris, the Oriental Institute Museum in Chicago and other museums, give *overwhelming* evidence of the historicity of this ancient empire as described in the Bible.

Archaeology has confirmed **hundreds** of other historical references in the Bible. Just to mention a few: The Israel Stele, a stone slab discovered in 1896 at Thebes in Egypt, is the oldest evidence of ancient Israel outside of the Bible, and records the military triumph of Pharaoh Merenptah of the 13th century BC. It states, “Israel is devastated, having no seed, Syria is widowed because of Egypt.” (*Treasures From Bible Times*, by Alan Millard, 1985, p. 100).

In this article we can only scratch the surface on this point, but you can research the matter yourself in countless Bible dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases and handbooks, as well as reputable journals such as *Biblical Archaeology Review*. Again and again you will find confirmation of the Bible account.

*U.S. News & World Report* some time ago featured a powerful cover article titled, “Is the Bible True? Extraordinary insights from archaeology and history.” A team of archaeologists was digging in the ancient ruins of the city of Dan in upper Galilee. Avraham Biran led the team. They discovered a basalt stone monument from the 9th century BC. The stele, or monument, commemorated “a military victory of the king of Damascus over two ancient enemies. One foe the fragment identified as the ‘king of Israel.’ The other was ‘the House of David’” (October 25, 1999, pp. 12–13).

Why should this be so significant? Note the next sentence. “The reference to David was a historical bombshell” (*ibid.*) Of course, for those who have already proved to themselves the accuracy and veracity of the Bible, this was not a “bombshell”—but just additional confirmation of what they had already proved!

Continuing with the article, “Never before had the familiar name of Judah’s ancient warrior king, a central figure of the Hebrew Bible and,

according to Christian Scripture, an ancestor of Jesus, been found in the records of antiquity outside the pages of the Bible.” Also: “*Skeptics* had long seized upon that fact to argue that David was a mere legend, invented by Hebrew scribes during or shortly after Israel’s Babylonian exile, roughly 500 years before the birth of Christ. Now, at last, there was material evidence: an inscription written not by Hebrew scribes but by an enemy of the Israelites a little more than a century after David’s presumptive lifetime” (*ibid.*).

Will you remain skeptical in spite of the evidence? Remember the warning of the Apostle Paul, regarding the proof of God’s existence: “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are *without excuse*” (Romans 1:20). I encourage you to be courageous enough to examine the evidence—to read the Bible yourself. You can prove the veracity of the Bible!

Critics have been embarrassed by their plainly biased allegations when archaeology and history have proved them wrong. Notice these comments by famous archaeologists as quoted in our free booklet, *The Bible: Fact or Fiction?*: “The manner in which archaeology has *verified* the historical accuracy of the Bible has been nothing short of *remarkable!* As noted archaeologist Nelson Glueck has written, “it may be clearly stated categorically that *no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a single biblical reference*. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible” (*Rivers in the Desert*, Glueck, p. 136). Glueck’s comments echo the words of another prominent archaeologist, William F. Albright, who stated, “There can be no doubt that archaeology has *con-*



firmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition... The excessive skepticism shown toward the Bible by important historical schools of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries... has been *progressively discredited*" (pp. 24–25).

Yes, the skeptics and the critics have been "progressively discredited." You *can* prove the Bible's inspiration and accuracy!

## **Proof 2: Fulfilled Prophecy**

Another way you can prove the Bible is that its Author—the Creator God—reveals prophecies, and He fulfills prophecies. He declares the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:9–10).

The Bible reveals hundreds of prophecies. In fact, one fourth of your Bible is prophecy. More than 200 Old Testament passages were fulfilled by Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Hundreds more give detailed information about end-time prophetic events—many of which have already occurred or are beginning to come to pass—especially regarding the growth of a European power that will become a final "Roman Empire" exerting influence around the globe. Regular readers of *Tomorrow's World* have read many of our detailed discussions on modern-day fulfillments of prophecy, so here we will highlight one example of ancient prophecy fulfilled as God predicted it would be.

Babylon was the greatest empire of its time, and Bible prophecy predicted that this great power would punish other nations as a judgment from God. Then, Babylon itself was to be judged for its sinfulness.

More than 100 years before the overthrow of this great empire, the prophet Isaiah named the individual who would be responsible for Babylon's fall. King Cyrus of Persia lived almost two centuries after

Isaiah, yet was prophesied *by name* in Isaiah 44! Isaiah even prophesied *how* Cyrus would enter Babylon to conquer it: "Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held; to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors [or two-leaved gates—KJV], so that the gates will not be



shut: 'I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, who call you *by your name*, am the God of Israel'" (Isaiah 45:1–3). What a *powerful* prophecy!

And it *came to pass*. For those who are Bible skeptics, note that the Greek historian Herodotus, ca. 440BC, also wrote of the siege of Babylon in *The Histories* (1:191–192), confirming the biblical account! Yes, both secular and biblical authorities confirm that Cyrus did what Isaiah had prophesied!

## **Proof 3: Preservation of the Text**

Can we assume that a God who is able to inspire the Bible text can also ensure that it has been faithfully preserved and transmitted to us in the 21st century? Again, we can look at the claim of the Bible—in this case a promise by Jesus Christ.

He stated: "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matthew 5:18). The jot (Hebrew *yud*) to which Jesus referred is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet—and the tittle is a tiny mark or projection associated with Hebrew letters. Christ was clearly stating that not only would the *words* of the Old Testament be faithfully preserved, but the *letters* as well.

Jesus stated, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Luke 21:33). This is one of several promises and claims of the Bible itself, that the words of God and the revelation of God will be faithfully preserved.

As one specific example, let us consider: has the book of Isaiah been preserved faithfully? In 1947, two ancient copies of the book of Isaiah were discovered as part of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Qumran Cave 1. These were dated a thousand years earlier than any previously known manuscripts of Isaiah. Had the words of Isaiah been preserved faithfully? Indeed, "they proved to be word for word identical with our standard Hebrew Bible in more than 95 percent of the text. The 5 percent of variation consisted chiefly of obvious slips of the pen and variations in spelling... [these variations] do not affect the message of revelation in the slightest" (*A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*, by Gleason L. Archer, 1974, p. 25).

According to the Apostle Paul, God gave the Jewish community the responsibility of preserving the Old Testament. Speaking of the Jews, Paul writes that, "to them were committed the oracles of God" (Romans 3:2). Or, as the NIV trans-

lates it, “they have been entrusted with the very words of God.” Indeed, history shows that scribes called Masoretes faithfully copied by hand the text of Scripture. The official Hebrew text is called the Masoretic text. These scribes were so meticulous that they counted all of the letters and all of the words in a given book to make sure there were no variations, even in individual letters of the text.

The text of the New Testament, written in the Greek language, was preserved in the Greek-speaking world. The *King James Version* of 1611 was primarily translated from the Hebrew Masoretic text and the Greek Received Text, also known as the *Textus Receptus*. Thousands of manuscripts testify to the accuracy of the New Testament. Again, as in the case of the Isaiah scroll, variations in the Greek manuscripts are minor and do not affect its message or fundamental teachings.

Do errors creep into the translations? Yes, some errors in Latin or English translations—such as the spurious addition of 1 John 5:7 hundreds of years after the Apostles—are well-known and easily identified. Thankfully, as we have so many authentic manuscripts to identify potential corruptions in the text, we can have absolute confidence in the claims of the Bible.

#### **Proof 4: Living by the Bible**

This final proof is based more on one’s personal interaction and experience with the Bible. Jesus said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’” (Matthew 4:4). Where did Jesus get this statement? He was quoting from the Old Testament, from a passage showing God’s desire that the ancient Israelites learn a deep spiritual lesson during their

exodus from Egypt. Moses had spoken to the Israelites, saying, “So He [God] humbled you, allowed you to hunger... that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3).

