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## McInteer Sermon Outlines - Isaiah

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## 4 NO'S AND 5 YES'

Isa. 1:16-17

- I. I could wish Lyndon Johnson had started earlier his v-18 quote in Isa. 1--"Come not and let us reason together."
- II. Had he started just one verse earlier he'd made famous 4 No's and 5 Yes'. The purpose of this talk is to make known these 9 things.
- III. Via Introduction
  - A. Ritualistic Religion does not count with God.
    1. Forms (as they must be) were right but had no corresponding application in life.
    2. Sacrifice without inward sincerity and outward obedience is a jest, an affront to God.
    3. There is a difference between true and false righteousness.
    4. The oozing and dripping with religion, a mumbo jumbo of rituals, they had separated religion from life and the delight of God. Worship is rejected in God's holy court if only a ritual.
  - B. The religion of God does not accept selfishness, social injustice, moral decay.
  - C. God not against rituals but against the meaningless observance of forms.
  - D. The obedience of life must join it.
  - E. He pictures this with a 4 and a 5.

### III. Begin with the Four Negatives; Four Imperatives.

#### A. Wash You.

1. Sin defiles--wash.
2. Hendiadys--wash completely clean.
3. Young, a Calvinist, says it's Pelagianism to think you can do it--all of this is to show you can't obey--(how ridiculous can we be?)
4. There must be genuine repentance--wash!

#### B. Make You Clean

1. Status of one that pleases God.
2. No association with filthy.

#### C. Put away evil of your doings from before mine eyes.

1. God sees.
2. God is disgusted.

#### D. Cease to do Evil.

1. Break off the practice completely.
2. True nature of repentance--cease!

### IV. Substitute with 5 Positives.

#### A. Learn to do well.

##### 1. Learn

- a) Take pains to get knowledge of our duty.

It must be right by God's standard with the heart that's pure.

- c) People must be taught!

- d) We may not naturally know how to please God--it is something to be learned.

1. Army Barber (sheep)  
2. Potter hate this part  
3. language Grammar?

Intro  
Moses stables  
Churchill Sleep vol.  
CANEE ABLE  
son home - college

- e) Attitude necessary--I really want to know the will of God.
- f) Only reason we learn is to do what we've learned.

## 2. Well

- a) Natural goodness is not enough--don't drink, smoke, cuss, chew or live in NYC.
- b) Start immediately to do what you have been neglecting.
- c) Righteousness is a prerequisite to offerings.

Deut. 33:19

- d) Actions will show the heart of anyone who wants to please God.
- e) "We've pennies for redemption yet millions for pleasure." (Green)

## B. Seek Judgement

- 1. Seek out justice. *1. Arrest preacher bring them in*
- 2. Pursue it.
- 3. Confine wrongdoing: *2. Dog In vs Ho*
- 4. God wants justice not sacrifice. *3. Over man race*
- 5. Right to pray for right rulers and their right actions once before us.

## C. Relieve the Oppressed

- 1. Set right the oppressor. *"Dog catcher"*
- 2. Whoever hurts the poor and oppressed is an oppressor. *not fit to be-but run*
- 3. We'll see shortly how he ties this in with orphans and widows. *for senate*
- 4. God can see any insincerity of our heart.

1. Whiny Plant - Touch dies

2. Caterach - Every dust?

5. Today we seem occupied with aesthetic worship hours and our enjoyment.

6. Are we bored with luxury?

#### D. Judge the Fatherless

- Mary's  
talk in law*
1. Do justice to the orphan--does the State have more concern than we do?
  2. See that he is not wronged--be his champion.

Deut. 10:18

Deut. 24:17

Jer. 7:6

Exo. 22:22-25

Ps. 68:5

- Rabbit  
\$500 per mo.*
3. God saw his people with hands full of blood as they disregarded rights of the needy--how does he see us?
  4. Orphan & widow had no one to plead their cause.
  5. Righteousness is not merely the absence of evil but is the performance of Good.
  6. "Helpless poverty in the midst of heartless plenty." (Green)

*Pen-Region  
Usign  
found one  
that works*

#### E. Plea for the Widow.

- Get meal  
Sandwich  
so tight  
don't breathe  
th ziv need*
1. Be her advocate--one who hires out to write, then make speech for oppressed. *Long as I get wise wit - you  
a help*
  2. Let God see a reversed course of life as 5 things are adopted.
  3. Widows need protection.
- V.  
not  
Coming over?*
- I too need a Holy Advocate--Jesus--am I what He wants?

4 NO'S AND 5 YES'

5.

Philo Rd. Church, Urbana, IL - 10/7/95

Christian Child Care Conference - 10/11/95

Woodbine Ladies Bible Class (TCC) - 10/11/95

MY FRIEND MARILYN, a real-estate broker, had difficulty getting a listing from a customer whose theory was "there is no substitute for experience." After he asked her for the third time how many years she had been in the business, she told him: "Sir, there is a little-known historical fact that Moses brought *three* tablets down from the mountain—two were the Ten Commandments and the other was my real-estate license!"

She got the listing.

—Contributed

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A MARINE ON A NAVY SHIP in the Mediterranean, I went into the barber shop for the first time, and my attention quickly focused on the unique cutting style of the barber. He started at the top of the head and cut down the sides. I asked him where he had learned to cut hair.

"Well, sir," he responded in a drawl, "when they asked who knew how, I told them I'd never cut hair—but I used to shear sheep."

—Contributed by Maj. Phillip Hughey

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AN OFFICER FRIEND of mine stopped a man of the cloth for speeding. The minister told the officer he was on the Lord's business. "I read the same Bible," the officer replied. "It says to go out into the highways and bring them in—and that's what I'm doing." —Contributed by Edwin Wuerstlin

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### Whoops!

AS A YOUNG PHYSICIAN, I learned a lesson in thinking twice before you speak. A recovering patient asked if I'd like to take home a plant he'd received during his stay at the hospital. "Thanks, Sam," I said, "but I'd better not. I have such rotten luck that everything I touch seems to die."

Small wonder that Sam refused to let me examine him on all the remaining days before he was discharged.

—Matthew Frankel, M.D., in *Medical Economics*

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### Household Hint

AFTER YEARS of persuasion, my neighbor finally talked her mother into having a cataract operation. Returning home from the hospital, the mother sat down in front of the picture window, which looks out on a lake.

"Do you notice any difference in the view, Mom?" the daughter asked.

"I certainly do," her mother replied. "Don't you ever dust?"

—Contributed by J. D. Lodato

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## *State of Confusion*

A RELATIVE of a friend of mine emigrated from Europe many years ago but is still unsure of some American traditions. While watching the news one evening, she observed President Reagan signing a bill into law, using several pens in the process. After signing the final document, he raised the hand holding the pen, and gave a victory sign.

"Oh, good," the woman exclaimed. "He finally found one that worked!"

—Contributed by Susan L. Hutchens

WHILE WE WERE DRIVING through a valley in the Rockies we spotted some elk grazing on the cliffs above us. As we were excitedly pointing at them, the man in the car next to us noticed our actions and looked puzzled. I rolled down my window and shouted, "Elk!" The fellow smiled, shouted back, "Rotary Club!" and drove on.

—Contributed by Jeff Stevens

IN THE FINANCIAL-AID OFFICE my daughter overheard a loan request from a fellow student. He finished his explanation with this impassioned plea: "Please, ma'am, have you ever eaten an oatmeal sandwich?"

He got the loan.

—Contributed by June I. Ell-

## Southern Style

FROM A COLLECTION of expressions coined in the U.S. rural South:  
"He's so tight he don't even breathe all the air he needs."  
"A few drinks of that and you're nine feet tall and bulletproof."  
"He's so ugly he'd make a freight train take a dirt road."  
"It ain't that he's mean, but the mean ones don't mess with him."  
"Long as I got a biscuit, you got half."  
"Life is like bein' on a mule team. Unless you're the lead mule, all the scenery looks about the same."

—Kathryn Jensen, *Redneckin'* (Putnam)

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MRS. BROWN dialed her daughter's number and sang out, "Hello, darling. How are you?"

"Terrible, Mom. My back is killing me, the children are acting up, the house is a mess—and I'm expecting six guests for dinner."

"Don't worry, darling. I'm coming right over. I'll feed the kids, clean up your place, and cook a dinner your guests will never forget."

"You're an angel! . . . How's Dad?"

"Dad? . . . Sweetheart, you know Daddy died nine years ago."

Pause. "What number are you calling?"

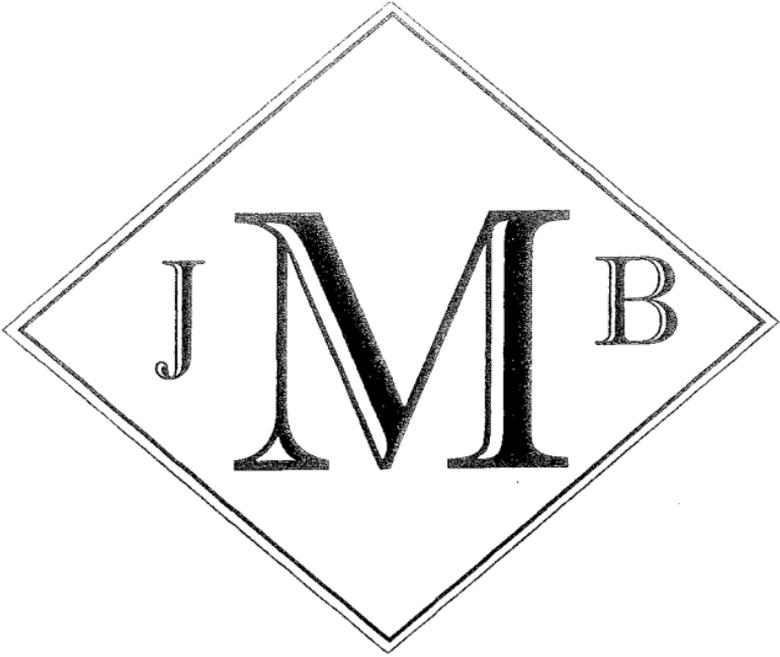
"Alton 6-4491."

"This is Alton 6-4494."

"Oh, no. I dialed the wrong number."

"Hold on! Please!" the voice wailed. "Does this mean you're not coming over?"

—Leo Rosten, *Hooray for Yiddish* (Simon & Schuster)



INTRODUCING -- THE CHURCH Isa.2:1-5

I. In introductions you usually think of bringing together strangers and granting them the privilege of friendship.

A. What better way to do this than to reach back into the shadows of time and recreate Isaiah's prophesy.

II. From Isaiah's Prophecy we see these salient facts. *Note Words He Said*

A. It's establishment was sure.

1. "And it shall come to pass"

a. God is sure and certain. He'll see it through. - *Ours uncertain world, new name on*

b. It was to be in the last days. *Since list - or plan to be made*

(1) During "Christian" era. *plan to be made*

(2) We look for nothing else other than *close* what we have in Christ.

Gal. 1:8-9 *"Buttho we, or en get down"*

I John 2:18 *Web 1*

Acts 4:12

*Could have said earlier present 132*

B. It's Purpose was Seen.

1. "The mt. of the Lord's house"

a. Means Government.

b. Exalted and Preeminent. - *Don't descend into depths what God exalted to heights.*

Col. 1:18 *"And he is the head of the preeminence"*

Dan. 2:44 *And in the days of their*

Matt. 5:33 *"But seek ye 1st The K. of God"*

(1) Nothing else superior.

Ps. 125:2 *- Mt about Mex. - so the world about peop*

Ps. 68:16-17

c. It shall be great

C. It's Influence was Universal.

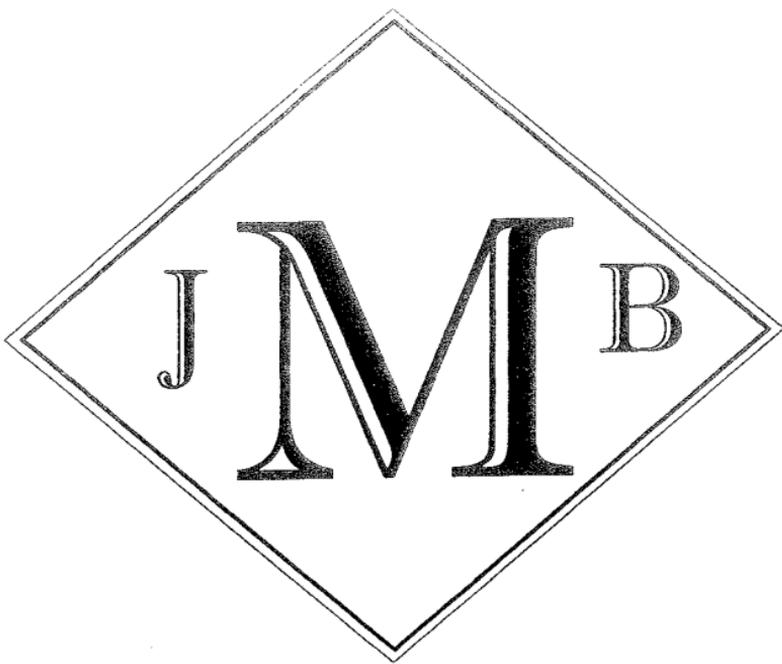
1. "All nations shall flow"

a. Note universal--not just Israel.

b. Note flow vs dribble.

c. Identify--knew to what were coming.





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# YOUR FARMING TEST

Isa. 5:1-7

## I. Today an agricultural test.

A. I call out a state and what crop do think they grow?

1. Mississippi - cotton
2. Maine -- apples
3. Arkansas -- rice
4. Kentucky -- tobacco
5. Iowa -- corn
6. Kansas -- wheat
7. Tennessee -- music (?) beans
8. Missouri -- beans
9. Alabama -- watermelons
10. Florida -- oranges
11. Texas -- cattle
12. Oklahoma -- oil
13. Louisiana -- crawfish
14. Israel -- grapes

B. Just how did they prepare vineyards?

## II. Vineyard Preparation

Isa. 5:1-7

A. Man--landlord buys a plot of land, he feels will be good for a vineyard and laboriously prepares it.

1. It's an investment as he hires the services of another.
2. We'll call the capable man: renter, tenant, steward.

3. Contract will guide both parties.
  4. Ability, honesty, energy essential.
- B. Just what does the landlord provide?
1. Rightful ownership.
  2. Remove stones.
  3. Plant protective, prickly hedge.
    - a) Protect against animals.
    - b) Protect against
    - c) Hedge could be rock wall.
  4. Winepress
    - a) Two vats, dug out, masonry lined.
    - b) Connected with one higher than the other.
    - c) Grapes pressed via feet--drain to lower basin.
  5. Stone tower.
    - a) Lodge tools
    - b) Workers
    - c) Observation purposes
    - d) As you can see the landlord has done everything he could, yet tenant and landlord submit to will of God.
    - e) Ten cubits X four cubits on a high place.
  6. Plant best of vines.
    - a) Prune
    - b) Weed
    - c) Pluck
    - d) Gather

- e) Plow
- f) Protect
- 7. Purpose to grow grapes--as God does not champion stylelessness.
- 8. Like the showhorse that looked good but won nothing!
- 9. What should each expect?
  - a) Rent cash
  - b) Rent 1/3 or 1/4
  - c) Salary expected--certainly from Pine Bluff
  - d) Each honest
  - e) God expects a return.

Ps. 118:22 The stone

- f) Involves great trust on all.
  - g) Steward two words: free born or slave.
- Home - management

Gen. 39:3-6

2 Cor. 8:12

10. God's order

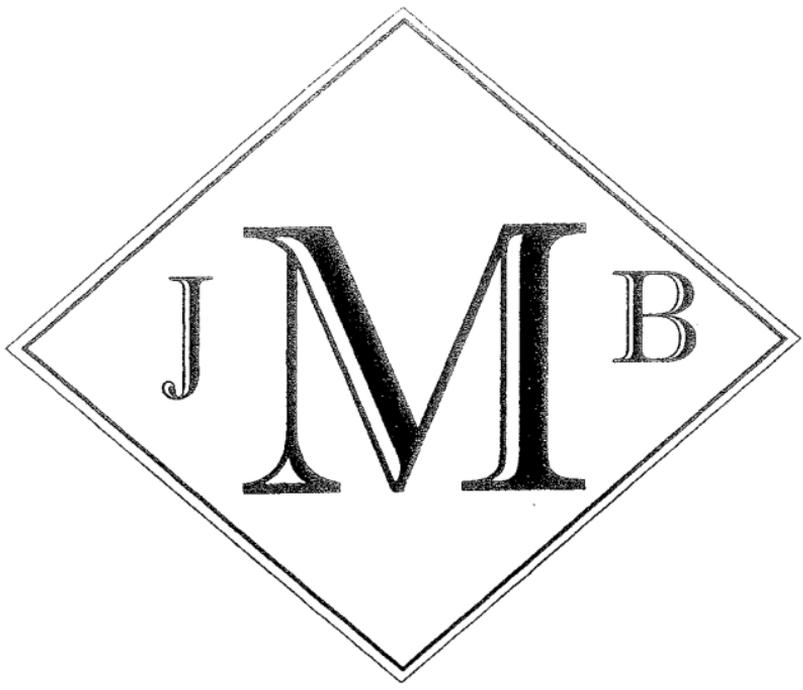
- a) First fruits unclean

Lev. 19:23

- b) Fourth year fruit dedicate to Lord
- c) Fifth year used normally

Joel 3:13

- 11. Enjoy fruits of church, must pay for it.
  - 12. Everyone benefits.
- C. Be not barren nor unfruitful.



# The Contrast of Two Personalities

Isaiah 6

- I. Dare I call God a personality?
  - A. He is so far above man there can be no big comparison.
  - B. Yet made in His image.
  - C. Called Father and Son relationship.
  - D. No implication of any equality, but still we see two distinctively different beings: God and man.
  - E. In this account, called Isaiah's only vision, I see the eternal God and the consenting Isaiah.
    1. I see God and man.
    2. I see God and me.
  
- II. This event at death of Uzziah, it lets us see the social life at that time, chapters previous. See 2 Chronicles 26:19-20.
  - A. Rich devoured the poor.
  - B. Those in authority oppressed the poor, the needy.
  - C. Women condemned for their wanton pride and lack of attention to spiritual matters, failing also in home duties as they gave attention to good appearance and high social standing.
  - D. He condemns drunkenness and ignorance of Scripture.
  - E. Couldn't tell difference between good and evil.

F. There we see the contrast of holiness and sin.

G. Plus the need for a man of action.

### III. The first of two personalities.

#### v.1 "I saw also the Lord. . ."

A. God is sighted but no description of Him is given other than attendant matters.

1. God is sitting.

a. Mark of state and solemnity.

b. John uses the same imagery in Revelation.

2. On His throne.

a. Seen as a ruler.

b. High and lifted up.

c. Throne of absolute sovereignty.

d. His is unquestioned superiority over all.

3. Had a train.

a. Robe or skirt in which He was dressed, skirt of his robe.

b. Train filled the temple—earthly? or heavenly? Does not say.

c. We see the accouterments not a description of God and Himself.

d. Barnes says the sublimity is enough to fill the mind with awe and impress one with the deep sense of his majesty.

4. Above him the seraphims.
  - a. Means fiery ones.
  - b. Winged creatures of angel order from whom they differ somewhat.
  - c. Six wings.
    - 1) One pair veiled their head from the intolerable effulgence of divine glory.
    - 2) Another pair concealed the feet. It suggests reverence and readiness to humbly serve God.
    - 3) Another pair for immediate obedience to God.
  - d. Cried one to another Holy, Holy Holy.
    - 1) God is pure perfection.
    - 2) God hates evil.
    - 3) No proper conception of God unless He is absolutely holy.
    - 4) A God without holiness is a God without power (Burder).
    - 5) His perfect holiness consists of two things:
      - (1) Infinite delight in all that's pure and holy;
      - (2) Infinite hatred for every thing evil and impure (Elam's notes).

- 6) He refrains from every impurity and delights in everything good and pure.
  - 7) His holiness manifests itself in the hatred of sin. That's reason for the flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Ananias and Sapphira.
  - 8) The frequency of the cry "Holy" is significant. See the pleasure taken in God's estimate of holiness and His superlative excellency.
  - 9) God is Holy, Christ is Holy, the Spirit is Holy.
  - 10) His holiness is absolute.
  - 11) It could represent the three persons of the Godhead.
- e. Lord of Hosts
- 1) John 12 shows Isaiah saw Jesus.
  - 2) Psalms 103:35-37 and Hebrews 1:10-12 shows application to God and Jesus.
- f) Whole earth full of His glory.

Psalms 19:1

Psalms 8:3-4

- 1) His holiness seen in His grace
- 2) Jesus, Holy, died for sinful man.
- 3) He purifies the redeemed, (Elam's notes).

- 4) The guilty are forgiven and spend an eternity with Him.
- g) And the post of the door moved at the sound of his voice and the house was filled with smoke.
  - 1) All evidences of the majesty of God.
  - 2) Some translations have threshold - note this clipping.

B. I am undone.

- 1. Means cut off, destroyed, stricken dumb.
- 2. Condemned to destruction.

Ezek. 33:20

- 3. God wants purity not power.
- 4. Pardon and purity must come.

C. Unclean lips, midst of unclean people.

D. Eyes have seen the Lord.

Col. 1:15

I Tim. 6:16

- 1. Some listen with contempt, others with respect, but do nothing.
- 2. Having seen God we now see ourselves.

IV. Seraphim's action.

A. One flew with live coal, touched Isaiah's lips.

- 1. Suggests man is defiled, unfit, unworthy to serve and worship God, unfit to carry the message.

2. Only God can cleanse from sin and make fit to serve.
3. Men that have been cleansed from sin must not let their forgiven past *step* steep him. *lit*
4. Live coal ~~let~~ stone.
5. Part of the material from formal worship becomes a quickening power.
6. From above God kindles the inanimate and makes it live--like coal.
7. Iniquity purged (v.7).

B. Heard voice of the Lord.

1. Whom shall I send?
2. Who will go for us?
3. Note the change: "I" to "us."
  - a. God singular.
  - b. God plural - shows plurality of Godhead.

C. Here am I; send me!

1. He's grateful for his cleansing.
2. He's willing to work.
3. Are we of that attitude?
4. Willing to render any service. He will make you able to the task.
5. He does not expect any service we are unable to perform.
6. God supplies the need and ability.
7. Pure unconditional self-enrollment.
8. God wants a person, not a thing, machine, servant or book.

D. Do we say, "Send me" or "Send others?"

E. "How Long"

1. Either how long do I preach or how long the nation continues in sin without being destroyed.
2. There is still the glimmer of hope.

Nashville Road - 3/24/03

Paragon Mills - 6/9/03

Walter Hill - 6/29/03 (Worship Hour)

Berry's Chapel - 8/27/03

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS.—

August	28.	M.	Seeing the Lord's Glory (Isa. 6: 1-5)
August	29.	T.	Hearing the Lord's Call (Isa. 6: 6-8)
August	30.	W.	Seeking the Lord's Message (Isa. 6: 9-13)
August	31.	T.	Receiving the Lord's Commission (Ex. 3: 9-12)
September 1.	F.		Obedying the Lord's Command (Acts 26: 19-23)
September 2.	S.		Following the Lord's Guidance (Mark 2: 13, 14)
September 3.	S.		Yearning to Worship the Lord (Psalm 122)

## LESSON SETTINGS

*Time.*—757 B.C. Chronologists differ little as to the year in which Uzziah died, and therefore as to the year in which the incidents of this lesson occurred.

*Place.*—Jerusalem.

*Persons.*—Jehovah, the seraphim, and Isaiah. Seraphim is the Hebrew plural for seraph; seraphs is the English plural.

*Lesson Links.*—"The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah." (Isa. 1: 1.) From what is said in the text for today's lesson it seems that Isaiah began to prophesy near the close of the reign of Uzziah. He lived and prophesied at a time in which the conditions were such as to bring out the best that was in man, or else the worst; for those were stirring times, in which the forces of righteousness and the forces of evil were in active combat. A man in whom the currents of life ran strong could not be indifferent to the issues involved. The most of the nation had become very corrupt. Neither the law of God nor their own experiences had taught them that Jehovah was the source of all good things, and that they prospered when they served him and suffered all sorts of losses and reverses when they forsook him. In that respect they were more senseless than dumb brutes. "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." (Isa. 1: 3.) Isaiah's further description of them shows how fearfully corrupt and wicked the people of the kingdom of Judah had become. "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal corruptly! they have forsaken Jehovah, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged and gone backward. Why will ye be still stricken, that ye revolt more and more? the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and fresh stripes: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with oil. Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire." (Chapter 1: 4-7.) Jehovah would not respect their pretended worship. And yet there was a remedy for all their ills. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." But they had practiced evil so long and so persistently that right seemed to them to be wrong and wrong seemed to be right. (5: 18-22.) Because they had rejected the law of Jehovah and despised his word, he would bring nations against them from afar, nations that were fierce and thoroughly equipped for war. Only a remnant were true to Jehovah.

## COMMENTS ON THE LESSON

### Isaiah Sees the Lord (Verses 1, 2)

In our last lesson we studied some of the incidents in Uzziah's reign. Sometime during the year in which Uzziah died Isaiah saw this vision. "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple." "In this vision the ideas are taken in general from royal majesty, as displayed by the monarchs of the east: for the prophet could not represent the ineffable presence of God by any other than sensible and earthly images. The particular scenery of it is taken from the temple. God is represented as sitting on his throne above the ark, in the most holy place, where the glory appeared above the cherubim, surrounded by his attendant ministers. This is called by God himself 'the place of his throne, and the place of the soles of his feet.' (Ezek. 43: 7.) 'A glorious throne exalted of old, is the place of our sanctuary,' saith the prophet Jeremiah (chapter 17: 12) . . . The veil, separating the most holy place from the holy or outermost part of the temple, is here supposed to be taken away; for the prophet, to whom the whole is exhibited, is manifestly placed by the altar of burnt-offering, at the entrance of the temple (compare Ezek. 43: 5, 6), which was filled with the train of the robe, the spreading and overflowing of the divine glory. The Lord upon the throne, according to St. John (chapter 12: 41) was Christ; and the vision related to his future kingdom, when the veil of separation was to be removed, and the whole earth was to be filled with the glory of God, revealed to all mankind."—Clark. For purposes of comparison verse 2 as translated by Leeser, a learned Jew, is here given: "Seraphim were standing around him, each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two did he fly." The seraphim were evidently a special order or class of angels, the special attendants of the Lord. We are told that the name seraph signifies fire, or burning. Here we find them praising the Lord, and one of them acting as a swift messenger for him. Beyond this and the description of their appearance we know nothing; for the word is not found in the Bible excepting in this verse and in verse 6. With two wings each covered his face, as if he were not worthy to look upon the Lord; with two wings he covered his feet, or the lower part of his body, showing becoming modesty and regard for him before whom he stood; and with two wings did he fly, swiftly executing the Lord's will.

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is  
it*

### Isaiah Greatly Affected by the Scene (Verses 3-5)

"One cried unto another." This seems to mean that they shouted the praises of the Lord in concert. Perhaps they were divided into two groups, the two groups facing each other, one group crying, "Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts"; and the other responding, "The whole earth is full of his glory." It was an impressive scene, and would be especially impressive to one so reverential and pious as was Isaiah. It was meant to so impress him that he would the more willingly respond to the call to service. So powerful was the voice that it shook the foundations of the temple. "And the house was filled with smoke." Smoke signified God's wrath which he

would pour out on his wicked and rebellious people. This would impress Isaiah with the necessity of doing everything possible to avert the threatened doom of the people. "Then I said, Woe is me! for I am undone." Isaiah, as do all thoughtful people, knew that he was not perfect, and must have thought that the vision was a warning to him; for he immediately adds what seems to be a reason for his thinking that he was undone—"because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." At the moment he claimed no superiority over the people among whom he lived and whom he had just described as being so corrupt, so unworthy did he feel in the presence of the Lord and the holy angels. These seraphim had sung the praises of the Lord, but he now felt that his lips were too unclean for such praises as they were able to pronounce. The fact is, no really great soul feels very much its own superiority. Boasting of one's superiority of wisdom and goodness is plain evidence of the littleness of one's soul. Isaiah was too great to boast.

### **A Seraphim Gives Isaiah Comfort (Verses 6, 7)**

The live coal with which the seraphim touched Isaiah's mouth had been taken from the altar, the altar of burnt-offerings. The law was that fire should never be allowed to go out on this altar. "Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out." (Lev. 6: 13.) The mission of these seraphim was to go on errands of service as well as to praise the Lord. When the seraphim touched the mouth of Isaiah with the live coal, he said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven." Fire is a sure purifier; Isaiah had confessed that he was a man of unclean lips. Of course, the live coal did not actually remove any moral impurities from Isaiah, but it was God's way of signifying to him that his humility and penitence had been rewarded with forgiveness. Isaiah could now consider himself fit for service to the Lord. A man who is defiled with sin cannot very well lead others out of sin. Every Christian who would go on any mission of service to God needs to know that thorough cleansing comes before acceptable service. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." (Psalm 51: 12, 13.) If a man would teach others he must first take heed to himself, and then to his teaching. (1 Tim. 4: 16.)

### **"Here Am I; Send Me" (Verse 8)**

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" A great work was needed to be done; who would do it? "Then I said, Here am I; send me." Isaiah did not even wait to inquire into the nature of the work to be done; it was enough for him to know that it was a work the Lord wanted some one to do. That spirit is commendable. Every servant of the Lord, if he is in reality a servant of the Lord, stands ready to do whatever the Lord wants him to do. Sometimes a needed work is not a pleasant work, and one may make enemies in doing that work; but a true Christian will not hesitate on that account.

Isaiah was not only willing, but eager, to do God's bidding, and even asked that the Lord send him. God's will should always be our will. No matter how unpleasant the task to be done, the Christian should be able sincerely to say, "Here am I; send me."

### Big Results Not Promised (Verses 9, 10)

In quoting this prophecy the Savior gives its meaning in the following words: "By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive: for this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should turn again, and I should heal them." This is the best commentary on the verses in Isaiah. The people would not understand Isaiah's teaching, for their hearts had become gross. They would not want to understand, for they did not want to be converted from their way of living. That prophecy fits all people of all ages who take more delight in sin than in righteousness. The language shows plainly that a person must hear and understand before he turns from sin, and that he must turn from sin in order to be healed.

### Their Sins Would Result in Their Destruction as a Nation (Verses 11-13)

"Then said I, Lord, how long?" How long would such stubbornness and rebellion prevail among the people? "Until cities be waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land become utterly waste"—until, in fact, the Lord had them carried away into captivity—"removed them far away." ~~The nation was fast becoming too corrupt to be of any further use to the Lord.~~ And when the nation should be carried into captivity, if a tenth were left in the land, that tenth would also be eaten up. With all these warnings the people would not hear. To one who looked for big results from his work, what the Lord said about the people would be very discouraging. But so far as the record shows Isaiah did not falter. There were some who were true to the Lord, but we know not how many Isaiah influenced to turn to the Lord. "The holy seed is the stock thereof." ~~Even among those who were carried into captivity a remnant remained true to Jehovah.~~

### SOME REFLECTIONS

Though "the Lord is high and lifted up"; yet, in and through the divine Savior, he is seated on a "throne of grace," and "the way into the holiest is now laid open."—Scott.

If by faith we could see the Lord as he is and could realize our own weakness and dependence upon him, all the praise and adulation that men could heap upon us would seem empty and vain. To know that our Lord looked upon us with favor would be sufficient.

To know the Lord and to realize our dependence upon him makes us willing, even anxious, to do whatever he wants us to do. There is something fearfully wrong with the heart of one who inquires

concerning any duty. Will it pay? Is it pleasant work? Will I be thrown with the right sort of people? Will it enhance my reputation? Is the work below my dignity? The true servant of the Lord, like Isaiah, says, "Here am I; send me." Like his Lord he can say, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work." (John 4: 34.) "I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart." (Psalm 40: 8.)

**TOPICS FOR INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSION**

- The prophet Isaiah.
- The people to whom he prophesied.
- Isaiah's prophecies concerning a Savior.

**QUESTIONS**

Where is our lesson found?  
Repeat the Golden Text, and give reference.

**Lesson Settings**

- Give time, place, and persons.
- Give the facts stated in Isa. 1: 1.
- What comparison did Isaiah make to show the foolishness of the people of the kingdom of Judah?
- What did he say of the corruption of the people?
- What was the remedy for their ills?
- What would be the result of their corruption?

**Verses 1, 2**

- Describe what Isaiah saw.
- What is the significance of the way the seraphim used their wings?

**Verses 3-5**

- How were the seraphim engaged?
- Describe the effect of their voice.
- What effect did all this have on Isaiah?
- What sort of people usually boast?

**Verses 6, 7**

- Tell about the angel and the live coal.
- What did the law require as to the fire on the altar?
- What did the angel say to Isaiah?
- Show that thorough cleansing should come before service.

**Verse 8**

- What voice did Isaiah hear?
- What answer did he make?
- Show the need of willing service.

**Verses 9, 10**

- Discuss verses 9, 10.
- Give the things that come before turning.
- Why would the people not understand?

**Verses 11-13**

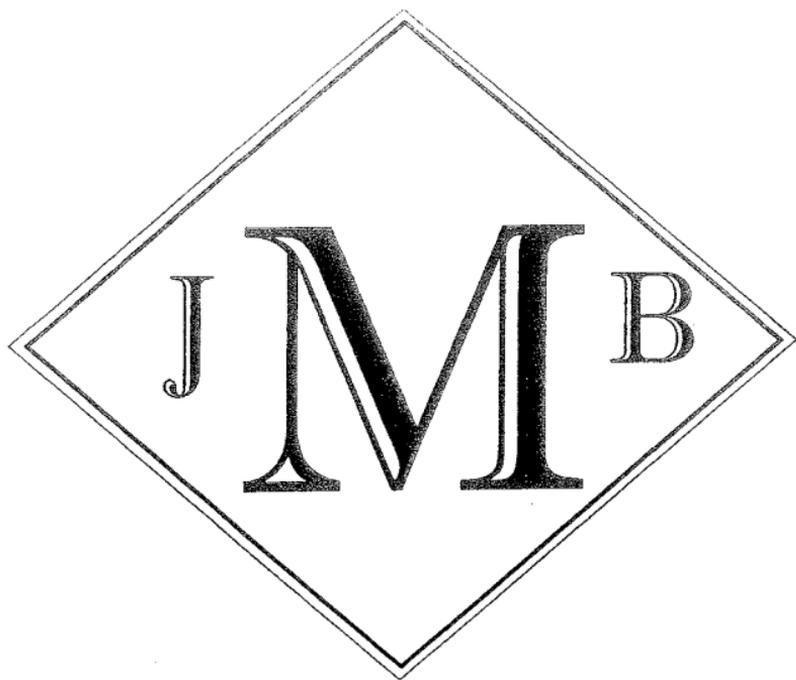
- What question did Isaiah ask, and what did he mean?
- What answer did he get?
- Could Isaiah look for big results from his work?
- Discuss the reflections.

Lesson XI—September 10, 1939

**HEZEKIAH: A KING WHO REMEMBERED GOD**

2 Chron. 30: 13-22

13 And there assembled at Jê-ru'sâ-lêm much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly.  
14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jê-ru'sâ-lêm, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kid'rôn.  
15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Lê'vites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt-offerings into the house of Jê-hô'vâh.  
16 And they stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Mō'sês the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Lê'vites.  
17 For there were many in the assembly that had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Lê'vites had the charge of killing the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto Jê-hô'vâh.



# CHALLENGE OF RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM TODAY

Isaiah 8:1-2

I. Ever since introduced I've been fascinated by Isaiah's boy.

A. At a time of low morale, Isaiah took initiative and he used writing to do it.

1. Took a great roll.

a. Lit. big mirror, big tablet, highly polished metal.

b. It was big--to get attention.

2. He wrote with a man's pen.

a. Legible but not fancy. It was not an engraver--anyone could do it.

3. He wrote one word--Mahershalalhashbaz.

a. Mysterious--would make you curious.

b. Meant "speed-plunder; Haste-Spoil."

c. Put all eggs in one basket.

4. He took two faithful witnesses to record.

a. In great endeavors you need many helpers.

II. But this is not an isolated incident of God using religious journalism.

A. Think of the times.

1. He wrote with his finger tables of stone.

2. He wrote his name in the Heavens.

3. Over and over, he said to me write.

4. Jesus wrote on the ground and read writings in synagugue.

5. Eunuch didn't understand what he read.

6. Paul said bring me the parchments.

7. Habakkuk wrote "plain" (2:2)

8. John closed the Revelation writing "true and faithful."

9. God writes Book of Life.

B. When ever a man uses literature for entrance at "door of utterance" (Col. 4:3) that he may declare the mystery of Christ he's surely in accord with the wishes of God.

III. We move to the 20th century and we make several statements about our age and the use of religious journalism.

A. There is a need to write.

1. Within past 50 years world's population has increased 75%. We now have 3000,000,000.

a. In 40 years expects to double.

2. Not one of these can read. They must all be taught--now only 1/2 are.

3. But the literacy rate is climbing!

a. UNESCO says 350,000,000 adults will learn to read in next 5 years.

(1) That's 70,000,000 per year!

4. Q. comes what will he read?

a. Average reader reads 300 words per minute.

b. There are 1440 minutes in a day.

c. If he reads 15 minutes he'll read 4500 words daily, 35,500 per week; 126,000 per month; 1,512,000 per year.

d. Average book is 75,000 words. He'll read 20 books per year.

(1) You can read a library in a life time!<sup>3</sup>

(2) Early Christian "out thought" pagan--  
will we eat 3 meals for body and none  
for soul?

5. Commie puts materials in his hand.  
Lenin "Every Com. must be actively  
engaged in the distribution of atheistic  
literature."

a. They appeal to social, economic and  
political spheres with their godless  
religion.

b. Tons pour into Africa. They spend  
one billion dollars per year on propo-  
ganda.

c. Grand hi nephew said "Missionaries  
taught us to read but Com. gave us  
literature." *1978 - 1631 languages*

6. We are not putting Bibles. *Bible - complete in 266 lang.*

a. Only 50,000,000 copies distributed " *NT in 426*  
yearly and there are 70,000,000 new  
readers.

b. 1961 Bible in 246 translations, life of  
Lenin second in 185 translations.

B. We need to write well and wisely.

Kansas City clip

1. Too long we've been content with any-  
thing--literature line, church bulletins,  
books, etc.

a. Paper terrible.

b. Art work worse--some thought Abra-  
ham a cripple or ark had one 3 x 5 wind

- c. Our printing sloppy. K
2. Need to recognize times have changed.
- a. Even Funnies Mary Worth; in 1937 she hit a man with lamp and said "You couldn't keep your big mouth shut by yourself so I helped you out."
3. We need to utilize times.
- a. Tracts with bills.
- b. Publications to relatives and friends.
- c. Books to new parents on rearing children
- d. Books on doctrine, general ethics, sex, novels, children's, cartoons, flannel-graph.
- e. We need correspondence courses.
- (1) K. of C. at New Haven, Conn. got 280,000 inquires in 1 year, 36,000 enrolled in course.
- (2) Since '48 in St. Louis 4,655,026 inquiries and enroll one out of nine! Inquiries from U.S., Canada and 61 countries.
4. We need writers and artists.
5. We need to send out Bibles.
- a. Still best seller.
- b. King James 4 to 1 over all others.
- c. N. E. B. sold 2,000,000 in two years.
- d. Phillips has 1,500,000 copies of N. T. out.
- e. Yet we have one Bible to every 1000 people in world today!
6. We need to think of places to send lit.

a. Here in U.S.A. 70,000 Americans are aloft at any hour in our 84000 airplanes --with 100,000 by '69.

b. We need translators.

(1) 2000 languages without a word of Scripture.

(2) Some countries 98% never saw a Bible.

(3) One-half world never saw even a tract.

(a) Jack Sinclair help them above head in Nigeria.

(b) 90% of Spain and South and Central America never had a tract.

7. Do we mail out Sunday's sermon, new member kit, push church library, tracts in personal work, letters to editors, TV?

8. We need ingenuity.

a. Shelbyville library.

b. Lillian Edwards.

c. World's Fair.

(1) Billy Graham raising \$52,000,000.

C. We need to do it today.

1. In 1830--800,000,000 people with 200,000,000 claiming Christ.

2. In 1960--2,800,000,000 and there were 200,000,000 claiming Christ!

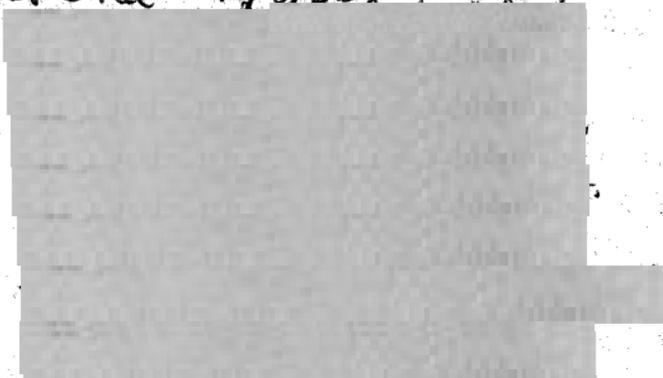
3. In 130 years Chr. population dropped from 25% of total to less than 3%.