This last proof, unlike the others, relies on faith and action. The first three proofs were *external* in nature. But this proof requires an internal commitment to *read* the Bible and to *test* and practice its principles, precepts, and laws. Remember, “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Yes, test the Bible by putting its instructions into practice. “Prove all things.” You can begin by practicing the precepts Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7). Test each of the Ten Commandments by applying them in your life. Jesus said, “If you want to enter into life, keep the c o m m a n d m e n t s” (Matthew 19:17).

Once you begin to practice the principles of the Bible, you will begin to have understanding you never had before. We read, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His c o m m a n d m e n t s” (Psalm 111:10).

G e n u i n e Christianity is not a one-day-a-week religion. It is a way of life. In the book of Acts, early Christians were described as practicing “the Way.” Notice that when the Apostle Paul was defending himself in Caesarea against the charges of his fellow Jews, he told the gover-

nor, named Felix, “But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets” (Acts 24:14).

Many people in our day are not willing to practice the Way, and to discover its truth for themselves—but those who are will prove for themselves that it brings joy and fulfillment to the degree that we let Christ live in us and guide us to follow His instructions and the inspired principles of Scripture.

You need to prove the Bible. The Bible answers the mysteries of life. It gives us the principles for successful and abundant living. The Bible is God’s instruction book to all humanity. It gives us hope for the future, and the way to eternal salvation. May God bless you as you seek its instruction, revelation, and truth! ■

## **The Bible: Fact or Fiction?**

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# LONDON CALL

## THINKING THE UNTHINKABLE?

British historian Niall Ferguson has a sobering warning for the United States: *"When the American Empire goes, it is likely to go quickly."*

Writing in the March-April 2010 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, Ferguson alerts us that American alarm bells should be ringing very loudly, as "the United States contemplates a deficit for 2009 of more than \$1.4 trillion—about 11.2 percent of GDP, the biggest deficit in 60 years—and another for 2010 that will not be much smaller. Public debt, meanwhile, is set to more than double in the coming decade, from \$5.8 trillion in 2008 to \$14.3 trillion in 2019. Within the same timeframe, interest payments on that debt are forecast to leap from eight percent of federal revenues to 17 percent" ("Complexity and Chaos: Empires on the Edge of Chaos," pp. 30–31).

Ferguson, a professor of economic history at Harvard University, paints a picture of rapidly expanding government debt in the years ahead. "According to the Congressional Budget Office's 'alternative fiscal scenario,' which takes into account likely changes in government policy, public debt could rise from 44 percent before the financial crisis to a staggering 716 percent by 2080. In its 'extended-baseline scenario,' which assumes current policies will remain the same, the figure is closer to 280 percent" (*ibid.*, p. 21).

Is it even remotely possible that the once-strong U.S. could collapse under the weight of inexorably burgeoning debts? Ferguson suggests, "The *next phase of the current crisis* may begin when the public begins to reassess the credibility of the monetary and fiscal measures that the Obama administration has taken in response. Neither interest rates at zero nor fiscal stimulus can achieve a sustainable recovery if people in the United States and abroad collectively decide, overnight, that such measures will lead to much higher inflation rates or *outright default*" (p. 31, emphasis ours).

Just how concerned should we be for the health and stability of the U.S. financial system? And what effect will trouble in the U.S. have on conditions in the

27-member European Union, which together forms an economic market even greater than America's? For the past two-and-a-half years, the world has endured *financial shockwaves* of epic proportions, contributing to a *deep and severe recession* generally considered to be the worst since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Yet despite the difficulties, many aspects of the typical Western lifestyle have remained almost unchanged. Are we prepared for *major upheavals* that have the power to *change the world order* we have all grown used to? Are we willing to *think the unthinkable*?



### Fiscal Sclerosis?

Money can be likened to blood; unless it circulates around the system, the body dies! And that is what almost happened. Money—the *lifeflood* of the world economy—ceased to flow, and a shattering financial infarction brought the world financial system to the very brink of oblivion. Only concerted action by governments around the world—in effect rushing the patient into Intensive Care and placing it on life support—prevented its death. But the patient is still a long way from being nursed back to good health.

The problem, put simply, is debt; mountains and mountains of debt, everywhere you look, at every level: personal, business, corporate, banking and national. What it took was the injection of vast amounts of liquidity (money) into the veins of the global financial system—the financial equivalent of a massive blood transfusion—to get things moving again. For now, the ultimate catastrophe of complete economic meltdown, with the world descending into financial, political and social chaos has been averted. But by all accounts it has been a close call.





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From our vantage point of May 2010, many would like to believe the worst is behind us; yet the world's financial system remains in a precarious and vulnerable condition. And there are several powerful reasons to conclude there's a great deal of pain and shock yet to come to that system and all that depends upon it.

As the crisis has progressed, entire nations exposed to unsustainable levels of debt, such as Iceland and now Greece, have got into severe difficulties and risk moving into default. More nations are predicted to follow what has come to be called *sovereign* debt and default. The task of running down or *deleveraging* that debt still remains.

The deep recession and credit crunch has especially exposed the structural deficiencies of the European Union (EU) and the folly of what some describe as its *delusional aspiration* of successfully uniting an entire continent. The one-size-fits-all exchange rate and single currency for its member nations was always likely to be cruelly exposed in a crisis. What is right for the large, well-disciplined German and French economies, for example, may not be right for smaller economies like Ireland, Spain or Portugal. The northern economies typified by Germany are thrifty, generally responsible and prosperous, while the southern economies, sometimes referred to as "Club Med" and typified in the extreme by Greece, are more profligate, corrupt and weaker.

The EU has been thrown into crisis by the financial problems of Greece—with fears that this will start a sovereign default domino effect, sucking in other weaker indebted economies such as Spain, Portugal and Italy. Even the once-mighty UK, saddled with crushing levels of debt, risks losing its much-prized triple-A credit rating unless its government takes forceful action to halt the slide. Some commentators now even acknowledge the prospect of an embarrassing and calamitous default.

Some ask whether this developing crisis could even result in the breakup of the Eurozone as currently constituted—though supporters of the EU still dismiss such an idea as crazy and unthinkable. It certainly suggests significant reforms or restructuring to provide mecha-

nisms to deal with the emerging issue of sovereign defaults, which currently are not in place. Is it possible that one solution—also unthinkable because of its consequences—is for Greece to drop out of the single currency in order to set her own more appropriate interest rate levels to aid her recovery? Such is the extreme imbalance between different economies in the EU that it has even been suggested that Germany might pull out of the currency union in order that the wider economic problems can be resolved.

## A Thief in the Night?

In his essay, Ferguson poses an intriguing question that invokes a well-known biblical metaphor: "What if collapse does not arrive over a number of centuries but comes suddenly, *like a thief in the night?*" (*ibid.*, p. 22).

Biblical prophecy predicts an end-time European union of ten kings, nations or national groups (Revelation 17:12–14) that will briefly seek to dominate the world (v. 8). At present, the EU has 27 member states. We may see a revival of the idea of an inner core of EU nations—with Britain likely to find itself quickly shunted to the disfavoured outer core, after further economic weakening—even if some in the U.K. would prefer to stay in to reap the benefits of membership in a prosperous EU core.

One way or another, Bible prophecy indicates that a radical restructuring of the European Union **must** take place for it to achieve its desired dominance. That change, when it comes, will come quickly. Are the seeds of that restructuring already in place today? Certainly.

We should beware the siren song of those who say all is well, when the fundamentals speak otherwise. The Apostle Paul wrote, "The Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman" (1 Thessalonians 5:2–3).

The great lesson to remember is that things once considered unthinkable can come to pass very quickly. The world order is changing before our eyes, and more major upheavals are not far away. Watch and be ready when they come (Luke 21:34–36)!