4. God's giving us an ever growing market.

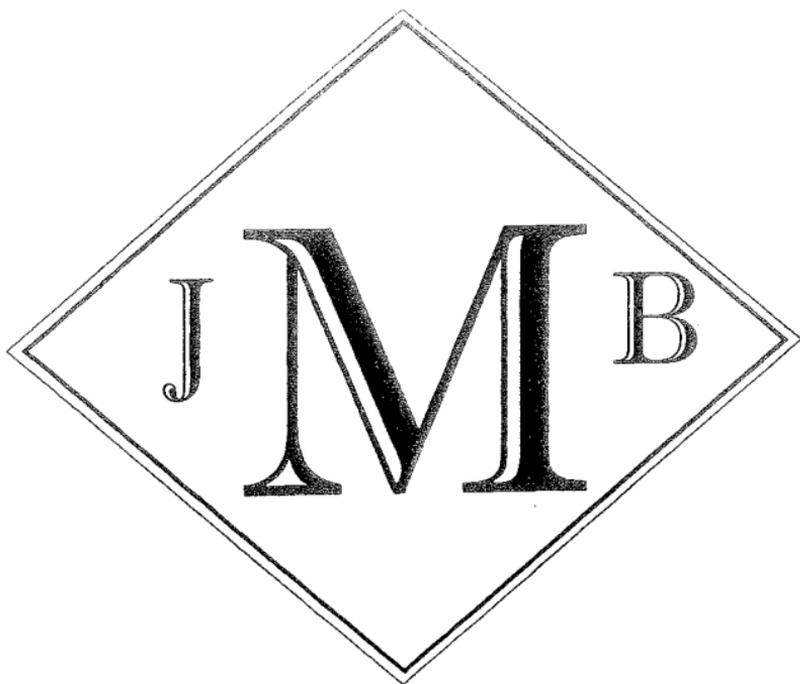
a. Princess story.

- 5. Look at advantages.
  - a. No foreign accent.
  - b. Repeats over and over -- no vacation or furlough.
  - c. Inexpensive.
  - d. It's there at my convenience.
  - e. Acceptable where person is not.
  - f. Gives the best in condensed form.
  - g. Enables reader to meet a specific need.
- 6. Typewriter is mightier than the tank.
  - a. Clip on Bible society view.
  - b. Extended Fingers view. We spend more on flowers.
  - c. Ben Franklin "Give me 26 lead soldiers and I will conquer the world."  
(Alphabet in printers type)
  - d. Survival kit story.

new Johnsonville - 11/21/63  
 Charlotte, N.C. - 11/22/63  
 West End - 12/8/63.



Harding College - 2/10/64  
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NAMES ARE IMPORTANT - ESPECIALLY  
IF IT'S YOUR OWN

Isa. 9:6

I. One good way to not be invited again here and embarrass you is to:

A. Thank our hostell, Sister Carolyn Craft, Colley, Camp, Cross.

1. I knew her best as Ruth's daughter.
2. Great family, help to Canada.
3. Mission work today.

B. My own:

1. Mackinter, McIntyre, McDonald
2. Jim
  - a) Jem Bull - Ala. preacher
  - b) Stock salesman, NY Byrds sing

II. They are important to God.

Ex.20:7 "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain."

Luke 1:31 "And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb."

Luke 1:60 "Bue he shall be called John."

Luke 1:63 "His name is John."

A. New book by Robert Morgan.

1. "He shall be called - "
2. 150 names of Jesus and what they mean to you.
  - a) Jesus of Nazareth.

- b) Son of God
- c) Prince of Peace
- d) King of the Jews
- e) Chief Cornerstone
- f) True bread from heaven
- g) Carpenter
- h) Built the temple
- i) Built the church

B. But I'm thinking of first God and then His Son.

Ps. 20:5 "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners."

20:7 "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

Ps. 18: "I will love thee, O Lord.

1. My strength.
2. My rock.
3. My fortress, horn.
4. My deliverer.
5. My buckler.
6. My high tower.

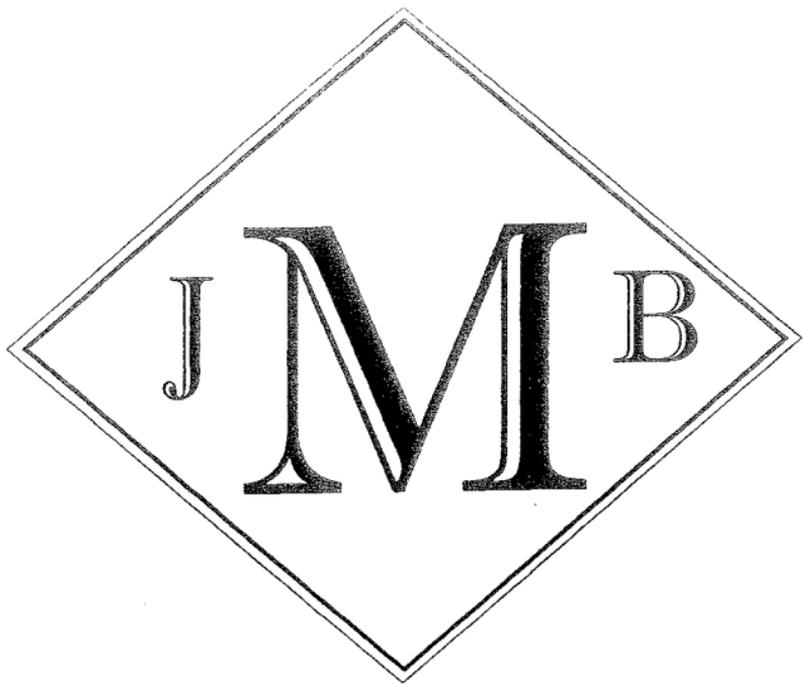
Who is worthy to be praised.

(Prayer: Help me to be the person my dog thinks I am).

Isa. 9:6 "For unto us a son is given and  
and the government shall be upon  
his shoulder."

9:7 "Of the increase of his government  
and peace there shall be no end."

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# THAT POWERFUL SON

Isaiah 9:6

- I. God sends hope in many ways. Once he did it via of a child.
  
- II. Why was it that this particular child brought hope as nothing else ever offered to man?  
Isa. 9:6 "For unto us a child is born."
  - A. May we examine this entry by entry.
  
- III. God does it for "us."
  - A. Whoever gives you a gift intends to impart happiness.
  - B. We do well to often examine the many things God does for us; food, clothing, shelter--but the greatest thing for "us" is salvation.
  - C. It is possible through one person, God's Son.
  - D. Just what is so magnificent about him?
    - 1. For us.
    - 2. Amazing it's via of a child.
    - 3. Kin to us by birth, born.
    - 4. Given, we do not deserve it.
  - E. We should pause right here and praise and thank God for his undeniable gift.

- IV. I want us to see first the child.
- A. Called the gospel of Isaiah.
  - B. Shows as child the humanity of Jesus.
  - C. No greater appeal to the future than via child.
    - 1. There is hope.
    - 2. There is light at the end of the tunnel.
    - 3. Bad times will be overcome.
    - 4. Future looks good.
    - 5. Future tense gives timeless application.
    - 6. Dark moments will pass, there is room for hope.
    - 7. Child of whom all prophets spoke-- Emmanuel, God with us.
  - D. Born
    - 1. God provides time and manner.
    - 2. Via virgin.
    - 3. No such thing as an insignificant birth--then why do you have all those pictures in your wallet?
    - 4. This Son will gain his throne without sword, money or pen.
    - 5. This child will bring the Divine Presence.
    - 6. He was not aborted.
    - 7. Not born to angels, but to us for our benefit.

8. Given us by God and came in obscure yet humble form.
9. Nothing more helpless than the newborn.

F. Son

1. Part human.
2. Part divine.

G. Born to govern.

1. He will reign whether we like it or not.
2. He will be head.

Eph. 1:22-23

3. Burden--carries on his back.
4. No limit to it.

Matt. 28:18-19

5. Can never be replaced by another.
6. Greatest ever known.
7. Clad with authority.
8. Since govern is placed on his shoulders, do not attempt to take it away.

V. What shall he be called.

- A. Not five names, but a five-fold name.
- B. Or rather four titles of God Himself.
- C. First wonderful counselor.
  1. Wonderful--out of natural order of events.
  2. Jesus never held a one-sided view.

3. Wonderful in action, endurance, life, death, resurrection, ascension, love and mercy.
4. Wonderful in onception, birth, preaching, miracles, suffering, person.

Isa. 25:1

Matt. 7:28 "The crowds were amazed."

Prov. 8:14 "I am understanding."

John 1:31

Heb. 1:1

Heb. 11:3

5. Wonderful in his teachings.

John 13:34-35

Matt. 5:25

Rom. 12:10

1 Pet. 3:8

1 Thess. 5:14

#### D. Counselor

1. Expander of the last.
2. Ever appears in the presence of God for man.
3. Never leads astray.
4. Ever guides the right way.
5. None guided by him ever failed to success.
6. We need counsel--we were never here before.
7. Ever wise and unselfish.
8. Gives it only for our benefit.

Prov. 8:12-30

John 1:9

9. As a counselor none can conspire,  
no plot can excel.
10. Trust his advice.
11. Has to be all wise in plan and  
purposes.
12. Formed great plan for man's  
redemption.
13. None can say he deserted a client.

## VI. Called Mighty God

### A. Absolute duty.

1. Prevails against all enemies.
2. The solution for greatest calamity.
3. Overcomes death, grave, Satan,  
sin, hell.

Ps. 45:6

4. Great warrior that cannot be  
defeated.
5. Defeats all plots and advices of  
Satan.

Osa. 35:8

## VII. Everlasting Father

### A. A loving and protecting government.

Job 29:16

Isa. 22:21

- B. Father of eternity.
- C. Gives all blessings.
- D. Great protector.

Heb. 8:25

Deut. 31:6

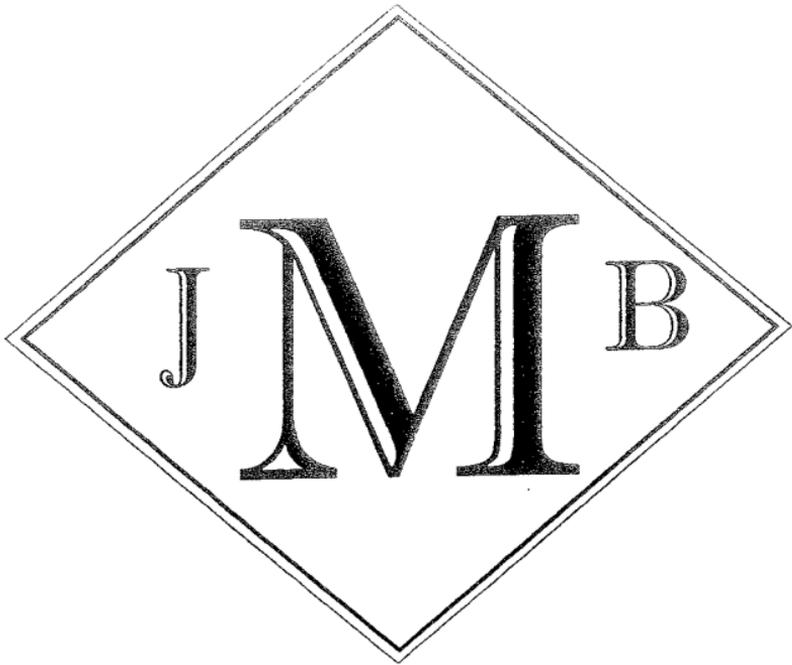
- E. Vulgate - "Father of the Coming Age."
- F. All authority.
- G. Has cared for all people that are His.
- H. Unlimited domination of all people.
- I. He begets word and spirit.

#### VIII. Finally Prince of Peace.

- A. Peace not war belongs.
- B. Gives peace to troubled conscience--redemption.
- C. Not only author and dispenser of it, but he rules by it.
- D. Increase of government and peace there will be no end.
- E. Peace comes through Christ.
- F. Racial antagonism destroyed.
- G. Maintains a government without war.
- H. Has to be omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, eternal to do it.
- I. Left legacy of peace as he ascended.

#### IX. Thank God for His birth.

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# LORD, GRANT THIS TO THY CHURCH

Isaiah 11:1-5

I. What would you think of this situation?

A. The newly wed's kitchen--everything is there, new, excellent--but bride says "honey, I can't cook."

B. The school has a great new gym--seats the balcony--"Say coach, we haven't even got a team or a ball."

C. Church today has a great open door--but we lack something. Two vital ingredients --faithfulness and righteousness.

II. First I want to talk about the open door.

A. Now this is ours: *1 million families join 70,000<sup>00</sup>*

1. Education is the number one job of the American people *1 group 2 million*

2. Average family \$5000 per annum, *1 out of 5 families own 15,000<sup>+</sup>* only 8 nations in the world have a monthly income of \$60 per month said Pres. Johnson.

3. Health--one doctor for every 750 folks; Africa one for every 40,000. Millions never see a doctor. *1 to 75,000 in Asia*

4. Many families have 2 or more cars-- 3/4 world can't afford one. Walk or ride animals as we shoot rockets. They never go 50 miles from place of birth.

5. We've precious liberties--see clip.

6. We've a compelling challenge:

a. 1946 - 1 out of 3 claimed to follow Jesus.

b. 1963 - 1 out of 4 claimed to follow Jesus.

c. 1999 - 1 out of 5 will claim if present

trends continue. *125 births per minute*

- b. Mohammedanism growing 6x as fast as Chr. in Africa. *75,000 per hr.*
- c. Communism spends 1-1/2 billion dollars to propagate its faith this year. In 50 years they've made 1 out of 3 a commie. *180,000 per day*
- d. ~~6~~ million babies born this year. *1 million per wk.*
- e. 70 million adults learn to read.
- f. 55 million copies of Scripture distributed this year.
- g. In USA 50 million citizens do not have a Bible.

B. Multiplied abundantly could be these opportunities--I haven't touched on the open door needs present like found in human misery, suffering, bereavement.

1. But what shall we do and how shall we meet the challenge?
2. I've a plan--Scriptural, workable, simple --without super organization. *→ who's job?*
3. When I say it you are going to answer "But I know that!"
4. True--do what you know.

### III. Turn with me to Isaiah 11,

A. The coming Christ and his reign is described. It's the former we seek to see.

1. He'll wear girdle of righteousness and faithfulness.
  - a. Upper and lower--symbol of complete eqpt.
  - b. Girdles braced for action. He could

meet every challenge.

2. Girdles were rt. and ft!

a. Right is doing right by God's standard  
--all time. (Not lie now and then).

b. Faithfulness is dependability and loyalty  
all time--not when convenient. We can  
depend on Jesus for everything.

3. God had one son and when he "dressed"  
his boy he put on rt. and ft.

a. Could anything be more important?

b. Name a virtue you think is superior.

B. What about us?

1. Am I faithful? - *Comm. and Chp.*

a. Absentee members could support a  
mission program.

(1) West End had 100 absent every Sunday.  
\$5000 annual income. \$5.00 Sunday  
(\$260.00 per year = Beauty and Barber)  
per member or \$500 this Sunday  
\$26,000 this year!

(2) In Nashville 1000 members out today =  
1/4 million this year.

(3) Ira Rice to Singapore, Henry Farrar  
to Nigeria, Coffman finish bldg. --on  
absentees!

b. Release preacher -- we are like getting  
babies to eat. We can't worry about  
growth have 1st concern just stay alive.

2. Righteousness.

a. Are we good?

b. No jails, bars, liquor by the drink,

gambling, pornography, adultery,  
lasciviousness, profanity--you'd need  
no laws--no one wants to do it.

(1) No law to prohibit sale of rabid dogs--  
who wants one--just no sale!

(2) Let goodness outlaw evil.

c. Comfort in being right, doing right and  
knowing you are!

C. Lord grant this to thy church as it walks  
after Thy Son!

West End Springs

Brookmeade - 1/13/65

Chapel Ave. - 4/13/65

Neosho, Mo. - 4/28/65

Himmler - 5/18/65

Dodge City, Kansas - 8/12/65

## Our Precious Liberties

The following is a newspaper editorial well worth the serious consideration of every American:

1791 — 1965: That is the span of our liberties.

This year is the one hundred and seventy fourth anniversary of the historic Bill of Rights, which formally became part of the Constitution on December 15, 1791.

We hear a great deal about the "Bill of Rights," but what exactly is this "bill?" And what does it mean to you?

The Bill of Rights is the first ten amendments to our Constitution.

(1) They forbid Congress from making any law establishing a state religion.

(2) They prohibit Congress from gagging your right to freely express yourself on any subject.

(3) They prohibit Congress from abridging the freedom of expression of the newspaper you read.

(4) They prohibit Congress from preventing you to assemble peaceably for a redress of grievances.

(5) No soldier in time of peace or war can be quartered in your home arbitrarily—that is, without due process of law.

(6) No one can enter your house to seize your person or papers and effects without a warrant.

(7) To be held for a capital or other infamous crime you must be indicted by a grand jury; you cannot be tried twice for the same offense; you cannot be a witness against yourself, and you cannot be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.

(8) The Government itself is forbidden to take private property without just compensation.

(9) You are guaranteed a trial by jury. And you have the right to have counsel.

(10) If you have been arrested, excessive bail is forbidden, nor can cruel or unusual punishment be inflicted upon you.

That is the essence of our liberties.

The Bill of Rights spells the difference between regimentation and liberty — between national slavery and freedom.

May every Christian in the land

By David Evans

## A SEARCH FOR COMMITMENT

David Reisman, in his book The Lonely Crowd, refers to a description by Kenneth Keniston of the alienation that has been spreading among young Americans. "They are in search of a cause, in search of commitment, and some look for this outside the United States, very rarely behind the Iron Curtain, but in India, Africa, Cuba, or Israel. It would seem that men cannot live for long in a static, sober world, drained of ideology." Concerning commitment J. H. Oldham has said in his book Life Is Commitment, "There are some things in life--and they may be the most important things--that we cannot know by research or reflection, but only by committing ourselves."

But it was Jesus Christ who expressed the call to commitment in terms of a dynamic command. "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) Our young people today are seeking for this commitment which is so vital to their spiritual well-being. Unless the church can meet this search, she will continue

## OVERCOMING EVIL

▶ A large department store has a tank of water on display in a prominent place on the first floor, inside of which is a raincoat and hat. A steady spray of water flows down upon the rain apparel day after day without damaging it. Thus, customers are given a graphic sales talk in favor of the water-proof nature of the rain outfit.

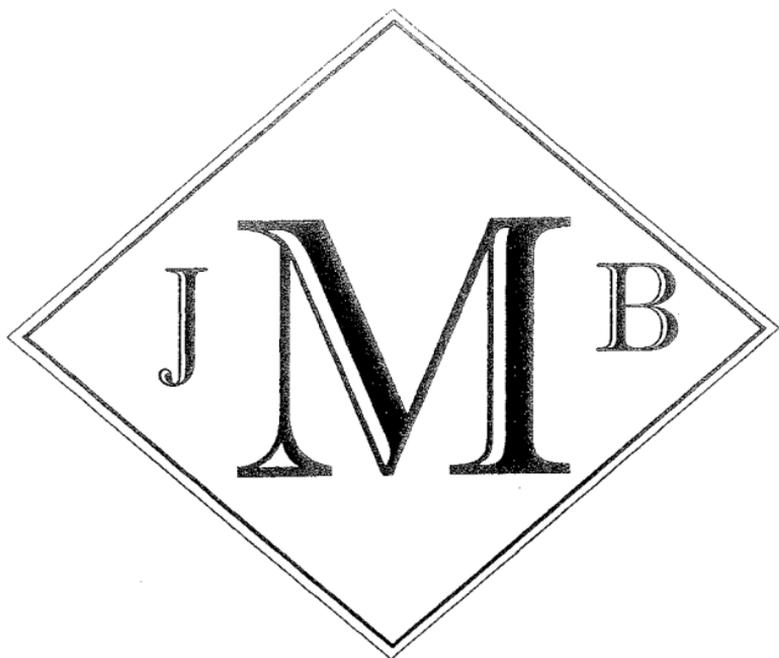
Other companies advertise articles that are rust repellent—heat, cold, fire or sun repellent. Many materials are pre-shrunk. Lotions and powders are guaranteed to ward off mosquitos and other insects.

Although factory owners are fast learning to produce things that repel harmful effects of the elements (and who would deny that these articles add to our material comfort?) no one has succeeded in developing repellents for the more important elements of hate and prejudice as well as all the other deadly sins.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians turned down an offer of \$30,000 a week for a Las Vegas, Nevada, night club appearance. He refuses to work in places where liquor is sold, or where there is gambling.—*K. Bevis*

### VISION



# THE BURDEN OF MOAB

Isa. 15:1-2

1. This is the 1st of two chapters that speak about the plight of Moab.

A. The Burden of Moab.

1. Divine oracle against Moab.

2. Quite a bit like Jer. 48. Some accuse Isa. of stealing Jer. 48 & rewording it. *Read Jer 48:6-10*

3. Came in the 711 BC period.

B. History of Moab.

1. Moab a monarchy.

2. Established 13th century BC.

3. Took over territory assigned Reuben.

4. Mesha erected stele - it was discovered 1868 AD. It was erected 840 BC - he mentions Omri & told of taking temple vessels from Jerusalem to his god, Chemosh.

5. Nearest foe to East for Israel.

6. Long time enemy. *1-4*

~~Nu. 22:24 "But the angel of the Lord stood in a path"~~  
Judges 3:14 "So the children of Israel served Eglon th

7. 1st loyal to Juh.

8. Then to Israel.

9. After Ahab's death refused to pay tribute.

2 Kings 3:5 "But it came to pass, when Ahab was dea

10. Jehoram, Ahab's son & Jehosphaphat of Judah made war.

2 Kings 3:25 "And they beat down the cities, and on

11. Destroyed their cities.

12. Became a vassal of David.

2 Kings 3:4-27 (read).

26-30  
37-40  
42-44  
46-49

- Judges 3:12 "And the children of Israel did evil again
- 2 Sam. 8:1 ~~"And after this it came to pass, that David~~
- 13. Got independence 850 BC.
- 14. Disappeared during 7th century.
- 15. "He" personifies Moab.

C. The Oppression Starts.

- 1. Because = surely, I affirm.
- 2. "In the night."
  - a.) Suddenly.
  - b.) Unexpected - and brought to nothingness.
  - c.) Came at an unfavorable hour for defense.
- 3. Two major cities fall.
  - a.) AR
    - 1.) Means "City" & is North.
    - 2.) Moab divided 2 ways: North & South.
  - b.) Kir.
    - 1.) To the South.
    - 2.) Means citadel.
    - 3.) Some cities hi - could see from Israel - they thot impregnable.
    - 4.) Seizing of the cities left whole country open to attack.
  - c.) Laid waste & brought to silence.
    - 1.) Desolation & destruction.
    - 2.) To storm, is ruined.
    - 3.) Silence will come again as at wine making they have nothing to sing or say.
    - 4.) Moabites go to Bajith.
      - a.) Means temple.
      - b.) Sadness overwhelms.

- c.) High places significant.
- d.) Some cities on steep mt. - visible from Jerusalem.

## II. Lessons to be learned.

- A. No nation large or small exempt from the government of God.
- B. We shall be rewarded after the manner of our deeds.
- C. Evil has an ending - it shall not be for always.
- D. Sad to see people go to false temple & get nothing in reality. We seem to think the greater our place, the greater the effectiveness of our prayers. "If only I could get to St. Peters" attitude.
- E. God has a record of our achievements & we'll answer for it.
- F. Rebellion brings waste & destruction.

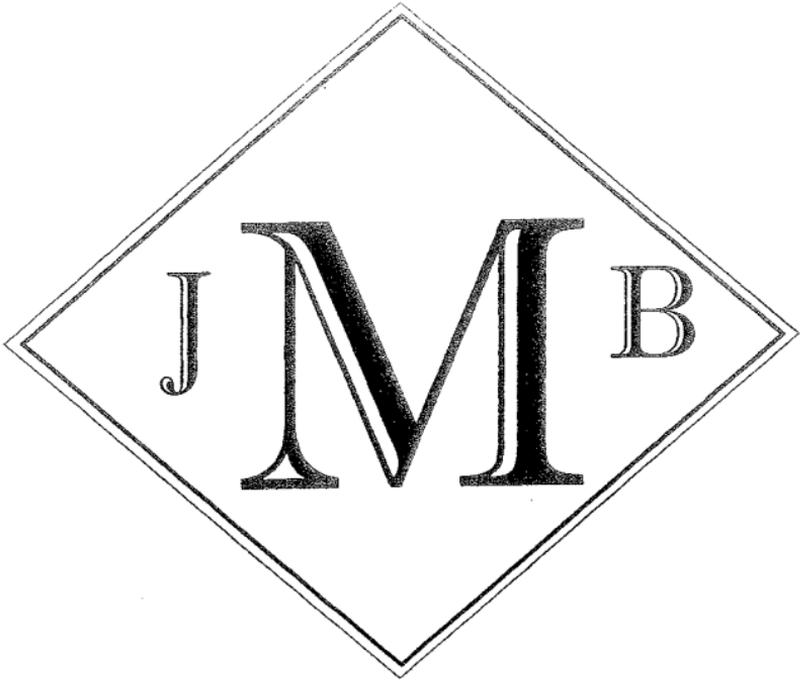
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What light can be thrown on that obscurity must be gathered from what we can learn of the contemporary history of Moab and its relation to Israel. This we know partly from the record of 2 Kings iii., partly from the inscription of the Moabite stone found at Diban, in 1860, by Mr. Klein, and translated by Dr. Ginsburg in Records of the Past, xi. 163. Combining the information from these two sources, we find that Omri and Ahab had subdued Moab when that nation was governed by Chemosh-Gad of Diban, and had compelled him to pay a sheep tribute reckoned by hundreds of thousands. When Jehoram succeeded Ahab, Mesha, the son of Chemosh-Gad, revolted, and the Moabite inscription records the successful issue of the campaign. Jehoram entered into an alliance with Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom. The Moabites were defeated. Their trees were cut down their wells stopped, and their land made barren. The king of Moab in his despair offered up his son as a sacrifice to Chemosh in the sight of both armies. With that sacrifice apparently the tide of victory turned. Mesha, in his inscription, records how he took Nebo from Israel and slew seven thousand men, and built or restored fortified towns, and offered the vessels of Jehovah, taken probably from the sanctuaries of the "high places" of Nebo. Exulting in the memory of this victory, Moab became "exceeding proud" (chap. xvi. 6), and in a psalm, probably contemporary with Isaiah (see the mention

of Assur, or Assyria, in Ps. lxxxiii. 8), they are named as among the enemies of Judah, joined with the Philistines and Assyrians. It is probable enough that, having been kept in check by the prosperous rule of Uzziah, they took advantage of the weakness of Ahaz to renew hostilities, and were looking, half with dread, half with hope, to the Assyrian power. It may be noted here that the following cities named in these chapters--Dibon, Medeba, Nebo, Horonaim--occur also in the Moabite stone, which thus renders a striking testimony to their antiquity, and, so far, to their authenticity. (Comp. Jer. xlvi. 1, which is, to a large extent, a reproduction of Isaiah's language.)

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## LIFE CAN BE TOUGH

Isa. 15:2-4

I. The plight of Moab underscores the plight of suffering for us all.

A. Jesus did.

B. You will.

I Pet. 5:8-11 Read

C. Be sure it's for the right purpose.

II. Moab's lot.

A. Moab shall howl.

1. We have earlier learned they went up to a false temple to weep.

a.) Ungodly men are inconsolable - they have no real comforter.

b.) They search but find no answer.

2. Come down to howl.

a.) They implore their Gods c tears & it avails nothing.

b.) They will resort to other extremes in the impression of their anxieties.

B. Many cities listed.

1. 9 places are named - we shall make little effort to outline their history & geography.

2. Many words of calamity named: laid waste, brot to silence, weep, howl, baldness, cut beards, sackcloth, weep abundantly, cry, life grievous, flee, raise up cry of destruction, desolate, wither, fail, no green, water full of blood, lions, carry out possessions.

3. Places:

a.) Nebo - city & mt.

b.) Medeba.

(1) Some cities were holy places.

(2) Some high & lifted up - could see from Judah.

(3) Some never taken - that to be impregnable.

(4) Note centers of religion (temple) & power fall.

c.) Heshbon.

d.) Elealeh.

e.) Jahaz.

Josh. 21:36 "And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer wi

I Chron. 6:78 "And on the other side Jordan by Jerich

C. Emotional actions taken.

1. Weep.

2. Howl.

3. Baldness - did they tear hair in grief till bald?

4. Beard cut - Oriental regarded beard c veneration

5. Sackcloth.

a.) Shows completeness of their despair.

b.) We once wore black.

c.) It gave way to crepe.

d.) Now nothing in cloth to show sorrow.

e.) Streets = broad places, bazaar, marketplace, agora, quite public.

6. Roof tops - houses flat, thus natural place to resort for private weeping also - thus public & private expressions of despair.

7. Weep abundantly - lit. melt away in tears.

8. Soldiers.

a.) Courage of soldiers would fail.

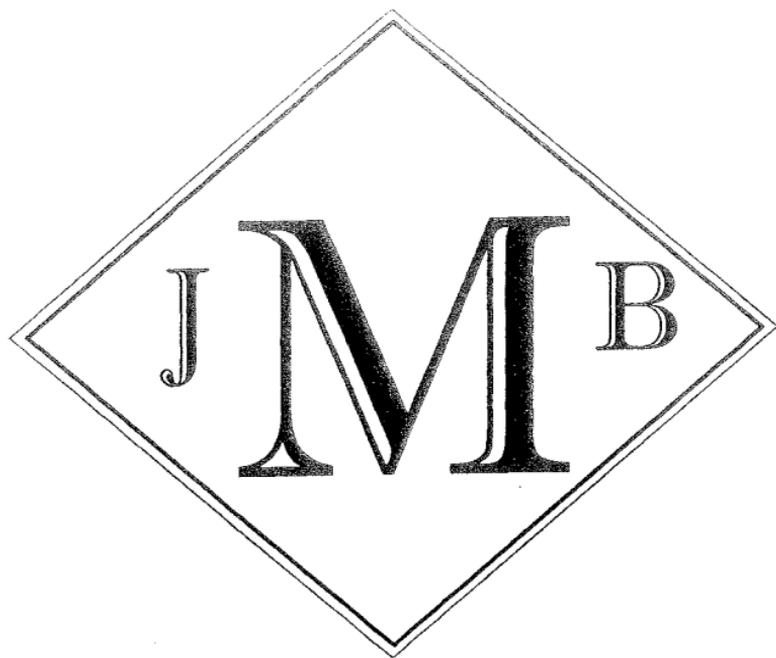
b.) Only thing soldier could do was cry.

c.) Life grievous to him.

### III. Lessons Learned.

- A. When we rely on the wrong thing & when then times go bad, we really have nothing that can comfort us (they came down from house tops weeping as much as when they went up!)
- B. Emotions sometime tho honestly expressed cannot be helped, *it is (writing) ...*
- C. We are conscious of locations of physical & religious power - when this fails, we are disheartened.
- D. Leaders mean much - crime to see the soldiers cry.
  - 1. When leaders fail, we do too.
  - 2. Grief & fear are catching.
  - 3. We need to realize the feebleness of our own efforts.
- E. God can make life miserable for those who seem to have enjoyed it the most - there is a day of reckoning.

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# MY REACTION TO OTHERS' DESTRUCTION

Isa. 15:5-9

- I. We have listed some of the calamities Moab faced - and there will be more to name; but just now how should I react to the others' calamity.
  - A. Remember it's due him - he brought it on himself.
  - B. Should I not tell him it's coming?
  - C. Should I delight in him getting his due desserts?
  - D. Should I try to get him out of it via **false** efforts or procedure?
  - E. Should I tell him what is going to happen & grieve with him over his **calamity**?
- II. The Spirit of Compassion.
  - A. My heart shall cry out for Moab.
    1. Prophet's heart is aroused to pity.
    2. Lange, "The cry of the enemy stirs compassion in his heart - he cries from his innermost bosom.
    3. He announces wrath of God c sorrow, not c exaltation - FJB.
    4. He is not cold, harsh, nor unsympathetic - he also reacted likewise to Babylon.
  - Isa. 31:3-4 "Now the Egyptians are men, and not Go
  5. Do you see any rejoicing in him that Moab is to get what's coming to him?
  6. How should we announce the strictness of God's terms today?
    - a.) Necessity of baptism.
    - b.) One church.
    - c.) Narrow city & gate.
    - d.) Few.

e.) Not many saved?

B. The heart of the evangelist must not be a cold one

C. Neither must it be one of compromise - because tho bleeding he comes back to his painful task of outlined destruction.

1. Fugitives flee to Zoar.

a.) Zoar a fortress to the south.

b.) Lot went here from Sodom.

c.) Heifer figure - shows ox in fullness of its power  
3 yrs. old - not under ~~the~~ strength still intact -  
thus city impregnable.

d.) Still it will fail.

2. Luhith - some cities via past history thought of as being indomnible, fortresses never taken. Life has its surprises (how could this happen to me?)

3. Horonaim = two poles, near caves.

4. Nimrim = limip waters.

a.) Totality of vegetation withers - devastating thru in sheep country.

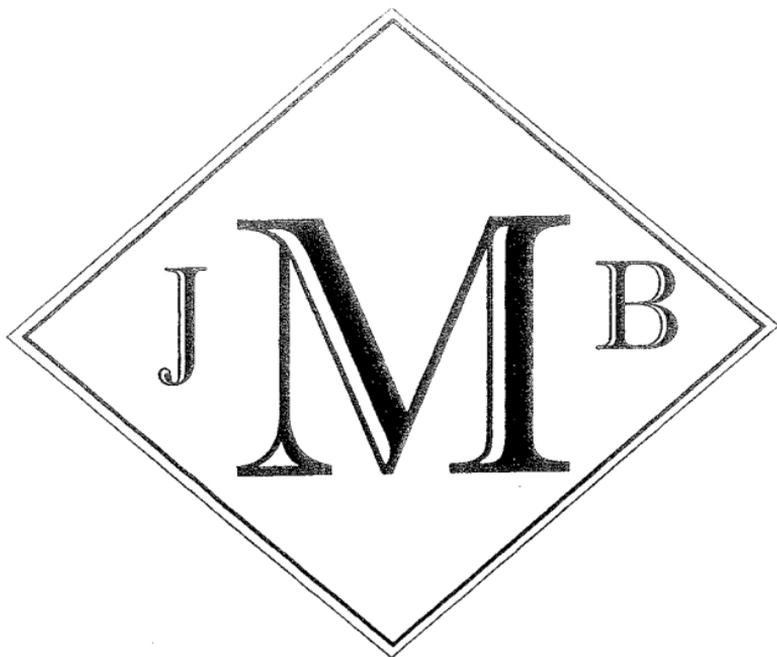
b.) Place of springs - where you expected the oasis - now withered & dry up. When streams dry up, herbage perish - we get Fla. sinkholes.

III. Our Lesson.

A. How do I deal c those not blessed who deserve punishment.

B. What is my security?

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# THE ESTABLISHED THRONE

Isaiah 16:1-5

I. The earlier chapters of Isaiah abound in various "burdens." Now comes the one to Moab.

A. It is to the credit of prophesy that the error is seen, but also a solution is granted. (Clip on Know What)

B. We often criticize the wrong w/o giving ways as to how to right the wrong.

C. We study 5 verses to see this.

II. The Method for Moab.

A. Send lambs to the Ruler.

1. Offer of mercy if they will come to David.

2. What was sent to Samaria now send to Jerusalem.

3. Return to David--only hope of relief.

4. Obviously today we need to bring obedience to King David's greater Son.

5. Are we big enough to retrace steps and say we are sorry.

6. Can we repent?

7. Do I today know of those I've wronged & never corrected it?

B. Lambs

1. They sent them.

2 Kings 3:4 "And Mesha...100,000 lambs, wool-rams.

2. Pay Hezekiah.

3. Short sentence shows urgency.

4. Only 1 way of Salvation (clip on gardner)

a) Submit to Zion.

b) Christ our true ruler.

c) When we come to God come in the name of the Lamb.

C. Ruler--One who occupies Throne.

D. Sela

1. Palace like at Petra.

2. Send tribute to Jerusalem from Sela, capitol of Edom, called Petra by the Romans.

3. Means the Rock.

### III. Condition of Moab

A. Wandering Bird cast out of Nest.

1. "Those who yield not to the fear of God yield to the fear of everything else." (Scott)

2. Those who won't be counselled can't be helped.

3. Picture of people as a frustrated bird fluttering over a stricken nest.

4. So timid lost all courage, no longer masculine but now feminine.

B. Moab

1. 1,500 sq. miles.

2. Get help from Judah then later return it.

3. We must go to others, not just ourselves.

4. Naomi went to Moab (Ruth 1:1).

5. David did.

1 Sam. 22:3

6. Human fortune unstable because those who offer shelter now need it.

7. God does not seek death of sinner--rather repentance.

Ezk. 18:32

## C. Action needed.

1. Take counsel.
2. Execute judgement.
3. Make shadow.
4. Hide outcasts.
5. Bewray not wanderer.
6. It means:
  - a) Reverse all unrighteous decrees earlier made against Isreal.
  - b) Lord knows where outcasts are even when no one else can find them.
  - c) Make noon shadow as dark as midnight so you can conceal he who flees there.
  - d) If you are to share in later glory, better get right now.
  - e) Christ to come.
  - f) All who are delivered must be covered with Zion's shadow.

## D. You must be:

1. Place where outcast dwell.
2. Covert from spoiler.
3. Extortioner ends--Substitute burglar.
  - a) The wringer.
  - b) Twists you.
4. Spoiler ceases (Mother & broken dish)
5. Oppressors consumed--lit. trample under feet.

## IV. The Throne Established.

## A. In Mercy

Ezek. 18:32

2 Pet. 3:9

1. Offer of mercy awakens conscience.

2. Listen to preaching, see hideous sin.

B. Throne

1. Ruler
2. Authority
3. Established

C. Features

1. One sits on it.
2. Truth
  - a) Truth its substance.
  - b) Place--Tabernacle of David.
  - c) Started in Tent--went to Palace.
3. Judging & seeking judgement.
  - a) Object--justice & righteousness.
  - b) Card on the church.
  - c) "Because I have confidence in the power of truth and of the spirit, I believe in the future of mankind" (A. Schweitzer).
4. Hasting righteousness
  - a) Zealous for the right.
  - b) Hastings = practicing.
  - c) Righteousness saves a nation.

Prov. 16:34

d) Hastings--prompt.

5. Are these our prompt goals?

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## *If You Know What I Mean*

OVERHEARD on the bus: "I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous."

—Bernie Hunt, quoted by Neil Morgan in *San Diego Tribune*

NEIGHBOR to neighbor: "He ought to stay home more often and take his wife out."

—S.R.I.

MAN to colleague: "The unexpected doesn't always happen, but when it does, it generally happens when you are least expecting it."

—Frank Muir and Denis Norden, *You Can't Have Your Kayak and Heat It* (Methuen)

AN ELDERLY woman's comment about a pretty girl next door: "She was smart enough to get married before she was old enough to know better."

—Charlie Rice in *This Week Magazine*

A prospective car buyer questioned the salesman about the high price of a new high mileage car. "Well, that's the way it is," the salesman explained. "If you want economy you have to pay for it."

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When a driver in San Francisco bumped the car in front at a stop signal, the driver leaned out and said to the embarrassed driver behind him, "At the next stop, which brakes would you like to use — yours or mine?"

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Before he turned to mystery fiction, Erle Stanley Gardner wrote western stories for the pulps, which paid on a per word basis. As the usual rate was a mere three cents a word, he used as many words as possible. He even wrote the word "bang!" every time the hero fired his gun. And, as the gun was a six-shooter, he always had him miss with the first five shots.

The editors found his last a little hard to swallow.

"How come," one of them asked, "that your hero, who is supposed to be the fastest gun in the West, invariably needs six shots to put away the bad guy. Don't you think it's time he showed some improvement?"

At these rates," replied Gardner, "he has no incentive."

— *Funny Funny World.*

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A WOMAN READ in the paper that some businesses were putting notes on their safes which read, "Notice, no money kept in this safe, only company documents." The idea was that burglars wouldn't tear up a safe and destroy papers looking for money and other valuables.

So, when the woman would leave her house, she would put this note on the box that held her jewelry: "The jewelry in this box is imitation. All of my genuine pieces are in the safe deposit box at the bank."

One time she came home and found her jewelry stolen, and this note was in its place. "I took it anyway because I myself am a substitute. The regular burglar who works this territory is in Florida on his vacation."

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Supper was over. The father of the house and his nine-year-old son were in the living room watching television. Mother and daughter were in the kitchen washing up the supper dishes.

Suddenly father and son heard a terrible crashing sound of something breaking in the kitchen. They waited for a moment but didn't hear a sound.

"It was Mom who broke the dish," the boy said.

"How do you know?" his father asked.

"Because," his son answered, "she isn't saying anything."