—John Meakin



# THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST

By Rod McNair

***Do you feel the Spirit of God moving in your life? Can you be filled with the same Spirit of Pentecost as Christ's first disciples? Yes, you can!***

It had been an unforgettable 50 days for Christ's disciples. Their Teacher had come back from the dead after a brutal execution, and had taught them for 40 days. More than 500 at one time had seen Him (1 Corinthians 15:6). The disciples ate with Him, talked with Him and even touched the wounds where His body had been pierced.

But that was not all. After 40 dramatic days of instruction, the Savior ascended into the clouds, while His disciples watched with

wonder and amazement. But He did not leave them alone—He promised to give them something that would empower them with spiritual vitality they had never before experienced (Luke 24:49).

The disciple Luke describes Christ's encouraging words. "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, 'which,' He said, 'you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now'" (Acts 1:4-5).

What event was the risen Christ speaking of? What was this "promise" to come? Most Bible students know the basic story, but many are not fully aware of the profound impact this momentous 50th day would have on the Church of God from that point forward. It was the day of Pentecost—the day of miracles—the day the *New Testament Church began!*

## **The Day the Church Began**

What happened on that amazing Day of Pentecost in 31AD? Luke records the day's events: "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).



The beginning of the New Testament Church was characterized by astonishing sights and sounds. It was an awesome display of divine power, reminiscent of the awesome sights God had shown on the day He gave Moses the law on Mount Sinai (Hebrews 12:18–21). In fact, according to Jewish tradition, the law of God at Mount Sinai was given on the Day of Pentecost many centuries earlier!

But more important than the sights and sounds were the events that could not be seen or heard. These manifestations of God's majesty signaled the outpouring of the power of the universe—God's Spirit! The same power that ignited the sun and the stars—the power that formed and set the planets in motion—would now literally abide in human beings on Earth (John 14:17).

These people to whom the Spirit was given would never be the same! As Christ said it would, that Spirit of God transformed the disciples from the inside out. Once-timid men were now filled with the very faith and courage of Christ their Savior. It guided them to preach the message of the Gospel boldly. It led them to personal change and growth. The Apostle Peter—the same man who had denied Christ three times—now stood up and condemned the multitude for putting to death the Son of God, and fearlessly challenged the assembly to repent of their sins (Acts 2:14–39).

And the Church grew. The first dozens grew to hundreds, thousands, and even tens of thousands (Acts 21:20). And in the centuries that followed, God's true disciples faithfully persevered, guided by the same Spirit that was poured out on that memorable day.

Is that same Spirit transforming you? Is it motivating you? Would you like to have more pro-

found, personal change in your life? Would you like to have more evidence that you are being led by the Spirit of God? And would you like to be more personally involved in the Work Christ is doing today?

The true Spirit of Christ continues to lead His Church almost 2,000 years after that memorable day. The question is, *how can you make sure that same Spirit is leading you?*

### Why They Kept Pentecost

Why were the disciples gathered on the Day of Pentecost at all? Why that day? What were they

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doing? Just what is Pentecost, and why were the first Christians observing it? The answer may astound you!

The truth lies in the true origin of Pentecost. This observance was actually a Holy Day given to the Israelites centuries before! The Day of Pentecost was actually a Feast day Christ and His disciples had been keeping *every year of their lives*, because it was one of the ancient Feast days of the nation of Israel. It occurred in early summer (late May or early June) and pictured the early wheat harvest in Israel. Leviticus 23 gives the details: “And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath [during the Passover season]... seven Sabbaths shall be completed. Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath” (Leviticus 23:15–16).

Pentecost was an annual Holy Day named after the fact that it was calculated by “counting 50” days. It was “one of the great feasts of the Jewish year and was the reason why so many Jewish people from so many parts of the world were visiting Jerusalem at the time of the first Christian Pentecost” (*A Feast of Festivals*, Hugo Slim, 1996, p. 144).

The very fact that there were Jews keeping this Feast day from all over the world made “speaking in tongues” a necessity on that eventful day. Christ began His Church by having His disciples witness to many Jews and proselytes from all

over the Roman Empire: “Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs” (Acts 2:9–11). As the apostles spoke the Gospel message, each listener heard it in his or her own language (not an unknown or unrecognizable tongue, as some incorrectly assume)!

The Church of God continued to observe Pentecost after that first eventful day. As David Brickner and Rich Robinson write in *Christ in the Feast of Pentecost*, “There can be no doubt that the Feast of Pentecost was important to the early church, chiefly because the early church was a Jewish church” (2008, p. 11). The Book of Acts attests to this fact with



Luke's references about the travels of Paul: "For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost" (Acts 20:16). Why would Paul rush to be in Jerusalem by Pentecost if he was not observing that Feast? The only reasonable answer is he was planning to observe it in Jerusalem.

So was it just for Church members who had been born as Jews? Not at all! Paul also mentioned in his letter to the Corinthian church that he would "tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost" (1 Corinthians 16:8). Why would Paul refer to Pentecost in this way to a largely Gentile congregation, *unless Gentile Christians were keeping it as well?*

The so-called "Church fathers" would continue to speak of Pentecost in a positive light for centuries, as the late Samuele Bacchiocchi explains in *God's Festivals in Scripture and History: Part I*. As Bacchiocchi points out, Clement of Alexandria (about 150–215AD) expressed: "Fifty is the symbol of hope and of remission given at Pentecost"; Tertullian (about 160–225AD) wrote that "Pentecost is a most joyful space"; Origen (about 185–254AD) spoke of Christians as being "always in the season of Pentecost"; Eusebius (about 260–340AD) referred to Pentecost as an "august and holy solemnity" and the "feast of feasts"; and John Chrysostom (about 347–407AD) gave a sermon on "Why are the Acts Read in Pentecost?" (1995, pp. 204, 206–209).

Even today, many "mainstream Christians" are familiar with Pentecost services, Pentecost sermons and Pentecost themes. *But how many Christians actually observe Pentecost?* Do you keep Pentecost as a Holy Day to God? Dr. Bacchiocchi continues: "Pentecost

is a popular term of the Christian vocabulary. Not only Christian preachers but ordinary members often speak of the need for a new Pentecost for the church today. Christians often pray for the power of Pentecost, the unity of Pentecost, the courage of Pentecost, the revival of Pentecost. There is much talk about the experience of Pentecost, especially among evangelical Christians, but little, if any, discus-



sion about the need to observe the Feast of Pentecost" (p. 226).

Do you keep the Day of Pentecost? Christ did. His disciples did. The Apostle Paul did. And God's true Church continues to observe it today. In 2010, the Day of Pentecost occurs on Sunday, May 23. Ask yourself, will you be keeping Pentecost this year? If not, why not?

### **How To Keep Pentecost**

How should you keep Pentecost today? Through the years, many unscriptural traditions developed about Pentecost, some bordering on the ridiculous. In the Middle Ages, in some cathedrals in Europe, "there

were 'Holy Spirit holes' in the ceilings of the churches, opening them to the sky... On Pentecost, doves were let loose through these holes to fly about in the church" (*Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras*, Diana L. Eck, 2003, p. 130). Do dramatic performances of doves circling above and rose petals falling from the ceiling (as some churches also did in the Middle Ages) please God? Is that the way God wants us to honor Him and regain the true Spirit of Pentecost?

Instead, the Old Testament book of Leviticus explains that the Feast of Pentecost was a Holy Day for the Israelites, on which they were to abstain from normal, everyday work, and to gather with other believers to worship God. "And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations" (Leviticus 23:21).

On this Holy Day, God's people gather together to hear His true ministers teach the real meaning of Pentecost for Christians today. They explain that God's saints are the firstfruits of the Kingdom of God—the "early harvest" in God's plan of salvation for all of humanity (James 1:18). They expound that God's saints today are called to prepare to rule with Christ in His coming Kingdom (Luke 19:17; Revelation 5:10).