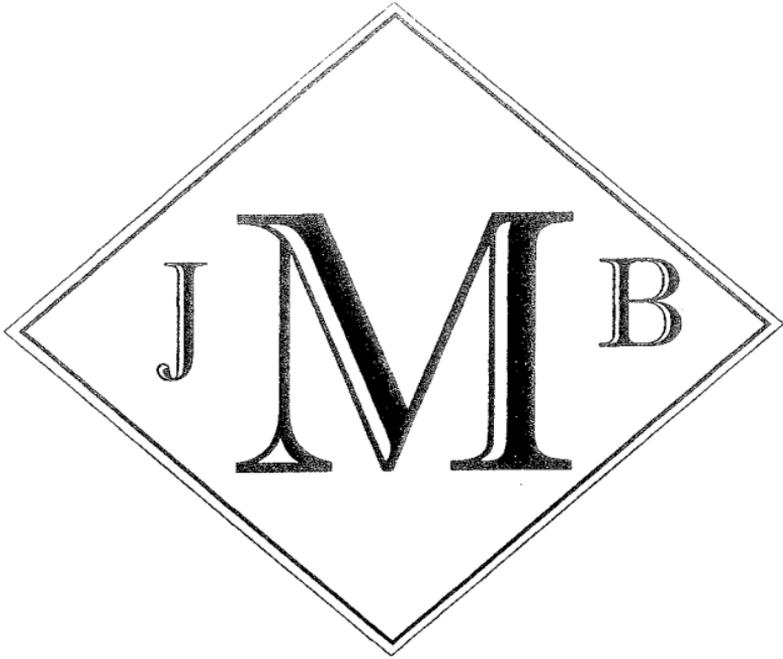
As Alexander Hay notes:

"The fact is that the Apostles, fulfilling the ministry which God gave them, laid a complete and perfect foundation for the church, both as regards structure and doctrine. A careful and unbiased study of the New Testament will make it abundantly clear that a full and detailed revelation is given regarding the structure of the church and that all the congregations planted in Apostolic times were organized in accordance with that patten."

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Gary Inrig

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## WILL WE LISTEN TO GRACE?

Isaiah 16:6-14

- I. Obviously Moab was in trouble with God.
  - A. V. 1-5 he offers mercy, return to David.
  - B. Threatened if they reject offer -- V. 6-12.
  - C. Time fixed for her punishment-V.13-14.
  - D. Can you think of anything fairer God could have offered?
- II. Let's See the Cause of their Trouble.
  - A. "He is very proud" (v. 6)
    1. We know pride goes before destruction (Prov. 10:18).
    2. We get full of ourselves and forget God.
    3. Pride will keep them in ruin & prohibit prayer & repentance.
    4. P.C. calls it one of greatest sins.
      - a) Arrogance of unbelief via intellectual pride.
      - b) Arrogance of impiety.
      - c) Arrogance of vice.
    5. Jesus taught that he who exalts himself shall be abased.
    6. If pride stopped her what is our besetting sin?
      - a) Nothing is said of their praising God for their abundance--do we?
      - b) Do we give in money as we should?
    7. But note in reality no reason for pride--lies are his.

B. Man can better correct when he knows what makes him spiritually sick.

### III. Sin Brings Times of Howling!

A. Now is pictured great desolation.

1. It's wise to be sin's enemy & the people's friend.

Lu. 19:41

Rom. 9:3

2. We speak of the snow of adversity-- Israel thought of cruel, hot winds that scorch.

3. Prophet cries too for their condition.

John 3:16

4. Are we moved by those in a "far country."

B. Places Listed.

1. Kir Hareseth

a) Houses pulled down.

b) Only fd. remains.

c) Means flagons of wine--loss of products of the soil.

d) This was place of grapes.

2. Heshbon

a) Meadows

b) Places of previous joys now mournful.

3. Sibmah--wine cellars--all towns add accurately authenticity.

4. Jazer

a) Outwardly & inwardly the prophet is moved.

b) What he said made migatory by pride.

Jer. 48:1

c) Howls go from place to place.

d) Summer fruits & harvest fails.

### C. Results of Sin

1. Gladness is taken away.

2. Joy is taken out.

3. Absence of singing and shouting.

4. Treaders have no wine to press out.

5. It's the silence of sadness.

6. Treading

a) 7 would trod with naked feet.

b) 2 tier reservoir to smash grapes.

c) Sang as they did work.

d) They'd shout = hēdad--joyful & thankful.

Jer. 25:30

e) There was another yell like swarming hoards of invaders.

Jer. 48:32

f) But for these times--no wine--only leaves.

g) Sin promises well but gives no good end results.

D. One of saddest results--he comes to pray & nothing happens (v-12).

1. Prayers to idols unavailing.

2. Comes to place he feels he should but no results.

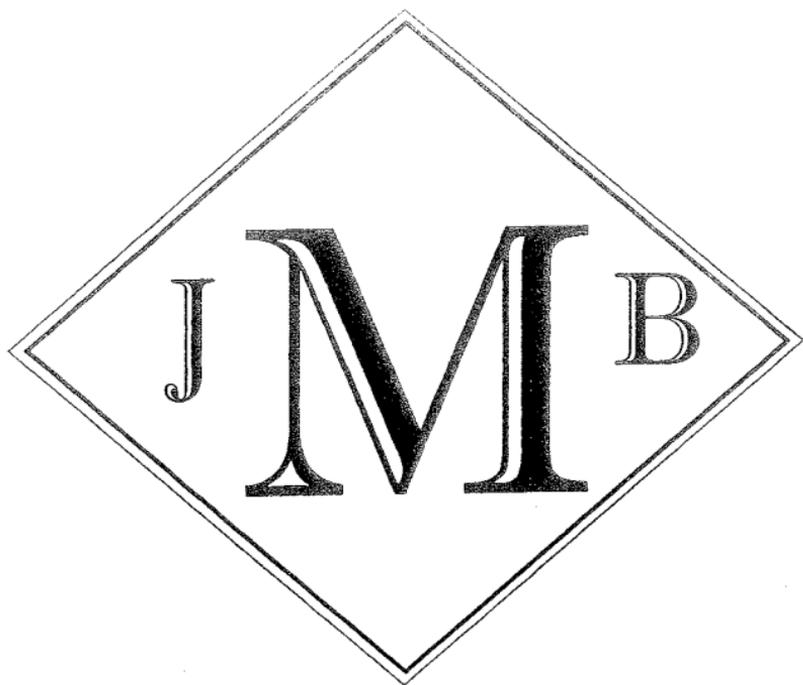
3. She does not know the right God.

1 Kings 18:28

2 Kings 3:27

4. Tragic to consult Gods that are no good.

5. Moab went to the church of her choice!



# HOW TO HARVEST A HEAP!

Isa. 17:9-14

- I. Our chickens come home to roost.
  - A. We harvest what we plant.
  - B. Late repentance can't change some consequences.
- II. Desolation came (V. 9).
  - A. Olive picture again.
    1. Judgement sure to come.
    2. Strong cities fail.
  - B. Cause fully stated - forgot God (V. 10).
    1. God has two descriptions:
      - a.) God of thy Salvation.
      - b.) Rock of thy strength.
    2. They forgot God.
      - a.) This the cause of all their trouble.
      - b.) Forgetfulness brings barrenness.
      - c.) Self reliance produces no real fruit.
    3. God true source of strength - our Rock.
- I Cor. 10:14 "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from  
C. Man's Pleasant Plants.
  1. Israel sowed strange slips.
  2. Intended for pleasantness, but brought pain.
  3. Who plants thistles & expects roses?
  4. Inheritance - oppressive pain.
  5. Garden of the gods brings only grief & desperate sorrow.
  6. Man's plans go awry as others do today.
  7. Hurried harvests still bring destruction.
  8. Men place strength in wrong things.
- 2 Chron. 14:11 "And Asa cried unto the Lord his God  
Lu. 12:19 "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast

9. Our eyes must be on God.
10. It grieves Him if we neglect Him.
11. We'll harvest a ruinous heap.
12. It's insufficient & unsatisfactory.
13. Man's rock cities provide no defense.
14. Only harvest is pain - they honored Canaanite fertility deity.

### III. Closes Chapter c Picture of Enemy.

#### A. Multitude.

1. Many.
2. Noise like seas.

#### B. Judgement roars in - the Assyrians were coming.

1. Sounds like the rumble of the sea in the distance

#### C. God rebukes.

1. One word from Him & it's all over.
2. Life chaff on the Mt.

a.) Threshing floors placed on eminences where wind had freer course.

b.) Via word matters suddenly change.

#### 3. At eventime trouble.

a.) Day of oppression closes in.

b.) Instead of rest, evening brot terror.

c.) Sad trouble comes then as our strength faded.

d.) Sin comes with confident arrogance.

#### 4. Morning he is not.

a.) God got rid of it in an hour.

b.) Took care of Sennacherib.

2 Kings 19:36 "So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed  
37:37 "

c.) Morning comes and there is no enemy.

Ps. 30:6 "And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be

46:6 "The heathen raged, the kingdoms were movi

90:6 "In the morning it flourisheth, and growth up

Job 20:29 "This is the portion of a wicked man from C

d.) Whatever defies God is brought to nothingness.

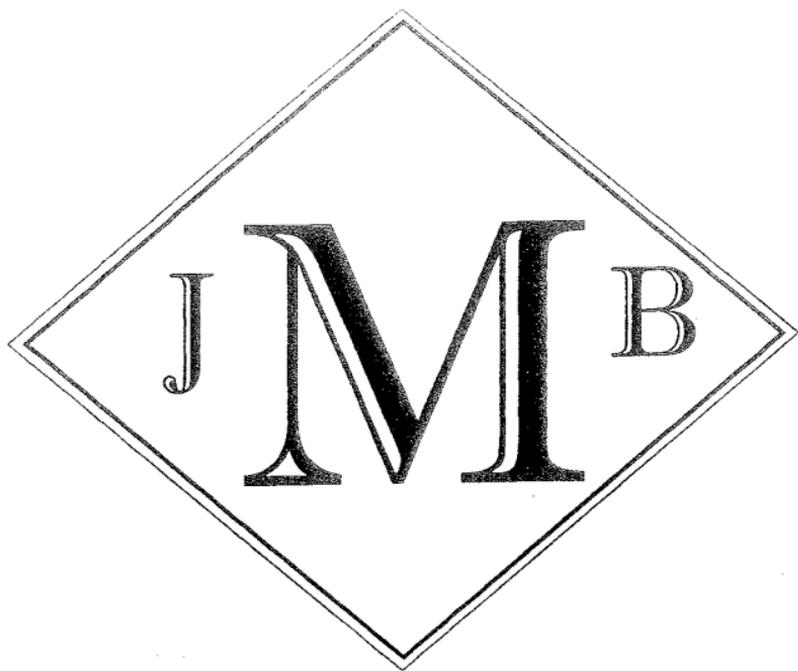
5. Lessons.

a.) We are threatened in every age - but God's  
ever in His Heaven.

b.) To hurt a disciple is to hurt Jesus.

Matt. 10:40-42 "He that receiveth you receiveth me,

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# EGYPT CALLED TO ACCOUNT

Isa. 19:1-4

- I. About 10 nations are named - now it's Egypt's turn.
  - A. Hard to allocate all the historical references - perhaps impossible.
  - B. Could be about 760 BC she began to disintegrate.
  - C. She'd been a power 16 centuries (Rome only lasted 12).
  - D. She needed to be called to account.
    1. Idolatry, impurity there.
    2. Cruel to God's folks.
    3. Corrupted God's folks.
  - E. We may be sure God, irrespective of delay, will call all of us to account.

Isa. 40:8 "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but  
II. Let's see the "Burden."

A. Lord rides upon a Swift Cloud.

1. Often his entrance so described.
2. He shows his awareness, power, presence.
  - a.) Nearness of God should make us better.
  - b.) It should let us see our own contrasting weakness.
  - c.) We see his holiness & our imperfections.
  - d.) Impenitent man has reason for alarm.
3. He comes as Judge.

B. Idols move.

1. God hated such rivalry.
2. But does not imply that they have life.

C. Hearts melt.

1. Should - as we face judgement.
2. Do we dread his coming?
3. We sway at hearing voice of God.

## D. Civil War.

1. Picture of political & social chaos.
2. Brother fights bro.
3. Nation is dispirited.
4. V. 2 = Prick - see land laid waste.
5. Age of great change.
6. Civil war does more harm than foreign.

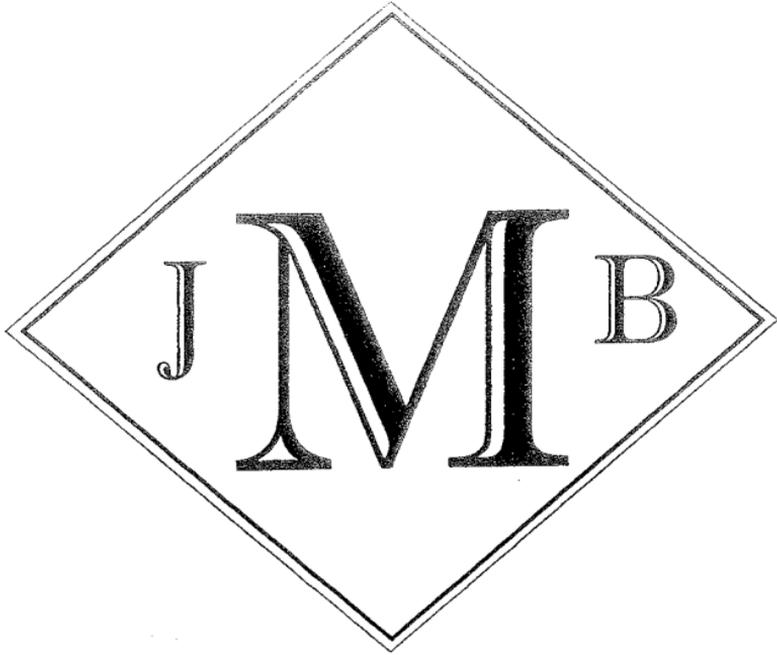
## E. Turn to Idols, Charmers, Spirits, Wizards.

1. Turn to magic & primitive religious practices.
2. Extreme appeal to "mutterers."
3. If we've not genuine religion, we counterfeit it.
4. Superstition hard to lay aside.
5. We want to pierce future.
6. Hidden to prevent our procrastination & we must live by faith.

## F. Turned over to Cruel Lord.

1. Get a dictator - a hard King.
2. Assyria did occupy lower Egypt.
3. She had many names.
  - a.) Called Mizraim by Easterners - Egyptians never used term.
  - b.) They used Cham, Koptic, Chemi (black).
  - c.) Miz. = fortification.
4. When folks fall out c ea. other, someone else moves in & takes over both.
5. Folly to trust enemy.
6. Sin hands us over to a cruel Lord.

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# FROM SHAKING TO SALVATION

Isa. 19:16-25

- I. In this remarkable prophecy of Isaiah we'll see Egypt very prominently shown.
  - A. We see how low she sinks.
  - B. We see how high she rises.
- II. First see her undone condition.
  - A. When Egypt is like a woman.

V. 16 & 17 - Read

    1. Egypt that she could be saved by her own wisdom now abandons this policy.
    2. She surrenders this hope.
    3. Isaiah switches from poetry to prose.
    4. Like a woman.
  - Jer. 50:37 "A sword is upon their horses, and upon th
  - Jer. 51:30 "The mighty men of Babylon have forborn t
  - Nahum 3:13 "Behold, thy people in the midst of thee
  5. Does the parallel offend - what's intended in the comparison?
  - B. She's filled c fear.
    1. 2 words for fear.
      - a.) Trembling or terrified.
      - b.) Dread & awe.
    2. She shakes because hand of God is raised.
      - a.) Trembles before the Lord.
      - b.) No details as to how God visited Egypt.
      - c.) When anyone mentions Judah's name, she shakes.
- Deut. 2:25 "This day will I begin to put the dread of
3. When God is for you, even your enemies lose heart.

4. To mention Judah made them think of God - do we do the same?

C. Story of the 5 Cities.

1. Significance of 5.

- a.) Neither small.
- b.) Nor great.
- c.) Does he mean 5/6 will turn?
- d.) 5 cities that speak Hebrew. (City of the Sun, of Righteousness, of Destruction)
- e.) Some wonder if these are the names of 1 city only as it moved thru history.
- f.) Does 5 imply few?

Lev. 26:8 "And five of you shall chase an hundred, &

I Cor. 14:19 "Yet in the church I had rather speak five

g.) Or is it a round no.?

Matt. 25:20 "And so he that had received five talents

I Sam. 17:40 "And he took his staff in his hand, and

h.) Or 1/2 of 10 for completeness & thus the equivalent of many.

i.) 5 is 1/2 of wholeness.

j.) 5 is sacred no. to the Egyptians.

k.) Does it mean w/o limit?

2. So it ends with some uncertainty of conclusion.

D. Establishment of an Altar.

1. Lord will have an altar in Egypt.

2. Lord will treat Egypt like Israel but she must properly respond.

3. Altars show gratitude to God via offerings.

4. Man builds monuments to God.

5. Will they offer animal sacrifice?

c.) It makes possible our inheritance.

d.) Peter saw empty tomb.

Jn. 20:6-7 "Then cometh Simon Peter following him, a

C. Nature.

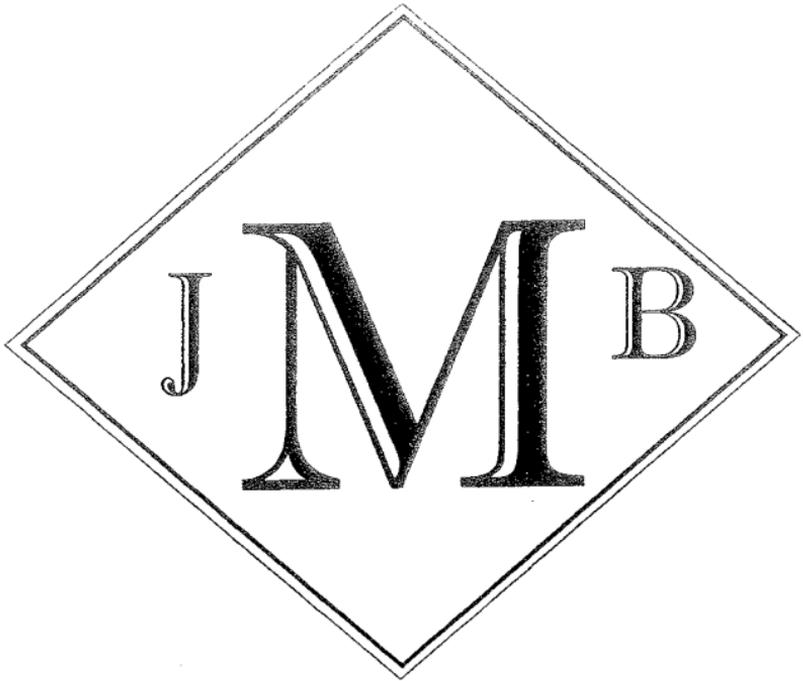
1. Living hope.

2. Can face what comes.

Lu. 15:13-14 "And not many days after the younger son

Matt. 6:20 "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heave

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# ISAIAH STREAKED FOR 3 YEARS!

(Isaiah 20)

- I. Two things distress:
  - A. Vain man thinks he's discovered something new or original. *Modernity of Men*
  - B. Empty man desecrates the good use of an original plan.
  - C. Men think it's something new **when** they go streak! the prostitute the original purpose in their ignorance.
- II. Events of "That" year.
  - A. In time it was about 700 years Before Christ.
  - B. The Occasion.
    - I. Tarton came to Ashdod.
      - (a) Tarton was General, term is not a name - it's like commander - in - chief. Tarton an appellation.
      - (b) Tarton his official title (2 Kings 18:17).
      - (c) Sargon, King of Assyria, sent him.
        - (1) Critics had hey-day over Sargon - no historical reference except Bible for years except spot Isa. gave him, therefore they said the Bible was in error.
        - (2) Apologist had many alibies - Adam Clark said it was Sennacherib - that Sennacherib had 7 names - maybe one was Sargon.
        - (3) But now we've found tablets of Assyrian history that name the man that never was! He followed Shalmaneser & was succeeded by Sennacherib.
  - C. Ashdod was a **city**.
    - (a) Revolted against Assyria & looked to Egypt & Ethopia for help.

- (b) Odd that Ashdod meaning "strength" needed some
- (c) Man must be very selective of his allies.
- (d) Tartan took Ashdod.

III. The Role of Isaiah.

A. God spoke to Isaiah & thru him.

- 1. God called him "my servant Isaiah" (V. 3). One of few so called.
- 2. God used him for a specific purpose.
- 3. God's message accurate, clear, timely - as always

B. God gave two orders.

1. "Go."

(a) Are we to sent.

(b) Marjorie Litton told of a little boy in Kindergarten "I don't want to learn to read; I don't want to learn to write, if God wants this work done, He's going to have to do it!"

2. "Loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, & put off thy shoes from off thy foot."

(a) Isa. ordered to go uncovered.

(b) Don't know why he had on the rough, coarse upper garment of sackcloth.

(1) Prophets wore such - "uniform"

Zech. 13:4 "And it shall come to pass in that day that *Rough garment for service*

Matt. 3:4 "And the same John had his raiment of camel

2 Kings 1:8 "And they answered him, He was an hairy *Eliphaz*

(2) Sign of mourning.

(3) Symbol of extreme ignomy & deepest misery.

(c) Remarkable obedience - "and he did so" - w/o being told why!

(1) Our reliance on God's instruction must be complete.

(2) Our obedience must be full & w/o reservation - it's not "what will people think" but "what did God say."

(3) Office of the prophet can be hard & severe.

(4) We must put ourselves at complete disposal of God.

3. He walked "naked & barefooted" for 3 years.

(a) Was Isa. streaking or strolling?

1. Lange wrote, "It is not conceivable Isa. went wholly naked."

2. Dummelow, "in the garb of a captive" - had some clothes on.

3. Pulpit Comm., "probably the garment of a working man."

4. Also P.C., "he was dressed like a prisoner of war."

5. Garland, "donned the captive's garb."

6. Young: "To add 'bare foot' shows he was not completely naked - if complete, no need to add barefooted."

7. He further said he went against custom & not against decency.

2 Sam. 6:20 "Then David returned to bless his household"

8. Roman soldier said to be nudus when w/o armor.

9. You are watching TV in underwear, door bell rings - wait till I get some clothes on - yet you were not naked!

10. Clark: not to be taken literally.

11. Captives usually stripped to short tunic.

(b) Why do it - it was a sign said the Lord.

- (1) Ashdod turned to Egypt & Ethiopia - Israel was tempted to yet they must not.
- (2) Shortly Egypt & Ethiopia to fall & they will be naked.
- (3) Isa. was acting out the consequence of the rebellion & warning Israel not to follow suit.
- (4) Captives taken & humiliated.

2 Chron. 28:15 "And the men which were expressed by

2 Sam. 10:4 "Wherefore Hanun took David's servants

- (5) It was to express strong feelings & influence others.
- (6) Egypt & Cush to go same way Isa. now is in 3 yrs.
- (7) Israel must not get entangled as Assyria will shortly defeat Egypt & Cush.

(c) What are the obvious lessons?

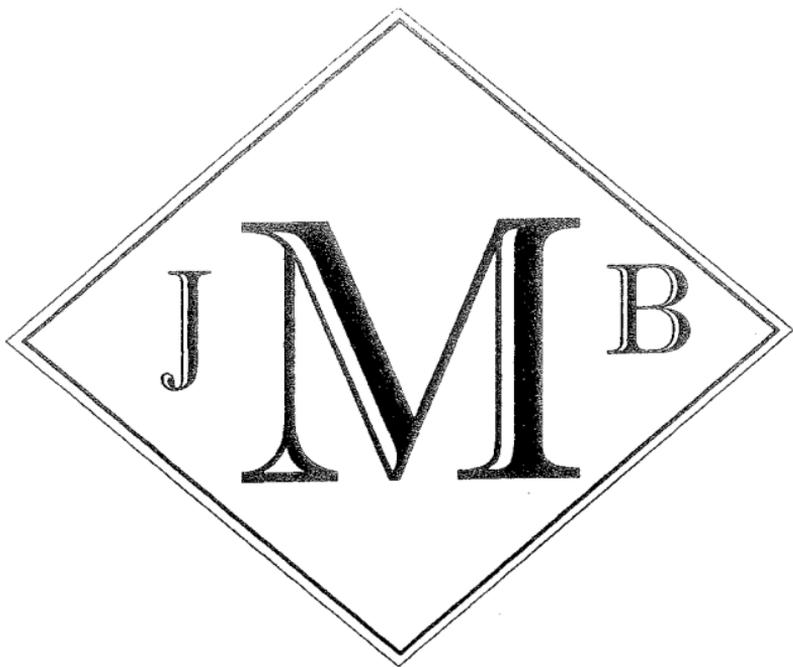
- (1) God is our ally - not man.
- (2) Man must wholly trust God - hard as it is to learn!
- (3) It's foolish to choose wrong allies.
- (4) Error to believe some other power - money, numbers, etc. - is equally or effective before God.
- (5) Those who trust arm of flesh can expect nothing but disillusionment. You just can't trust man - he's fickle.
- (6) Man's ability is questionable.
- (7) Any man who goes against God is doomed to failure.
- (8) Sought by word & deed to get action.

I King 11:30 "And Ahijah caught the new garment that  
 Jer. 19:1 "Thus saith the Lord, Go and get a potters  
 Jer. 27:2 "Thus saith the Lord to me; Make thee bonds

IV. Message for Us.

- A. Life should be significant - it should mean something.
- B. God demands services sometimes hard to render.
- C. Your role will often be unpopular.
- D. You may expect criticism from friend & foe.
- E. Times of Trial await us all.
- F. Our pressing qd. "and how shall we escape?"

(V. 6)



# THE MARCH OF THE SILENT ARMY

Isa. 21:6-10

I. The others may not prepare, such is no excuse for me. The Lord demands our readiness.

A. For thus hath the Lord said.

1. Babylon captured by surprise - we must not be.  
(Dan. 5:1)

2. Babylon, tho it may not have known it, lies in the control of God.

3. More than eye or ear, we may see the over workings of a great power providentially controlling the earth.

4. We need ever to **obey** the Lord.

B. Go - Set Watchman - Declare the Seen.

1. Isaiah does double duty.

2. Watchman will wait a long time before he sees anything.

3. Temperance, watchfulness, sobriety, prayerfulness should be a regular part of our lives.

4. We are to be watchmen - listen & look.

5. Be neither "drowsy nor dimsighted."

6. **What** he sees he declares.

a.) Takes honesty.

b.) Takes courage.

c.) Takes willingness to do duty.

II. The Watchman's Work.

A. Things he saw.

1. Chariot & horsemen.

a.) Means battle wagon.

b.) Saw but didn't hear much - thus march of silent army.

- c.) Luxury loving city about to be overthrown.
- 2. Train of horsemen, then asses & camels.
- 3. Really lit. a troupe of horsemen riding 2 by 2.
- 4. Asses - Men mounted on asses literally.
- 5. Camels.

a.) Great diversity of animals.

b.) March of barbarous conqueror.

B. Harkened diligently c much heed.

- 1. Lange says watchmen see & hear nothing for a long time after 1st train disappears.
- 2. He says it surprises him & that he grows impatient. P. C. disagrees.

C. He cried - A Lion.

- 1. He loudly announces his message.
- 2. Why be timid about telling God's will?
- 3. Does it mean he cries c a lion's voice?
- 4. He cried as a lion - deep, full.

D. Stood loyally at his assignment.

- 1. Ever at his post.
- 2. Nothing moved him to forsake it.
- 3. Saw wagon full of men come.

### III. The Climax of the Vision.

A. Babylon is fallen.

- 1. Repeated for emphasis.
- 2. Fell suddenly.
- 3. God delivers His people from a great foe.
- 4. Nevermore see tyranny of Babylon.
- 5. He smites pride.

Prov. 16:18 "Pride goeth before destruction, and an  
17:17 "A friend loveth at all times, and a bro"

Luke 14:11 "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be e  
6. Deliverance will bring praise.

B. Smash images.

1. God dislikes idols.

Jer. 51:47 "Therefore, behold, the days come, that I

51:52 "Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith

2. Completely destroys their power.

Rev. 18:1-2 "And after these things I saw another ange

3. Idols discredited.

C. Threshing Imagery.

1. Israel the threshed people.

2. Threshing floor is the land or home.

3. God identifies Himself c a suffering people.

4. Imagery of suffering.

5. Tribula was instrument for threshing cereal grain

6. Passes over the reaped grain and separates wheat  
& chaff.

7. Rake like item.

8. This process necessary first to later get grain on  
the table.

9. See card on Floor.

10. No affliction at present seems joyous but  
grievous.

11. Remember 2 Cor. 4 - our light affliction.

D. What he heard of God he declared to man.

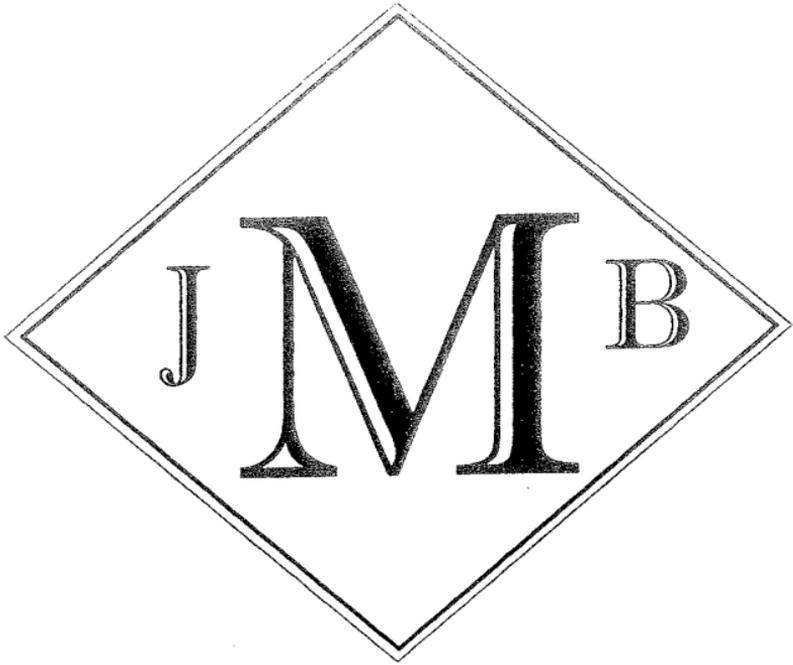
1. Perfect formula for preaching.

2. All he said was for Israel's benefit.

3. Babylon the instrument God used for threshing.

4. God reveals what He wants us to know.





# WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Isa. 21:11-12

I. Is it not amazing the phrases we use, yet how little we know about the setting of them.

A. You know "Watchman, what of the night?"

B. Do you know Dumah?

C. Do you know how morning & night can come almost at the same time.

D. Can you interpret the word "burden."

E. Let's hope phrase & setting will be clearer after our study.

II. The Burden of Dumah.

A. Dumah.

1. **Edom.**

2. Edom means silence, stillness.

3. Edom is Seir.

4. Perhaps Idumea.

5. Came from Ishmael - as his son.

Gen. 25:14 "And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa

6. Seir means hairy, rough, from Esau.

7. Edom to pass from human history.

8. Robinson says this is the only gentle utterance in the OT upon Israel's hereditary foe.

B. Significance of name.

1. As it means silence, it thus conveys sorrow & desolation.

Ps. 94:17 "Unless the Lord has been my help, my soul

2. Today it's a land of silence - it's nothing - same as Babylon is.

3. It's the silence of the dead.

C. The Call.

- 1. One that calls me.

III. Watchman, what of the night?

- A. Lessons to learn - turn to God in penitence.
- B. Really asking what part of the night is it? How much of it has passed? How much do we endure-- more that is? How much remains?
- C. Many turn to God in hr. of distress.
- D. Your day of joy could be night of despair to others.
- E. We may see nothing but dark; God sees light.

IV. Morning & Night both come.

- A. Dawn struggles c darkness.
- B. Night symbol of misery; morn symbol of deliverance.
- C. Morning light comes then almost immediately darkness - note the application.
- D. Some glories do not last long.
- E. Before the day breaks there will be a long night of encroaching doom.
- F. Perfect order of verb - certainty with which action it expresses will be accomplished.
- G. We live c:
  - 1. Hope of a brighter time to come - even daily.
  - 2. Certainty, however, that things can get worse!
- H. Sometimes our ans. trouble us.
  - I. Remember, night has its place in the light of us all.
  - J. Yet moon & star light our way & save from "garish day."
  - K. Affection but for a moment. Light at end of

## V. Enquire, Enquire; Return, Come.

A. You can ask again - don't know when a favorable ans. will come.

1. Heavens that Lord was true God of Israel just as their idols were theirs.
2. Heart has to be right & honest when we enquire.
3. Come with a candid, honest spirit to the court of inquiry.
4. Receive all the evidence.
5. Do you doubt salvation?
6. Do you doubt the worth of goodness? *See not*
7. "Because they have no change they forget God".  
(Ps. 55:19)

Jer. 48:11 "Moab hath been at ease from his youth,

B. Seek the Lord.

Deut. 4:29 "But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord

1. Lord alone true basis of deliverance.
2. Dumah can come back if she will - plea made for conversion - for them and for us.
3. Some day - where there is no night - we'll understand.

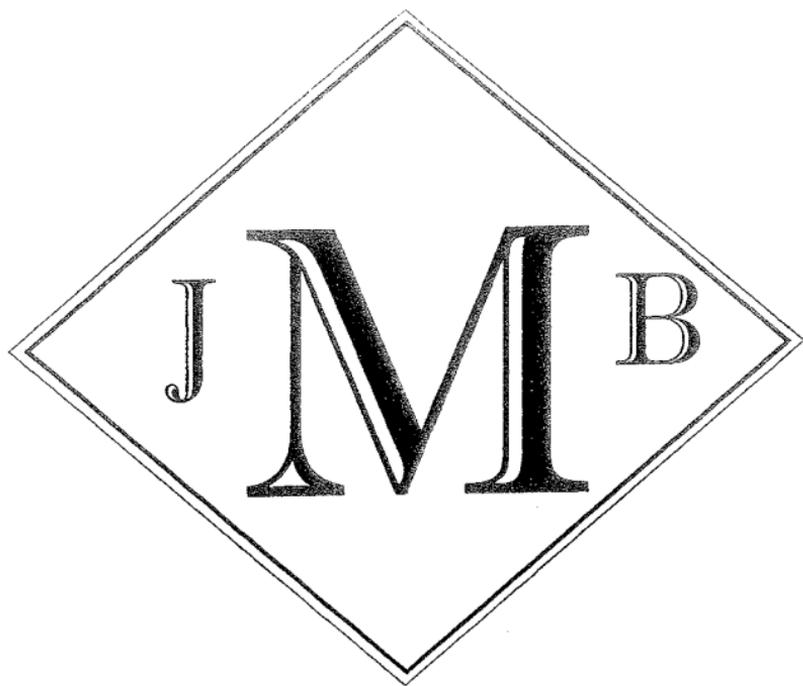
John 13:7 "Jesus answered and said unto him, What

Ps. 17:15 "As for me, I will behold thy face in right

4. A picture has to have shades to see the full meaning.

Ps. 139:12 "Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but

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# HELP TO THE HELPLESS

Isa. 21:13-17

- I. Life presents many pitiful situations.
  - A. Will we help?
  - B. Does it do any good?
  - C. Our paragraph deals c these 2 qts.
- II. The Burden upon Arabia.
  - A. Arabia.
    1. Speaks of co. you know.
    2. Forest perhaps means brushwood.
  - B. Caravans Take Divergent Paths.
    1. Go out in the nite.
    2. They hide in brushwood.
    3. There is always much we have to fear.
    4. When anything tries to exist w/o God, you can rightfully fear it.
    5. Sometimes can't travel beaten track.
  - C. Always, there are helpers.
    1. Tema brot bread & water.
    2. Only hope after forced off roads was Tema.
    3. What moves us to help "street people."
    4. God uses many natural means to bring about His purposes.
  - D. Kedar shall fall.
    1. Kedar stands for Arabian tribe.
    2. V. 15 tells why distress came.
    3. God knew the end **time for them** - as well as all
    4. We set definite time for folks to work - God also does for us. He keeps our "hours."
    5. Sad for Kedar - no hope!

6. Kedar son of Ishmael.

Gen. 25:13 "And these are the names of the sons of I:

Gen. 16:12 "And he will be a wild man; his hand will

isa. 42:11 "Let the wilderness and the cities thereof I

7. Our tide of battle turns.

8. Greeks said "To suffer that which one has done,  
is strictest, **straitest right**."

9. Not much glory in war!

E. The Lord spoke.

1. There is security in His word.

2. God foreknows & it differs from foreordains.

3. Revelation is limited - God doesn't tell us all  
He knows.

4. None of His words fall on the ground I Sam. 3:  
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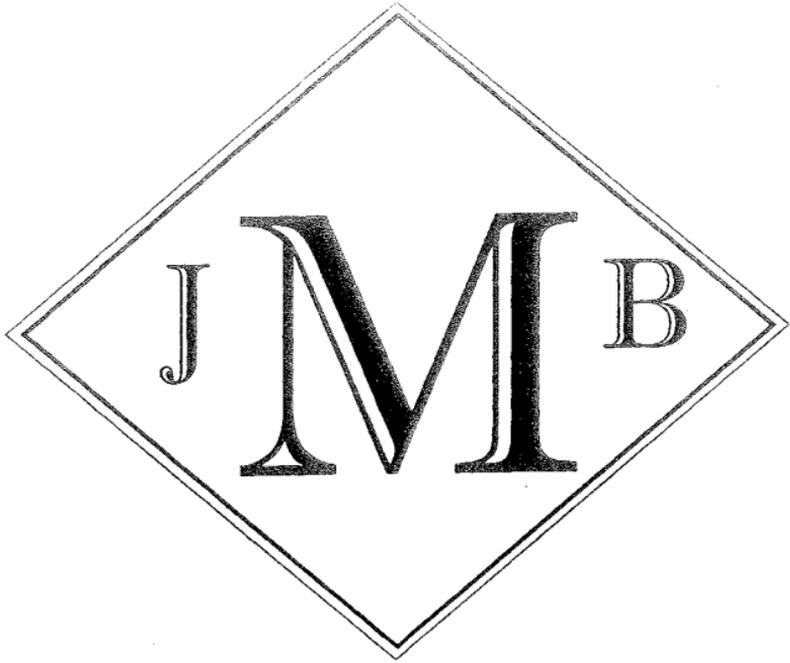
5. Trust His truth implicitly.

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# THE BURDEN OF THE VALLEY OF VISION

Isaiah 22:1-4

I. All familiar with this section of Isaiah know he's been addressing various nations.

A. From Chapter 15 on, he's spoken to

1. Moab
2. Damascus
3. Africa
4. Egypt
5. Desert of the Sea - Babylon

B. Now he intercepts with a closer home burden perhaps.

1. 4th nation to be told of gathering storm.
2. He seemingly is speaking to Jerusalem.  
We will assume this for our lesson.

## II. Valley of Vision

A. What & where

1. Young says this is Jerusalem in its entirety.

- a) It's a city surrounded by higher hills thus a valley.
- b) Valley carries idea of exclusion from world round about - shut off - separated.
- c) Vine says mountains about Jerusalem could easily make it a valley.

Ps. 125:2 *As the mt. are removed about Jer. so the Lord*  
d) Bultema wonders if "valley" due to deep fall of Jerusalem, thus figuratively used.

B. Lange says this chapter interrupts prophecies against foreign nations & brings the matter home to Jerusalem.

1. He says the time is that of Hezekiah when Assyria threatened.
2. Others spoke of Jerusalem looking beyond her horizon to mighty arm of flesh thus the need for this address.

### C. Why use Vision?

1. It implies revelation.
2. Prophet gave right one - the word of God is made known.
3. Revelation comes from on high.
4. She should have known God & looked to him but like others she looks to arm of flesh.

### III. Isaiah describes the Mood of the City as It Faces Destruction.

#### A. He asks "What ails thee?"

1. Jerusalem is unprepared but makes no move to alter.
2. We ask "What's the matter with you - why aren't you ready?" of certain things.
3. Isaiah assumes role of spectator, surprised & asks for explanation.
4. There is a time for everything under the sun - we need to know when to make our moves.

#### B. Her strange action relative to impending doom.

1. Wholly gone up on housetops.
  - a) Why go to roof and rejoice when danger is not yet passed?

3.

b) Do they regard the coming of an enemy as an amusing spectacle so went up on housetop to see it better?

c) Have they lost sense of reason?

2. Full of stirs

a) Terrible worldliness & paganism found in Jerusalem.

b) Needs to learn if you get help from pagan you also get pagan control.

c) They were happily skipping toward destruction.

3. Tumultuous

a) Shouting

b) Blustering & crying noise

c) Powerful & strong

d) Noisy city

e) City full of tumultuous merrymaking

f) (Are we as blithfully ignorant of danger or else don't care?)

4. Joyous

a) Hard for Isaiah to believe this is the time for a picnic.

b) Foolish joy.

c) Morgan speaks of their sinful & hilarious indifference to the pressure of imminent danger.

d) Determined to drown care in drink & sensual enjoyment.

e) Joy is ill-timed when it expresses self-security.

f) We laugh at threatened danger.

g) Joy without God is improper.

#### IV. He Prophetic Sees Things

##### A. The Slain men are not Slain with the Sword.

1. Refers to final destruction that's coming to Jerusalem from Babylon.

2. This is predictive prophecy & not narrative of events that are past.

→ 3. Calls those now living "slain men".

##### B. How Did They Die?

1. Not by the sword.

2. Rather pestilence & hunger.

→ 3. Died ingloriously - not on field of battle.

→ 4. They won no battle scars.

→ 5. Not due to war, but due to war's consequences.

Lam. 4:9 *Slain sword better than hunger*

6. Archer seize & bind them all together.

##### C. The Rulers Fled

1. Instead of defending people the rulers were the first to flee.

2. They were not struck by bow in war.

3. Garland "Leaders sought to escape without any thought for the welfare of the people".

→ 4. It was a dereliction of duty.

5. Yet none escaped successfully.

6. Captured by enemies.

7. Remember he's depicting the future.

## V. Isaiah's Personal Reaction

### A. Look away from me.

1. Don't look even at the prophet.
2. Prophet refuses to enter it or to be comforted.
3. Prophet wanted separation from this type crowd.
4. There are times when it's wrong to receive or give consolation.
5. God feels the same grief.
6. Leave me to vent my sorrow without restraint - P.C.

### B. I will weep bitterly.

1. If he grieved over Moab & Babylon, expect him to over Jerusalem.
2. It's a city of gloom to him & he cries over it.
3. When calamity comes to the church each Christian must feel it's his very own.
4. We sing "For her my tears shall fall".

### C. Labor not to comfort me.

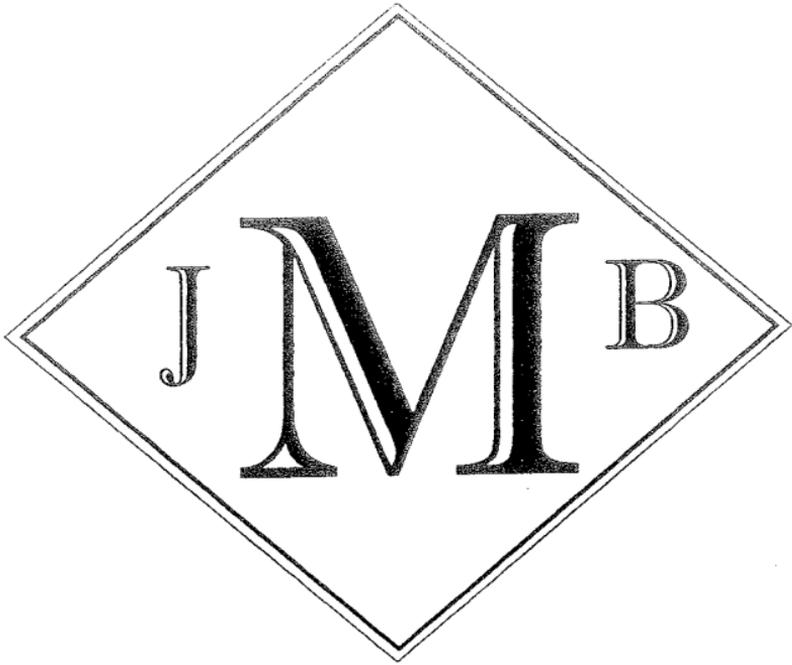
1. Wherein can I find a blessing.
2. The hopelessness & despair can grip us all.

### D. I see the spoiling of the Daughter of My People

1. City personified as a woman.
2. Moriah means seeing, appearing - he's shocked at what he sees coming.

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# OVERCOME BY TROUBLE

Isa. 22:5-7

- I. I suppose we can measure trouble: light, passing, abiding, heavy.
- II. This spills over into complete despair. We want to see Isaiah's presentation.
- III. He begins by calling it:
  - A. A Day of Trouble
    1. Not new - Moses even told about such days. Deut. 28:20

- a) Our troubles not first.
- b) Nor shall they be the last.
- c) Doug Parsons said we are in one of three positions:
  - (1) Just coming out of it.
  - (2) In the midst of it.
  - (3) Shortly will enter - "that's just life".
- d) Confusion & disorder & fear not confined to any one age.

2. Lit. There is a day to the Lord or the Lord has a day.

## B. Time of Treading Down.

1. Tramping of marching men due to confusion.

## C. Time of Perplexity by Lord of Host in the Valley of Vision.

→ 1. People go in uncertainty.

→ 2. There is no fixed purpose.

→ 3. They are not making right decision.

→ 4. Oddly it's from people who should know better & have had every chance and advantage.

5. Every expedient has been tried except turning to God for help.
6. It's the "when all else fails read the directions" syndrome.

#### E. Time of Breaking Down Walls

1. City now in total uproar & confusion.
2. Defense has been taken away.

#### F. Cry to Mountains

1. Young says it could mean one of 3 things.
  - a) The Temple
  - b) Egypt
  - c) Cries reach top of mountains & reverberate against them.

#### G. Elam Introduced

1. Shows magnitude of invading army.
2. Elam & Kir are distant places.
3. Elam celebrates for archers.

Isa. 13:18 "Their bows also shall dash the young men"

4. Wagons bore men across desert thus they were not worn out when they reach the battlefield.
5. Entire army = infantry, chariots, horsemen.

#### H. Kir Uncovered Shields.

### IV. Conclusion: Valley Filled

#### A. Choicest valley full of chariots.

1. Valley full of invading army.
2. Overwhelming odds mustered against them.

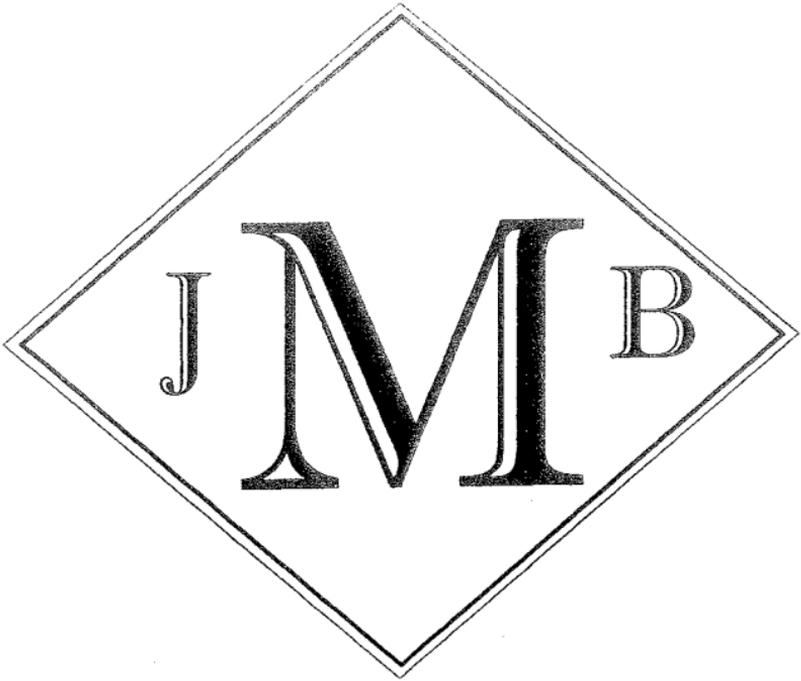
B. Horsemen set in array at gates

1. To reach the gate meant to reach the city  
itself.

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## "OFFER FOR THE DEFENSE"

Isa. 22:8-11

- I. All of us have at various times to offer:
    - A. Our defense
    - B. Reason for our action
    - C. Statement of our plan of operation that supposedly give us our security.
  - II. Isaiah examined what Jerusalem offered - it becomes apparent why they fell.
  - III. The List includes:
    - A. The Covering of Judah
      1. He uses verbs in the past tense yet these things have not yet occurred. He can do it however because it's so certain to happen.
      2. Jews did not see the real danger any more than folk did on Martinique that died from volcano.
      3. Sadly as we read this story we see no repentance.
      4. Covering
        - a) Woman uncovered is dishonored.
- Nah. 3:5
- b) All that protects removed from Jerusalem thus dishonored.
  - c) Could mean veil.
  - d) Or city gate.
- B. Armour of the house of the Forrest
    1. Fortress where arms were stored & soldiers quartered.
    2. On this they were relying for protection.

3. In days of disgrace Judah looked to flesh.

4. Armory

1 Kings 7:2

10:17

### C. Breaches in the Wall

1. Her walls allowed to go into decay.

2. Here's not glory but breaches.

3. People had been living in ease and had not taken care of her walls.

4. We know to allow one crack in your spiritual is to give opening for enemies to take advantage of.

### D. Gathered together waters of lower Pool.

1. Water vital to protect city under seige.

2. Hezekiah's tunnel.

3. Double duty: preserve water for the city yet handle it in such a way that enemy has no water.

### E. Numbered the Houses

1. Houses numbered would allow them to prepare for better defense if you knew where your forces were.

2. Others say it has to do with houses too close to wall that hindered defense & had to be torn down.

3. Or that these houses would provide building materials for breaches.

## F. Ditch Between the Walls

1. A mote?
2. New reservoirs?

2 Kings 20:22

## IV. Obviously they did not look to God. (v-11)

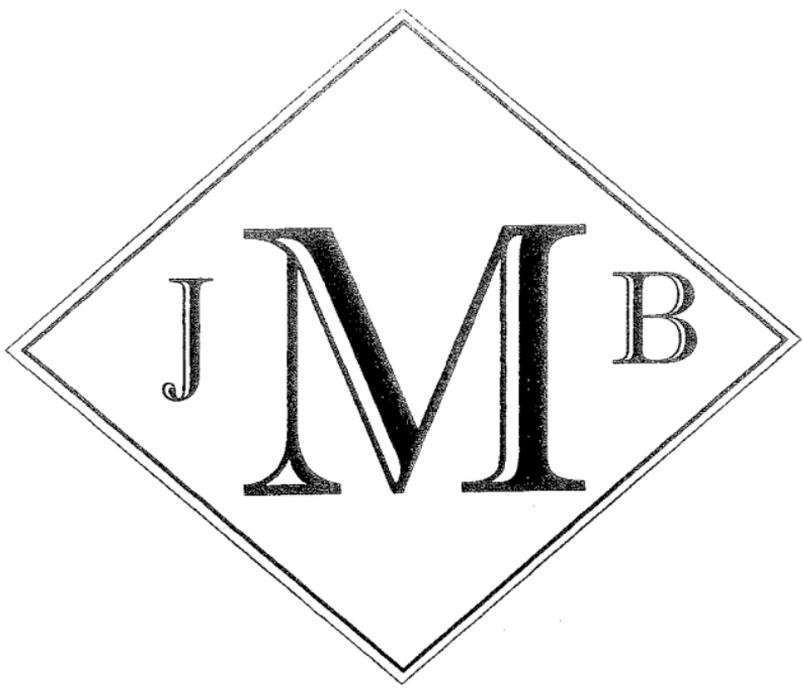
A. Showed no reliance on God.

B. Acted as tho God had nothing to do with their city.

1. Do we make the same mistake in life?
2. List our "sure defense" - is it God, money, power, friends, acclaim?
3. In valley of vision men did not look to God for the rightful help.
4. City overlooked her maker.
5. Will not our efforts be futile unless directed by God?

Ps. 121

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# DAMNABLE DEMONSTRATION OF DISOBEDIENCE

Isa. 22:12-14

- I. All of us have both practiced & also been the victim of disobedience.
  - A. Maybe we didn't know what we were supposed to do.
  - B. Maybe we thought it was optional & our way was better.
  - C. Maybe we despised the instruction & simply did the opposite out of spite.
    1. It's the latter thing we deal with.
    2. They were mean & flagrant in disobedience.
- II. Note 1st what God wanted.
  - A. The Lord God of Hosts.
    1. He is Sovereign.
    2. He decided what was best for both Israel & enemies.
    3. He has the right to speak & his children have no right to do anything other than what He requires. (Evelyn got so sleepy on this ship I can't write!)
  - B. The Call of God
    1. He has a right to expect obedience.
    2. His call sadly goes unheeded.
    3. He calls thru his prophets.
  - C. God calls People to:
    1. Weep
      - a) He calls to grief & they answer with eating & drinking.

2. Mourning.

3. Baldness

a) Wholly forbidden to priest.

Lev. 21:5

b) Also certain modes of shaving.

Lev. 19:27

Deut. 14:2

4. Girding

a) Sackcloth & ashes show repentance.

Joel 2:13

### III. The Answer of the People

#### A. Joy & gladness

1. They gave the opposite of what He asked for.

2. They were laughing when God said cry & this highly displeased Him.

3. Day had not yet fallen but it was sure to come.

4. Milton said we reveal an attitude of spiritual indifference in two ways:

a) Reject invitation.

b) Refuse spiritual demands of God's law & let materialism master us.

5. Egyptians carried the model of a mummy to the guests at feasts.

#### B. Expressed Disregard by

1. Slaying oxen

a) Slaying for own indulgence not for sacrifice.

2. Kill Sheep

3. Eat flesh

a) We are easily tempted to forget & allow materialism to overcome us.

1 Cor. 15:32

4. Drink wine

B. Slogan - Eat - Drink - Die

1. Tomorrow - short time, not necessarily the next day.

IV. It's Hopeless

A. Abiding word revealed.

1. It came by inspiration.

2. It abides.

3. It can't be changed.

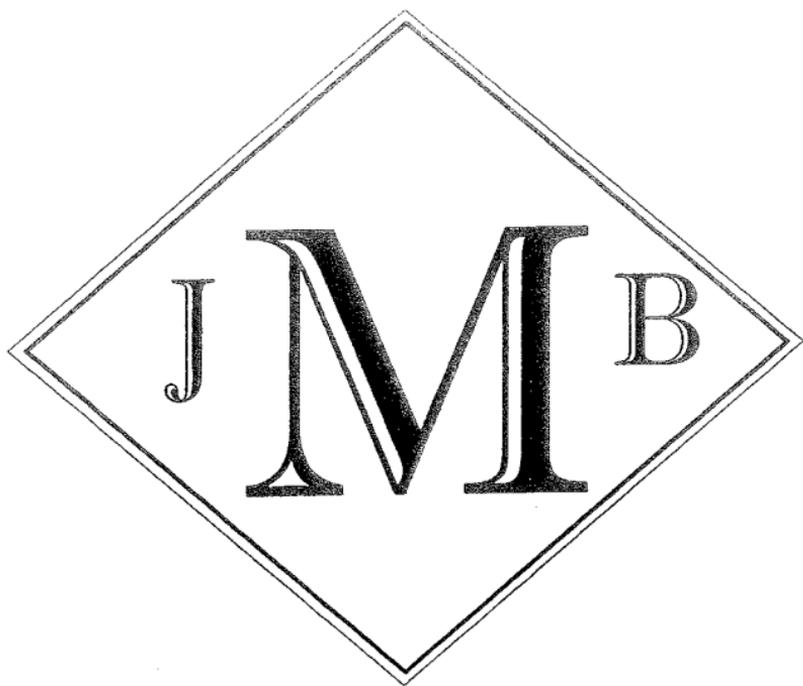
B. No hope

1. There is no hope given for those who will not repent & get atonement for sins.

2. Robinson "with prophetic courage he declared that such godless impenitence & spiritual insensibility are sins beyond the possibility of forgiveness".

3. They turned the call to repentance as excuse for rioting & drunkenness - this God won't pardon.

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# THE MISPLACED GRAVE

Isa. 22:15-19

I. How often the plans of mice & men go awry.

A. We plan & purpose but it never comes.

B. We dream big dreams about ourselves & rightfully they are shattered.

C. This the story of a man who wanted a famous grave & got nothing.

II. Meet Shebna

A. Only philippic in book.

B. Has several descriptions.

1. Treasurer

a) Steward - office of importance.

b) Could be highest in the land.

c) Don't know exact duties but perhaps 2nd only to King.

d) "This" treasurer expresses contempt for him.

2. Shebna

a) Dad's name not given thus gives rise to some that he was an Egyptian.

b) Contrasts with Isaiah:

One unconcerned builds himself a permanent tomb & the other weeps over Israel's fate.

c) Proud, unbelieving man.

d) His high office brought great responsibility but he thought only of himself.



## 3. Over the House

a) Second title

b) Gen. 41:40 - Joseph

## III. Questions asked of him.

## A. What hast thou here?

1. Example of self centered & luxury loving people as it is exemplified in one person, says Young.

2. God asks "What is your relationship to Jerusalem?"

3. What are you doing at time of Jerusalem's calamity?

4. What right do you have to Jerusalem?

5. What business or what right?

## B. Whom hast thou here?

1. We see individual responsibility.

2. Challenges pride of Shebna.

3. What family do you have that justifies hewing out such a large grave?

## C. Why the Sepulchre?

1. Shebna was selfish - carving a grave for his own grandeur.

2. His personal desire overshadows his concern for the welfare of the people.

3. To build a mausoleum not wrong but that he did nothing for the people is the sin.

4. Do we not have enough haughtiness & arrogance with us today?

5. Mentions this grave 3 times in one verse.
6. Feathers his own nest & made up his mind to die in the nest. 

D. Its location

A. It's high

 B. It's evident we chase after everything other than God.

C. Wants it seen & to endure perpetually.

D. Wanted to be remembered if only it is a lifeless stone.

*Genevz Switz. has 2 family monuments*

#### IV. The Lord Had Other Plans!

 A. The Kingdom of God is to be a Kingdom He rules.

B. His representative should be men after his own heart.

 C. Steward's life should exemplify the justice & righteousness of God.

D. Shebna planned one thing for himself - God overrules.

E. Suddenly we'll see change of rulers.

F. Man proposes; God disposes. - *Dub Hamilton Book*

#### V. Shebna carried away captive & covered.

A. He who was looking for the best tomb won't even have a common one in Jerusalem - he'll be thrown out.

B. Arrogated prerogatives to himself God didn't see fit to grant.

 C. No place for presumption in the Kingdom.

D. Cast away & cast down.

E. Lit. will cover thee with a covering / - will make you obscure - a fitting punishment.

VI. Shebna's Ball

*Rolph Lawrence  
dropped marble  
Grace Ave*

A. Violently cast out.

B. Thrown like a ball.

1. Like a clutched ball that's thrown.

2. Lit. coil himself & toss like a ball.

*Lu. 12:21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself & is not rich toward*

VII. Shebna's Country

*himself & is not rich toward*

A. Goes to a large country.

*God*

1. Lit. land of broad hands.

2. It's spacious & wide.

3. No obstacle to a rolling ball.



B. If trusted with authority & you abuse it you will be banished to a distant land.

C. Broad co. contrasts with high hill he wanted for his grave.

VII. Shebna's Chariots

A. Will not ride chariots of glory.

B. Not told why Shebna banished - do not know exact crime other than above.

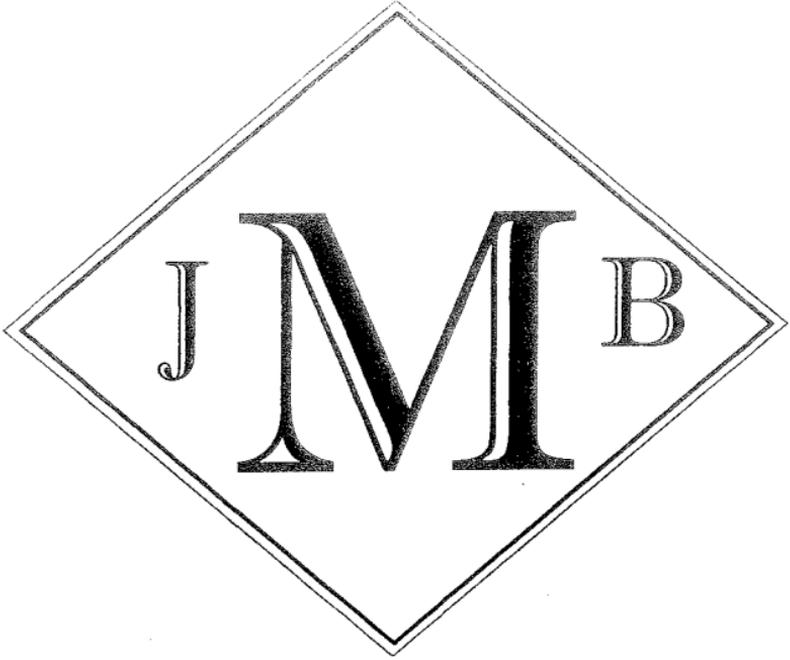
C. We are "here" in the church - watch that you do not get cast out "there".

D. Banishment comes from our being thrown out.

**→ E.V-15 Thus saith LORD GOD OF HOSTS**

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# THE RISE & FALL OF A REPLACEMENT

Isa. 22:20-15

I. We learn of Shebna's banishment that brought the replacement by Eliakim - but alas he too is gone - let's see the story.

A. It starts "~~And it shall come to pass~~".

1. Phrase "in that day" characteristic of language of prediction.

2. ~~Whatever God says is true.~~

B. Meet Eliakim

1. Name means God will establish.

2. God will raise up.

3. Five different ones in Bible.

Matt. 1:13 - *Christy of Jesus. Babylonian times*

Lu. 3:30 - "

Neh. 12:41 - *fresh reconstruction of Temple*

2 Kins 23:34 - *King Josiah made*

2 Chron. 36:4 - *became Sallielakim*

4. Call "my servant" - title of honor.

5. See:

Rev. 3:7 *Letter to Philip - opens shut*

1:18 *Key of the death*

6. We know very little about this Eliakim except what is said here & in chapter 36 & 37.

II. ~~God clothes Eliakim~~

A. Garments are characteristic of what the deposed Shebna wore.

B. He wears what other one earlier had - catch one big fish there is another like it in the sea says Bill Stephens.

C. Give him power of government - servant ruler - 2nd to King - a vizier.

D. Nature of his reign - Father.

1. Shows tenderness & concern & love for "children".
2. Protector, counselor, guide.
3. Benevolence united with wisdom & experience.
4. Firm & loving.
5. (No Scrp. gives reference to this office tho).

E. Key - Power to the House

1. Shoulder - divinely appointed.
2. Not a usurper.
3. He's one exalted - not the office.
4. He has overall control - badge of authority.

F. Fastened as a Nail

1. Put him as a peg in a sure place.
2. Nails were their "closets".
3. The entirety of the "house" so rests.
4. Expresses firmness & fixity.
5. He can exert a holy influence on others.

G. Glorious Throne

1. Will find glory & honor in following him.
2. Some however will use him to raise themselves to places of honor.
3. Big & little sought to follow to get glory.
4. Nepotism

*Andreas Borggjes Dip*

5. He carried the whole family - wanted a big ont too!
6. All displayed their vessels.
7. Those mentioned are ordinary ones.

#### H. Nail removed.

1. Reversal of fortune?
2. Did he get absorbed?
3. Favoritism loosen the peg?
4. Falls
  - a) All fell but we don't know when.
  - b) Everything on the peg fell.
  - c) Usefulness at an end.
  - d) Nail so loaded it fell.
  - e) Man divinely appointed abused power by appointing relations to official position.

III: Introduced "they" he didn't control.  
 A. Lewis III "Every time I fell a  
 vacant office I made 10 malcontents  
 and one sergeant" (1688-1715)

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## YOU CAN USE

The pilot of a private plane approaching the airport of Belo Horizonte in Brazil suffered a fatal heart attack. Passenger Francisco Tomaz, who had never flown a plane in his life, took the controls and managed to bring the plane safely down. A week later, Francisco was fined for flying without a pilot's license.

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*Scudder*

Andrew Carnegie was once visited by a socialist who preached to him eloquently the injustice of one man possessing so much money. He advocated a more equitable distribution of wealth. Carnegie cut the matter short by asking his secretary for a generalized statement of his many possessions and holdings, at the same time looking up the figures on world population in his almanac. He figured for a moment on his desk pad, then instructed his secretary:

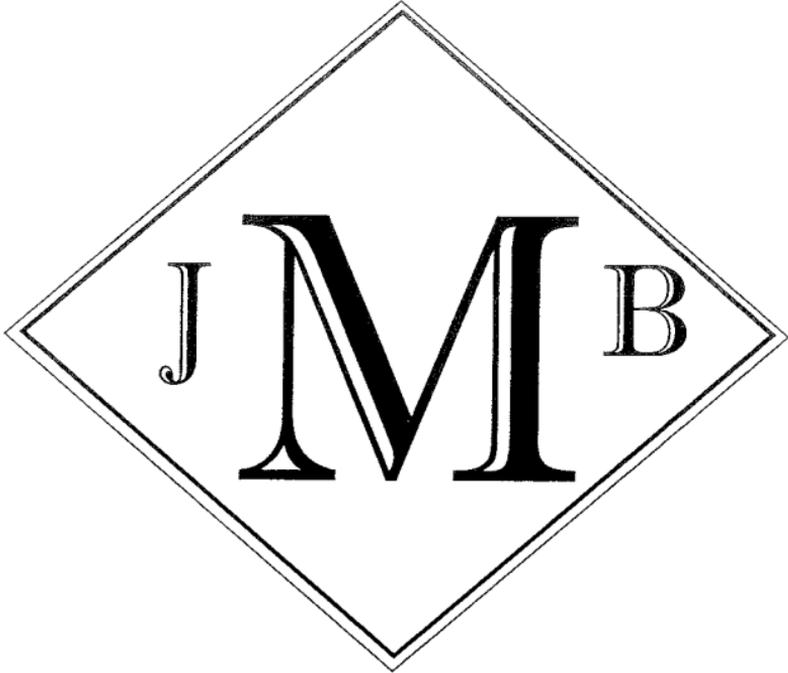
"Give this gentleman 16 cents. That's his share of my wealth."

*Pressure*

Doctors say ~~one~~ of the four leading symptoms of an impending crackup for executives is a bulging briefcase taken home too often. The other three danger signs are: irritability, indecision, and inability to delegate authority.

It is said that on the eve of the Bolshevik revolution, those 10 days that shook the world, a congress of Russian priests met in Moscow for a two-day conference on the liturgy of the Church. Six blocks from the place where the first shots of the revolution were fired, these priests were in debate--the issue being whether a white or yellow surplice should be worn in a certain part of the service!

"Still the Trumpet Sounds" - By J. Wallace Hamilton - pp. 21-22

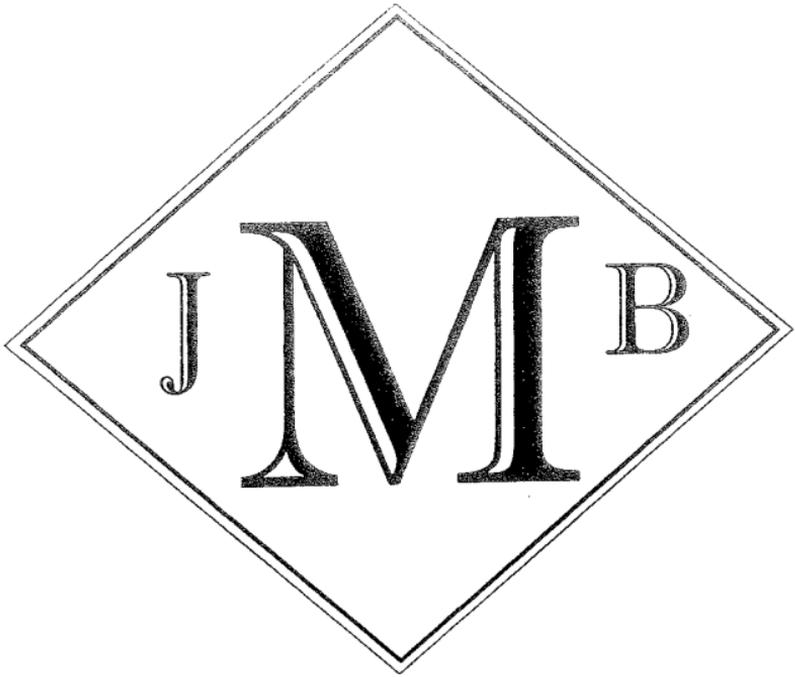


## IF ISAIAH 25 WERE TO ME TODAY?

- I. It's a great song of restoration.
  - A. Prophet identifies self with people.
  - B. Puts song of thanks in their hearts. And they express it.
  - C. Obvious deliverance from enemies.
  - D. Lord has been protector - can block the sun with a cloud. He can do a job on our enemies!
  - E. All nations invited to a banquet feast - meals convey friendship.
  - F. Must destroy veil of blindness.
  - G. Hereditary enemies destroyed.
  - H. Remember God keeps His word.
  - I. Note his names:
    - Strength
    - Refuge
    - Shadow
- II. Now with the topical sentence let me fill in the details of today.
  - A. V-1 For what achievements of today would you praise the name of God?
  - B. V-2 What has been destroyed that was an enemy of God's people?
  - C. Have (V-3) you seen God extolled from an unexpected source?
  - D. V-4 What's seen in the "names" of God?  
Strength, Refuge, Shadow?

- E. Have we done anything for the poor? (V-4)
- F. What songs come to mind about God as a shelter? (V-4)
- G. In the banquet all nations come - what today impresses you most in a mission effort? (V-6)
- H. A veil falls on folk to blind them to the truth - what's the greatest "covering" today? (V-7)
- I. Tell of some of the sweet blessings that have come to you this year? (V-8)
- J. What would you tell to a stranger is the greatest service of your God? (V 9-12)

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# THE SONG OF THE DAY

Isa. 26:1-4

I. All of us experience moments of great emotion; and with it we do certain things.

- A. Sad - we cry.
- B. Scared - we shake.
- C. Disgust - we scorn.
- D. Happy - we sing.

II. Isaiah had a Happy Song.

Isa. 26:1-4 "In that day shall this song be sung in the

A. We would summarize the song by these facts.

- 1. Psalm of Trust.
- 2. Psalm of Meditation.
- 3. Psalm of Blessing - God's with man agrably, so he sings.
- 4. Psalm of Victory.
- 5. Psalm of Redemption.

B. The song has certain facts.

1. "We have a strong city."

(a) Lit. a city of strength - complete security.

2. Strong because God appoints salvation for walls & bulwarks.

(a) Faith is a sure fd.

(b) We trust God as a sure fd. - sure defense - everlasting Rock.

(c) We rely on sure promises.

(d) Divine help better than walls.

(e) Has Gate but no walls - God is her defense.

(f) God defends us by what He does outside us.

(g) Also by what He does w/in us.

3. Open the Gates to the Righteous.

- (a) We need to be righteous.
- (b) Rt. ones are the ones who enter.
- (c) Note joining of goodness & truth - be good by God's standard.
- (d) We are to be good & stay good - not superficial or vacillating.
- (e) Cleave c a fidelity unshaken.
- (f) Nothing defiles enters holy city.
- (g) Joy to see gates open.

Ps. 118:19-20 "Open to me the gates of righteousness:

Ps. 24:7-10 "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye

- (h) Keep truth = be faithful.

Ps. 24:3-4 "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord

4. Peace can be yours.

- (a) It is perfect peace.
- (b) Mind stayed on God.
  - (1) Disparity between ideal & actual of man's efforts.
  - (2) Does this refer to the thot or the mind that does the thinking - the latter.
  - (3) Is your heart fixed or fickle.

Ps. 112:6-7 "The righteous shall be in everlasting rem

Jer. 29:11 Thots of peace...to expected end

Phil. 4:7 "And the peace of God which passeth all un

- (4) We can rise above petty disturbances of life.
- (c) Unfailing trust in God.
  - (1) Trust & peace go together.
  - (2) At all times trust Him.

Phil. 4:6 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing b

(3) Only here is Rock of Ages.

(4) W/o doubt you must believe God keeps His promises.

(5) He's steadfast - we must be.

Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments

Isa. 1:26 "Thou shalt be called the city of righteousness

(6) Our faith overcomes world & is victorious.

1 Pet. 5:9 "Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing

Col. 2:5-7 Steadfast - walk - root

(7) Double name of God used here. Jah Jehovah

Exo. 6:3 God Almighty

Ps. 83:18 Jehovah most hi

Isa. 12:2 Lord Jehovah my str. & song

(8) Double name joins double peace in emphasis

C. Conclusion.

1. Peace is found in trust.

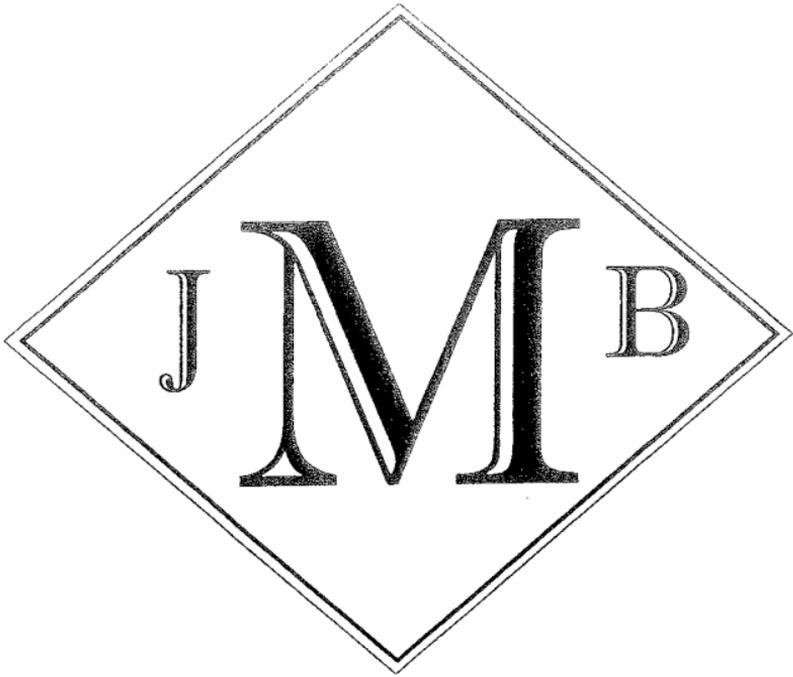
2. Submission found in obedience.

3. Trust God - not things, riches.

4. Trust God - not men.

5. Trust God - not self.

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## DO I SHARE A SIMILAR DESIRE?

Isa. 26:8-10

I. Do the ambitions of people startle you?

A. Popularity

B. Wealth

C. Evil

D. Ease

II. Isaiah voiced some of the highest I know

Isa. 26:8-10

A. Let's look at these ambitions.

1. In the way of thy judgements have we waited for Thee

(a) Impossible for enemies of God to win.

(b) Not impatient - knew God's judgements would come.

2. The desire of our soul is to thy name.

(a) Do we at all times long for God?

(b) Do our actions show we do?

(c) Are things about us conducive to this desire of righteousness?

(d) Name stands for entire person.

3. The desire is to the remembrance of Thee

(a) Name remembrance encouragements

(b) Do we want the 2nd coming

(c) How's God identified in this chapter

V-4 Everlasting strength

V-7 Upright

V-10 Full of majesty

V-15 Full of glory

V-14 all powerful

V-12 all gracious

V-16 Refuge in trouble

4. God I desired in the night
  - (a) In the long night of affliction we want God.
  - (b) Sorrow, doubt, separation, departure all make us want God.
  - (c) Desire once dulled is awakened by affliction.
5. With my spirit I seek Thee early
  - (a) Man so constituted to crave after God
  - (b) As world grows older seems to be more perplexive; intellectual and moral decision tougher. Man is supposed to be Savior. Any new scientific knowledge that by some to be a threat to faith.

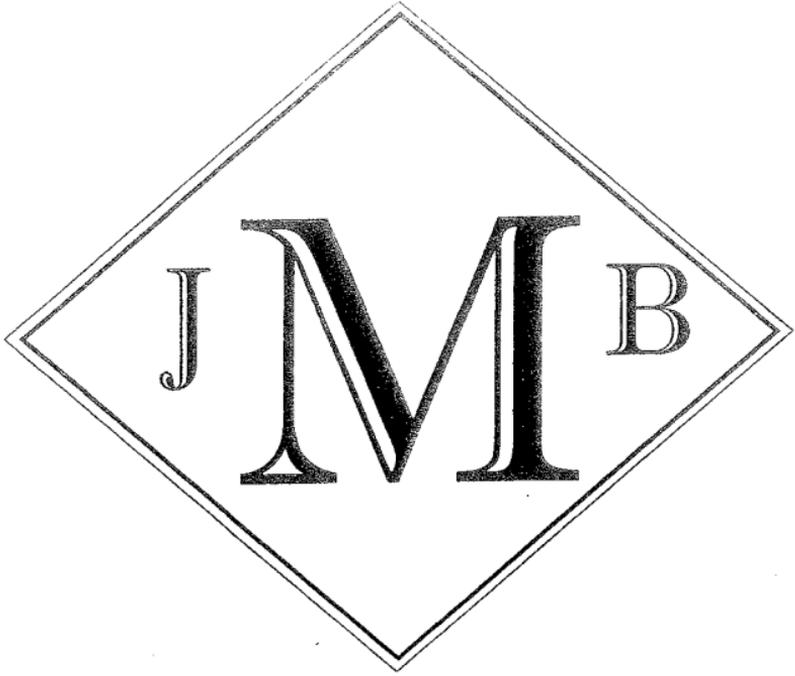
#### B. God's Blessings to the Earth

1. When we have his judgements we learn righteousness.
2. He renews the earth
3. When we've done our uttermost we still need favor and Grace of God.

#### C. Some folks are thick headed.

1. V-10 Show favor to the wicked yet won't learn.
  - (a) Those who refuse to learn by instruction and experience will learn by judgement.
  - (b) He asks favor be showed the wicked-not to do more but to repent.
  - (c) God punishes for man's profit.
  - (d) Shows men won't naturally know righteous - must learn it.
  - (e) God punishes for man's profit.
  - (f) yet some folk never learn

- (g) Do we accept favors at no profit to ourselves? Why not take advantage?
- (h) Note they had example- land of upright- were not alone yet still did wrong.



## ACTIONS OF THE LORD

Isa. 26:11-15

- I. All of life needs to emphasize the Lord. Remember if we fail to give praise He'll force it. He will not be ignored.
  - A. We can praise him in many ways
    - 1. Worship
    - 2. Words
    - 3. Ways
  - B. By the failure of above we can dishonor him.
- II. Isa. in 3 verses uses his name 3 times
  - A. The Lord and his hand-V-11
    - 1. Is hand lifted ready and able to smite, as Lord said
    - 2. Young said his hand not a threat but a symbol of power Ps. 89:13
    - 3. He said people come in contrast with reality but do not know what it is
    - 4. Yet they will see and experience his power.
    - 5. Men are often ignorant of the approach of great things
    - 6. Wicked never learn Matt 24:37-39
    - 7. These 3 Lord verses emphasize power of Lord in action
    - 8. Man's insensitivities prevent him from perceiving.
  - B. Lord and Peace -V-12

1. Righteous expect peace
2. Wrought our works is from  
verb to place something on  
a pot or a person in the  
dust
3. He's definitely in control
4. Bumper sticker--  
Somebody lied,  
God hasn't died.
5. God's done everything  
that's essential for us
6. Only under God is there  
peace.

C. Lord is Lord alone

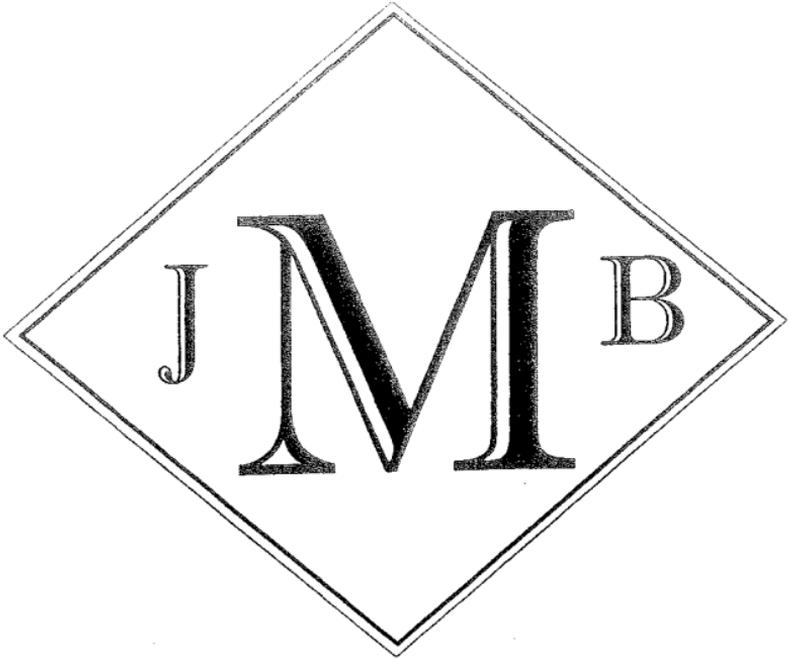
1. They have served other  
Gods.
2. Reformation comes when we  
realize we've served other  
Gods and now turn to true  
one.
3. It's character to admit  
mistakes.
4. It's greater character to  
truly commit oneself to  
God.
5. Seek God in truth
6. God alone must be our God
7. The saved are not always  
loyal. Duet 32:17,  
I Thess 1:9
8. God's jelous like fire  
PS. 79:5
9. We must have full  
allegiance to God without  
reservation.