On Pentecost, God's ministers teach how His Spirit will empower true Christians. As Peter explained, receiving the Spirit involves belief, genuine repentance and baptism (see "Baptism: Ritual or Requirement?" on page 22 of this issue): "Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for the reprint article, "Do You Really Want to Eat That?" I have reviewed everything that has been said, and read the Bible scriptures, over and over again. Today I have been more careful not to eat the food that God does not allow us. One challenge is that not very many people on low income can afford to buy the good meats that God allowed us to eat. They are more expensive, but pork is the meat that is most cheap and affordable. But I have stopped eating pork, obeying God's law. I will be moving soon, and will be keeping God's dietary laws under my own roof.

L. D., Waikato, New Zealand

I have just completed the reading of your booklet, *Armageddon and Beyond*, and I found it most inspiring. In fact, I read it twice. Having served as a the pastor of a Baptist church in the state of New York for 45 years, and retired in early 2009, I now find time to do extensive reading. I was very, very impressed with the contents of *Armageddon and Beyond*.

H. P., Baltimore, MD

Upon opening and reading the January-February 2010 edition of your magazine, I found that your "Political Correctness" personal message from the Editor in Chief was on point. I couldn't agree more. And your message on "Satan's Agenda" began on point as well. However, when my eyes landed on point 4, I became disillusioned. Our new President, Barack Obama, inherited one of the most trying times in our history—both foreign and domestic. The new President has not been in national office a good year, sir. How can he do for our nation what he can best do for it, unless we all get behind him, like him or not, as you yourself said of President Franklin D. Roosevelt? Remember, President Obama is all of our President as well. Thank you.

D. M., Wrightsville, GA

I made myself read part of the magazine, *Tomorrow's World*, you sent me yesterday. I usually let things like this lay around and end up throwing them in the garbage without even looking at them. For some reason I got this, and put it where I could see it and read at least

some of it, and I did. This is astounding. I haven't read it all yet, but what I did read sure got my mind's attention.

M. G., Duck Hill, MS

Thank you for teaching and preaching God's word so clearly and plainly that anyone who is called by God the Creator can learn and take needed actions. My wife and I had been searching for many years for the truth. Three years ago I had a heart attack. During my recovery, I had many a sleepless night. One night I flipped through the TV channels and came across your message on Vision Channel, which airs here in the northwest part of BC, Canada. I listened to you for a half hour and remembered, back in 1965, driving my truck in Manitoba and every morning at 6:00 a.m. hearing a message by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. Thank you for connecting the dots. Forty-four years later, I think it is just right to tell you that this has changed our lives profoundly and we thank God for opening our eyes to see the real message He has for those who will listen and take action.

G. K., Thornhill, BC, Canada

I would like to take this time to say "thank you" for your magazine and booklets. I am learning so much. For a long time I have prayed that God would send someone to help me understand the history of the Bible. I knew that there was so much I was missing. Then I picked up one of your magazines and God answered my prayers. By the time I had read the first magazine I knew I had to have more. Please keep sending me the tools I need.

B. P., Crane, MO

I am so grateful for finding *Tomorrow's World*. Ever since I was a little girl, I knew there was more to the Bible than what the pastor was saying from the pulpit. I was at the brink of committing suicide once, on the 21st of December, all because it was Christmas and I felt all alone in the world. But thanks to your article, "The Reason for the Season?" in your November-December 2009 *Tomorrow's World* magazine, I now know the Truth. Please send me a copy of your booklet, *The Holy Days: God's Master Plan*.

R. E., Anniston, AL

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# WATCH AND W

## Testing the Prophets

Scripture warns that in the latter times *false prophets will abound!* Scripture calls them *hypocrites and liars, influenced by demons and deceiving spirits* (1 Timothy 4:1–2).

As we approach the end of the age, many *self-appointed* ministers, prophets and apostles are making wild and competing assertions. Claims range from announcing that they are one of the end-time “Two Witnesses” to predicting the date for Christ’s return; from wrongly identifying the future King of the North, King of the South, or the Kings from the East; to declaring that the four horsemen of the Apocalypse have already been released!

What is the truth? Who can you believe? How can you test the prophets?



### The Red Horse

Prophecy is indeed moving *rapidly forward*. Terrible earthquakes, storms and other natural disasters abound. Religious strife, economic calamity, famine and immorality are spreading. Nuclear weapons proliferation and terrorism thrive. War rhetoric continues to escalate. The United States is increasingly seeing nations such as China, Venezuela, Russia, and North Korea as potential adversaries.

Briefly consider Iran. Apparently determined to develop nuclear weapons and continuing to threaten not only Israel and America, but also Europe, President Ahmadinejad is calling the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon “a big lie” and a pretext for the war on terror (*Associated Press*, “Iran’s Ahmadinejad: Sept. 11 attacks a ‘big lie’,” March 6, 2010).

Iran’s belligerent stance has caused German Chancellor Angela Merkel to demand “tough sanctions”

and to say that “the European Union would take action by itself if UN sanctions did not get passed” (“Merkel Calls on Russia and China to Support Tougher Sanctions”, *Der Spiegel*, February 25, 2010). Likewise, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has *for months* been calling for increased pressure on Iran and has said that Egypt rejects Iran’s actions (“Mubarak: Iran nuke program must be treated like Israel,” *Jerusalem Post*, January 27, 2010).

God’s true Church understands the prophetic implications of representatives of the coming European *King of the North*, and the Arab *King of the South* galvanizing against Iran—which is *modern Persia*, is east of Jerusalem, and is not the King of the South.

It could seem that the second seal; the red horse of war, in Revelation 6 has been opened.

Many claim it has. *Has it?* Will you use Scripture to “test the spirits, whether they are of God” (1 John 4:1)?

### The Olivet Prophecy Framework

Jesus Christ is the Revelator (Revelation 1:1). And Scripture records Christ at the Mount of Olives revealing *detailed information* about events that will immediately precede His Second Coming. Jesus’ Olivet Prophecy, recorded in Matthew 24, reveals the *same sequence of events* as found in Revelation:

- *Great religious deception* (vv. 4–5). This is the deadly militant religious persecution found in Revelation 6:2. This is the *first seal* and the “White Horse.”
- *Regional, national and ethnic wars will explode* (vv. 4–5). This is *second seal* and the “Red Horse” of Revelation 6:4.



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- *Terrible famine and starvation will sweep the earth* (v. 7). This is the *third seal* and the “Black Horse” of Revelation 6:5–6.
- *Disease and death will sweep the earth* (v. 7). This is the *fourth seal* and “Pale Horse” of Revelation 6:8.

After these four seals is the fifth seal—the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21). Then the sixth seal—the “Heavenly Signs” (v. 29). This is followed by the Day of the Lord and Christ’s triumphant return (vv. 30–31).

There have always been *harbingers* of the four horsemen. But, the *end-time* seals are opened in a specific order *within a timeframe of just over 3½ years*. And, there are very *specific events* associated with each seal. The first five seals of Revelation, outlined in Revelation 6, cover just over 2½ years. The sixth seal, then, introduces the year-long prophetic period known as the Day of the Lord.

While end-time conditions are now *rapidly coalescing*, it is important to understand prophecy *accurately*. Many people understand *some* prophecy and mix that with much error. But 2 Peter 1:19 demands that a *scripturally accurate* understanding of prophecy is one sign of God’s *true Church*!

## The White Horse Must Ride First!

The *first seal* releases intensified religious deception and a militant false religious movement. The “mother of harlots” (Revelation 17) will lead this movement and she will *persecute the saints* (v. 6). But first, the “mother church” must gather her wayward daughters (Isaiah 47:8).

Recent decrees such as *Anglicanorum Coetibus* are long-prophesied and *tremendously important* movements designed to bring Anglicans, Orthodox and Protestants back *under Roman Catholic supremacy* (Catholic News Agency, February 1, 2010). Scripture reveals that after this brief reconciliation, this system’s destruction will come *suddenly* (Isaiah 47:9).