D. Gov handles his anemies  
(V-14 & 15)

1. Was this foretelling resurrection?
2. Heathen didn't believe in it.
3. Prophets did (Hos. 13:14)
4. Man chose instead of God those who acted like tryants
5. Now they are dead
  - (a) Did not return to life
  - (b) Dead can't harm anyone
  - (c) Not teaching resurrection  
just a verse in general
  - (d) Not so much words on a resurrection as it is the abolition of power of enemy--they can't come back to harm.

E. Lesson from above.

1. God can free you from all oppressions.
2. God alone handles enemies
3. Power of idol Gods forever passes away. Where's Ammon, Zeus, Jupiter, Dianna?
4. 2 times God said would increase the nation--he is interested in numbers.
5. God enlarges our life as we are led to appreciate the better things.



## WHAT HAVE I BROUGHT FORTH?

Isa. 26:16-21

- I. All of us must face the reality of "What have I produced?"
  - A. Something evil?
  - B. Something good?
  - C. Something lasting?
  - D. Something producing results?
- II. In Isaiah 1st he spoke of trouble.
  - A. In trouble we visit the Lord
    - 1. We often know trouble.
    - 2. Saints know devine chastening
    - 3. Saints know human persecution
    - 4. During prosperity easy to live life of practical atheism.
    - 5. Affliction makes us go to God and know we are in His hands.
  - B. Visitation via prayer
    - 1. In distress easy to pray.
    - 2. Prayer a low whisper
    - 3. Margin for prayer is secret speech, low whisper.
    - 4. Whispered prayer--one of deep humiliation
    - 5. Prayer no ritual--poured forth meaningfully
    - 6. In time of need we cry-- here they only whisper

## III. Our trouble like woman in labor

A. V-16 describes her labor and the expected child.

1. Discipline works its way among us.

B. V-17 Child or Wind

1. A child can bless life

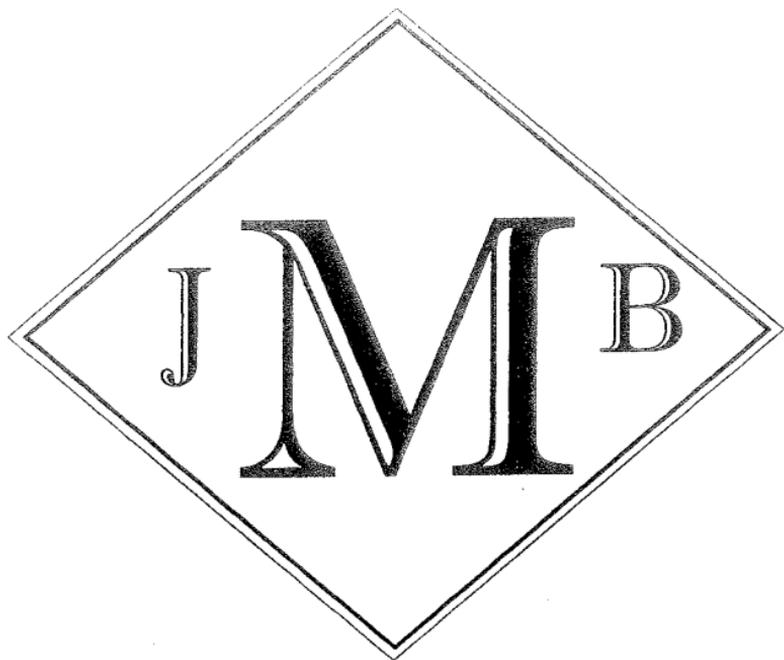
2. Some results are useless-- brought forth wind

3. Man's efforts are futile -- they brought forth no new life--enemies of God are dead.

4. Some things of man are only momentary

5. Wind is appropriate figure of nothingness.

Isa. 41:29.



# THE TEMPERED PUNISHMENT OF GOD

Isa. 27:1-6

I. We must see God as one of wrath.

- A. Love.
- B. Spirit.
- C. Pardon & Mercy.
- D. Also Wrath.

II. Study Isa. 27:1-6.

A. Verse 1 - The Lord has a sword.

- 1. Sore.
- (a) Well tempered; keen.
- 2. Great.
- 3. Strong.
- 4. Sword.

(a) Glitters Deut. 32:41

(b) David Ps. 7:12

5. 3 Leviathans (Monster) (That coiled; twisted).

(a) Piercing = Fleet.

(b) Crooked = Tortuous.

(c) Dragon = Satan (?)

B. The Lord Has a Vineyard.

Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might

1. Keeps - never slackens.

Matt. 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art

Ps. 121:4 "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither

Ps. 89:28 "My mercy will I keep for him for evermore

2. Waters - every moment.

(a) Constantly refreshed.

3. Watches - day & night.

4. He will discipline the vineyard.

(a) Fury is not in me.

Psa. 90:8 "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our

(1) Never smites c both hands.

(b) Briars & Thorns.

(1) Unrighteous folk in His family?

(2) Who would use such weak material against God

(3) How will he react? I'll go thru them & burn them.

(4) God purges dross.

John 15:6 "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth c

(c) Take hold of my strength.

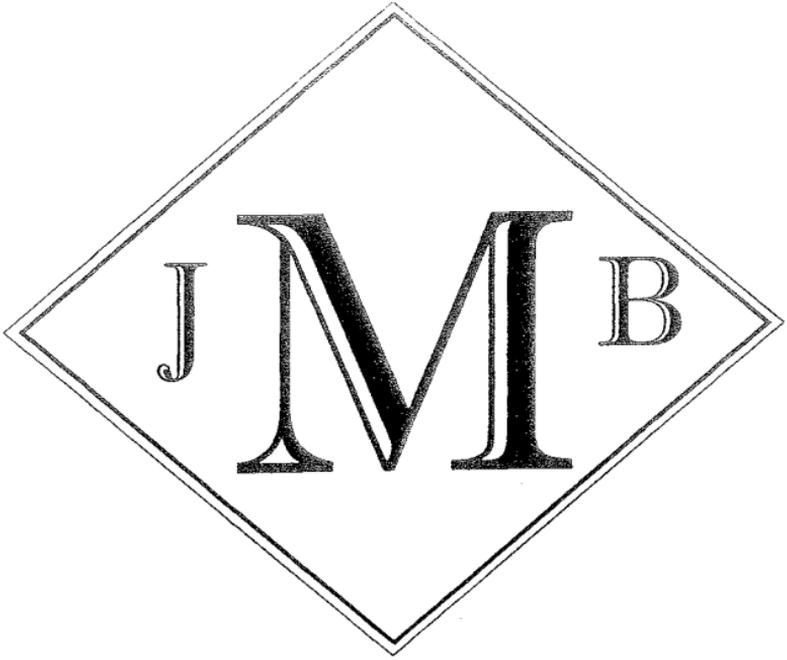
(d) 2 X "make peace."

(1) Repeated to show earnestness.

5. Israel will have root.

(a) Roots go deep; fruit comes.

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# WHY LEADERS FAIL

Isa. 28:7-13

- I. Isaiah is being current.
    - A. Not dealing with the past.
    - B. Not prophesying about the future.
    - C. But meeting the current issue in Jerusalem head on!
  - II. He is telling Judah you are about to be another Samaria - you'd better change!
  - III. "But they also" (Judah no less than Ephraim)
    - A. It's good to read of others, and is interesting to see what is happening to them - but the main issue - what's happening to me today!
    - B. "They also" - ties what earlier was said about unnamed Samaria to Judah.
    - C. Indictment of Leaders.
      1. ~~They were not properly bearing their responsibilities.~~
      2. ~~They were excessive.~~
  - IV. Leaders Condition
    - A. Erred thru wine.
      1. ~~Literally reeled thru wine.~~
      2. ~~Men lose their manhood when they allow something else to master them: drink, pleasure, food, etc.~~
      3. Wine affects:
        - a) ~~Our bodies.~~
        - b) ~~Our will.~~
        - c) ~~Our conduct.~~
        - d) ~~Our fate.~~
      4. Young taught wine was a gift of God to cheer men.
- Judges 9:13 "Shall I leave my wine, which cheereth God & man"

a) But we can pervert a gift.

b) Excess can destroy.

Micah 2:11 "If a man walking in the spirit"

5. Out of the way = stagger.

B. Priest & Prophets

1. Priest

a) Not to drink at all.

Lev. 10:9 "Do not drink wine nor strong drink"

b) Some people via their position cannot do what others do.

c) Excesses are shameful.

d) Irresponsible leadership is sad.

e) Priest drank in private life plus public functions.

f) Thus withheld word of God from the people.

2. Prophets

a) See visions while drunk.

b) Pass them off as divine insights.

c) At same time priests are staggering in decisions.

d) Drink the root of it.

Prov. 31:4-5

1 Tim. 3:2-3

e) Reel in visions literally.

f) Err in visions and stumble in judgement - don't interpret law correctly.

C. No Place Clean.

1. Horrible picture.

2. Tables are filthy with vomit.

3. Hailey says tables stand for spiritual food.

*Churchill - wine & ship*

*Drunk while deliberating safe option.*

*Jackson veto #2*

4. ~~Drunkenness lit. pollutes the holy place.~~
5. No place remained where cleanliness could be found.

#### V. Suddenly Scene Changes -

Isaiah lets us hear what the Priest & Prophets Say.

#### A. "Whom Shall He Teach Knowledge".

1. Isaiah may have spoken this at a ~~festive occasion.~~ *mouth*
2. Leaders resented it - felt they were belittled.
3. Rebberbos says picture of a drunken brawl in temple area is not the picture - rather before a sober audience.
4. Pretends Isaiah is like a teacher with a juvenile class.
5. "Knowledge" shows Isaiah viewed primarily as a teacher.
6. Doctrine = tidings, that which came directly from God, revelation.

#### B. Juvenile - Weaned From Milk - Drawn from the Breast.

1. Does he think we are children?
2. Are we kindergarten folk?
3. ~~We offer many arguments today to avoid accepting the truth: "Where did he go to school?" "Does he read Greek?" "How many years in seminary?"~~
4. We think we know as much as anybody - ~~who can tell us anything!~~

C. Mocked the Manner of Teaching.

1. Repeated phrases as tho teaching children. *Ray Potter, 1st or 2nd*
2. Every word (Heb.) in v-10 mono-syllable.
3. Some hard to translate so versions differ. *We imitate teachers - mock them.*
4. Little here implies nation received no coherent picture - only broken bits. *2 sides of argument #5*
5. What prophet said was so much nonsense - in one ear and out the other; water off a duck's back idea.
6. Indicates teaching is nothing grand-insignificant - little stuff.
7. Enunciated no great leading principles - all so simple.

*Meaning  
to be of  
drinks  
or  
Babylon*

D. Significance of This.

1. We do need to reiterate truths - over and over. Sister *Pettus* used to say, "never apologize for preaching baptism, always someone there that needs to hear it."
2. Their spirit leads to enthrone self and dethrone God.
3. Some consider word of God insignificant - some never know what part of it is inspired.
4. Teachers have ever had our mocking imitators.

*Scouting a man rubbing wrong #6  
Alternative: Either Reject (Mark) or Accept (obey)*

How  
can  
you  
hear  
the  
power?

- 5. We today ridicule doctrine:  
Music - I'm a fiddling Christian;  
Baptism - I'm dry cleaned.
- 6. We call some things hobbies -  
"always harping on same thing" even  
when essential.

VI. God's Counter Proposal.

- A. Stammering Lips of Another Tongue.
  - 1. God will mock the mockers.
  - 2. He will use men of another tongue to  
"teach" - the Assyrians.

Deut. 28:49-50

- 3. If won't hear God will hear a  
barbarous tongue.
- 4. It's Isaiah or Assyria - take your  
pick!
- 5. Semetic origin - Assyrian sounds  
like Hebrew mispronounced and  
barbarized.
- 6. God is fretted at contumacy.
- 7. Not to listen brings Heaven's  
disfavor.

B. Who Teachers Us?

- 1. Is our help from God or man?
- 2. Note "this people" of v-11 -- not  
"my" - shows disappointment.
- 3. Jews persecuted in Middle Ages -  
wore certain clothes, certain haircut,  
had to live in certain houses so all  
would know they are Jews.

C. God intends Religion Give Rest (v-12)

- 1. God offers rest but they would not  
hear.

A psychiatrist is a person who doesn't have to worry -  
as long as others do.

2. Religion should give rest and refreshment.
3. ~~We grow weary & need boosts.~~
4. Jesus promised it.

Matt. 11:28-29

D. They Would Not Hear!

1. No willingness to listen.
2. Ifs and if nots abound in life.
3. Willful ignorance deprives.

Mk. 4:12" That seeing they may see & not perceive

4. ~~Jesus said I would - you wouldn't.~~

Matt. 23:37" O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that"

5. If we hear we start moving - either toward or away from God.

6. These people trapped like an animal.
7. Turned from true God to false one.
8. Some slowly learn - little by little.

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AN OFFICIAL OF THE WOMEN'S  
TEMPERANCE UNION IN GREAT  
BRITAIN PROTESTED TO WINSTON  
CHURCHILL THAT THE PRACTICE OF  
CHRISTENING SHIPS WITH CHAMPAGNE  
WAS A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE FOR  
TEMPERANCE. "WE DEMAND THAT  
YOU DISCONTINUE THIS PRACTICE,"  
SHE ASSERTED.

Churchill *Alcohol* cheerfully replied:  
"Madam, I think the Royal  
Navy's custom of christening  
ships is a splendid example of  
temperance. The ship takes its  
first sip of wine, and then pro-  
ceeds on water thereafter!"

But the greatest devastation from this tornadolike veto came at the tail end of the message. It almost sounded like a call to class warfare. Certainly nothing like it had ever come from a President before--or ever would again.

It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their selfish purposes. Distinctions in society will always exist under every just government. Equality of talents, of education, or of wealth can not be produced by human institutions. In the full enjoyment of the gifts of Heaven and the fruits of superior industry, economy, and virtue, every man is equally entitled to protection by law; but when the laws undertake to add to these natural and just advantages artificial distinctions, to grant titles, gratuities, and exclusive privileges, to make the rich richer and the potent more powerful, the humble members of society--the farmers, mechanics, and laborers--who have neither the time nor the means of securing like favors to themselves, have a right to complain of the injustice of their Government. There are no necessary evils in government. Its evils exist only in its abuses. If it would confine itself to equal protection, and, as Heaven does its rains, shower its favors alike on the high and the low, the rich and the poor, it would be an unqualified blessing. In the act before me there seems to be a wide and unnecessary departure from these just principles.

Nor is our Government to be maintained or our Union preserved by invasions of the rights and powers of the several States. In thus attempting to make our General Government strong we make it weak. Its true strength consists in leaving individuals and States as much as possible to themselves—in making itself felt, not in its power, but in its beneficence; not in its control, but in its protection; not in binding the States more closely to the center, but leaving each to move unobstructed in its proper orbit.

JACKSON Pages 368-369

A Mr John Gregory of Jackson, Miss, writes that he is working on a new cure for baldness — a mixture of persimmon juice and alum.

He says it does not grow hair, what it does is shrink your head to fit what you have. — PAUL HARVEY. n

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ROY HATTEN: "There must be a lot of good in some people when you consider how little has ever come out of them.

Anybody who thinks there are two sides to an argument isn't in it.

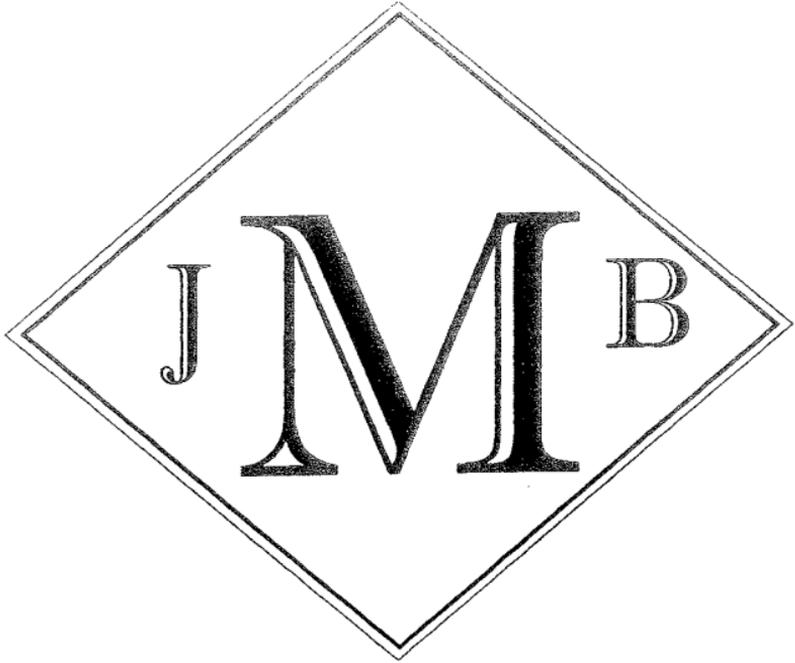
Politicians should keep in mind that an ounce of silence is worth a ton of explanation.

Scouting teaches boys how to start a fire with two sticks and a man learns it can also be done by rubbing a person the wrong way.

Oddly, the blame for the failure of the open education movement is often laid at the door of John Dewey, who was without a doubt the greatest educational theorist in our history. Dewey would be totally appalled by classroom chaos. He said repeatedly that the purpose of education was to unite interest and effort. He said that the purpose of education is to produce in students a concentration of effort rather than a dissipation of it.

"Teaching Today: The Church's First Ministry" - By Locke E. Bowman, Jr.

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## PARABLE OF THE FARMER

Isa. 28:23-29

- I. A great chapter about to close.
  - A. Chance we will ignore & forget.
  - B. Add to its power by a parable.
  - C. It contains hopeful truth tho the issue of punishment is not dodged.
- II. 1st God calls via Isaiah for full attention.
  - A. Give Ear.
    1. He will continue to attempt to turn them from false hope & allegiances to true God.
    2. God has the right to ask for our attention.
    3. 4 imperatives come that man is commanded to hear.
  - B. Hear Voice, Harken, Give Ear.
    1. Words & voice show it was oral.
    2. Isaiah is back on the current firing line.
    3. We hear in order that we might accurately harken.
- III. Farmer Illustration.
  - A. Does the Plowman Plow All Day?
    1. Plowing one of the hardest and most strenuous of jobs.
    2. It is farther from harvest than any other act.
    3. Don't know much about Bible plows- point a stick or copper - (soft would bend - iron later & better).
    4. Plowed about 3" deep.

5. Farmer would plow with one hand and goad ox c other. Dude McGee

6. To this qt. expect neg. answer.

B. Purpose of illustration.

1. Farmer plows but does not spend all time at it.

2. There is a purpose ultimately even in all the diversity. Even so God's judgements have a purpose.

3. We are not to destroy one season's work by invasion of another.

4. 3 principles = prepare, sow, harvest.

C. After Plowing, He Harrows  
(Opens & Breaks Clods)

1. We again see necessary diversity.

2. Harrows open.

3. Has drag idea.

4. Principles:

a) Diversity

b) Judgement of God always had a goal - do we?

c) Harvest demands investment of earlier effort - (plant weeds so beans will grow?)

d) Best life means usefulness.

5. Note ground belongs to the Farmer - thus his own concern - "His ground"

D. Makes Plain - levels it - drag.

E. Sowing Now Comes.

1. Fitches sown - Caraway (NIV)

a) Plant for seasoning.

b) Pods have tiny seeds.

c) Fennel

## 2. Cummin

- a) Every crop is treated individually - drills have varying plate sizes.
- b) Make relish (punkin vs popcorn)
- c) Condiment.
- d) Are fitch & cummin the same thing? No

## 3. Principle wheat

- a) Protective row tho we don't know why - he did.
- b) Spelt - wild wheat, vetch
- c) No mixed grain sown.

Lev. 19:19 "Thou shalt not sow thy field cm."

- d) Why the border planting is not clear.
- e) Farmer carefully picks place & method for diverse crops.

## 4. Reason for illustration.

- a) The ability to plan & reason one of the greatest gifts God's granted man.
- b) Sowing is not done in a haphazard manner but by determined policies.  
(Don't plant bunch beans between Hickory King Corn!)
- c) Rie (spelt) in its place shows farmer knows what he is doing.  
Not groping.
- d) God has as much sense as Piggly Wiggly.

## 5. After all (v-26) God has instructed the farmer!

## F. Now Comes the Harvest &amp; Threshing.

1. Fitches not with a threshing instrument.
  - a) It's judgement time! Harvest expected.
  - b) Judgement is carefully planned.
  - c) Do not thresh all grain with equal severity.
  - d) Threshings sledge inapplicable to plants of delicate fabric - you shake pecans not peach trees.
  - e) God always intermingles threats and promises. Jesus would not break bruised reed or quench smoking flax.
2. Cartwheel not servicable on fitches.
  - a) All crops are not gathered in the same way.
  - b) Cartwheel a frame with rollers that go over the grain as a rake does.
  - c) Broad wheels.
  - d) Need only staff or rod.
  - e) Apply no more force than is necessary.
  - f) Chastisement is divinely appointed and delicately done.
3. Bread Corn.
  - a) Must have balance - to crack it too much wastes & destroys - not enough, can't use it.

- b) Wisdom is needed to reach the ultimate pressure - neither too much or too little.
- c) Farmer knows when threshing is complete & competent.
- d) No farmer wants to waste his flour grain by undue crushing in the field.
- e) When heavier stuff is used be sure moderation is also.
- f) Afflictions are adapted to strength & needs - never to crush or injure.
- g) Shoes on horses not useful here.

#### IV. In Finality the Lord Speaks.

##### A. From the Lord.

- 1. God does not indefinitely exercise discipline.
- 2. There is an end to trial.

Heb.12:10-11 "Now no chast. for the present"

- 3. There is a reason behind every act of God.
- 4. We may expect a variety of trials.
- 5. Scoffers may think there is no rhyme or reason to what God does.

##### B. Wonderful in Counsel.

- 1. More than a wise farmer, God makes no mistake in his plans for us.
- 2. God alone is perfect - he knows what is best - thy will be done.
- 3. He may even seem to temporarily pause.
- 4. Trials can bring us closer to Him.

## C. Excellent in working.

1. After Judgement there will still be a people of God.
2. God plows, plants, threshes & keeps in mind the nature of the seed.
3. He does not handle us all alike.
4. Purpose of afflictions is ever our good - pure grain & chaff destroyed
5. In chastisement God seeks fruit eventually.
6. He will never deal too roughly with His children.
7. God selects best methods to carry out his holy will.

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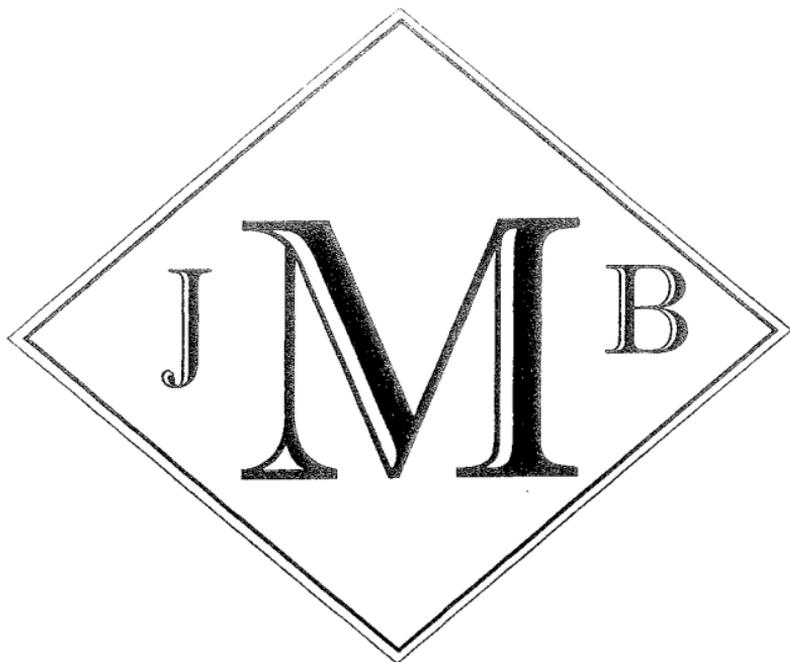
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# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD'S IGNORED?

Isaiah 30:1-3

I. I live in a world that demands I meet certain obligations.

A. Some are: (Duties of Citizenship)

1. Pay taxes
2. Pray for those in authority.
3. Ask for safe & peaceful ways.
4. Be in subjection to higher powers.
5. Honor authority.
6. Live law-abiding life.
7. Point out what is right and condemn the wrong way.

B. I have a duty above the State.

Phil. 3:20 "Our commonwealth is heaven"

C. Our lesson deals with those who forgot God & made no room for him in their plans.

1. Historically Judah seizes upon death of Sargon to rebel against Kingless Assyria.
2. They took no counsel with God about this move.
3. They felt more secure with an earthly, fleshly alliance than with God.
4. Judah trusts Egypt--human might.

D. To this God reacted & called them "Rebellious Children."

1. Pronounced a woe.
2. Woe to them who carry out plans not born of God.
3. Children should listen to their father, else they are rebellious.

## II. Look what they did.

### A. Took Counsel--"but not of me".

1. They formed their plans.
2. Their counsel was contrary to the spirit of God.

### B. Cover with a covering but not of my Spirit.

1. Idiomatic expression of uncertain meaning.
2. Maybe carry out a design, weave a web, or pour out a molten image.
3. Vine says it means to weave an alliance.
4. This alliance will be openly rebuked.
5. All so they can add sin to sin.
  - a) Add fresh to former sin.
  - b) Sin never goes alone, it has companions & followers.
  - c) It is cumulative--one leads to another

### C. What they did was seek the alliance with Egypt--without God's blessings.

1. It was a false policy.
2. They forgot God, whose people they are.
3. Self willed men are stubborn and obstinate.
4. If the 1st step is wrong all others will be that follow.
5. We must not depend on the arm of flesh.
6. They go the wrong direction.

Deut. 8:15

Jer. 2:6

7. Their sin is they desert God and honor materialism.
8. Pattern:
  - a) Lose faith in God.
  - b) Stop obeying Him.
  - c) Hve troubles.
  - d) Turn to human hands.
9. Is that attitude ours--we trust man, not God.

Isa. 29:15

D. Asked not "at my mouth."

1. Didn't want to hear God, only themselves.
2. This Spirit is not dead.
3. God warned about their turning to Egypt.

Deut. 17:16

4. Turn from God who loves them to a nation that oppresses them does not make sense.

E. Went from Substance to Shadow.

1. It is the trust of human might.
2. Militarism is a poor excuse for righteousness.
3. When trust is not in the Lord remember we are called "rebellious children."
4. Trusted wrong shadow.

Ps. 17:8

III. What's the End Result?

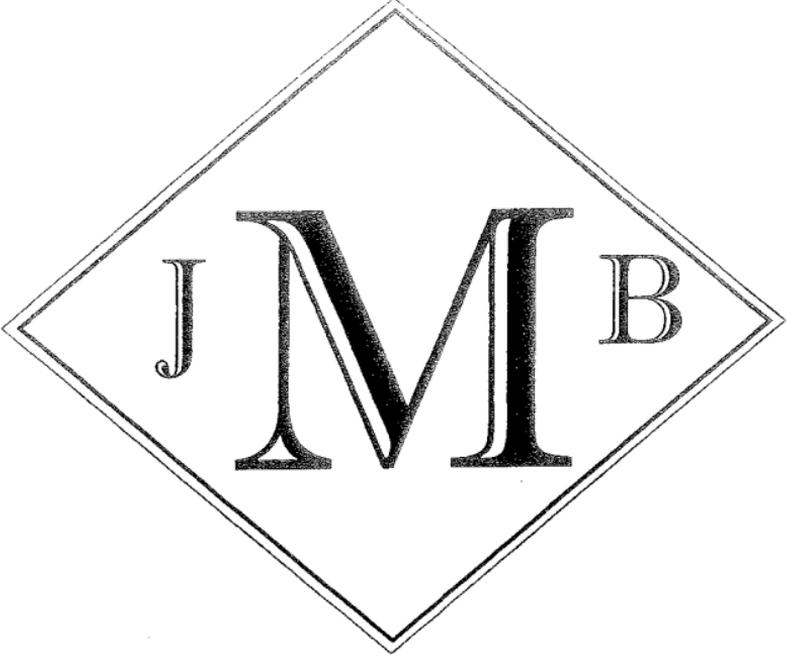
A. Strength of Pharaoh be your Shame!

1. All they'll get from E. will be shame and reproach.
2. Only God is wise.

Rom. 16:27

B. Confusion--not solution.

Walnut St., Dickson, Tn (B.C.) - 11/26/89



# WHEN CONFEDERATES SIT STILL

Isaiah 30:4-7

- I. There is a little sly humor in the Bible.
  - A. Judah thought it pulled a smart one-- at time of Assyrian weakness, without asking God, they made an alliance with Egypt.
  - B. Result: All the giant could do was sit still.

## II. Evidently an Alliance Struck.

### A. Alliance

1. Lit. pour out water as an oblation by which solemn agreements confirmed.
2. Libation seals the agreement.

Nu. 27:21

### B. Pomp of Princes & Ambassadors.

1. Zoan & Hanes
2. Hanes only here--unknown.

## III. Just when you thought you had it--Shame comes!

V-5 "They were all ashamed of a people"

### A. Trouble in River City

1. Beasts
  - a) Be trouble
2. Land of trouble & anguish
  - a) 3 pairs
    - (1) Trouble & anguish
    - (2) Lioness & lion
    - (3) Viper & serpent
  - b) Wasted desert area--the Negiv
3. Lioness & Lion
  - a) Animals of the Negiv
  - b) Obstacles for them.

## 4. Serpents

a) Not so much natural history as describing a land in natural terms folks use--like we speak of haunted houses. (P.C.)

b) Hailey says it's poetic language.

## B. All in Vain

1. Treaty is useless.

2. Can't hide it from God.

## C. Their buddy just sits still.

1. Egypt a resting place--a has been.

2. Egypt proud--does nothing to maintain alliance--so many things of which we get nothing rewarding.

3. The Big Mouth is a Do Nothing.

4. Even if she tried she'd be of no help.

5. Rahab = arrogance.

6. Rahab a sea monster that only sits.

7. Isaiah condemns what he can't prevent.

8. The big giant will be motionless.

9. Egypt is Rahab.

Ps. 87:4

89:10

Isa. 51:9

10. Egypt cared nothing for Israel would sit & watch her be carried away.

# VIEWPOINT

## Ted Turner tries to take on God

By Cal Thomas

**M**OVE over, Donald Trump. Move over, Japan. You may think you're big time, buying up everything in sight, but Ted Turner has you beat. The man who has challenged NBC, CBS and ABC by starting his own three-letter networks (CNN, TBS and TNT) is now going after bigger fish. Ted Turner is attempting to take on God.

Honestly, what could have gotten into the "mouth of the South"? In remarks before a group of broadcasters in Dallas, reported by the Dallas Morning News, Turner took on Christianity, which he called "a religion for losers." Turner said Christ should not have bothered dying on the cross. "I don't want anybody to die for me," he was quoted as saying. "I've had a few drinks and a few girlfriends, and if that's gonna put me in hell, then so be it."

Turner went further (if that is possible) and decided that the way of dating time, BC (for before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord), is outmoded. "Why don't we broadcasters make it our goal to get the world at peace by the year 2000?" he asked.

"Let's make it the year zero — BP and AP. Before Peace and After Peace."

Turner also told the broadcasters, "Your delegates to the United Nations are not as important as the people in this room (broadcasters). We are the ones that determine what the people's attitudes are. It's in our hands."

A few days ago, Turner spoke to newspaper executives in Atlanta. He told them that the Ten Commandments are out of date, kaput, expired. He said they need updating.

"When Moses went up on the mountain, there were no nuclear weapons. There was no problem with the ozone layer or these other problems."

Turner wants to replace the Ten Commandments with his own version, which he calls the "Ten Voluntary Initiatives."

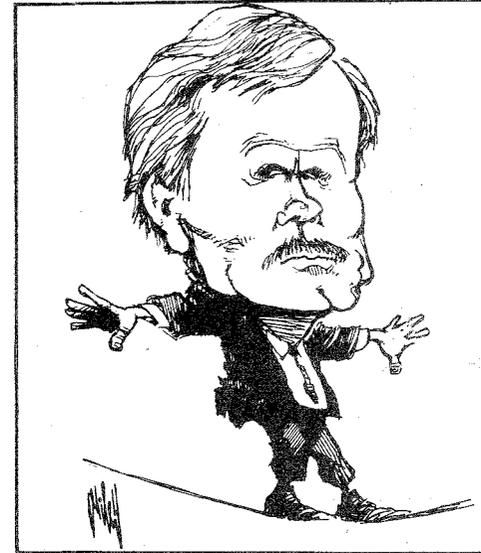
The first two Voluntary Initiatives are, "I love and respect planet Earth and all living things thereon, especially my fellow species, mankind." And, "I promise to treat all persons everywhere with dignity, respect and friendliness."

Sorry, Ted. Your initiatives just don't have the same ring of authority as, "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt,

out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." And, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

As another Ted (Koppel) has said, "Our society finds Truth too strong a medicine to digest undiluted. In its purest form Truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder; it is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mount Sinai were not the Ten Suggestions . . . they are commandments. ARE, not were."

Why is Ted Turner offending Christians and Jews with this kind of talk? Doesn't he need them to watch his networks and buy the products of sponsors who advertise there? Does he view himself as so powerful and invincible that he can get away with blatant prejudice? Why did broadcasters in Dallas and newspaper executives in Atlanta not boo or walk out on Turner, or at least protest his remarks as "insensitive" and "bigoted," as they surely would have done had he made racial or ethnic slurs or condemned homosexuals or feminists? Not to reject such language sends a message that his audience

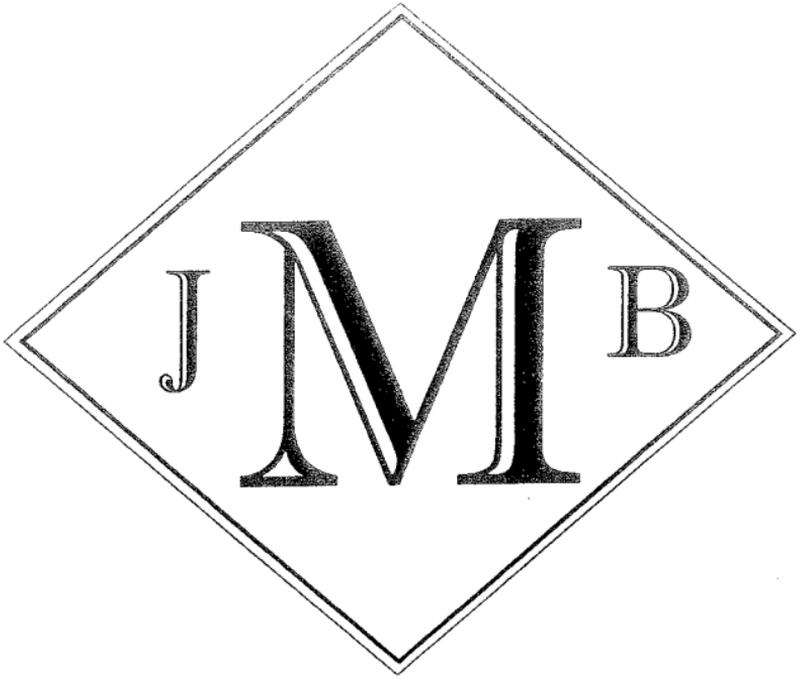


Ted Turner

members either agree with him or are at least willing to tolerate bigotry.

This does not bode well for media credibility, which is already in decline among those who are neither fools nor idiots and who give God far higher ratings than anything that comes out of Ted Turner's networks or his increasingly large mouth.

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# WIN WITH GOD

## Isaiah 31

- I. Purpose in this lesson.
    - A. Do not give up.
    - B. Do not doubt the outcome.
    - C. Do not search for other assistance.
    - D. Do not long question.
    - E. Do persevere.
  - II. We've seen things go against us.
    - A. To prayer God's said No.
    - B. To plead for souls is to see rejection.
    - C. Behold blessings in the laps of those not spiritual.
    - D. Personal disappointments come to all.
  - III. Repeated purpose--don't backslide--  
Rather Win With God.
    - A. I'll cite history of Israel.
    - B. I'll turn to one short chapter--Isa. 31.
  - IV. We begin by seeing the error of others.
    - A. God calls it a "woe."
      1. May be the 4th woe of Isaiah.
      2. It's a dialogue about the fate of a city whose political leaders make decision without reference to God.
- Ps. 52:7 "Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness."
3. See the warnings and the Promise.
  - B. Go down to Egypt for help.
    1. They seek alliance (Israel does) with Egypt & look not to Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord (v-1).

2. Party in Judah seeks negotiation with Egypt--it being a false policy.
3. Egypt is seen as a competitive power with God.
4. Egypt is not reliable nor can she keep her promises.
5. Servants of men thought to have more success than God.

C. Trust Chariots and Horses.

1. Value set on what they could see.
2. Saw they were "many" & "strong."
  - a) Trust in numbers.
  - b) On surface seem invincible, overwhelming, invaluable.
  - c) Assyria chariots shown with 3 horses & 3 men aboard.
  - d) He does not condemn chariots rather confidence placed in them rather than faith toward God.
  - e) Numerous and efficient, but no comparison to God.(2 Chron.12:3)

D. Should Trust Holy One of Israel.

1. Foe may be mighty.
2. God is stronger and their horses of no avail against Him.
3. Divine providence not necessarily on side of strongest battalion.
4. "He also is wise."
  - a) Spoken in irony as though with Egypt they had a corner on wisdom.
  - b) He knows the end from the beginning.

- c) History is on our side--when Israel was pure, pious and trusting they won.
- d) Politicians thought Egypt was it!
- e) Note "evil doers" are those that do not trust--not necessarily immoral.
- f) God is able to do what He says He can.

E. God will not call back his words.

- 1. He will not retract.
- 2. No double meaning--"watch my lips"
- 3. Men do not continue to be of one mind--make promises--backtrack and seek some way to excuse themselves.
- 4. Interest change their views as they listen to popular polls, and reverse self.
- 5. Capricious and changing.
- 6. Unstable and doubleminded.

James 1:8

- 7. Promises are worthless--treaty not worth paper on which they are printed.
- 8. Greed and selfishness enters the picture.

Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man that He"

- 9. He does not revise His word every time the situation changes.
- 10. God's against house of evil doers (v. 2).
  - a) Could be of His own house as well as agnostic.

- b) God stays with what He's spoken.
- c) "Evil workers" are those who seek help of men rather than of God.
- d) Greatest of human strength is powerless against God.
- e) Egyptian considered their Pharaoh God.

F. Reminder: Egyptians are men, not God; horses are flesh, not spirit.

Ps. 146:3 "Put not your trust in men"

1. Egyptians are mere men.
2. "How often the sagacity of the prudent, the riches of the wealthy, the influence of the great, the eloquence of the orator, fail us at our hour of need, and we go down to our house bitterly disappointed, perhaps stricken, stripped, ruined. The arm of flesh will fail you."(PC)
3. Horses are mere animals.
4. Horses are flesh and all flesh is as grass.
5. Disposition in all ages to lean on arm of flesh instead of trusting God and this is not peculiar to any one age.
6. Flesh stands for the lower element of human life. It contrasts with the immortal and eternal.
7. Flesh is perishable and powerless.
8. Spirit is life and vigor--true strength.

## 9. Read Verse 3.

- a) No reliance on man.
- b) Life promised to the obedient and faithful.
- c) Those who believe in themselves and are believed will be destroyed.
- d) His mercy is great and freely given.

## V. God moves to another section (v-9).

## A. Uses two similars--Lion &amp; birds.

## 1. Lion gets prey and all shepherds can do is be numerous and make noise.

- a) Seek to scare lion away with noise.
- b) He remains firm and not for a minute release his prey.
- c) He is the master.

## 2. Birds hovering over young.

- a) Swift and tender in her love for her young.
- b) Love of God strongest reason for his action.

## 3. God will deliver and Passover.

- a) Reference to Exo. 12 as uses same word.
- b) Identify with God himself.

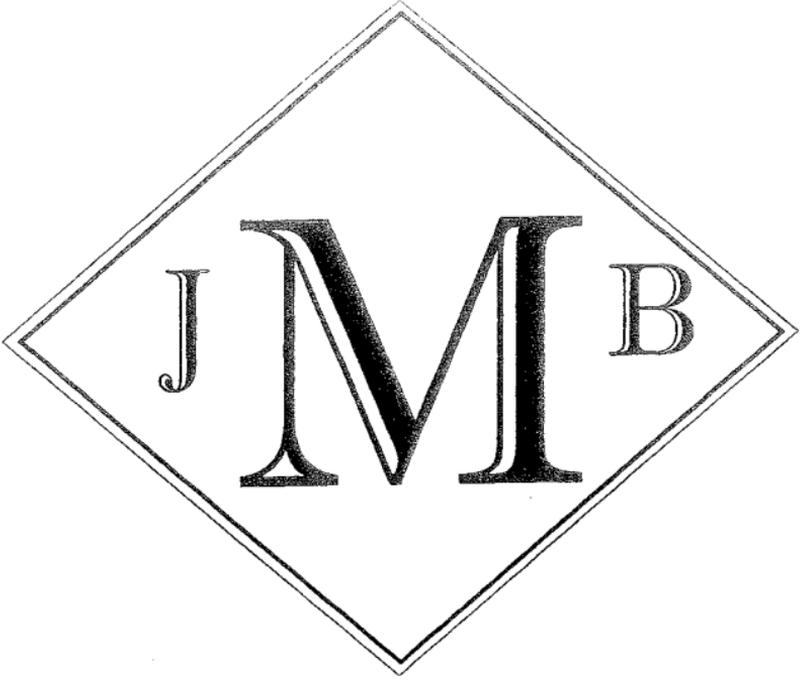
B. He calls for them to Return.

- 1. Calls for complete restoration of the estranged.
- 2. Like all promises all warnings are conditional.

3. Child to return to full favor of parent.
  4. May mean self-reproach, shame, anxiety.
  5. Language shows there has been an intense rebellion--"deeply revolted."
  6. Cry to return constantly pressed by the Lord.
  7. Word is plural "ye" entire nation to return.
  8. "Sons of Israel"--remember your glorious ancestry.
- C. Cast your idols away.
1. They have not helped Assyria.
  2. Come to a God who does not sleep, never sick, never weak.
  3. Yet one of tenderness and love.
  4. No foe can daunt him.
  5. He rightfully claims their allegiance.
  6. Their action has been a sin.
  7. Put away every form of Idolatry, worship of pleasure and self-indulgence, all unholy gratification and covetousness, worship not mammon and do not become absorbed in the struggles of life that leave no room for the Divine.
  8. Idolatry is sin.
- D. Assyria will fall by the sword of the Lord--not mighty or mean man.
1. 180,000 die in one night.
  2. Assyria will flee and be afraid of every flag.

3. Young men--flower of the army--  
discomforted--subject to slaves,  
liable to tribute.
4. God will pass over and you will  
see the fire in Zion, furnace in  
Jerusalem.
5. Come to the Strong Hold--the Rock!
  - a) God our Refuge.
  - b) God our Fortress.
  - c) He inhabits all eternity.
  - d) Rock not rugged but shadow  
in a thirsty land.
  - e) Fires of altars still burn--  
enemy defeated--God the winner.
  - f) God has a purpose in Zion and  
He will see it through.
  - g) Fright causes us at times to  
turn from sin.
  - h) Turn ye--why will you die?

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# THAT HIGHWAY CALLED HOLINESS

Isa. 35:1-10

- I. What's the sweetest road in the world to you?
- A. Appian Way to Rome
  - B. 31-W
  - C. 100 Highway
  - D. Trail to Kansas, Grandpa's, D.L.C. circle
  - E. All pleasant - but there is another of profound joy. May I tell you?
- You can always tell when you are on the road of holiness - it's uphill*  
*Ernest Blewins*

## II. The Road in the changing wilderness.

Isa. 35:1-2 "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for you."

A. Note these features.

1. Gladness comes to solitary places - lonesomeness gone. *Robt. A. Davidson's 'Philosophy Men have Beg'*

2. Blossom as a rose - rain brings to life the desert bulbs. (Used only here) *6 - hedonism, rationalism, naturalism, power of the will,*

3. Happy change occurs. *existentialism, Zen Buddhism*

4. Blossom abundantly - joy & singing.

B. Possible because of the personal presence of God.

Isa. 35:2 "They shall see the glory of the Lord"

1. Personal relationship - "Our God", not "yours".

I Thess. 4:7 "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness"

I Pet. 1:14-16 "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves after the world, but unto holiness, as he which hath called you to holiness - so be ye"

2. God going to be c the folk - He will be walking c them.

B. It gives strength to all.

Isa. 35:3-4 "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees."

1. Strength in hands & knees.

2. Fear enfeebles.

3. Be strong, fear not - God infuses.

4. Hands & knees are combined idea of action &

endurance.

5. "He will come & save you" - V. 4 (In Hebrew emphasis on the He!)

### C. The Hurt are Healed.

Isa. 35:5-6 "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened

1. Then = Messianic time of salvation.

2. Eyes opened.

(a) Jesus did this.

3. Ears unstopped.

(a) Ear spiritual portal to will.

(b) Hearing involves heeding.

4. Lame leap.

(a) Lame who shuffle will leap.

Acts 3:8 "And he leaping up stood, and walked, and e<sup>entire</sup>

(b) Heart put in tottering pilgrims.

Heb. 12:12 "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang d

5. Dumb sing.

### D. Streams in the Desert.

Isa. 35:6-7 "For in the wilderness shall waters break o

1. That which man ruined restored.

2. Waste world becomes earthly paradise.

3. Desert becomes what it was formerly - we regain lost estate.

4. It's the Lord who brings radical change.

5. To the weary desert travel water a sweet rest.

(a) Streams.

(1) Break out - no mere trickle - gushes forth.

(2) Big Spring at Van Buren, Mo.

(3) Grace makes one a giver not a getter - dry land gives water.

(b) Pool.

- (1) No mirage - the deception is not there - it's real!
- (2) Not always at a distance & ever moving; never deceives or recedes - it's there!

(c) Springs.

- (1) Note plural to make more powerful.
- (2) Abundantly!
- (3) Fountains refresh!

(d) Grass & Reeds.

- (1) Water fructifying, life giving elements.
- (2) Peril turn to plenty.
- (3) Reeds, marshes in the desert!
- (4) God is with them - margin.

E. Hiway Called Holiness. <sup>the perfume of holiness travels even against the wind</sup>

Isa. 35:8 "And a highway shall be there <sup>Indian pros</sup> <sup>break thru discovery of</sup> <sup>Ms A. Walker</sup> <sub>pg 39</sub>  
 1. Desert usually barren & w/o means of communication - no roads.

Ps. 107:4 "They wandered in the wilderness in a solita

2. So God builds a hiway!

- (a) No mere faint track. - 7 LAST WORDS clip
- (b) But prepared - cast up. NZZCA lines #1 95
- (c) Existence detected w/o difficulty. Nat Geo Mag
- (d) Embanked way & public road. Raised & leveled in Hebrew.

(e) Mentioned: 11:6, 19:23, 40:3, 43:19, 49:11 - thus presumptive evidence for unity of the book)

3. Has a name - Holiness.

- (a) Unclean does not belong to Holy one. - Poet Clip
- (b) Body w/o wrinkle Blush #2

Eph. 5:25 - Husbands love - sent. Rom 12:1 Present you

(c) Church is the saved.

4. Way is clear. - RR. Law #3

Isa. 35:8 "The wayfaring men, tho fools, shall not err

(a) Some are dissatisfied with God's timing & God's methods. *Hetsfield Quote #4*

(b) In his own time & manner he'll fulfill his word - and it will be right.

(c) He'll clearly mark a way & so construct it, it will be easy to follow. *Reason & experience lead us to expect that national*

(d) Fools will not go astray. *morality can prevail in enclosure of religion*

(e) Phillips, "No rogue to lead men astray." *Washington principle*

(f) Wind & sand obliterate some - not way of holines it clearly leads to its destination. *Bible Quote #5*

(g) Many wander in life not knowing its meaning, nor destination, nor where they are going - those who know way of life follow it with unerrir sureness. - *Moston Quote #7*

(h) Good-Will in Pilgrim's Progress said to Christian, "Look before thee; dost thou see the narrow way? That is the way thou must go: it was cast up by the Patriarchs, Prophets; Christ & His apostles; and it is as straight as a rule can make it: this is the way thou must go."

(i) Enter via toll gate of dedication.

Rev. 7:17 "For the Lamb which is in the midst of the th

(j) It is: Unmistakably plain *#8* Perfectly secure *#9* Brings to safe arrival. *Consistent Benevolent Empire Quote Evering Attend*

(k) God's on hand as needed. *(b) Eye hit #10*

2 Thess. 1:6 "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God

F. Here is Security.

Isa. 35:9 "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous be

1. Nothing ravenous there.

2. Anything that destroys is not orthodox, regardless of contentions!

3. Nothing to tear or devour.

Jn. 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that

4. Way exists for the redeemed - clean & undefiled.

G. There's Joy When the Saints Go Marching In.

ISA. 35:10 "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return

1. Songs.

(a) Christianity spread thru teaching & example of happiness.

2. Everlasting Joy.

(a) No wonder - all the rich blessings of salv. are the gift of God.

(b) Walk c shouting knowing burdens have been removed.

(c) What a crown! Everlasting joy.

Ps. 8:6 "Thou madest him to have dominion over the

(d) Behind it all tho is the knowledge Christ suffered for me.

3. Sorrow & sighing shall flee away.

(a) Words of longing of every human heart.

(b) It's Immanuel's & its blessings are to those redeemed by the King Himself.

(c) Dead Sea Scrolls, "For sorrow & sighing are no more."

(d) Sanctify, safety, security, singing all go togeth

4. I want to be there when the saints march in.

5. What better service can you render than to be holy? Shakespeare's Caesar wrote

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A father saw his son sitting on top of another boy in the front yard. #10

"Jimmy," said the father. "Why are you holding Tommy to the ground like that?"

"He hit me in the eye," yelled Jimmy.

"How many times," reminded the father, "have I told you to count up to one hundred before you loose your temper?" X

"I know," puffed Jimmy. "I am counting up to one hundred, but I'm making sure he'll be here when I get through counting."

- MAYNERD BRADFORD. P

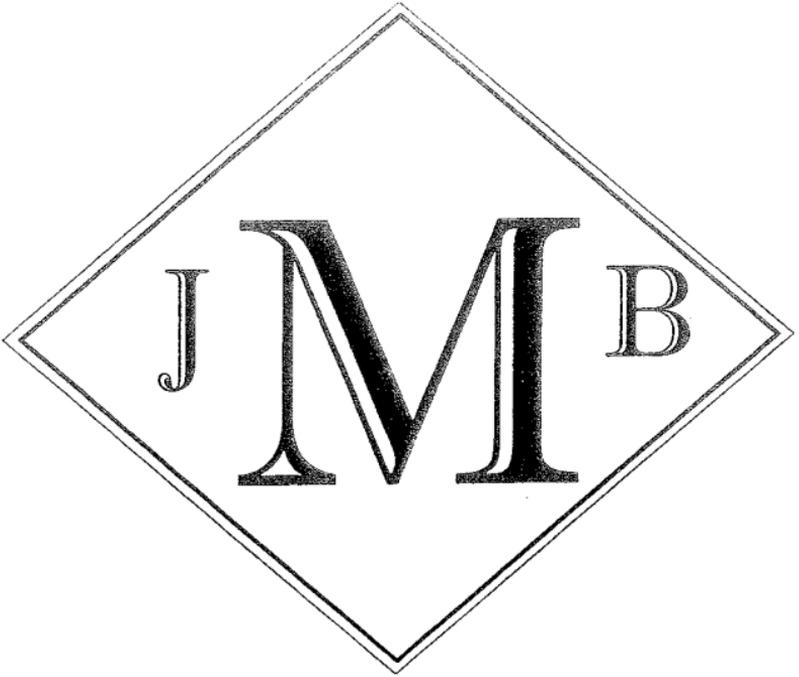
In some respects--moving now from budgetary questions #9  
to programs--the patterns of church life can even make it less attractive to people to be of service to anyone but themselves. Very often the quality of one's faith is measured by the number of evenings per week that members are on the church premises. Their goodness is marked by the way in which they express loyalty to their own kind. They become self-protective, full of illusions, unable to comprehend the ways of life of different people. Meanwhile the churches provide them with prayers, liturgies, and worship forms that suggest to them that they are giving alms and thus carrying on God's works in the world.

Shakespeare speaks similarly.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries. #11  
On such a full sea are we now afloat;  
And we must take the current when it serves,  
Or lose our ventures. "

Julius Caesar (Act IV, Scene III)

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# HOW WIDE IS YOUR INTEREST?

Isaiah 39:8

I. Hezekiah got a get-well note.

A. It's natural for us to express an interest in our fellowman.

B. We are impressed when it's the Mr. Big that remembers us.

1. Grace Avenue man thought Estes Kefauver remembered his day and had telegram posted by death register.

2. Hezekiah got a letter and visit from Babylonian envoy.

a) They came "from a far country unto me, even from Babylon"(v-3)

b) Came from the "ends of the earth."

3. Common civility teaches us to rejoice with our friends.

4. We all should be grateful for recovery from illness.

5. But what could the praise of heathen princes add to Hezekiah.

C. Hezekiah was genuinely thrilled.

1. Heart filled.

2 Chron. 32:25 *His heart was lifted up - proud*

2. Failed to heed warning against arm of flesh.

3. Joys only carnal.

4. Prosperity lays a trail for man's ruin.

5. He let miracles create a sense of pride.

6. Sad & dangerous to dwell on success.

2 ~~Kings 21:19~~

D. He shows all his treasures (v-2).

- 1. Treasures do not make true friends.
- 2. They easily make enemies.
- 3. Watch irreligious alliances.

E. "Then Came Isaiah"

- 1. God will chasten foolishness.

Hab. 3:2

- 2. What said these men?
- 3. Whence came they?
- 4. What have they seen in thine house?
  - a) All that is in mine house.
  - b) Nothing in my treasures I have not showed them.
- 5. Isa. then presented the word of the Lord.

v 5-7

(Read)

- a) Rebukes foolish ostentation.
- b) Throw rocks at laden trees.

### II. Hezekiah's Reaction

v-8 "Good is the word of the Lord which"

A. How do you react to correction?

- 1. Resignation *pl 2ma*
- 2. Indifference *lessimist: In case of accident*
- 3. Selfishly sullen *I'm not surprised*
- 4. Grateful for the rebuke
- 5. Just see a portion of it--never feel the full consequence. - *Car in park*
- 6. Resentment

*Rebt. Hel f*

Gen. 4:9

7. Indifference - *Colliers Paul & Smith - 13th*

Rev. 3:17

8. Astonishment - *Waiting for grand me*

9. Acquiescence

10. Selfish submission--peace in my time.

I Sam. ~~3:18~~

B. Word that makes you think is good.

*C. Now Now ism*

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MY NEIGHBOR carries a little card in his wallet. It says: I AM A PESSIMIST. IN CASE OF ACCIDENT, I'M NOT SURPRISED.

— Orben's Current Comedy

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ROBERT Half International, Inc., the world's largest financial, accounting, data processing and banking recruiters, reported some unusual actions and attitudes of job candidates. Some of the report's highlights include job candidates who snored during the interview or smoked in a no-smoking area. One job-seeker brought her dog, another brought her lunch and began eating in the interviewer's office. One applicant stretched out on the floor to fill out the application, another called his therapist for advice on answering specific interview questions. One confident applicant asked to review the interviewer's qualifications to see if the personnel executive was qualified, and another said if he were hired, he'd demonstrate his loyalty to the firm by having the corporate logo tattooed on his arm.

I PULLED into a crowded parking lot and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador retriever had fresh air. She was stretched out on the back seat, and I wanted to impress upon her that she *must* remain there. I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me? Stay!"

The driver of a nearby car gave me a startled look. "I don't know about you, lady," he said incredulously. "But I usually just put *my* car in park."

—PATRICIA S. GAY (*Wellville, N.Y.*)

*Manchester Daily*

## EDITORIALIZING

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...."*

Paul G. Smith, managing editor of Colliers just before it folded, called a full staff meeting. For 3 hours he explained their predicament: a \$6 million debt, falling sales, loss of advertising, and \$2 million that had to be raised immediately.

Smith concluded by saying: "And so that's the fix we're in. Are there any questions?" "Yes," said a secretary from the rear of the room. "Why can't the coffee wagon come up to the thirteenth floor?" With disaster staring them in the face she was worried about her coffee break! Would you say she was "committed" to Colliers?

AFTER AN exhausting day at work, I stopped at the supermarket on the way home. Finished, I drove to the grocery pickup spot and honked my horn at the teen-ager lazily leaning against the post. Motioning to my two full carts, I shouted, "I want everything in the back of my station wagon."

He pushed the carts over and began putting my groceries in the car. "You're doing it wrong," I snapped. "I want the bags standing upright."

He did as I asked, and then came up to the driver's window. "I just want you to know that I don't work here, lady," he told me, smiling. "I'm waiting for my grandmother."

—VANNA J. SHIELDS (*Sterling, Va.*)

## PERSPECTIVES

**CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER**

# Capital-gains cut will kill tax reform

WASHINGTON

**B**udget czar Richard Darman has been waxing eloquent lately on the subject of "now-now-ism." Now-now-ism, explains Darman, is a "shorthand label for our collective shortsightedness, our obsession with the here and now, our reluctance adequately to address the future." It afflicts not just business and culture, argues Darman, but government too. The result? We are "engaged in a massive backward Robin Hood transaction — robbing the future to give to the present."

Darman is, as usual, right. But the administration of which he is the chief economic thinker is offering

the American people what may be the most egregious now-now budget trick of the decade: the two-year capital-gains tax cut. The administration, to be fair, wants a permanent cut but, in its uncompromising pursuit of compromise, is foursquare behind a compromise plan that would cut capital-gains taxes to 19.6 percent through 1991; then, in 1992, return them to 28 percent, with gains indexed to inflation.

A two-year capital-gains cut is nothing more than a quick-buck device to raise cash for the Treasury. Everyone agrees that during these two years the Treasury will take in a few billion more dollars in taxes, as people prematurely sell stock and bonds and real estate in order to benefit from the temporarily lower rate.

And what happens after those two years? Tax revenues will, of course, decline. Since so many capital gains will have been prematurely cashed in, they won't be around in the 1990s

to provide tax revenues. As Robert S. McIntyre wrote in *The New Republic*, "It is exactly like offering people 30 percent off next year's taxes, provided they pay in advance, then claiming you've found a great new revenue source."

It is difficult to imagine a purer example of stealing from the future to pay for the present. The purpose of the quick fix is to reach, artificially, the Gramm-Rudman deficit targets for 1990 and 1991 without having to do anything real, such as cutting spending or raising taxes.

Democrats have turned the issue into an us-vs.-them, rich-vs.-poor class war. The rich do benefit vastly more from a capital-gains tax cut than everyone else. But if, as the capital-gains fundamentalists claim, this tax cut will increase savings and productivity, it would certainly be worth it. If while lifting all boats a few yachts get lifted too, so what?

The problem with the fundamentalists' claim is that it does not hold

up. It is contradicted by a 1985 Congressional Budget Office study of the last round of capital-gains cuts. And by Herbert Stein, former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under Presidents Nixon and Ford, who says flatly that we don't know whether or not such a cut will increase savings.

Moreover, says Stein, the claim that cutting capital gains will stimulate "risk-taking" investment is an odd one. Why, after all, should government substitute for the market in telling investors what kind of risks to run? "What's so great about risk taking, after all?" he asks. "A good tax system would neither prefer nor penalize risk taking." If you believe in the market, let the market decide.

The best tax code is one that is neutral, that best imitates a world in which there were no taxes at all. It allows the investor to make his decision based on market factors, rather than on Washington's political preferences. By artificially lowering

the tax on one kind of income, the investors' decision-making is skewed. And, if you believe in a free market, the more skewed investors' decisions are, the more inefficient is the market, the worse off everyone is in the long run.

We all know what will happen with the capital-gains loophole. The only industry it is sure to rebuild is the tax-shelter industry. The cut invites economically pointless schemes, like investing in see-through office towers, for turning present income (high tax) into capital gains (low tax).

A preferential tax on one kind of income corrupts the free market. But it is even more corrupting to the political system. It opens the door to the kinds of special-interest tax advantages that were largely swept away by the tax reform of 1986. The current capital-gains tax proposal, for example, will treat all sales of timber as capital gains. Timber —

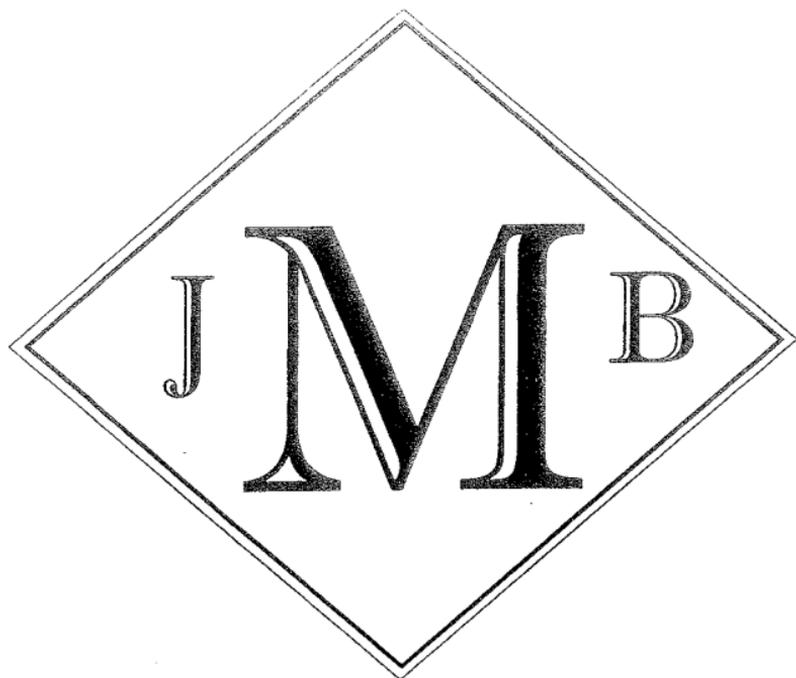
but not, say, medicines or motor scooters. Why is the sale of timber a capital gain, and thus a preferentially treated transaction? Because the key congressmen needed to get the capital-gains cut passed are timber-state Democrats.

The capital-gains tax cut is but an opening wedge. It invites corruption and inefficiencies in future tax writing that will only get worse. That is because the general good — lower rates for everyone and no loopholes for special interests — is no match for the determined efforts of well-funded special interests to promote their own good.

The capital-gains plan will kill tax reform. Free marketeers, as Republicans claim to be, should be stopping the crime, not abetting it.

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## THERE IS HOPE

Isa. 40:1-2

I. Do you enjoy bringing good news?

A. Think of the happiest news you've ever brought.

B. Or heard?

C. What's better than gospel?

II. Let's see Isa. 40.

A. Int. facts.

1. 150 or 200 yrs. between chapter 39 & 40.

2. Prophets can see things immediately.

3. 550 B.C. is time.

4. Assyria gone, Babylon too is weak, Persia is rising.

5. Present tense verbs used to describe future events.

6. Prophet speaks of fear, hopes, people not even on the scene as yet.

7. Rest of Isa. prophetic of Messiah.

B. What's said?

1. Comfort ye.

(a) Twice said for emphasis.

(b) Said to my people.

(c) Reach Jerusalem c hope.

Isa. 55:10-11 "For as the rain cometh down, and the s

(d) Note my people - your God.

2. Speak to heart - center of emotions.

(a) Don't speak in obscurity but vigorously cry.

(b) Speak tenderly.

Gen. 50:21 "Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish

2 Sam. 19:7 "Now therefore arise, go forth, and speal

2 Chron. 30:22 "And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto

32:6 "And he set captains of war over the

Gen. 34:3 "And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Leah which she bare unto Jacob."

Ruth 2:13 "Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, O my lord."

Hos. 2:14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her."

(c) Heart in Heb. = mind, conscience, feeling

Gen. 34:3.

3. Note the "that's".

(a) Warfare is accomplished.

(1) Only discharged via death from this service.

Job. 14:14 "If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my warfare shall I suffer."

Dan. 10:1 "In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a light appeared unto me."

(2) Law of compensation - God calls for reckoning.

(b) Iniquity is pardoned.

(1) Received favorably.

(2) Regard c satisfaction.

(c) Received double.

(1) Double blessing or

(2) Double of punishment & suffering or

(3) Double blessing & mercy or

(4) Double restoration - temporal under Cyrus & spiritual under Christ.

A. Things That Are Obvious.

God uses a man to relay His message.

B. Gospel bearer has a joy to bring.

1. From bondage there is a deliverance.

C. God intends you to face tomorrow c confidence, assurance because He is with you.

D. Some blessings belong exclusively to God's folk - (rain falls on all kinds - but not salvation).

E. Comfort is found in telling all the story - the hurt & the healing!

F. God wants you to reach the heart.

Hosea 2:14 "Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and

G. Word spoken has a transforming power.

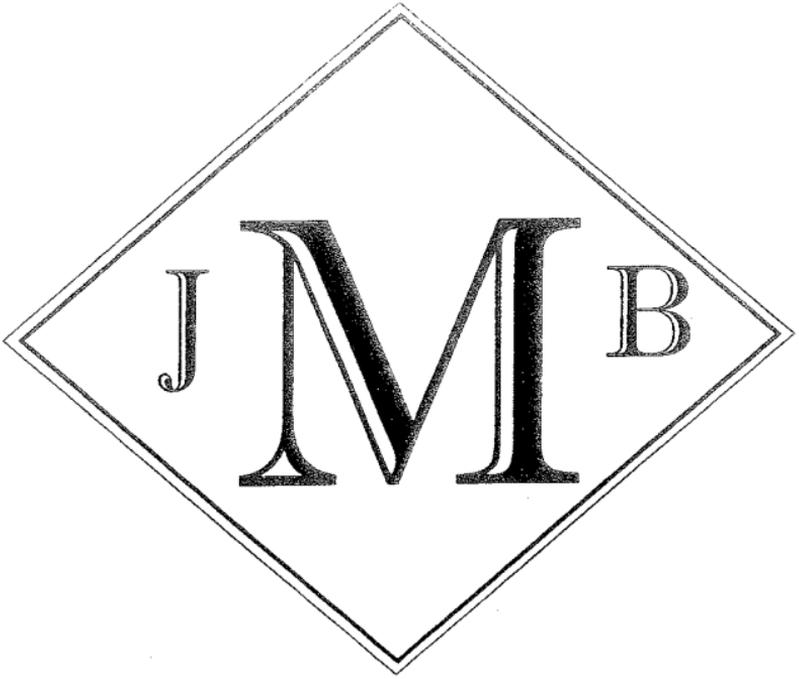
H. God does concern Himself c individuals.

I. Sin is a serious thing.

J. Comfort in real restoration.

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# WELCOME HOME, FORGIVEN CHILD

Isaiah 40:1-2

- I. With this chapter there comes a most radical change.
  - A. From threat to comfort.
  - B. From hardness to tenderness.
  - C. From despondency to hope.
- II. It has caused strange reactions in man.
  - A. He knows:
    1. 200-200 year span between chapter 39 & chapter 40.
    2. We are about 550 BC here.
    3. Assyria is gone, Babylon grows weak, Persia arises.
    4. People have not yet gone into Babylonian captivity--he is preparing them for it.
    5. He assures them of their return.
    6. Chapters 40-49 devoted to a test of deity--God challenges the idols of the world.
    7. Thus see scene dramatically shift.
    8. Chapter 39 -- envoy to Jerusalem from Babylon.
    9. Chapter 40 exiles are in Babylon as predicted 39:6.
    10. 3 divisions -- 40-48; 49-55; 55-60.
    11. 39 chapters then 27--sounds like O.T. & N.T.
    12. Isaiah tells things he'll never see as come 100 years later.
    13. Present time verbs used to describe future events.

## B. Man reacts:

1. "How 40 to 60 have become a part of Isaiah we do not know. Maybe by accident, maybe by guess work. Whatever the case, they have no connection with the prophet Isaiah and his time."

Leyden Translators

2. "They do not see his eagle eye scanning the ages so for a coming Lord." (Bultena)
3. Written in Isa. later years--shows a mellowness of style, less firey, more gentle. (FJB)
4. Some claim this part has more than one author--Deutero--Isaiah.

C. A Sensible Reaction *Kuang Man & Sun*

1. Joy: from bondage there is a deliverance, the Servant of the Lord.
2. Face the future assured God is with you. (Young)
3. Isa. is proof of power of one man.
4. What is necessary is: 1) Faith in God; 2) God's ability to keep his promise.
5. We see God's claim to power & his ability to foretell future events.
6. We'll get a touch of a future Deliverer who can overcome sin for us--the Book of Messianic Hope.

## D. Lessons to Garner

1. Foretelling what Cyrus would do proves God is factual and the Babylonian gods aren't.

2. Anything human or physical will pass away--only the spiritual will endure.
3. We will find "if" clauses that must be met if we are to receive the promised.

Deut. 30:2-3 (Read)

Deut. 30:8-10 (Read)

Jer. 18:7-10 (Read)

4. We must comply with the conditions else the promises cannot be met.

(Hailey)

### III. Now to the Text--Isa. 40:1-2

#### A. Comfort

1. Isa. 39 closes with a dark forecast of captivity--Isa. 40 is comfort & redemption.
2. Tho he may have hard words he also has comforting ones.
3. Comfort found in telling the whole story as well as fact God is there and is the only hope.
4. He'll repeat word for emphasis.
5. Note words: comfort, speak, proclaim, prepare--not left to passive resignation but to positive & whole-hearted action. (Bruce)
6. Very 1st word one of encouragement--God has not abandoned you--"you are still my people."
7. Opens with tenderness & urgency.
8. Comfort = to cause to breathe again. Shows enduring power.

9. Comfort conditional--must be in the Lord.
10. Dutch word is "troost"--related to our true--lit. to cause to see the truth.
11. At the end of a long road there is light.
12. Think what this means to those-
  - a) Hopelessly despondent.
  - b) Felt trapped.
  - c) Far from home.
  - d) Abandoned by God.
13. Don't worry = Babylon's god is not stronger than ours.
14. Don't turn to Babylonian idolatry.
15. Your punishment is not permanent.

#### B. My People

1. Note my people, your God.
2. There are people in the world who belong to God!
3. I want you to live joyfully & confidently.

#### C. Saith your God.

1. If word spoken is God's it has a transforming power.
2. It is creative.

Isa. 55:10-11 "For as the rain cometh down"

3. All speakers except God are kept in the background.
4. 4 speak.
5. Passage about God & comfort.

Rom. 15:5 *Now the God of patience & consolation grant*  
 2 Cor. 7:6 *God comforteth those that are cast down*

Ps. 103:13 *like a father pitieth his child* ~~to~~  
 Isa. 66:13  
 Isa. 49:15 *Can a woman forget her suckling child*  
 Isa. 35:3-4

#### D. Speak Comfortably

1. To the heart--center of emotion.
2. Tenderly, wooingly.

Gen. 50:21 "And he comforted them & spake"

Ruth 2:13 (Read)

3. Speak to heart, not merely to intellect.

#### E. Cry

1. Vigorously do it.
2. Urgent--cry out.
3. Man must cooperate.
4. Cry publicly & emphatically.
5. Don't whisper--cry.

#### IV. Three That's

A. 3 clauses introduced by 3 thats.

B. Offers 3 reasons for comfort.

C. They are:

1. Warfare is accomplished.
  - a) Finished
  - b) Over
  - c) Final

Job 7:1 "Is there not an appointed time"

2. Iniquity is Pardoned.

- a) Receive favorably.
- b) Regard with satisfaction.

3. Received Double

a) What does it mean?

(1) Double blessing?

(2) Punished twice as hard as should?

*When someone says "That's a good job," you can be sure it's a lot better than the one you're going to get.*

- (3) Double suffering?
  - (4) Double mercy?
  - (5) Balancing of scales--sin on 1 side balanced by ample judgement & suffering on the other?
  - (6) Jer. destroyed & then captivity? Double!
  - (7) Full measure
  - (8) Don't envy Babylon--coming Glory of God will outshine them all.
  - (9) Debt's paid off, ample.
- b) Could you say of wordly men what is here spoken of Lord's people?
- D. Remind folk--they'll soon be at home over there.

Mal. 3:18

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### Hired

A young man, undergoing an examination for a position, came across the question: "What is the distance of the earth from the sun?"

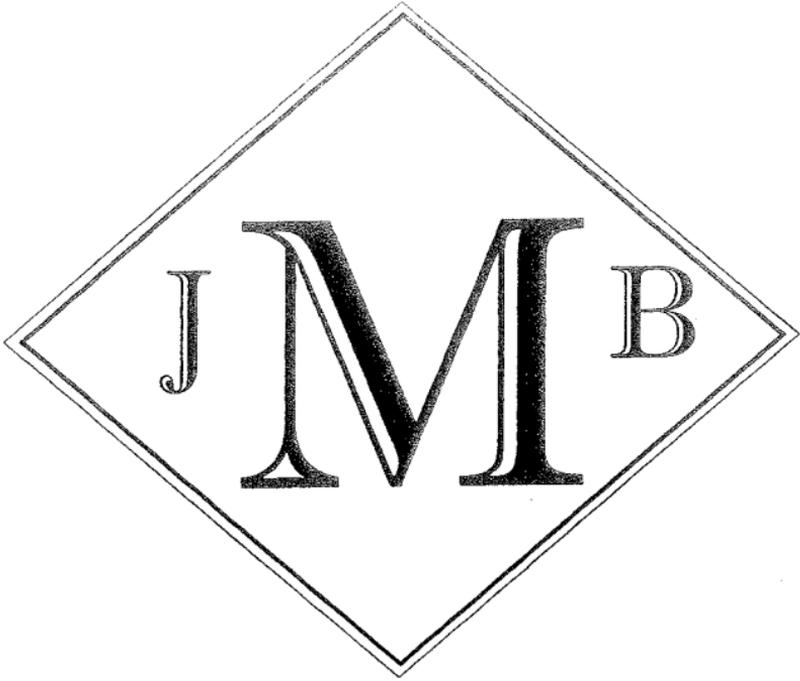
He wrote this answer: "I am unable to state accurately, but don't believe the sun is near enough to interfere with a proper performance of my duties should I get this job."

He got the job.

**Popular Poem** – The most successful poem is Rudyard Kipling's (1865-1936) *If*, published in 1910. *If* has been translated into 27 different languages and according to Kipling, the poem was "anthologized to weariness."

**It amazes me that a kid who can run a computer, operate a word processor, and program a VCR still can't learn to close the front door.**

**Joe Hickman; *Contemporary Comedy***



# IT'S PREPARATION TIME

Isaiah 40:3-5

I. Good news continues--what an honor to announce the blessings of God.

A. But there must be a preparation.

1. South Holland preacher, Peter Bumpass, told me how he led Muslim to see Jesus not a prophet only but a Son. Mohammed said he was prophet--Mohammed wrong.

*H. Lowrey  
"We can't  
come pub  
Tried up"  
Not easy  
child  
"How did u  
get started?"*

2. We lay the ground work--there is always a 1st grade. I asked Bethany (1st grader) how she came out on first day--R. Turner's girl--"on the school bus."

B. There must be compliance on the receiver.

II. Isaiah uses figure of an approaching Monarch.

A. He is proceeded by a Herald--a Voice.

1. He's to come prior to King.
2. Monarch is coming to entire country--catholicity seen.
3. Human voice declares God's commands.
4. His identity falls behind the message.
  - a) Message is the important thing.
  - b) Speaker is secondary.
  - c) Herald effaces himself--he is just a voice.
5. John the Baptist took these words to himself.

Matt. 3:3

Mk. 1:3

6. Note he "cries"--loud & urgent.  
It's timely. Do we with the same strength? *Red Sanders ft Hall #1*
7. He's in wilderness.
- Obviously there are hinderances.
  - None specified here--maybe they vary with the current age.
  - It is something uneven and is in a needy place since life w/o God is barren.
  - Let's think of hinderances *#2*
    - Heathenism *Clip on 94%*
    - Ignorance *Presby-church*
    - Vice *#3*
    - Alcohol

*Clip  
How's  
Business  
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B. Herald Tells Me To:

- Prepare--get ready to accept the King.
- Make straight a highway in the desert.
  - Way of holiness.

Isa. 35:8

*It shall be called The way of H.*

Matt. 3:2-12

Luke 1:17

*To make ready a people*

- Not earth he moves but hearts of people. *Freezer stop story #5*
- Roads artificially built up by casting up earth.
- Soviets prepare for tourist but still see forgotten streets.
- Approaching King is the Lord.

~~Ps 68:4~~

- Straight means level to speed acceptance of Visitor.

3. Valley exalted.
  - a) Valley of discouragement.
  - b) Valley of despondency.
4. Mountain & hill made low.
  - a) Mountain of self-evaluation?
  - b) Mountain of iniquity?
  - c) Whatever barrier, removed.  
Fill every depression & lower every elevation so that one can accept new relationship with King.
5. Crooked Made Straight
  - a) Doubleminded corrected.
  - b) Deviation righted.
6. Rough Places Plain
  - a) Ruggedness of Pride reduced to submission. *Statistic dept #6*
  - b) Poor & lowly raised up.
  - c) Crooked & dishonest change ways.
  - d) Rude become courteous.
  - e) We may thus wait in a spirit of readiness.

### III. Purpose--Reveal the Glory of God

- A. Let us see in man the attributes of God.
- B. Let us glimpse God as He is.

Isa. 6:3

- C. Preparation has to be complete to do this.
- D. God can never be known by a creature, there are limitations of senses. No one sees the sun--only its rays.
- E. All flesh to see it.

Rev. 1:7

2 Thess. 2:8

*1st 28:18:20*

1. Whole human race desired.
  2. God wants all men as His.
- F. How may I know this can be?  
Mouth of the Lord spoke it.
1. Message God breathed.
  2. His word is our assurance.
  3. He is our guarantee.
  4. God crosses desert to Babylon to see exiles--He can reach me wherever I am.

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# Survey finds 94% say they believe in God

ANITA MANNING  
Gannett News Service

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Through a half-century of social upheaval, civil unrest and economic cataclysm, religious faith in the United States has held steady, according to *The People's Religion: American Faith in the 90's*.

A new compilation of more than 50 years of public opinion polls by The Gallup Organization shows:

- 94% believe in God.
- 90% pray.
- 88% believe God loves them.
- More than 75% say their religious involvement has been a positive experience.

"What surprised me is the long-standing stability of these things," says Jim Castelli, who wrote the book with George Gallup Jr. "The percentage of people who went to church in the last week is the same today as it was in the '30s." (It was 41% in 1937, 42% in 1988.)

The past decade, a consistent one-third of Americans report they've had a life-changing religious experience, a finding the authors call "one of the most significant survey results ever uncovered."

Ninety percent have never doubted the existence of God, and the Bible is read daily by more people today (15%) than in 1942 (10%).

There's greater variety in religious expression, including growth in the number of Catholics and members of non-Western religions, reflecting the increase in immigrants from Asia and Latin America.

But religious feelings don't necessarily translate into church membership. Just 65% — the lowest number since Gallup began keeping track in 1937 — now belong to a church or synagogue.

Other findings:

● 77% of high school graduates and 84% of college graduates believe it's possible to be a good Christian or Jew without going to church or synagogue.

● 79% believe there are "clear guidelines about what's good and evil that apply to everyone."

● One-third believe the morality being taught by churches is too restrictive.

● 61% say the congregation, not the clergy, should have greater influence in determining the future of re-

FORMER UCLA football coach Red Sanders, commenting on the long-standing rivalry between UCLA and USC: "It's not really a matter of life and death. It's much more important than that."

—Bud Wilkinson on "NCAA Football," ABC

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■ **RHODES RECITAL:** Soprano Barbara Posner sings the works of Pergolesi, Rossini, Schumann, Debussy and the song *I Dreamed a Dream* from the musical *Les Miserables* in a Rhodes College faculty recital at 8 p.m. in Has-sell Hall on the college campus.

■ **RUSSIAN LECTURES:** Sergei E. Task, a Russian journalist, au- thor and translator, will speak twice at Memphis State Universi- ty. At noon, he will speak at a se- minar on linguistic problems of American-Russian translation in room 336 of Winfield Dunn Hall. At 7:30 he will speak (in Russian) on American litera- ture in room 456 of Patterson Hall.

■ **AIRPORT HEARING:** A public hearing on development at Memphis International Airport will be at 7 p.m. at Oakhaven High School at 3105 Ladbroc

# Church

country are hungry to learn how the "faith we talk about, and are so knowledgeable about, how we can take it with us Monday through Saturday, to our places of work and to our families," Ms. SalmonCampbell said she has found in her first five months as moderator.

Some of the questions and answers, paraphrased, during the informal meeting were:

**Q — The largest church in our presbytery just went to Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Are others going to leave? Among the reasons given were the inherent differences between liberal church leadership and the moderate to conser-**

**vative members in the pew. Statements on social issues from the General Assembly have not been helpful in the past few years. Study papers come out that are inflammatory and upsetting. A paper on human sexuality comes out next year, and we expect fireworks.**

**A — Ms. SalmonCampbell does not believe many more churches are going to leave the denomination. She said she was scheduled to talk to seven churches that are considering withdrawing.**

**Many actions of the General Assembly do not reflect the denomination, Ms. SalmonCampbell said.**

**She urged local congregations to express their views to the General Assembly's study**

**groups, which formulate the denomination's official stances on such issues.**

**Q — As the church tries to establish a stronger evangelism program, in what direction is it headed?**

**A — Too early to tell, she said.**

**Q — What about the decline in the church's membership? Membership has dropped from 4.5 million.**

**A — Presbyterians must ask themselves how much they want the church to grow, she said. If it wants to grow, it must also ask if it is willing to have people of different races and classes be a part of the church, she said.**

**Racism, sexism and classism are still flourishing in the churches, she said. "Too many of our churches are more filled with bias than with blessing."**

A tourist stopped at a wayside stand to buy some fruit from a farmer and struck up a conversation. "How's business?" he asked.