Additionally, at the time of the first seal, a *brazen and satanically powerful false religious leader* will arise (2 Thessalonians 2:4). This man will have *supernatural* power to deceive. He will have the abil-

ity to perform *great miracles* such as causing fire to come down out of the sky (Revelation 13:13–14)! He will present himself as the leader of the entire Christian church, and even go on to demand to be worshiped as God!

For a brief time near the end of this age, as God’s true Church has *long understood*, this *great “mother church”* will temporarily manipulate (“ride”) the end-time European Beast power (Revelation 13:4–7; 17:1–7) which will crush the modern Israelitish countries immediately before Christ’s return. A ten-nation (or ten-kingdom) “United States of Europe”—essentially within the bounds of the old Roman Empire—will be under the sway of the Roman Church as it carries out its prophesied end-time activities.

Yes, it is clear that events are rapidly accelerating to usher in the end of this age and Christ’s return. But, it is also clear that the final false prophet has not yet been revealed. This is one of many reasons we know that, at this time, neither the first nor second seals have yet been opened.

## Prove All Things

Many people need to *test the spirits*, “because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1). Others, who became afflicted with “itching ears” need to return *to the sound doctrine* they once knew and stop listening to pompous deceivers *masquerading as ministers of Christ* (2 Timothy 4:3–4)!

Each of us must *prove* all these things (1 Thessalonians 5:21, KJV) *well before* the seals are opened! We must turn away from self-appointed prophets and false ministers and *prove from our Bibles who is faithfully teaching the Truth in power* while that faithful Church may still be found (Amos 8:11)!

God *has* preserved a faithful Church that *perseveres* in keeping His commandments (Revelation 3:10), is *zealously doing a worldwide Work* (Mark 16:15), and has “a more sure word of prophecy” (2 Peter 1:19, KJV)! Have you proven where that Church is? Have you “*crucified*” your carnal will to Christ (Galatians 2:20) to now live by faith *within* the body of Christ where there is *no schism* (1 Corinthians 12:25)?

—Wyatt Ciesielka





# BAPTISM: RITUAL OR REQUIREMENT?

By Scott D. Winnail

**H**ave you ever wondered whether baptism is really important for true Christians? Have you ever questioned whether *your* baptism is really valid, or whether those performing the baptism had the proper “credentials” in God’s sight? Were you baptized correctly, and did you truly repent before your baptism? What is the relationship between repentance and baptism? If you have had questions like these, you are not alone. Thankfully, God clearly answers these questions in His inspired word, the Holy Bible.

## Baptizing Babies

For centuries, many professing Christians have been sprinkled with water at baptism. How did this custom arise? Is it biblical? At first, sprinkling was used only for those deemed too sick for immersion, but it has since become commonplace (Latourette, K.S. (1999), *A History of Christianity* (pp. 195, 529, 715). Peabody, MA: Prince Press).

St. Augustine, writing in the late fourth and early fifth centuries AD, is credited with popularizing infant baptism. He believed that children were

born with “original sin” and needed baptism as soon as possible after birth to cleanse them of this sin. Martin Luther built on Augustine’s teaching by asserting that baptism changed, cleansed and renewed the infant by faith.

Infant baptism ultimately became popular because of the false notion that if an infant died before being baptized, it would be condemned to hellfire (To learn more about God’s plan for infants and others who die without having the opportunity to hear and accept the true Gospel, write for our free booklet, *Is This the Only Day of Salvation?*). The idea is that if parents do not have their infants baptized, they are in effect withholding an infant’s right to the grace of becoming a child of God (*Catholic Catechism*, Pt. 2, Ch. 2, Section 1, Article 1, “Baptism”).

But infant baptism requires no repentance—nor any commitment of faith! As we will see, baptism *must* follow true repentance. And repentance requires people to be mature enough to recognize their need to repent, as well as to understand “how” to repent.

## God’s View of Baptism

What does the *Holy Bible* say about baptism? The Apostle Peter commanded, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). This command teaches two things: First, baptism *is* essential for *all* Christians. Note that Peter did not say, “Repent if you want to,” or, “It would be nice if some of you would decide to get baptized.” He *commanded* them to “repent and be baptized.” Second, there is a *process* surrounding baptism—repentance and acknowledgment



of Jesus Christ as Savior, followed by baptism, after which a true minister of Jesus Christ lays hands on the baptized individual for God to impart His Holy Spirit.

The word “repentance” originates from the Greek word *metanoeo*, meaning: to “think differently about,” to “heartily amend with abhorrence to past sins” *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, Abington Press: Nashville). Repentance literally means to turn around and go the other way. It requires the ability to analyze one’s self critically in the light of the Bible, make a conscious decision to change, and actively begin living *God’s Way*. Baptism requires the actions of a mature adult—children and even many teenagers do not yet have the mental capacity or life experience to understand and make this deep spiritual commitment.

### **Sprinkling or Immersing?**

God inspired John to baptize where there was *much water*: “Now John [the Baptizer] also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, *because there was much water there*. And they came and were baptized” (John 3:23). Additionally, “When He had been baptized, Jesus *came up immediately from the water...*” (Matthew 3:16). Christ plainly stood *in the river*, not on the shore. Think clearly about this! *If* baptism required only a small amount of water for sprinkling, Christ would not have stood *in* the water, and “much water” would not be needed for His baptism. John easily could have used a bucket or water pouch. The Greek word for baptize, used in both Matthew’s and John’s accounts, is *baptizo*, which means to *immerse, submerge, or put under* the water. Note that God did not inspire the use of Greek words meaning “to sprinkle” or “to pour.”

Baptism symbolizes the burial of the old sinful self in a watery grave.

Rising out of the water represents our resurrection as a new person who will live in newness of life—a life where sin will no longer rule (Romans 6:3–6). God actually refers to repentant Christians as a “new creation” in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). And Paul refers to baptism as the “washing of regeneration” (Titus 3:5). A Christian’s baptism pictures Christ’s death and resurrection (Romans 6:1–6). The old sinful person “dies” and is buried in the watery grave, sins are washed away, and the person emerges as a changed and new person. The action and symbolism of baptism are *extremely important* to God.

### **Why Must Christians Be Baptized?**

Why *must* a true Christian be baptized? Why is just “giving your heart to the Lord” insufficient for salvation? There are several reasons.

The **first and foremost** reason is that God *commanded* baptism and gave the example to do it. One of Christ’s final commands to His apostles was, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19–20). Jesus Christ, the very Son of God, commanded His apostles to make disciples of all nations and *baptize* them. We read earlier about Peter’s command to the multitude: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). Christ also *chose* to be baptized in the Jordan River according to His Father’s will, as an example for us (Matthew 3:13–15).

A **second reason** for baptism is that we *need* baptism because we

*need God’s forgiveness*. We read, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Additionally, “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). We all sin and are worthy of death—“the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). Because we sin, we need God’s forgiveness and release from the death penalty that hangs over us. But what is sin? Sin is **lawlessness** (1 John 3:4). Before baptism, we must deeply realize our need to turn away from our previous rejection of God’s law in our lives.

Christ shed His blood so that we can be forgiven after we repent of our sins. But, without physical baptism, our sins cannot be “washed away.” Notice Peter did not say, “just give your heart to the Lord, that your sins may be forgiven.” He said, “*Repent and be baptized*” (Acts 2:38). Today there is confusion about the concept of giving one’s life to the Lord. For many, once Christ is acknowledged as Savior, and a “love” for Him is professed, there are supposedly no other actions necessary to enter into God’s Kingdom. However, truly “giving one’s heart to the Lord” entails complete submission of a person’s own will to God, followed by a willingness to live a life completely “in line” with God’s will and His rules. To have our sins “washed away” requires the God-commanded actions of **heartfelt repentance** from sin and the **burial** of the old sinful self through water baptism, as well as accepting Christ as our personal Savior and truly surrendering our mind and will to God.