"Well," said the farmer. "It hasn't been good enough to quit and it hasn't been bad enough to quit. But I'm getting older and I sure wish it would hurry up and get one way or the other."

*Sunshine Magazine*

SHORTLY after completing his seminary studies, my friend moved with his wife into their first parsonage. They were delighted with the heart-warming welcome given them by their new parishioners.

Among the gifts they received was one which proved to be truly unusual, a freezer-wrapped container with an attached note that read: "Dinner for Two. Please place in freezer and open only on a busy day when you are too tired to cook dinner."

Months later, such a day did arrive, and the package was thankfully removed from the freezer. Inside my friends found a brand-new 20-dollar bill, together with this attached note: "Redeemable at a restaurant of your

choice - have ++++++  
a pleasant  
evening.

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## STARTLING STATISTICS!!

In a recent survey, eighty percent of first graders were found to have high self-esteem. By the time the students reached fifth grade, the percentage had dropped to twenty, and by twelfth grade, only five percent had high self-esteem. When asked what to do about it, seventy-two percent of teachers said it was the parents' responsibility, and seventy-eight percent of parents said it was the teachers'.

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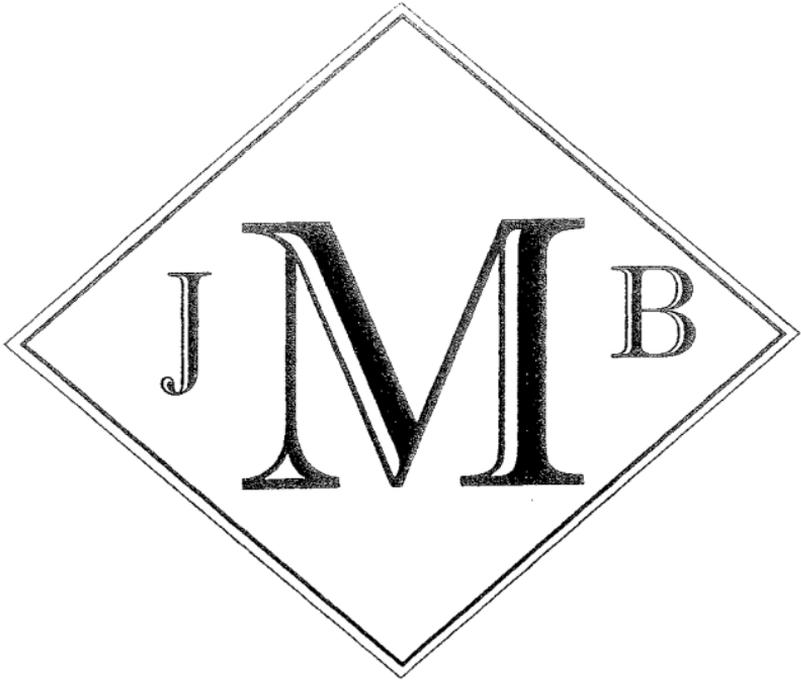
James Dobson, in his book "Love Must Be Tough", tells of a sixth grade teacher in an upper middle class California city who was shocked at the results of a creative writing task assigned to her students. They were asked to complete a sentence that began with the words "I Wish." "The teacher expected the boys and girls to express wishes by bicycles, dogs, television sets and trips to Hawaii. Instead, twenty of the thirty children made reference in their responses to their own disintegrating families. A few of their actual sentences are as follows:

"I wish my parents wouldn't fight and I wish my father would come back."

"I wish my mother didn't have a boyfriend."

"I wish I could get straight A's so my father would love me."

"I wish I had one mom and dad so the kids wouldn't make fun of me."



# THE PAINFUL ANNOUNCEMENT

Isaiah 40:6-8

I. A commission came to "Cry"--tell me things you do not want to hear.

A. IRS Audit

B. Your account is overdrawn.

C. Your test shows a tumor.

D. There is nothing more I can do for you.

E. Have you made your will?

F. You better call the children.

II. More than likely you have heard part of these announcements--and they are not pleasant.

III. Vain man doesn't enjoy being reminded of his weaknesses yet love demands its telling.

Isa. 40:6-8

A. A voice issued an order.

1. Voice seems to be God--if so, what's going to be said is true.

2. Cry--an imperative--really no choice in the matter.

B. The address asked "what?"

1. It isn't easy to always choose the right message.

2. Or to know the exact timing.

3. Nor how to measure the anticipated response.

4. The cry can be general or specific.

5. Irrespective there is a truth to sound out.

IV. Cry This!

A. All flesh is grass.

All goodness thereof is as the flower of  
of the field.

- 1. All flesh--neither ancient nor spiritual issue exempt.
- 2. There are no iron men--all are grass.
- 3. All are failing, perishing flesh from president to peasant.
- 4. Flesh is powerless and fragile.
- 5. It's like grass.

Isa. 37:27 *Read*  
 51:12  
 Ps. 37:2  
 90:5  
 103:15  
 129:6  
 Job ~~8:12~~  
 1 Pet. 1:24



- 6. In one sense of the word you need not fear him--he's grass.
- 7. Reminded thus of the shortness & uncertainty of life.
- 8. We are killed by frost even.
- 9. We last as long as a blossom.

Job 14:2

10. Goodness does nto exempt!

B. Twice he says grass withereth, flowers fade.

- 1. Last word in Hebrew gets the emphasis--men are grass.
- 2. Perfect picture of human transience.
- 3. Man's transitory.
- 4. All earthly things, including earth itself, is temporary.

C. We wither because the Spirit of the Lord blows.

1. The wind of God is the blasting force.
2. All moisture leaves--we dry up.
3. It is God alone who terminates life.

(Bruce)

V. To Man's fragileness stands in contrast  
God's permanency.

A. The Word of Our God.

1. Truth superb.
2. Man changes--God doesn't.
3. Man fickle--God constant.
4. Man alters--God the same.
5. Note OUR God.

B. Stands Forever.

1. It alone endures.
2. Man's weakness contrasted with God's permanency.
3. Scriptures cannot be broken.
4. Word will not pass away.

Gen. 1:1

Jn. 1:3

Ps. 33:6

Heb. 1:3

2 Pet. 3:7

Isa. 51:6

Ps. 102:27

Matt. 5:18

Lu. 21:33

5. This word entrusted to us is neither transient nor insignificant.

6. On it you can rely.

Isa. 55:10-11

1 Pet. 1:24

7. Amid all human frailty, shifting, changing--one thing endures--God's word, His Promises. (PC)

8. Whatever God conditionally said will be.

9. Rejoice in the imperishable.

10. God's promises alone are steadfast.

Nu. 23:19 *Rezo*

11. Some are unconditional.

a) No flood (Gen. 9:11)

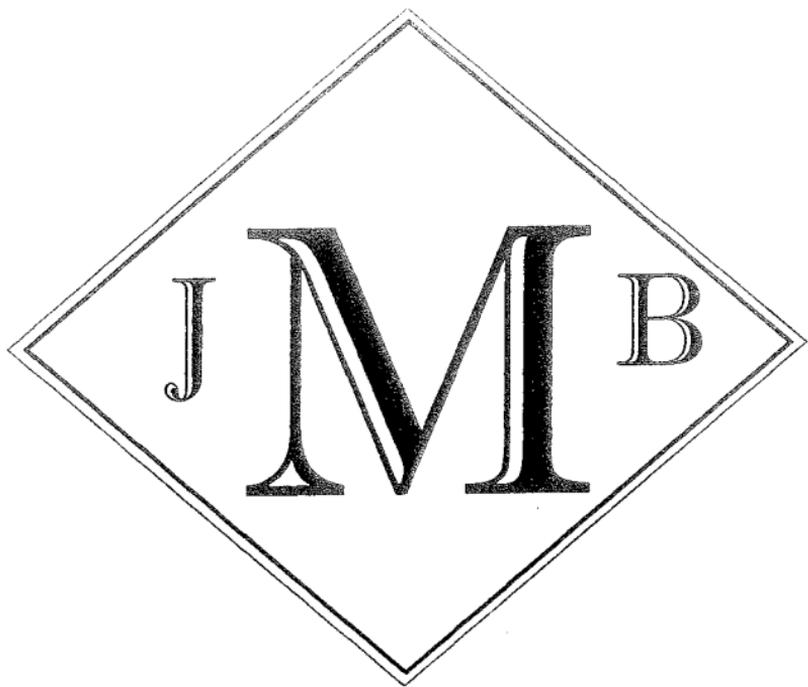
b) Always a harvest (Gen. 8:22)

c) Gates of hell powerless (Matt. 16:18)

d) Jesus returns (Matt. 25:31)

12. So also will his conditional ones come true if we only meet the conditions.

*Hillsboro - 12/7/89*



# BEAR GREAT TIDINGS

Isa. 40:9-11

I. To Man, God commits a great task---carry His good news.

A. I know what I'm to say--what He's Said.

B. Do I see how I'm to say it? - Thread to Needle - Blinks

1. Bring. Falls Church - Morrison 85 lbs to make 1

(a) Message to Proclaim. more; divide converts into subject

2. Get in Hi Mt. 12,000 per new one.

(a) Prominent. - One more bite leave table - through

(b) How? - Brain wt 48 oz.

(1) Members convinced to go. What's time to 2 pig?

(2) Radiate a joy. - Olive, you get all good ones

(3) Enjoyed Campaign.

(4) Not depend on preacher. -

(5) Newspaper.

(6) Ray Walker on TV.

(7) Train the children. - Large or Small Method - 10 days

(8) Individual concern. - C & Johnson - How doing? Bay

(9) Make sure of a follow thru.

(10) Enthusiasm. - E.I. "Dear John" - Pick out your picture

(11) Invite to homes. Reception - Hole

(12) Chicken to talk to close friends. Shortcut 4:45

(13) Why absent? - Bay isn't full yet

(14) Closer fellowship among the family.

(15) Sat. School.

(16) BBC Bible Correspondence Course

(17) Special Interest Class, Home, How to study.

(18) Do something for kids.

3. Lift up Voice c Strength. - Golf 1 1/2" - 8000 mi

(a) Bold.

diameter

(b) Shout - be heard.

4. Lift it up & be not afraid. *Hebrews 12:18*

(a) Not unsure seeker, but declare in firm; positive, vigorous way.

(b) Militantly evangelistic. *1 Peter 3:15*

(c) 3 fd. for adaptive strategy. *1 Peter 3:15*

(1) Experience - learn from past success & failure.

(2) Intuition - the 6th sense.

(3) Research - Includes analysis of environment, organizational strength & weakness, determine measurable goals, determine strategy (message & media), execution of strategy, measurement of effectiveness, evaluation.

5. Say to the Cities - Behold!

(a) Theme - God!

(b) If we have no God, we have nothing.

(c) If we have Jesus, we have all!

(d) "Rarely will a segment be effectively evangelized thru the mass media w/o personal witness," Pg. 98 "What's Gone Wrong c the Harvest" Yet in U. S. we have 5 radios per household - 90% adult Australians listen to radio on a given day. USA watches TV 6 hrs. per da. per person - A. C. Nielsen figures.

II. What Kind of God is He?

A. Comes c strong hand.

B. His Arm Shall Rule for Him.

1. Casts down opposition.

Isa. 63:19 "We are thine; thou never barest rule over

C. His Reward is With Him.

1. Gives you blessings now & later.

2. He dispenses reward.

Rev. 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

D. Feeds Flock Like a Shepherd.

1. Strong, yet tender like a shepherd.

2. Whatever shepherd does for sheep God does.

(a) Cares for flock.

(b) Guides flock.

(c) Feeds Ps. 23:2

Ezek. 34:14

Jn. 6:48-51

Jn. 21:15-17

Jn. 6:34

E. Gather Lambs c His Arm.

1. Can get care but only love gives TLC.

2. Seeks wanderers.

Lu. 15:4-6 "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go and seek that which is lost, until he find it?"

Matt. 18:11 "For the Son of Man is come to save that which is lost."

I Pet. 5:4 "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive the crown of life, which he will give to you abundantly, because ye loved him which is invisible, though ye have not seen him." (I Pet. 5:1)

Heb. 13:20 "Now the God of peace, that brought again our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead by the resurrection of the dead,"

I Pet. 2:25 "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls, the Lord Jesus Christ,"

F. Carry in Bosom.

1. Gathers newborn - not on shoulder but near his heart.

2. They need constant protection.

G. Gently Lead those c Young.

1. Lit. Those that give suck.

2. Gently - no hard, iron hand.

3. Shepherd gives daily direction.

by controlled reply.

Austin, Texas

John

### Sneaky Eye

Small girl, trying to thread a needle: "Every time I get the thread near the eye, it blinks!"

Holly, Colo.

Frances

continued. Enjoy them. For we are now going to discuss your spelling, your punctuation, and your typing."—Nuggets.

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The farmer defended himself for going fishing so much. "Look at this map of the world," he said. "It shows that the earth is two-thirds water and only one-third dry land. That means a fellow should fish two-thirds of his time and farm only one-third." **k**

The father said, "Junior, one more bite like that and you'll leave the table."

The lad responded, "One more bite like that and I'll be through." **l**

X A motorist stopped in amazement when he saw a farmer hold a pig up to a tree to gobble apples off the branches. The farmer repeated this several times, until finally his muscles strained under the weight of the pig. "Excuse me," he said, "but isn't it an awful waste of time to feed pigs that way?" Holding the pig closer to more apples, the farmer caught his breath and replied: "What's time to a pig?" g

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### Small, I Guess

X A young, first-time father it, the  
walked into a drugstore and an- tion  
nounced he wanted to buy a ho  
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"A large or a small-mouth bottle?" the druggist asked.

"What?" said the customer.

"I didn't think to measure his mouth, but I want one that t  
would fit a 10-day-old baby."

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The young receptionist at the hospital had noticed an elderly gentleman who had been sitting in the lobby for about an hour. Finally he went over to her desk and asked whether Mr C E Johnson could receive visitors. The young lady consulted her card index and said, "No."



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"How is Mr Johnson getting on?" asked the elderly gentleman, and was told that the patient's card showed he was progressing very nicely.

"I'm glad to know that," said the gentleman. "I've been up in that room ten days and couldn't find out a darn thing from the doctor. So I dressed and came down here to find out. I'm C E Johnson!"—*American Opinion*, 5-75.

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cooked My Goose?"

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Woman to waiter spilling coffee on French gown: "Go and never darken my Dior again!"

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Now there's an Evel Knievel suit. A jump suit, that is.

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Woman to cabbie: "Drive careful. I've 10 kids at home."

Cabbie: "You're telling me to be careful?"

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Only one thing stopped me from going to college. High school.

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Letter from man to son in college: "Am enclosing \$10 you requested. Incidentally, \$10 is written with one nought, not two."

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*Flattery is like Cologne water, to be smelt of, not swallowed.*—JOSH BILLINGS (1858)

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X The racehorse owner asked his jockey why he hadn't ridden through a hole that had opened up on the final turn. "Sir," replied the jockey wearily, "did you ever try to go through a hole that was going faster than your horse?" i

The cattle raiser sold his beef herd at a loss and went to his banker with the tale of woe.

"I've got some bad news for you and some good news," he told the loan arranger. "The bad news is that I marketed my beef at a loss and I can't pay the overdue notes you are holding."

The farmer added, "The good word is that I'm staying with you." j

*Quote*

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## *a Lil' Fun*

A GI stationed in Germany got a "Dear John" letter from his sweetheart telling him she was going to marry a sailor, and to please return the photograph she gave him. He was so broken up over the news that his buddies decided to avenge him. They collected photos from every GI and shipped an enormous crate of them back to the fickle girl. When she opened the crate the accompanying note read: "Please pick out your picture and return the rest to me—I don't remember which one is yours."

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# HUMOR ON PARADE

By Shelby Friedman

I felt unwanted as a kid. Mama would wrap my lunch in roadmaps.

Vice Pres. Rockefeller played center on his college football team. He was called The Rockefeller Center.

Man to fat wife as orchestra plays 16 Tons: "They're playing your song."

"I'm taking a shortcut through your field to catch the 4: 45."

"If my bull sees you, you'll catch the 4: 15."

"How long you been working here?"

"Since the boss threatened to fire me."

Mickey Mouse to Minnie: "Squeak to me of love!"

Pollution gives us the kind of air you can sink your teeth into.

Joe Namath signed a multi million contract. And just for making passes!

My neighborhood's tough! Mom gives Dad money each morning for the mugger.

## YOUTH—Treatment

A juvenile court official in Tulsa recently stated flatly: "No kid is so mature that he should be treated as an adult under the age of 16." If that means he shouldn't be thrown in with adult criminals, sure. But through most of human history 16 years represented about half of one's life expectancy. Before they were 16 Mohammed was a professional camel driver; Horatio Nelson was a midshipman; Thomas Edison was a telegrapher; Andrew Carnegie was a mill hand, and Kit Carson was a saddler's apprentice. None was considered a child prodigy, but none had an identity crisis, either—JENKIN LLOYD JONES, 4-12-75.



## HOW TO SOLVE MALPRACTICE PROBLEM

A recent Gallup Poll shows 85 percent of the public wants the medical profession to be more effective in getting rid of incompetent doctors. Another 80 percent would place limits on lawyers' contingency fees; 62 percent would place ceilings on the amounts that a jury could award in malpractice suits; 59 percent favor a five-year statute of limitations for the filing of malpractice actions, and 57 percent favor settling such suits out of court through arbitration panels.—Gallup Poll.

The owner of a small crossroads store was appointed postmaster. Six months went by and not one piece of mail had left town. Deeply concerned, postal authorities in Washington wrote to the postmaster to inquire.

"It's simple," he wrote back, "the bag ain't full yet."

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in *The Christian Science  
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Golf is a game in which a ball  
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placed on another ball 8000  
miles in diameter. The object is  
to hit the small ball and not the  
large one.

Archie Moore,  
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Caddy balled him out-  
pushed him, shook  
his finger in his face  
& threatened him. After  
a bit he stopped &  
said "Don't I know  
you from somewhere?"  
Moore answered  
"You ain't actin'  
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## GOOD STORIES **VO**

A married deaf-mute couple could communicate with each other only by the use of sign language. One night the husband stayed out very late and the wife waited for him, growing angrier and angrier by the minute. Finally, the husband came staggering home and the wife let him have the full effect of her anger, her fingers flying at him a mile a minute. She berated him until she had spoken her piece; and, then, when he was about to make reply, calmly reached up and turned off the light.

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strata. There are relatively few who would be viewed as blue-collar or working-class people. The majority work in the city and are commuters.

The key to success is to identify groups where most, for one reason or another, are faced with circumstances of change and with the necessity of "reprogramming" their perceptual filters. Obviously, those of high school or college age qualify, and it is probable, at least given the current experience elsewhere throughout most of the world, that they would represent a responsive segment. But what about those commuters? Are the strivings of materialism wearing thin as was the case with George Calderone? Are circumstances such that there is a recognized need for change?

Quite likely, the young business executive living in Rollingwood is no different from the majority of three thousand business executives who were studied by the American Management Association and who voiced deep concern about imposed pressures to compromise personal standards to meet company goals.<sup>7</sup> It is small wonder that 85 percent of all managers undergo a deep personal conflict when they discover their youthful ideals and goals run counter to business operations that seem to be low on principle and high on expediency.<sup>8</sup> This conflict is most severe between the ages of thirty-four and forty-two, and it is often manifested by unwillingness to take on new problems and a desire to minimize the total demands of a job on one's life. Some will accept the advice of one executive who noted the contradictions he faced but concluded that it is necessary to "play by the rules of the game" if one is to accumulate much money or power.<sup>9</sup> But others will not willingly take this route and are searching instead for the personal power that will enable them to "dare to be different."

Many of these same executives are experiencing equally severe tensions at home. Divorce rates soar among those in this segment. Others continue the scramble to raise their

<sup>7</sup> Cited in *Business Week* (September 15, 1973), p. 178.

<sup>8</sup> Cited in *Sales Management* (May 1, 1969), p. 20.

<sup>9</sup> See A. C. Carr, "Is Business Loving Ethical?" in J. R. Wish and S. H. Gamble, eds., *Marketing and Social Issues* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1971), p. 107.

**Lifestyle**

The majority agreed with the following statements:

To me it is important to have the latest things in my home.  
I place great satisfaction in a steady advance toward the top in my career.

I very much enjoy world travel.

I want my children to have the best in a college education.

I enjoy facing a difficult challenge on the job.

Those who know me well would see me as one who wants to get ahead in the world.

But openness to change was indicated by substantial agreement with statements such as these:

There are times when I feel I must compromise my personal convictions at work.

Sometimes I wonder if getting ahead on the job is worth it.

I have a growing concern that my marriage isn't what it once was.

Often now I find myself less satisfied with the general direction of my life.

Frequently I consider the possibility of doing something altogether different with my life.

**Spiritual Status**

68 percent believe there is one God.

48 percent believe that most of the problems in the world today are a result of man himself.

68 percent believe that Jesus actually lived on this earth.

40 percent feel confident that Jesus experienced a bodily resurrection.

41 percent indicated agreement that Jesus has provided the way to know God personally.

54 percent have read the Bible at least once in the past year.

29 percent could correctly state how one becomes a Christian.

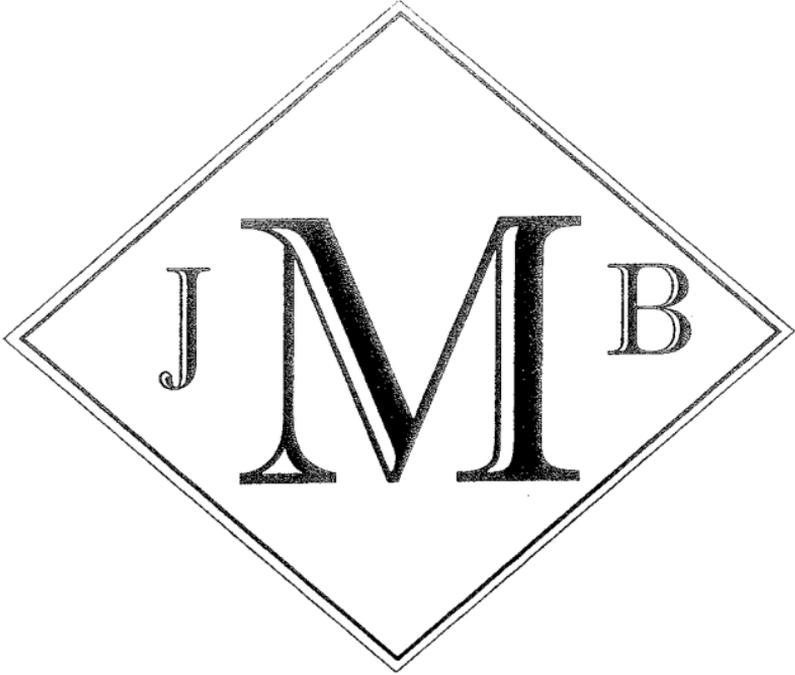
**Attitudes Toward the Gospel and Church**

47 percent attended church at least once in the past year.

59 percent evidence doubt that the church actually has personal significance for them.

67 percent were interested in knowing more about Christianity.

**Figure 4. The Results of a Survey of Suburban Men Under Age Forty Undertaken by Rollingwood Churches**



# THE TEACHER'S PERFECT ATTITUDE

Isa. 40:11

## Introduction

- A. Fame - Red phone - For you - #1
- B. Rossini statue - stand myself - #2
- C. Towels - warning - #3

### I. ~~The Lord is our example~~

- A. ~~Action - What we do~~ - Define 500%
- Conscience - #4. 1-A / Mrs. Hudson, who is a reticent teacher?
- B. ~~Attitude~~

- 1. Honesty of Luke Anderson at Bill Hickman's "Momma, I've eaten two of these burnt rolls.
- 2. 5 yr. slapped one in line for forgetting memory verse - "Be ye kind".

### C. ~~Even in brevity of his "class"~~.

(If give money, let us go?) - #5

- 1. He has just claimed Power.
  - a) Strong hand.
  - b) Arm shall rule - (see verses 12-15)
  - c) Reward with him.
  - d) Work before him.
- 2. Now comes with gentle attitude all would do well to follow.

Isa. 40:11 "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd"

### II. ~~Examine Divine Attitude~~

#### A. ~~Like a shepherd he feeds the flock.~~

- 1. See the combo - he's the Shepherd King - creates all things.
- 2. Royal power & pastoral tenderness.
- 3. Hand of a Prince & arm & heart of a Shepherd.

## 4. Feeds

- a) Translated "tend" - meets obvious needs.
- b) Feed on word *Conspire*
  - 1) Squeeze \$ & wife - #6
  - 2) Miser grave with Pr. Dr. Lawyer - #7.
  - 3) Shirt on back - Alligator on chest - #8

## 5. Flock

- a) That's the entirety of the group.
- b) We are all learners even in old age.
- c) 80 year old - Father & Mother opposed - #9.
- d) Lefty Gomez - Throwing hard #10
- e) Whip 1st Sgt. - #11
- f) Forget - sack of money - #12.
- g) Card paid for - you are not #13
- h) Play golf with George? - #14

## B. Second figure twofold:

- (1) Gather Lambs in Arm *Some chaps so dull & boring*
- (2) Carry in Bosom *Can't even entertain = doubt.*

## 1) Gather

- a) We wander - Midnight ghost #15

Ezek. 34:6 My sheep wandered mts.

- b) Need protection

- c) Bring us back - conserve

John 10:11 "I am the good S. and the"

John 10:28 "No man plucks them"

*Sucker out on wire* (1) Dr. & Hypochondriac #16

*like this* (2) Earphone - button - #17

## 2) Lambs

a) Special attention to tender & weak.

(1) New endings - #18

(2) Forging steadily ahead #19

b) Does not despise day of small things.

(1) Medical or surgical #20.

(2) Pleasure to do business with you #21.

c) Carry lambs that can't keep pace with flock.

(1) What comes out after dark-M? - #22

(2) Eaten - bitten #23

## 3) Carry in bosom

a) Meets diverse necessities.

b) Special pocket in fold of robe.

c) Ingenious way to secure the lamb.

(1) 6 kittens - Commie, W. Rep. #24

(2) Take care of teeth #25

(3) Dr. Girl or Boy? Foolish qt. #26

C. ~~Final figure: Gently lead those that are with young.~~

1. That means you've got to know the flock.

2. ~~Gently~~

a) Cannot overdrive some.

(1) Bank robber & tie - #27

(2) \$ mistake - 2 in a row #28

(3) Business Profit & pants #29

Zech. 4:10

b) ~~Lead~~

- (1) Some in a special situation where matters are beyond their strength - nursing young.
- (2) We are distinct individuals.
  - (a) Play ball with God #30
  - (b) C. M. Newton & plane #31
- (3) Lead those who need in a special way.
  - (a) Tell Mom came in late? #32
  - (b) Devil on side all along #33

(c) I did my best to show him how,  
 To hold his lips just so  
 I told him to be ready when I gave the  
 signal go  
 He puckered his lips & closed his eyes,  
 and did as he was told  
 But it is hard to learn to whistle when a  
 lad is only 3 years old.

## c) Young

- (1) Leads those giving suck.
- (2) Blindfold Bro. - movie  
 seats #34

### III. Keep your ~~Altitude (Power)~~, but couple with it the right Attitude.

- A. Feed like a shepherd.
- B. Gather with your arm.
- C. Carry close to your heart.
- D. Gently lead those with young as you touch older, maternity, and babies.

Teachers Appreciation Dinner, So. Harpeth-2/15/88  
 Ky. Assoc. of School Bus. Off.-Louisville, KY-2/17/88  
 Teachers Apprec. Dinner-Livingston, TN-2/18/88  
 Broadway Church, Paducah, KY (TAD) - 2/20/88

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Hermitage Church (Young at Heart Dinner) - 2/13/88  
New Union, Manchester, Tn (TAD) - 4/20/91  
Dodge City, KS (Teachers' Banquet) - 5/18/91

## Definitions #1

Three fellas were sitting around trying to put a definition on the word "fame." One said, "Fame is being invited to the White House for a talk with the President."

The second fella said, "No, fame is being invited to the White House for a talk with the President—and when the Hot Line interrupts the conversation, he doesn't answer it."

The third fella said, "You're both wrong. Fame is being invited to the White House for a talk with the President and when the Hot Line rings, he does answer it, listens a moment, and then says, 'Here, it's for you!'"

*Robert Orben*

*1-A*  
Since children say what they think in an unabashed and straightforward way, nothing means more to a teacher than a child's compliment. So you can imagine the warm glow Mrs. Hudson felt when a second grade girl slipped her hand shyly into hers on the playground and said, "Mrs. Hudson, do you know who is the prettiest teacher in the school?"

"No," she replied archly. "Who is?"

"Miss Wilson," she replied.

Dick Van Dyke: *Those Funny Kids!*

*1-B*  
A young lady came before the judge of the traffic court to answer the charge of running through a red light. She explained to the judge that she was a school teacher and asked that he take care of her case quickly so that she could get back to her class.

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"Well, well," the judge said. "So, you are a school teacher? I have been waiting for years to get a school teacher in my court. You sit right down at that table and write, 'I will not run a red light, again,' 500 times."

Good Reading

## HALF PRICE #2

Rossini, the Italian composer, was very flattered when he learned that wealthy admirers were planning to erect a statue to honor him.

"How much will it cost?" he inquired.

"About ten million francs," was the reply.

"Good heavens," gasped Rossini. "Ten million francs! Why, for just five million, I would stand on the pedestal myself."

A new and distinguished pastor arrived in town, and the first night he was to be a guest in the Doakes' home. So that morning Mrs. Doakes left a special note in the bathroom for her husband Joe and the kids. X

But she forgot to remove it before her guest arrived; in fact, she didn't even think of it again until he departed next day. Then she found the note still pinned to her finest guest towels: I'LL CHOKE ANYBODY WHO USES THESE. MOTHER. #3

The towels were untouched. And below *her* note was penciled one from her guest: THANKS FOR WARNING ME.



**Small boy's definition of conscience:** Something that makes me tell my mother before my sister does. #4

—*Woodmen of the World*

The little boy was restless as the minister's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, he leaned over and whispered to his mother, "Mom, if we give him the money now, do you think he'll let us go?" #5

#### COLLECTION LETTER #6

"It has been said that a man who squeezes a dollar never squeezes his wife. In looking over your account, it has occurred to us that your wife is not getting the attention she deserves."

#7  
AN OLD MISER called his doctor, lawyer and minister to his deathbed. "They say you can't take it with you," the dying man said. "But I'm going to try. I've got three envelopes with \$30,000 cash in each one. I want each of you to take an envelope, and just when they lower my casket, you throw in the envelopes."

At the funeral each man tossed in his envelope. On the way home, the minister confessed, "I needed money for the church, so I took out \$10,000 and threw only \$20,000 into the grave."

The doctor said, "I, too, must confess. I'm building a clinic. I took \$20,000 and threw in only \$10,000."

The lawyer said, "Gentlemen, I'm ashamed of you. I threw in a check for the full amount."

—Contributed by J. S.

#9  
The 80-year-old man, although still spry and in excellent health, felt it necessary to resist the determined advances of a widow some 20 years his junior.

"Mother and Father are both against it," he explained.

"You're not going to tell me that your parents are still living?" cried the woman.

"Quite the contrary. I'm referring to Mother Nature and Father Time."

Modern Maturity August-September 1982

#10  
One afternoon, when he was at the end of his career as nitcher with the New York Yankees, Lefty Gomez was having trouble getting his fast ball past the batters. The catcher walked out to the mound and said, "What's the matter, Lefty? You're not throwing the ball as hard as you used to."

"I'm throwing it as hard," replied Gomez. "It just takes a little longer to get to the plate."

#8  
ROBERT ORBEN: "Progress—  
it's wonderful. Fifty years ago our big concern was how to keep a shirt on our back. Now it's how to keep an alligator on our chest."

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**Develop First Sergeants**

There was a young man who got into West Point—just barely. The minimum height for West Point is five feet, two inches—he made it by wearing thick socks. Also, he only weighed 120 pounds—a little guy, but a brilliant scholar. As second lieutenant, he drew as his first command the roughest, toughest platoon in the entire Army. When he assumed command, he mustered the platoon to attention in front of him and said, “Men, there are two questions we must settle immediately! Question number one, is there anyone in this outfit who thinks he can whip me?”

The men stood rigidly at attention, giving no response, so he put them at ease and repeated the question. Finally, the regimental heavy weight champion, standing six-foot-seven and weighing 274, stepped forward and said, “I believe I can whip you.”

“Good,” responded the young lieutenant. “You’re my First Sergeant. Now, question number two. Is there anyone here who thinks he can whip my First Sergeant?”—*Fred Herman*

#12  
A BRIDE complained to her neighbor: “My husband forgets keys, wallet, coat—you name it. As a matter of fact, I called him before he left work and asked him to pick up some lemons on the way home. I’ll bet he forgets them.”

Just then, her husband rushed in with a brown paper bag. “Look what I found, honey,” he yelled, dumping a wad of \$100 bills out of the bag.

The wife turned to the neighbor with a shrug: “What did I tell you?”

#13  
A country doctor parked his jalopy on the street to run an errand. When he returned, a group of small boys were crowded around the vehicle, laughing at it. The doctor climbed in, saying mildly, “The car’s paid for, boys.” Then, looking from one lad to another, he added, “You’re not, and you’re not, and you’re not...”  
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#14  
"Why don't you play golf with George anymore?" asked the wife.

"Would you play golf with a guy who puts down the wrong score and moves the ball when you aren't watching?" queried her husband.

"No," she replied.

"Neither will George."

### Wall to Wall

The city dweller purchased an old house in the country which everyone claimed was haunted. The following day while in town one of the natives asked how he made out during the night.

#15  
"Well, about midnight a ghost came in right thru the wall. Yes, sir, he came in as if there were no wall at all."

"What did you do?" gasped the listener.

"I went thru the opposite wall the same way."

Dubuque, Iowa Mrs. R. L.

A doctor was awakened at four A M to make a house call on a man he knew to be a hypochondriac. Though reluctant, he went out into a howling storm to do his duty. After the examination the physician urged his patient immediately to send for his lawyer, his relatives, his friends, and to make a will.

When the doctor returned home he told his wife about it. "Was it that bad?" she asked.

"No," the physician replied with a victorious smile, "he was fine as usual. I just didn't want to be the only sucker called out on a night like this!"

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### Does the Trick

(Prisoner)

An elderly man stopped at a hearing aid center and asked about prices.

"We have them from \$25,000 on down to \$1.50," the salesman said.

"What's the \$25,000 one like?"

"Well, it translates three languages and is the latest in electronics."

"And what about the one for \$1.50?" the customer asked.

"It's this button attached to a string," said the salesman, pushing it across the counter.

"How does it work?"

"It doesn't. But if you put the button in your ear and the string in your pocket, you'll be surprised how loud people will talk."

Red Oak, Iowa M.O.M.

A teacher had the son of the town's outstanding citizen (and wealthiest banker) in her class. The boy cheated consistently, and yet she was afraid to tell his father. She finally wrote this note on the boy's report card: "Forging his way steadily ahead."

#18  
New Endings—In Duncanville, Texas, as a writing exercise, teachers at Alexander Elementary School gave their second-graders the first half of some epigrams and asked them to complete the sentences. Here are some results:

"Don't count your chickens—before you cook them."

"Don't put all your eggs—in the microwave."

"All's fair in—hockey."

"People who live in glass houses—better not take off their clothes."

"If at first you don't succeed—go play."

"All work and no play—is disgusting."

"He who laughs last—didn't understand the joke."

"Eat, drink and—go to the bathroom."

### It's Hard to Figure

Conversation between two small boys in the children's ward of a Memphis hospital:

"Are you medical or surgical?"

"Gee, I don't know what you mean by that."

"Well, were you sick when you came in, or did they make you sick after you got here?"

A GROUP of youngsters in a California school were told to draw the pictures for Christmas cards they would give their parents, but to copy the verse from a card they found at home. That's why one mother and father received this seasonal greeting from their daughter: "It's been a pleasure to do business with you."

### Beware at Night #22

Driving home at dusk one summer evening with her 4-year-old son, the mother asked, "What comes out at night after the sun goes down?" As he put his lips together to pronounce the 'm' sound, she was sure he knew the correct answer. She was very surprised when he very confidently replied, "Muggers!"

### Just a Bite #23

A mother said to her young daughter on the way to visit neighbors, "Now, if they ask us to stay for dinner, say, 'No thanks, I've already dined.'"

But the youngster was unprepared for the turn of the conversation.

The hostess said to her, "Gertrude, come along and have a bite with us."

"No, thank you," replied little Gertrude with great dignity, "I've already bitten."

M.O.M.

Red Oak, Iowa

### Eye Opener #24

In a Moscow schoolroom, five-year-old Leo was asked to give an example of a dependent clause.

"Our cat just had a litter of six kittens," he replied, "all of which are good Communists."

The teacher was delighted with Leo's grasp of party line and grammar and told him to repeat his answer when the government inspector would visit next week.

The following week, with the inspector sternly observing, the teacher confidently called on Leo.

"Our cat has a litter of six kittens, all of which are good Western Republicans," answered Leo.

The teacher cried, "That's not what you said last week!"

"Since last week they've opened their eyes," the youngster replied.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa Kevin

### Accident

In health class, a teacher asked a six-year-old what he did to protect his teeth.

"I watch out for kids who push at the water fountain."

### **It Makes Sense to Me**

A little girl's mother was convinced she had a problem child and sent her to a child psychiatrist.

"Are you a little boy or a little girl?" asked the psychiatrist.

"I'm a little boy."

"Hmmm," said the psychiatrist, who then told the mother, "Your little girl does have problems."

At home, the concerned mother asked, "Why did you say you were a little boy?" The child answered, "Mom, you always told me that when someone asks a foolish question, give him a foolish answer."

The bank robber shoved a note across to the teller which read: "Put the money in a bag, sucker, and don't make a move."

The teller pushed back another note: "Straighten your tie, stupid, they're taking your picture." — *Funny, Funny World.*

**b**

AN IRATE employee returned to the paymaster's window, holding his pay envelope high. "It's one dollar short," he explained.

After looking at the records, the paymaster grinned. "Last week we overpaid you, and you didn't say a word."

"An occasional mistake I can overlook," retorted the angry fellow, "but not two in a row!"

A small businessman from the old country kept his accounts payable in a cigar box, his accounts receivable on a spindle, and his cash in the cash register.

"I don't see how you can run your business this way," said his son. "How do you know what your profits are?"

"Son," replied the businessman, "when I got off the boat, I had only the pants I was wearing. Today your sister is an art teacher, your brother is a doctor, and you're an accountant. I have a car, a home, and a good business. Everything is paid for. So you add it all up, subtract the pants, and there's your profit."

**c**

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD surprised his father one day by saying, "I guess I'll go outdoors and play ball with God."

"How do you play ball with God?" asked the father.

"Oh, it's not hard at all. I just throw the ball up and God throws it back down to me."

#31  
X  
Vanderbilt basketball coach C.M. Newton was asked why he always sits in the rear seat on the team's chartered airplane: "I never heard of a plane that backed into a mountain."

### Sneakin' In

Randy: "I thought I told you not to tell Mom how late I came in last night."

#32  
Marie: "I didn't tell her. I just said I was too busy setting the breakfast table to notice the time."

St. Louis, Mo.

Melba

### #33 Dressed to Kill

X  
A man dressed up as a devil to go to a Halloween costume party. As he walked to the gathering, a sudden rain-storm came up and he darted into a church where a revival meeting was being held. When the congregation caught sight of his costume they began to scream and ran thru the doors and windows to escape.

One woman caught her sleeve on the arm of her pew and pleaded as he walked toward her, "Satan, I've been a member of this church 20 years, but I've really been on your side all along."

Hartland, Minn.

Al

### Bright Eyes

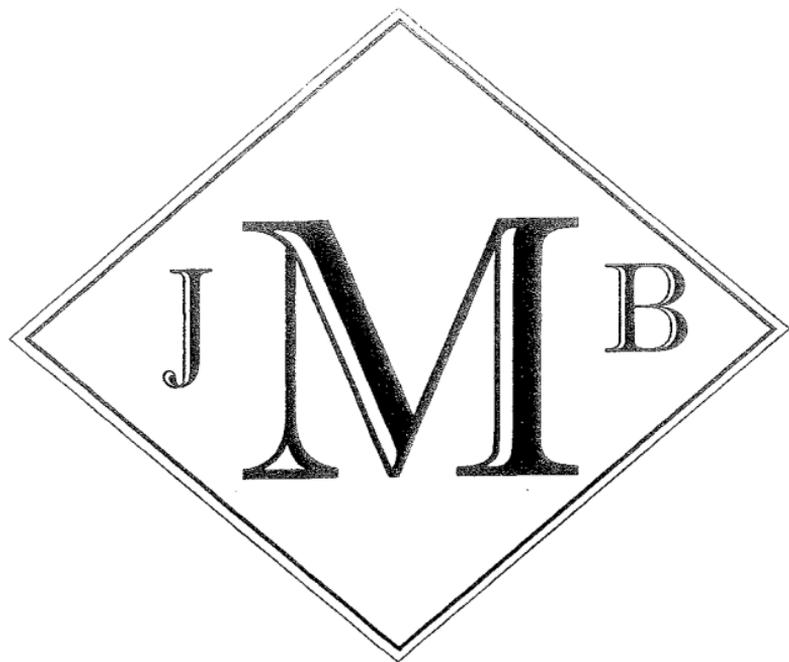
#34  
A woman was startled to see a little girl leading her brother, his eyes tightly shut, down the street.