A **third reason** Christians need baptism is because at baptism we commit to God’s way of life. We can never “earn” salvation. Yet God expects a **true** Christian to commit to and live a life that reflects the way Jesus Christ lived (Ephesians 4:1). We must “bear fruits worthy of

repentance...” (Luke 3:8), acting according to God’s expectation for us. Baptism marks a *point in time* from which we go forward as a *new person*. The Apostle Paul wrote, “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). He also demonstrated his forward motion toward the Kingdom of God—his goal. This forward movement began at Paul’s baptism and did not stop until his death. So, too, our baptism marks a physical starting point, a place in time when we fully commit to living God’s way of life, a point from which to measure our spiritual progress.



Jesus Christ clearly expressed what He and the Father expect from us, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:21–23). Christ *does* want us to love and accept Him as our Savior, and He also expects us to obey and *do* things *God’s way*, if we *really* love Him.

Through baptism, we symbolically bury our old, selfish self in a watery grave and come up in “newness of life” (Romans 6:1–6). This action demonstrates our commitment to living God’s way of life, physically, mentally and spiritually. Repenting of our sins, we promise God that we

will “turn” from sin and live our life His way, according to His will. This ongoing process of repentance involves our striving—with God’s help—to cease from sin. No longer will we purposefully break the Ten Commandments. We will joyously observe the seventh-day Sabbath and the annual Holy Days of Leviticus 23, and we will strive to obey God in every way (for more on the vital spiritual topic of repentance, please request our free reprint article, “The Missing ‘R’ Word: Repentance!”). These actions demonstrate our baptismal commitment to God.

A **fourth reason** Christians need baptism is that without it we cannot ultimately enter the Kingdom of God. The Bible is very clear that, unless we are baptized and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we cannot enter the Kingdom of God. God inspired John to write: “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, *he cannot* enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). And He inspired Mark to write, “He who believes *and is baptized* will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16). In order to be eventually saved and enter God’s Kingdom, we *must* first believe *and* be baptized. Without the initial steps of belief, repentance *and* baptism, being saved and entering God’s Kingdom one day is impossible. *The Bible is very clear about this!*

A **fifth reason** Christians need baptism is to prepare to receive the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. Some Bible students misun-

derstand the example of Cornelius and his household, who received the Holy Spirit before water baptism (Acts 10:44–46). On Pentecost in 31AD, the Apostle Peter had proclaimed to the Jews their need for repentance and baptism (Acts 2:38). About ten years later, in the household of Cornelius, God used Peter to preach the first such sermon to the Gentiles! And in response to Peter’s inspired preaching, the Holy Spirit came down upon Cornelius and his family, much as it had come upon the Apostles at the first Pentecost—confirming that the Gospel was now to be preached to Gentile and Jew alike (Acts 10:28)!

But does the example of Cornelius in any way disprove the need for water baptism? Not at all! Notice Peter’s words after the Holy Spirit fell upon these Gentile converts. “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord” (vv. 47–48). That is how important water baptism truly is! In fact, as Cornelius’ example demonstrates, those who say they have the Holy Spirit but would reject water baptism do not, in fact, have the Holy Spirit!

Years after the baptism of Cornelius and his household, God’s true ministers continued to baptize new converts, and God continued to give the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of those ministers’ hands. Indeed, Scripture calls the “laying on of hands” one of the “elementary principles of Christ (Hebrews 6:1–2)! The Apostles Peter and John laid hands on those Samaritans who had repented and been baptized, “and they received the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:17). The Bible makes plain what many do not understand—that God uses the laying on of hands, by His true servants, to impart His



Holy Spirit to those who have truly repented.

It is important to remember that baptism and subsequent receiving of the Holy Spirit (Cornelius and his family's case, in the reverse order, was uniquely arranged to demonstrate God's purpose) are given to Christians in preparation for a glorious destiny. The Apostle Paul stated, "Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee" (2 Corinthians 5:5). The word "guarantee" means "down payment" or "earnest." God's Holy Spirit, given at baptism upon the laying-on of a minister's hands, is a *precursor* or *down payment* for something much greater to come—entrance into the spiritual family of God at the return of Christ (For more information on this subject, see our free booklet *Your Ultimate Destiny*)! No one can enter God's Kingdom and His spiritual family unless God's Holy Spirit is first given. And the Holy Spirit can only come following true repentance and baptism.

So, centuries after Cornelius, how can we in our day be sure that hands are laid on us by a true servant of God? What does Scripture say? That ordinance will be performed by a male (1 Corinthians 14:35; 1 Timothy 2:12). He will be an ordained minister of Jesus Christ, or will be acting under the direct supervision of such a minister (Acts 8:14–19; 19:6; 2 Timothy 1:6). He will teach, and strive to live by, "every word of God" (Luke 4:4)—including the observance of God's weekly and annual Sabbaths and the Ten Commandments. He will be deeply surrendered to God (1 Timothy 3:1–7; 4:12–16; Romans 6:1–6). And he will clearly understand and actively teach the "plan of God" to those God calls (Mark 16:15).

The exciting truth is that after repentance, baptism and receiving God's Holy Spirit, we have the down

payment of God's Spirit within us—we have truly begun to walk the road of overcoming that ultimately leads to the Kingdom of God! "He who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be My son" (Revelation 21:7). The word "son" here also means "child." So, those who overcome shall inherit *all* things and be called *God's children*!

What did the Apostle John mean when he wrote that Christians will "inherit all things"? Look around this natural world. Look up at the stars in the heavens. Look at the mountains, the seas, the trees and the rivers. Everything that was made belongs to our great Creator God. And, when we inherit all things as His children, all this will be ours too! This is the plan of our great and loving Father in Heaven and His Son, Jesus Christ.

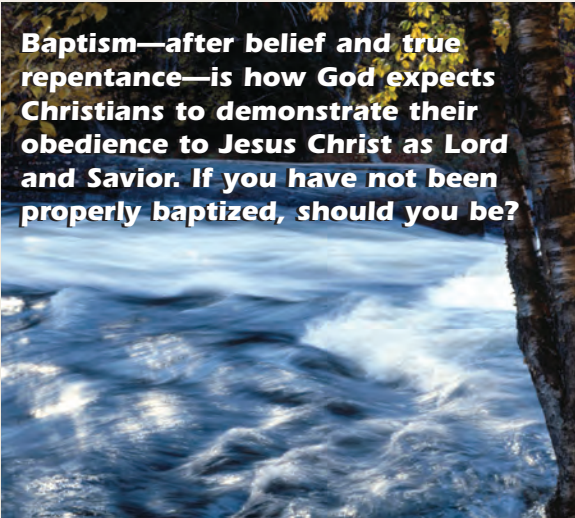
### The End of the Matter

God inspired the Holy Bible so we can learn more about Him and His expectations for us. The Bible clearly defines the doctrines that God's true Church should believe and practice. God *does not* allow us to choose *which* aspects of His truth we want to keep. He *does not* say "Thou shall keep only what is convenient for you, for I understand how difficult it is." God expects us to *do* His will and *live* according to His "every word" (Luke 4:4). And He promises to reward us for that obedience.

God clearly commands repentance and baptism, in order to

receive the gift of His Holy Spirit—if we want to be part of His Kingdom one day. Without true repentance and proper baptism, sins and their penalty cannot be washed away. We *should* "give our heart to the Lord Jesus Christ" and commit to living according to His teachings. But living as He taught requires truly repenting and being properly baptized by immersion in water. **Jesus Christ Himself set the example.** Repentance and baptism are the *starting point* on the road to the Kingdom of God. They mark a change in our life that will positively affect even our friends and family, and will ultimately allow us to enter into God's Kingdom at the return of Christ. God *does* require baptism for true Christians! For more information on this vital topic, request our free booklet, *Christian Baptism: Its Real Meaning*. ■

## Christian Baptism: Its Real Meaning



**Baptism—after belief and true repentance—is how God expects Christians to demonstrate their obedience to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If you have not been properly baptized, should you be?**

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## RELIGION'S MISGUIDED SHEPHERDS!

Believe it or not, some of the *strongest prophetic denunciations* found in the Bible are directed at the *end-time religious leaders of the Israelite nations*—including not only the Jews of the modern nation of Israel, but also the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Great Britain and other northwestern European nations that claim to be “Christian.” The *reasons* for these powerful condemnations of religious leaders have been *prominent in news headlines* for more than a decade. For anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear, ancient biblical prophecies are *coming alive today!*

### Multiple Warnings!

Jesus clearly taught that Christians should live by “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). He chastised religious leaders of His day who “honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me... *in vain* they worship Me, *teaching as doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matthew 15:8–9). Jesus also warned that at the end of the age, many will be deceived by preachers who falsely claim Christ’s authority (Matthew 24:5).

Christ’s strong statements about misguided end-time religious leaders were echoed by His disciples. The Apostle Paul warned that “*in the last days* perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves... blasphemers... despisers of good... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God... *having a form of godliness but denying its power... from such people turn away*” (2 Timothy 3:1–5). The Apostle Peter warned that false teachers would “bring in destructive heresies” and blaspheme the truth with deceptive words because “*they have forsaken the right way and gone astray*” (2 Peter 2:1–15). The Apostle Jude warned of “ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness” (Jude 4). We are watching this happen today!

### Religious Leaders Make Headlines

Recently, in the state of Iowa, 160 faith leaders presented a document to state legislators declaring their support for same-sex “marriage.” Last year, the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—who claimed that “God is still speaking to us”—urged Lutherans to consider more “modern” views on sexual orientation because “the understanding we have of homosexuality today *does not seem to be reflected at all in the context of the biblical writers*”—in other words, the Bible is not his church’s final authority! (Associated Press, December 8, 2009). He suggested that establishing more homosexual-friendly policies might help the denomination to grow—in spite of the fact that these very policies are driving many believers away!



V. Gene Robinson, the first openly homosexual bishop ordained by the Episcopal Church U.S.A.  
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While Baptist churches in America struggle with the issue, leaders of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have voted to allow homosexuals to be ordained into the ministry. However, one dissenting pastor stated with a “*deep sense of sadness*” that the issue is not about being homophobic. Rather, the issue “*is about the authority of Scripture... violating the teachings of Scripture and our confessional history, puts the church in the position of accommodating itself to a culture that is demanding permission for behaviors and patterns of life that, while self-gratifying, are not biblically permissible*” (Charlotte Observer, February 26, 2009).

Several years after approving the election of an openly practicing homosexual as bishop in New Hampshire, the leaders of the Episcopal Church U.S.A. elected the first woman in history to preside over their denomination. These decisions *deeply offended* many Episcopalians in the U.S. and abroad, who saw the actions of their leaders as a “*blatant disregard of*



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Scripture” (*Charlotte Observer*, June 19, 2006). These decisions ignore and violate clear biblical instructions about homosexual conduct (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:24–28) and the role of women in the Church (1 Timothy 2:12). The ensuing battle between leaders who want to follow Scripture and leaders who want to “move beyond” it threatens to divide and destroy the denomination! As the pastor of a Virginia congregation where George Washington once served in the vestry stated, “The Episcopalian ship is in trouble!” (*ibid.*, December 17, 2006).

In Britain, the story is much the same. Leaders of the Church of Scotland last year voted to approve the appointment of an openly homosexual minister—thereby “proving” to be “a modern church for a modern Scotland” (*BBC News*, May 24, 2009). However, opponents recognized that the action would further divide the Church of Scotland and the 77 million-member Anglican Communion of which it is part. The Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England, has also embarrassed and angered members of his flock by “apologizing for” and labeling as “sinful” the efforts of missionaries to spread the hymns and traditions of his faith to other peoples around the world. One frustrated British columnist took the prelate to task stating, “The cumulative effect of all this cringing and apologizing is daft and dangerous... Your Grace, show a bit of character and defend the traditions upon which your heritage is built” (*Daily Mail*, November 3, 2005). Following a trend, even some conservative Jewish scholars have moved to ease their ban on ordaining homosexuals—“upending thousands of years of precedent” (*Charlotte Observer*, December 7, 2006).

## Lies and Recklessness!

Few reporters or commentators understand the *real significance* of “progressive” religious leaders who openly reject biblical authority. However, dozens of Bible

prophecies foresaw these events occurring at the end of the age—just before the return of Jesus Christ to this earth. The prophet Jeremiah warned the Israelites that “the priests... who handle the law did not know Me” (Jeremiah 2:4, 8), and that “they have lied about the LORD... the prophets become wind, for the word is not in them... The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them” (Jeremiah 5:12–13; 14:13–14). In a

sweeping denunciation, Jeremiah proclaimed: “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture... they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name... They prophesied by Baal and caused My people... to err... by their lies and by their recklessness... In the latter days you will understand it perfectly” (Jeremiah 23).

The prophet Ezekiel delivered the same strong message! He was told by God, “prophesy against the prophets of Israel... who prophesy out of their own heart... woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit... your prophets are like foxes in the deserts... the LORD has not sent them... you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you... with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad... you have strengthened the hands of the wicked” (Ezekiel 13; 34:1–9). Ezekiel pointedly warned “the conspiracy of her [Israel’s] prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey... Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things” (Ezekiel 22:25–26).

This is exactly what is being reported in the media today! The “progressive” ideas and decisions of modern religious leaders—the shepherds of Israel—are openly violating the clear teachings of Scripture, undermining the faith of millions and driving sincere people out of churches. Millions of others are being misled by misguided shepherds whose appearance and actions were foretold long ago in prophecies that are coming alive today!

—Douglas S. Winnail



Same-sex couples in Iowa petition for marriage waivers after a state Supreme Court ruling that a ban on same-sex weddings is unconstitutional. ©Jeremy Portje/Rapport Press.

# It Is Your Time...

In the human experience there is a great equalizer. No matter who we are—and whether we are rich, poor, or somewhere in between—everyone has the same amount of it. Your life is made of it.

It is your time. Each of us has 24 hours a day—no more and no less.

Our language has many expressions that revolve around time: “Time is of the essence.” “Time is money,” “Time is fleeting.” “Passing the time...” “Killing time...”—and there is the memorable phrase from the book of Galatians, “the fullness of time” (Galatians 4:4).

Each day comes, and each day goes—and that time is gone. Time goes by, whether you use it well or poorly. Most people will tell you they feel pressured by time—that with so many activities, and so many demands made upon them, they have real difficulty getting it all done.

Business pursuits, family obligations and personal activities outstrip the time available to get them all accomplished. Many people deprive themselves of sleep trying to meet all the demands on their time.

Time is so precious that it should come as no surprise that the Bible has much to say about the subject. We see that God created the lights in the firmament “for signs and seasons, and for days and years” (Genesis 1:14). We see that on the seventh day He rested, setting apart the Sabbath as His special holy time (Genesis 2:2–3).

It was King Solomon of ancient Israel, given special wisdom by God, who wrote the memorable and important words, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Yes, there is a time for every right purpose in our activities—and we should set right priorities if we want to be in harmony with God’s will.

As Christians, we gain deeper insight into time. We realize, as the Apostle Paul wrote, that time is short (1 Corinthians 7:29). This perspective

gave urgency to Paul’s message to Christians in Rome: “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy” (Romans 13:11–13).

James, the Lord’s brother, put it this way: “For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Young people often act like they will live forever, but if you ask elderly people about their lives, they will usually tell you that life is short and time goes by very quickly.

The Apostle Paul made it plain in his letter to the brethren at Ephesus when he wrote: “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the

days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15–16).

How, then, do we redeem the time? One way is to avoid wasting time on foolish pursuits. This does not mean that we should not take time to relax—perhaps to enjoy a good book or pursue a stimulating hobby—but it means we should look for activities that glorify God and promote our well-being and the well-being of those around us.

Another key point is that we should honor the time God has set apart—His weekly seventh-day Sabbath and annual Holy Days. These days give us great opportunities to grow closer to Him. To learn more about these days—and how they reveal God’s plan for all humanity—please request your free copy of our booklet, *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan*. You can order it from our regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine); you can also read it online or order it at our Web site, [www.tomorrowworld.org](http://www.tomorrowworld.org).

It is your time—how will you use it?

—J. Davy Crockett, III





## The Spirit of Pentecost (Continued from page 18)

and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). As Christians commit to obeying God (Acts 5:32), the Spirit of Truth guides them further into His Truth (John 16:13).

What about wild displays of ecstatic utterance? Do they please God? Are they evidence of His Spirit moving? When the disciples spoke in “tongues” on the Day of Pentecost, it was clearly miraculous—but what were they *really* doing? Remember, Jewish believers from all over the known world were gathered in Jerusalem for one purpose—to worship God on the Feast of Pentecost. What the Bible records as “speaking in tongues” was God’s miraculous arrangement by which pilgrims of every nationality could hear the Gospel message spoken in their own native languages (Acts 2:8).

To have God’s Spirit guide you in your life, you must be willing to commit to a life of obedience to Him. As Jesus said, “the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:23–24). Part of that obedience is keeping Pentecost in the spirit in which God intended. *Are you willing to do that?*

### What We Must Do

What are the lessons of the 50 days before that pivotal Pentecost almost 2,000 years ago? The disciples witnessed the power of God on that crucial day. They learned that God’s Spirit can work miracles to accomplish His Work. They learned that His Spirit can break down barriers of culture and language, in preaching His message to the world. They learned that God’s Spirit was a Spirit of transforma-

tion, to bring about personal change in them, so they could do what they could not do before.

But what else did the disciples learn? A powerful lesson of those 50 days was *to carefully obey the commands of God*. Jesus had specifically commanded His disciples to remain in Jerusalem to receive the Promise of the Father (Acts 1:4). If they had not heeded His commands—or *had not been keeping the Day of Pentecost at all*—would they have been there to receive the outpouring of the Spirit on that historic first day of the Christian Church? Of course not!

The lesson for us is clear: if we want God’s blessings—to be filled with His power, His mind, and His Spirit—are we “showing up” when and where He does? Are we keeping the Feast of Pentecost—and other Feast days—which He made holy time to worship Him and call upon His name? Or will we be like the many who are Christians in name but do not really do what Christ commands, of whom Christ said, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

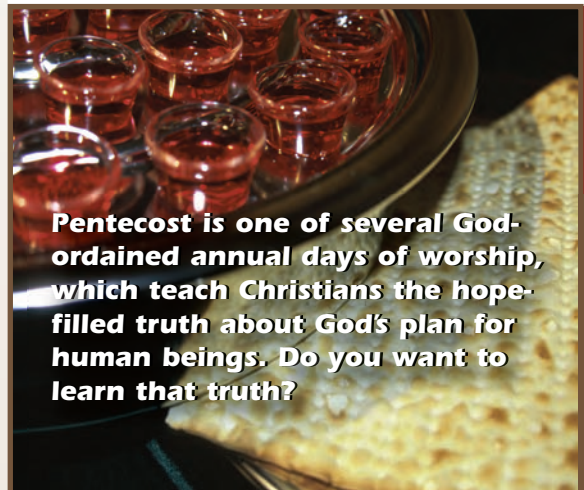
Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). True Christians must let the Holy Spirit really change them—from the inside out! They must grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), letting Him subdue their carnal human nature of lust, greed, envy and pride. They become focused on loving others as themselves (Matthew

19:19). True Christians are even to conquer their thoughts, as His Spirit empowers their minds to become obedient to the laws of God, in letter and spirit. As Paul wrote, Spirit-filled Christians should be “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5).

This Pentecost, ask yourself if you are truly obeying God in everything you do. Ask yourself if you are submitting to your Lord and Master in thought, word and deed! And ask yourself if you are being obedient in *keeping holy the Holy Days that God ordained*.

True Christians *can* obey God from the heart, more deeply than they ever have before—through the power of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Pentecost! ■

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## Can You PROVE What You Believe? (Continued from page 2)

done **just that!** For they constantly attach Jesus' name to **all** kinds of unbiblical ideas and beliefs. Yet Jesus clearly said, "But **why** do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). Again, Jesus narrowed the field down a great deal when He very clearly said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'" (Matthew 7:21-23).

So have you honestly and objectively taken time to **prove** what Jesus Christ actually taught? And are you willing to **act** on that proof once it has come clearly and distinctly into your mind? Or are you like most people who are afraid to accept Truth because it may affect their relatives, their friendships, their jobs or their "social standing"? Are you, perhaps unwittingly, somewhat like the Pharisees of Jesus' day? "For they loved the **praise** of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:43).

I know that many of you reading this are ministers or various kinds of religious teachers. It is important for *your* eternal life—and for *all of us*—to understand the words and experiences of a great minister I am about to quote, who faced a similar dilemma in his life about being willing to stand up for **truth**, whether or not it hurt his professional or social standing. In volume 1 of his *Autobiography*, p. 528, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote:

I know of evangelists who probably are sincere in supposing they are serving God—and who would like to be free to proclaim many truths they now hold back. They reason something like this: "If I go farther, and preach those things, I'll lose all my support. I'd be cut off from the ministry altogether. Then I could preach **NOTHING**. Better serve God by preaching as much of the Biblical truth as possible, than to be prevented from preaching anything."

They are relying on the financial support of **MEN**, or of organizations of men. Anyone in that predicament is the **SERVANT** of **MEN**, and **NOT** of God, whether he realizes it or not.

A man accosted me as I was walking along the gravel country road, between the Firbutte School and the Jeans School in the fall of 1933.

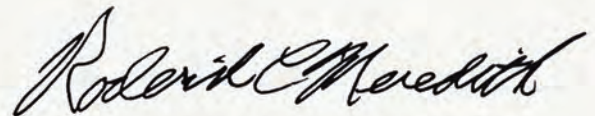
"You won't get far," he said. "You're preaching the straight truth of the Bible. That offends people. The Bible is like a sharp two-edged sword. It cuts—it reproves, corrects, rebukes—people won't support that kind of preaching! You won't get far."

But I was not relying on the support of **PEOPLE**. If people paid me, I would have to serve people. If I were to serve God, I would have to look solely to God for support!

Of course God does work through human instruments. But I had to rely on God to lay it on the hearts of people to support the kind of preaching that obeys Isaiah 58:1 by crying **ALoud**—lifting up my voice and showing the people their **SINS!**

My friends, each of us—deep down—should genuinely **prove** what we believe. For again and again, God's word tells us that Satan the devil "**deceives** the whole world" (Revelation 12:9); that Satan will soon be imprisoned so that "he should **deceive** the nations no more" (Revelation 20:3); that Satan is the "god" of this present age who has **blinded** those who do not believe (2 Corinthians 4:4) and that Satan has false ministers who will present "another Jesus," a "different spirit" and "different gospel" (2 Corinthians 11:4).

When eternal life is involved, we need to be **sure** about what we believe. So, we should cry out to God for genuine understanding. Then we should be willing to follow the Truth—**wherever** it may lead. With God's help, each of us will need to exercise real faith and **courage** to actually do that.



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