"What's the matter?" the woman asked the girl. "Has he hurt his eyes?"

"Oh, no, ma'am," the girl replied politely. "We do this every time we go to the movies on a bright day. He keeps his eyes closed on the way, then, when we get inside, he opens them and finds seats in the dark."

Holly, Colo.

Frances



# OUR TENDER GOD

Isaiah 40:9-14

- I. There is a Mighty Message to tell.
  - A. Zion--brings good tidings.
    1. He's just confirmed the trustworthiness of the word so now can return to the sweet promises.
    2. Margin "O Thou that tells good tidings to Zion."
    3. Irrespective--we've a glorious gospel of grace to tell--and it's good news.
    4. We have words of blessings.
    5. Good tidings--make smooth, bright, to gladden.
  - B. Go to High Mt.
    1. Message needs highest & widest proclamation.
    2. Get to a spot where everybody can hear.
  - C. Jerusalem to lift voice with strength.
    1. Bold
    2. Loud shout
    3. Full energy
  - D. Be Not Afraid
    1. You are not uncertain
    2. Positive
    3. Vigorous, militant, evangelism(Young)
    4. Fear Not--be full of joy & confidence.
    5. Don't let past experiences hold you back.
  - E. Focus--Behold Your God
    1. This the theme.
    2. This the center of our message--do you feel the public views this as our emphasis?

3. Have we not ridiculed "all he preaches is love & that kind of stuff."
4. If we have no God, we have nothing.
5. If we have God we have everything.
6. First of 3 Beholds--for underline emphasis.

## II. Now We Move to Seeing This Tender God.

### A. Comes with Strong Hand.

1. Seth carried my luggage--nearly pulled out arms.
2. Gathered 5¢ rocks vs 1¢ ones.
3. I want tender hand but also know there is strength behind it.
4. Beautiful combo--hand of a Prince, arm of a Shepherd.

### B. Arm Rules For Him

1. Arm casts down opposition.

Isa. 63:19 *They were not called by my name*

2. Metaphor for might.
3. Was it ever asleep?

Isa. 51:9

### C. Reward is with Him & Work before Him.

1. Has something special to give us.

Rev. 22:12 *Behold I come & my reward is with me*

2. "His recompense accompanies him"--he's a great pay master.

### D. Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd

1. Whatever shepherd does for sheep, God does for us.
2. He provides daily directions.
3. 3rd figure--Victor, Judge, now Shepherd.

4. Feed--because he loves the flock.

S of S 8:7

a) Tend

b) Feed on word

E. Gather Lambs with his Arm

1. The newborn.

2. They need constant protection.

3. Keeps us from wandering.

Ezek. 34:6

John 10:11

John 10:28

F. Carry in Bosom

1. Fold of cloak, held up by belt, here he stored many things.

2. Some can't keep pace with grown--  
I'd turkey trot Sidwell.

G. Lead Those With Young

1. Those that give suck.

2. God loves the flock.

Ps. 23:2

Ezek 34:14

Jn. 6:48-51

Jn. 21:15-17

~~Jn. 6:34~~

Lu. 15:4-6

~~Matt. 18:11~~

1 Pet. 5:4

Heb. 13:20

1 Pet. 2:25

3. Gently leads--not with iron hand.

a) Don't drive little ones too hard.

b) Gently lead those who are in a situation where matters are beyond their strength. (Gutzka)

- c) Lead those who need Him in a special way.
- d) Give special attention to weak & tender.
- e) Royal power & pastoral tenderness go together.
- f) Meet diverse necessities (Simeon).
- g) Don't despise day of small things.

~~Zech. 4:10~~

### III. Now See the Power that Backs the Tenderness.

- A. We see the incomparable Greatness of God.
- B. Not trying to prove there is a God but just seeing Him as he is—with his Power to do!
- C. Two possible errors:
  - 1. Follow false god.
  - 2. Not understand real one & sink into despair.
- D. Creator is greater than the Creation (more than the everlasting hills which aren't so everlasting).
- E. Selects 5 divisions of God's universe.

~~S of S 11:20~~

- 1. Water
- 2. Heavens
- 3. Dust
- 4. Mountains
- 5. Hills

F. When we've come to God we have reached the Absolute. (Hailey)

- G. A disputation it's called--the exiles had to be challenged in their thinking & persuaded that the divine promises are true. (Bruce)
- H. Must know God's way is the right way.
- I. Argument of analogy. (Vine)

#### IV. Now to the 5

- A. Measure the Waters in the Hollow of His Hand.
  1. Holds the oceans in his palm.
  2. Tide going out--man saw child dip up pail--"You put that back."
- B. Mete Heaven with a Span.
  1. See grandeur of his creation.
  2. Span  $1/2$  cubit.
  3. Horse--16 hands high.
  4. End of thumb to tip of little finger.
  5. Measures heaven by his hand.

#### C. Dust of Earth in a Measure

1. Earth like handled in a measuring cup.
2. Lit. 3rd part of a large measure.

#### D. Wt. Mt. in Scales

1. Wt. mt. like bale of cotton.

#### E. Hills in a Balance

1. Like a pharmacist who weighs delicate things.
2. Hills are in proper balance exactly as if he weighs them out.

#### V. Compare the Mind of God with Yours.

- A. Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord?

- B. Who was his counselor?
- C. With whom did he take counsel?
  - 1. No one taught God.
  - 2. He moves via justice & understanding
- D. Who taught Him in the Path of Judgment?
- E. Who taught Him knowledge?
- F. Who showed Him understanding?

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If we do we will be like the man who told his psychologist, "Every time I get my act together the curtain comes down." Historian Will Durant once said that the greatest question of our time is not communism versus America, not even the East versus the West: it is whether man can bear to live without God.

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As Alfred Lord Tennyson put it:

Our little systems have their day;  
They have their day and cease to be;  
They are but broken lights of thee;  
And thou, O Lord, are more than they.

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*On hearing the slogan "God is dead"  
a Calvary preacher asked "If that's true,  
then why weren't I notified?" In a  
member of the female*

*A 31*

# There Is No God?

Condensed from MIAMI HERALD  
JIM BISHOP

*Jim Bishop, popular author of 21 books, including "The Day Christ Died" and "The Day Kennedy Was Shot," died in 1987. This column, written in the 1960s, was a favorite of his wife, Kelly.*

**T**HERE IS NO GOD. All of the wonders around us are accidental. No almighty hand made a thousand-billion stars. They made themselves. No power keeps them on their steady course. The earth spins itself to keep the oceans from falling off toward the sun. Infants teach themselves to cry when they are hungry or hurt. A small flower invented itself so that we could extract digitalis for sick hearts.

The earth gave itself day and night, tilted itself so that we get seasons. Without the magnetic poles man would be unable to navigate the trackless oceans of water and air, but they just grew there.

How about the sugar thermostat in the pancreas? It maintains a level

of sugar in the blood sufficient for energy. Without it, all of us would fall into a coma and die.

Why does snow sit on mountain-tops waiting for the warm spring sun to melt it at just the right time for the young crops in farms below to drink? A very lovely accident.

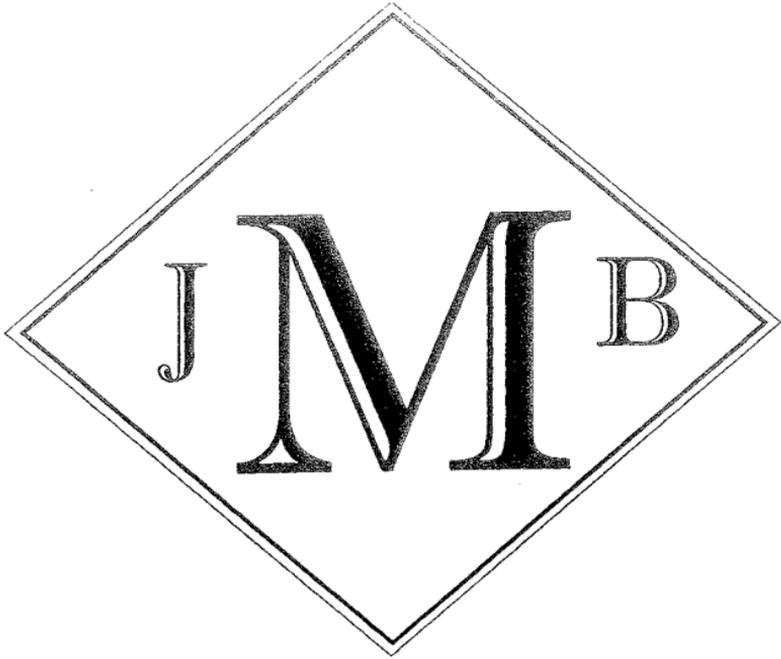
The human heart will beat for 70 or 80 years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? A kidney will filter poison from the blood, and leave good things alone. How does it know one from the other?

Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and a brain to understand them, but denied it to all other animals?

Who showed a womb how to take the love of two persons and keep splitting a tiny ovum until, in time, a baby would have the proper number of fingers, eyes and ears and hair in the right places, and come into the world when it is strong enough to sustain life?

There is no God?

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# THE DAY I MADE A GOD

Isa. 40:15-20

I. Tho he brooks no competition, man still feels he can have something other than the true God.

A. To this God himself speaks.

B. He asks for contrasts via comparison.

C. He uses "Behold" frequently.

1. The truth bears any investigation.

2. We have nothing of which we need be ashamed.

3. By telling what He is as we see his power, he shows the littleness & nothingness of what an idol is.

a) Contrast God with human littleness.

b) Contrast with our impotency, ignorance, foolishness--we are not capable of conducting our own affairs--even make wrong decisions about our house. (I buy stuff at State Fair & forget how to use it.)

II. The Nothingness of Nations

A. The Opposition of an entire nation is insignificant.

1. They are a drop in the bucket.

a) Would one drop more in a bucket cause the barrier any problem?

b) How can a nation that's just a drop rule the world?

c) As they add nothing to the weight you carry, they add nothing to the taxing of God's ability.

- 2.
2. They are dust on balances
    - a) Dust can be wiped off or blown away.
    - b) On the scales the dust is nothing.
  3. As easily as you scatter dust, God scatters the islands of the sea--thus the "dust" of a nation is nothing.
- B. One nation would not make an adequate altar.

1. Burn all Lebanon.

Ps. 50:10-12

- a) All the wood & animals piled together still inadequate as a sacrifice to God.
  - b) If the acceptable ingredients of worship are absent then you could burn all Lebanon's cedars to no avail.
2. She does not grow enough beasts to make adequate sacrifice.
  3. Yet think of the little things God uses: mites, cup of cold water, one sentence of encouragement.
- C. All Nations are Nothing
1. They are powerless compared to God.
  2. They rise & fall--God is eternal & everlasting--so is his Kingdom.
  3. Note the downscale--drop, dust, very little thing, nothing, less than nothing.
  4. They are things of naught.

## 5. Vanity

a) Emptiness

b) Same as chaos in Gen. 1:2.

## III. Yet Man Has the Audacity to Invent God!!

## A. To whom shall we liken Him?

1. He is the Beginning.

Rev. 1:8

2. Accepts the challenge twice:

v. 18 &amp; 25

## B. The reality of this to us:

1. Whatever we esteem above God we make as our idol.

Hosea 8:6

2. Does it bother you to see God improperly presented? (Isa. will explode in v. 21 about it.)

Acts 17:29

3. Babylonians feared their gods &amp; felt it necessary to always be complimenting them lest they offend one.

## C. Moves now to scornfully see Idolatry and the manufacture of a god. He laughs idea into oblivion.

1. Workman melts a graven image.

a) Gives detailed description of a manual to make a god.

b) Either cast or carve.

c) Ludicrousness of idolatry that with wilting sarcasm he describes.

d) Look at minute detail.

e) It's an image made by man himself out of known material.

- f) The image
- (1) Can't look like spirit.
  - (2) He can use gold, silver, wood--things he cannot create--make a god out of them & worship it!
  - (3) Can't make visible image of him who is invisible.
  - (4) After all, nothing God made is like him in pictures any more than a car looks like Henry Ford.
2. Goldsmith spreads the gold on it.
- a) Overlaid
  - b) Thus a cheat--they are not what they appear to be.
3. Add silver chains
- a) Needs adornment
  - b) Need to fasten it down lest it fall.
  - c) What kind of God is it you have to chain to keep thieves from stealing the gold on him?
4. Impoverished man uses wood.
- a) Has to have a god he can afford.
  - b) Poor man can't afford a rich man's idol.
  - c) Jesus grants proportion in giving to Him.
  - d) Be sure and get wood that won't rot! A rotten god would be terrible.

- e) Also make him so he will not move.
- f) How can a god that can't stand up protect his worshippers?

#### IV. Lesson Gained

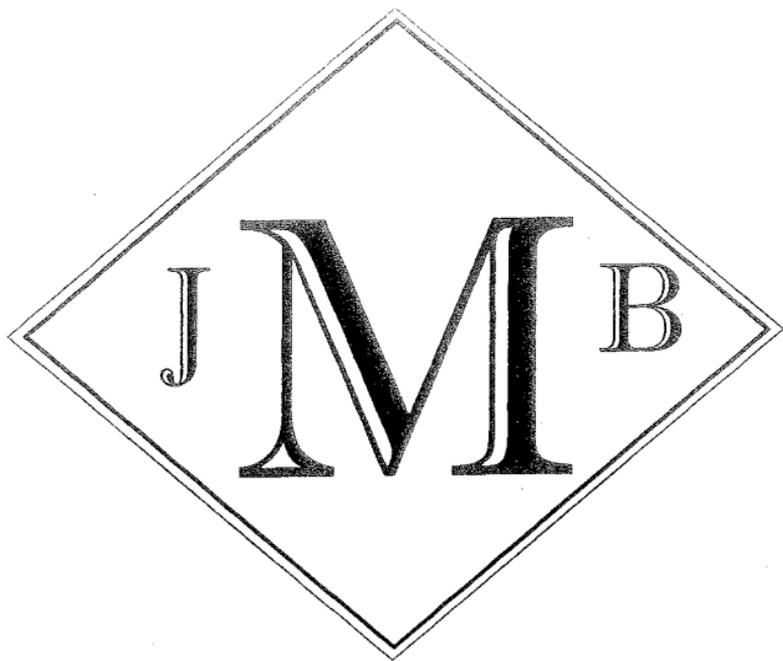
A. They'd been warned.

Exo. 20:4-6

Deut. 5:8-10

Rom. 1:20-25

B. We think our money makes us equal with God.



# OUR FATHER IN HIS HEAVEN

Isaiah 40:25-26

- I. We address Him "Our Father Who Art in Heaven."
  - A. Now we see what he's done with these Heavens.
  - B. Several tiers of Heavens.
  - C. Lesson: if he can care for a star surely he can for me.

## II. The Incomparable God

- v. 25 "To whom then will ye liken me"
  - A. God in a class all by Himself.
  - B. God transcends his Creation.
  - C. God & Jesus alone worthy of worship (Hailey).
  - D. Called the Holy One.

## III. My Challenge

- A. Lift up your eyes on high
  1. Don't just raise eyes but lift up high & see wonderous works.
  2. Animals look down for pasture-- man looks above for his habitation.
  3. Yet don't worship stars.

Amos 5:26

Jer. 7:18

8:2

44:17

4. Look beyond the stars to the Creator.
5. Stars so important to Babylonian astrology are but the handiwork of Israel's God & testify to His power --not theirs. (Bruce)
6. Idolaters see stars.
7. God commands them.

## B. Ask: Who Created These Things?

1. Stars do not exist in their own right, God made them.
2. Sun shows his glory--see clippings

Rom. 1:20

3. He makes something out of nothing.

## C. Brings out the host by number

1. God counts the stars--we can't. Counts what man can't even name.
2. Military term to bring them out.

Job 38:32

3. He overlooks not a one.
4. Calls the stars to the sky each night like a well disciplined army being summoned.
5. Whirlwind is like a wheel.
6. God marshalls the starry host.

## D. Calls Them by their Names.

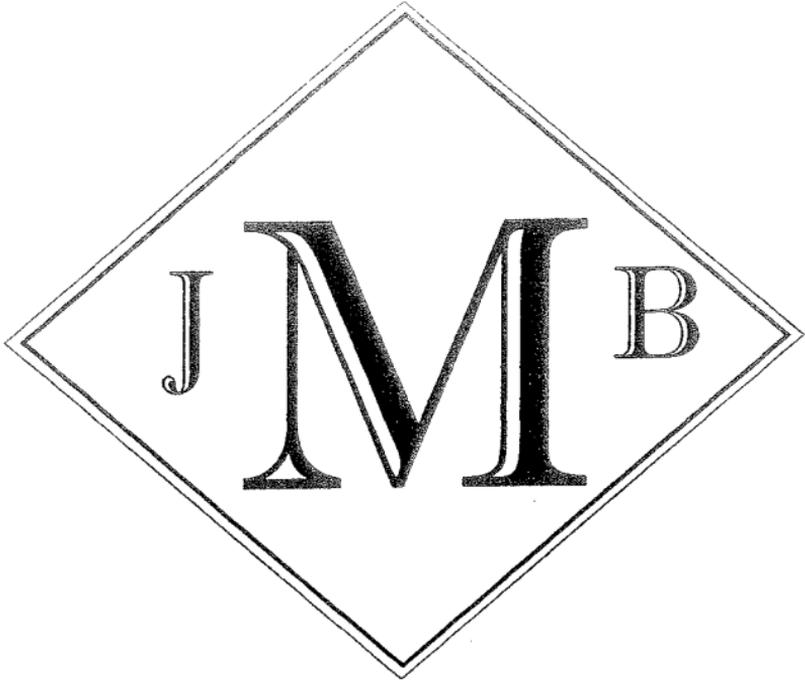
1. God knows the characteristic of each star.
2. Picture of a general who knows his every soldier; a shepherd his every sheep.
3. If God knows individual star He does me also.
4. What would you think of a father who didn't know one of his own from another.

## E. See the greatness of his might &amp; the strength of his power.

1. He prevents all disorders in motion of stars.
2. Strength used here is plural to express intensity of it.

## F. Not One Thing of His Fails

1. Can you think of anything else that has this record?
2. If he looks after inanimate stars, he will me!



# THE TWIN EXPERIENCES

Isaiah 40:27-31

I. If you are normal, there come two experiences. (Clip on Sales & Ice Cream & 2nd St.)

A. Depression

B. Exhilaration

*Children in the concrete*

II. Isaiah deals with both

A. The Despondency

v-27 "Why sayeth thou, O J. & speakest, O I."

1. Our thoughts become our words.
2. We forget our name & how we got it.
  - a) Recall our covenants.
  - b) Remember who you are.
  - c) Pontoon airplane.
3. "My way is hid from the Lord"
  - a) God doesn't seem aware of my plight.
  - b) Right, judgement--legal term for entitlement.
  - c) Disregarded, unknown.
4. "My judgement is passed over from my God."
  - a) My cause
  - b) Passed over w/o notice
  - c) Boat in fog
  - d) Is there anything more embarrassing than jumping at a conclusion that isn't there.  
(Earl Wilson)

B. The Exhilaration (v.28-31)

1. Peppered with questions.  
(Schulz life view)

(Nursing student story)

(Black boots)

(Bloodhound--Homer)

2. God is everlasting.
  - a) 1st of 4--Eternal, Creator, Almighty (never faints) Omniscient (wise always)
  - b) Characteristics inspire trust.
3. He is the Creator--Ends of earth.
  - a) Midland, TX not end but see it from there.
  - b) Not just part--all earth.
4. He doesn't faint, get weary, or run out of wisdom.
5. Further He shares power (v-29)
  - a) To the faint (Battlefield clip)
  - b) To no might He gives strength.
  - c) Youths faint & grow weary. (Dog in car story) (Color of hair--when?)
  - d) Young men fail.
    - (1) May think they are stronger than they are.
    - (2) Can wear down the best.
    - (3) Man brooding, "Right now somewhere somebody is putting my name on a mailing list."
6. Glorious But
  - a) Wait on the Lord--renew
    - (1) Need faith
    - (2) Most have repose & activity.

## b) Mount--Run--Walk

(1) 3 speeds

(2) Not always at peak of performance.

(3) Long way from conversion to heaven but keep on.

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SALES psychologists got surprising results when they put this notice in the window of a Paris dry-goods store: "Shopping only with special permission of the management. Permits issued upon application." Although prices were no lower than in other shops, the store's sales quickly jumped 400 percent.

—Janik Press Service

RESIDENTS of Alaska, America's northernmost and coldest state, are the largest per-capita consumers of ice cream. The average Alaskan eats more than six gallons of ice cream a year, about twice the national average. Says one observer: "People like to sit in front of the fire, watch the snow fly and eat ice cream."

—AP

### Countdown

SECOND Street is the first street in America. According to R. L. Polk & Co., publishers of city directories, Second Street is the most common street name in this country. Park Street is in second place, Third Street is third, Fourth is fourth, Fifth is fifth, Main is sixth, First Street? —it's seventh.

—AP

"I HOPE you won't mind," a girl sighed to her friend, "but I'm feeling a little schizophrenic today."

"Well," replied the friend, "that makes four of us."

—Mary Lou Patton, quoted by Emmett Watson in Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*

One hot, summer day, the professor had been hard at work all day repairing his concrete driveway. The job finally completed, he wiped the sweat from his brow and headed toward the house for a cold drink when, out of the corner of his eye, he spied a neighborhood putting his hand into the fres cement.

Rushing over and grabbing the boy, the professor was about to spank him when the next-door neighbor stepped onto the porch and said, "Professor, shouldn't you love the boy instead of punishing him?"

The professor replied, "I do love him in the abstract, but not in the concrete!"

It's easy to love folks in the abstract; it's harder to love them in the concrete. Love means attaching great value to people. It requires taking an interest

in people, seeking their good, giving of oneself for their sake.

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### *For Land's Sake!*

**D**URING OF THE DRIVE from airport to country place, a man equipped his small plane with pontoons so he could land on the lake directly in front of his cottage.

On the next trip, he made his approach down the runway as usual. Alarmed, his wife cried out, "Are you crazy? You can't land this plane here without wheels!"

The startled husband abruptly yanked up the nose of the aircraft and narrowly averted certain disaster. Continuing, he landed the plane on the lake without mishap.

As he sat there, visibly shaken, he said to his wife, "I don't know what got into me. That's the stupidest thing I've ever done!" And with that, he opened the door and stepped out, falling into the water.

—Contributed by C. Clarke-Johnsen

WHILE STANDING on a pier, the Maine tourist was amazed to see two lobster boats heading out into the thickest fog he had ever seen. "That's some fog," he said to a weathered man next to him.

"Yup," the old-timer remarked.

"How on earth do the fishermen find their way in that soup?" the tourist asked.

"Simple," the docksider replied. "They just take a big sack o' potatoes with 'em and someone stands on the bow. Every minute or so they heave

one out into the fog. And when they don't hear a splash, you'd better believe that they turn that boat around mighty quick."

—Contributed by Andrew Revkin

### *Good Grief!*

CHARLES M. SCHULZ, creator of the Peanuts gang, highlights the philosophical side of his little people in *Things I Learned After It Was Too Late (And Other Minor Truths)*:

A good education is the next-best thing to a pushy mother.

Never lie in bed at night asking yourself questions you can't answer.

The best trips are the kind where you can be home by noon.

I'm always sure about things that are a matter of opinion.

Life is easier if you dread only one day at a time.

Summers always fly—winters walk.

All the best coaches are in the stands.

Life is like an ice-cream cone: you have to learn to lick it!

—United Feature Syndicate

NURSING STUDENTS had been drilled in the communication skill of validation—repeating what patients have said, to demonstrate that the nurse has heard them accurately—and the students went on to practice it while working at a geriatric center. One of them was attending an elderly woman who said, "I just haven't felt well lately."

"You haven't felt well?" the student inquired.

"I haven't been able to eat much."

"You haven't eaten much?"

"And I get tired so easily."

"You tire easily?" the young woman asked, nodding her head.

"Honey, you and I have the same problem!" the patient exclaimed. "We can't hear."

Contributed by Paige M. Kester

night for radar."

—SALLY THOMPSON (Hillsboro, N.D.)

As a student nurse, I had to serve a term in the recovery room. After his operation, one patient told me that, when he first came to, he thought he was dead.

When I asked him what in particular made him realize he wasn't, he said, "Well, I got to taking stock of myself. My feet felt like ice, and I had the worst headache I'd ever had in my life. I knew if I was in heaven I wouldn't have a headache, and if I was anywhere else my feet wouldn't be cold. So I had to be alive."

—CAREY H. ALMARODE (Waynesboro, Va.)

I WAS having considerable trouble with the unfamiliar Hawaiian roads and traffic patterns. It seemed that the na-

I NEEDED some tomatoes for dinner, so I asked my husband to run down to the supermarket to buy them. He took three-year-old Mike, who was clutching his favorite toy, and hopped into the car to dash the two blocks. About ten minutes later, he came back with a wailing Mike, who was upset because he had left his toy at the store. After a stern lecture on carelessness with his possessions, my husband said, "C'mon, Mike, let's go look for your toy." Then, at the door, he turned toward me and confessed, "I *have* to go back. I forgot the car."

—MRS. THOMAS SODANO (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

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# Laughter, the Best Medicine.

X ON THE first day of the season, a deer hunter from the city showed up at a backwoods general store dressed in a red hat, red jacket, red trousers. One of the old codgers sitting around the stove, who maintained that a red hat was sufficiently conspicuous, looked the city fella up and down, down and up, spat out a cud of cut plug and twanged, "Ain't you taking an awful chance wearing them black boots?"

—Funny Funny World

A farmer had a bloodhound of which he was very proud. A city-bred lady saw the dog, admired him and asked, "What kind of dog is that?"

"He is a Bloodhound, ma'am," the farmer replied.

The lady then asked, "What does he do?"

Without cracking a smile, the farmer said, "Bleed for the lady, Homer."

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THE LOCAL Army recruiting station sent a representative to our high school to explain the benefits of an Army career. The spokesman enthusiastically listed the opportunities available. "We have immediate openings," he began, "in the computer field, the automotive field, the communications field, and the research field." Losing his place in his notes, the nervous young sergeant thought out loud: "Now, what field did I leave out?"

An alert student in the front row solicitously murmured, "The battlefield?"

—JERRY O'BRIEN (West Orange, N.J.)

*Readers' contributions are solicited for this department. See page 16.*



### *Ownerous Problems*

A YOUNG woman whose car had recently had a major tune-up drove into the repair shop where I worked. I asked her what seemed to be the trouble now. "Well," she said, "it's hard to explain. But it sort of chokes up like I did when I got the repair bill."

—Contributed by Joseph A. Wolfe

ONE EVENING last summer an excited woman called the sheriff's office in an Ohio city. When she left the local fireworks display, she reported, she found a stray dog sitting on the front seat of her car. He had evidently jumped in through an open window. Every time she tried to open the car door, the dog would growl.

"He's just sittin' in there," she exclaimed, "like *he's* makin' the payments!"

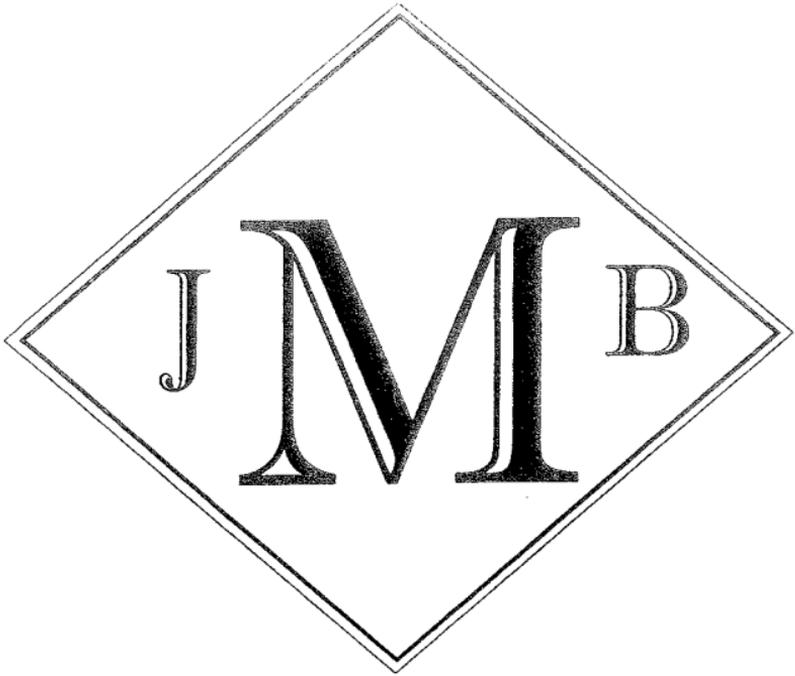
—Contributed by Mrs. Stuart R. Hepler, Jr.



### *Blank Expressions*

A WOMAN, filling out a job-application form, seemed stumped when she came to the question, "Color of hair." She finally put down: "When?"

—Robert Sylvester, Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate



# BEHOLD MY SERVANT

Isa. 42:1-9

I. This chapter is great for many reasons; i.e.,

A. God describes Jesus.

B. God commissions Jesus.

C. God shows end results of sin.

II. Immediately we want to see "the Servant."

Isa. 42:1-4 "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine

A. Behold.

1. Arresting way to gain your attention.

2. Turns thots from idols to the one who can bring  
salv.

Phil. 2:7 "But made himself of no reputation and took

Jn. 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do mir

B. Servant.

1. Who was it? Person or personification?

a.) Israel?

b.) Jesus

Matt. 8:17 "That it might be fulfilled which was spoke

Matt. 12:18-21 "Behold my servant, whom I have cho

Acts 8:32-35 "The place of the scripture which he read

Acts 13:47 "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying

c.) Had previous existence.

2. 1st of the Servant songs.

3. All who work out God's purpose, unconsciously  
or unwillingly even, are called His servants:  
Israel, faithful Israel, men of gov.

4. We worship not a post or a statue, but a living  
thing.

III. God's description of Him.

## A. I uphold.

1. Belongs to God.
2. Confidence in Him - lean on Him.
3. Hold fast - sustain.

## B. My elect.

1. Word of honor - elect.
2. Chosen.

I Pet. 1:20 "Who verily was foreordained before the fo

3. Elect used 6X.

Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with

Acts 3:13 "The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of

Acts 3:26 "Unto you first God, having raised up his Sc

## C. In whom my soul delights.

1. God holds him in deep affection.
2. Chosen & continues in the character of one so selected.
3. Not everyone can do the work - only the chosen servant.
4. In him God continues to delight.

Matt. 3:17 "And lo a voice from heaven saying This is

Matt. 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright clo

## D. Put my Spirit on Him

1. He's the fullness of God's being.
2. Equips him for the task assigned.

## E. Judgement to the Gentiles.

1. Does he proclaim judgement or establish it?
2. Is there a standard, a norm?
3. Was Christ not a missionary?
4. Was redemption an after that?
5. Does the gospel have a discriminating judicial

effect?

6. God uncompromising in assertion of absolute justice & truth.
7. Sanctions nothing short of the very highest of moral purity & excellency.
8. Judgement in a magistral sense = righteousness or truth that makes for righteousness.

#### IV. Manner of the Servant.

##### A. He shall not cry.

1. 7 fold "not" hub of verses 2-4.

2. 3 neg. in V. 2.

3. All show unostentatiousness.

4. Won't act like a conqueror.

5. Doesn't force his program.

6. Cry.

(a) 2 - V. 2 & V. 13.

(b) V. 2 has to do c his people.

V. 13 has to do c his enemies.

(c) Cry out - weak to strong; oppressed to God.

7. Didn't come as warrior or agitator.

8. Will do judgement w/o blatant display of power.

##### B. Will not lift up.

1. Christ never in violent dispute - no shouting match.

2. Rather is calm.

3. He has power & refrains from using it.

4. Declines to use force.

Matt. 26:52 "Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again

##### C. Voice not heard in Street.

1. Won't raise voice so high in house could be heard in the st.; or while in st. won't raise voice

2. False prophets rage in orgiastic fury.
3. St. = open place or space of an Eastern city; outside.

#### D. Reed unbroken.

1. Shows attitude toward weak & oppressed.
  2. He'll bring blessings, not destruction.
  3. Reed = weak men, discouraged.
  4. Jesus won't discard even the weakest of men.
  5. Won't discourage any righteous effort regardless of how feeble.
  6. Egypt called a reed.
- Isa. 30:6 "The burden of the beasts of the south: into (Thus untrustworthy, destitute of physical strength here represents weak & depressed in spirit, lowly, dejected.
7. Reed = sinner, stands straight yet weakest thing that grows.

#### E. Flax unquenched.

1. Smoking flax already partially extinguished.
2. Fail = burn faintly.
3. He'll support the dimly burning.
4. Patient c the offensive - smoking flax is.
5. Newly lit candle about ready to go out - he'll protect it.
6. Picture of dimly burning, smoldering.
7. Reed - neg.  
Flax - positive.
8. Some places so cold can't start a fire - cold companions.
9. Make flax burn via oil, air, removal of charred portions.

F. Judgement & truth brot forth.

1. Law & justice used as parallels.

2. Jesus had a dream to accomplish.

G. Won't fail.

1. Chapter abounds in contrasts.

2. V. 4 2 more neg. verbs describe his work.

3. Note the gradation.

4. Servant will bring forth - he will be successful.

5. Violence & oppression not justifiable means to accomplish an end.

6. However great the magnitude of his work he will not be adversely affected.

7. Definitely there is the thot of difficulty.

8. Tho compassionate he'll show no sign of weakness

9. Savior is associated c divine certainty.

10. Great end toward which he's working.

11. His character is perfect.

H. Won't be discouraged.

1. If he's not discouraged we should not be.

2. True leader:

a.) Spirit of obedience.

b.) Excellency that attracts.

c.) Rec. highest gift.

d.) Quietness of method.

e.) Patient hopefulness.

f.) Persistent energy.

I. Isle will hear.

1. Conversion of heathen not one mighty act but gradual, tireless work.

2. When Christ came there was an expectation & readiness.

3. He set up a religion bringing in the Gentiles.

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# Show of Women's Wear At Tom Jones Concert

By WALTER CARTER

**W**OMEN who appeared to be quite normal in everyday life pushed in line to the Municipal Auditorium stage last night, hoping that Tom Jones would accept their roses, kiss them or wipe his face with their spare undergarments.

Performing "in the round," Jones sang alone in the spotlight at the center of the auditorium, with orchestra and backup singers on the floor and speakers suspended from the ceiling. The

## Slow-Growing

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and neck, about 40 will be alive after 5 years.

**INTRA-ORAL** cancer includes cancer of the tongue, the floor of the mouth, the tonsil, the palate, the pharynx, the larynx, and the esophagus. Intra-oral cancer usually occurs in the "over forty" age group. Cancer of the tongue is the most common lesion followed by floor of the mouth cancer. The victim is usually a tobacco user and may be a moderate or excessive user of alcohol. Causes may also stem from recurrent trauma to a particular area, such as ill fitting dentures producing an ulcer, and poor dental hygiene.

Treatment of intra-oral cancer includes surgical resection, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and is usually a combination of surgery and radiation therapy. Primary therapy aims at: (1) complete ablation of the tumor, (2) restoration of function such as eating, swallowing, speech, and facial animation, and (3) reconstruction of the aesthetic appearance of the face and neck.

Usually, the patient will be given radiation treatments by the radiotherapist. This treatment is aimed at shrinking the tumor and "sterilizing" lymph nodes. Six to 12 weeks later, following radiation response, the surgeon performs en bloc resection of the tumor and adjacent lymph nodes and soft tissue. This procedure is commonly known as the "composite" resection and includes removal of major anatomic units of the head and neck.

**OF UTMOST** importance for cure, the surgeon must remove the entire tumor with a wide margin of adjacent normal tissue surrounding the tumor; otherwise, only palliative resection is performed, lessening the severity of the disease but preventing cure and insuring recurrence. Many times, because the malignancy may extend directly to a vital structure such as the brain or the carotid artery, only palliative resection can be attained by the surgeon.

Restoration of function and aesthetic appearance may be performed at the time of tumor resection or it may be staged. This usually includes the movement of large areas of tissue (flaps) from other areas of the body to the face and neck. Depending on tumor location and the area of resection, function may be only par-

hall was filled only up through the mezzanine level.

It was a dressier crowd than most concerts at the auditorium, with a number of suits in evidence on both men and women.

**A DECEPTIVELY** calm atmosphere through the first part of the evening gave way to an indication of things to come midway through comedian Freddie Roman's opening act. Roman had drawn a number of laughs with his slightly off-color nightclub humor, taking pokes at himself, southerners, New York City and latecomers to the show. Then, in a discussion about vasectomies, he jokingly compared himself to Jones. The crowd suddenly screamed.

Again he was answered with screams near the end of his show when he said, "I've got to help Tom now. It takes 12 of us to get him into his pants."

After a short intermission Jones was escorted down the aisle by a bodyguard of policemen and brawny young "Concert Security" men. He jumped into the lights and brought screams with a few bump-and-grind moves to introduce his outfit—a blue-gray suit with the coat cut strategically at the waist to show off the form-fitting pants. (Roman was not lying about the pants.)

**FLASHBULBS** went off like strobe lights as Jones sang *Living in the USA* and *Do Ya Think I'm Sexy*.

"Good evening ladies," he said, "and thank you gentlemen for bringing them here this evening."

His assessment of the audience was accurate; women outnumbered men by about three to one.

**AFTER** a heavy-handed rendition of *You Needed Me*, Jones dramatically shed his coat to reveal an already sweat-soaked shirt. That was what the women were waiting for, and they crowded up to the stage—some with roses, most with underwear.

From the short conversations Jones had with those he kissed, they seemed to range in age from 14 to 60. Judging by the underwear thrown (which Jones often displayed) the women also covered a wide range in size.

From that point on, Jones divided his time almost equally between singing and teasing. With the exception of *Delilah*, his hits songs were sung only partially, as segments of a medley.

But if Jones felt his music was of secondary importance to making women scream, it was only because his crowd agreed.

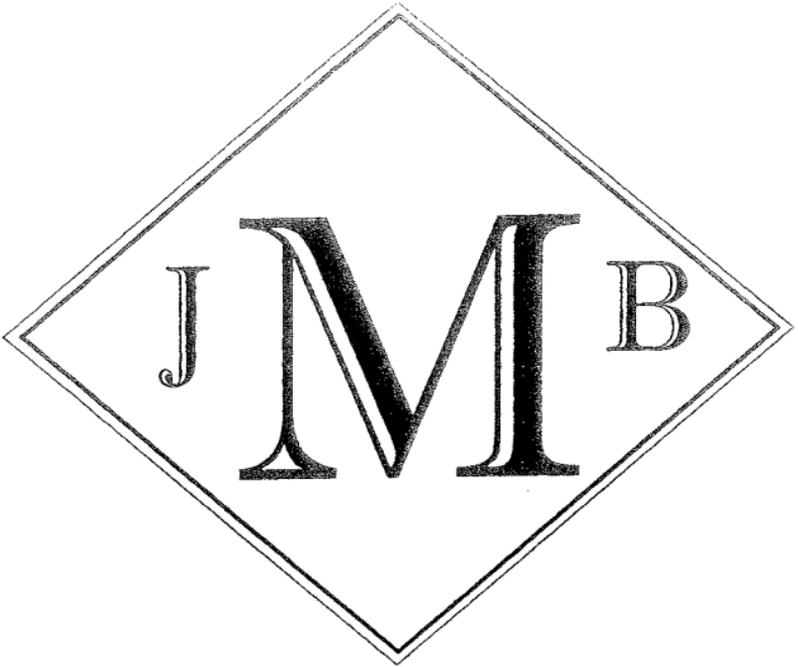
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# SALVATION CONVERSATION: GOD AND JESUS

Isa. 42:5-9

- I. Strangely, you become party to a conversation - you are invited to listen - it's between God & Jesus as He commissions Him to come to earth. It's a sacred moment.
- II. But 1st see how God describes Himself.
  - A. He is God the Lord.
    1. One who is to place judgement in all the earth must be supported by the Creator.
    2. His name declares:
      - a.) His self existence.
      - b.) Assurance of everlasting & unchangeable nature
      - c.) Power to redeem.
      - d.) Authority to call for our obedience.
    3. Essential being, inimitable faithfulness.
  - B. He created the Heavens & Stretched Them Out.
    1. Heavens owe their existence to God.
    2. "Stretch" word to accommodate our concept.
  - C. He Spread Forth the Earth & that which cometh out of it.
    1. Note the royal titles by which God made Himself known.
    2. Does it look like it just evolved, or was it made.
  - D. He giveth Breath to People.
    1. We owe our life's origin to God.
    2. He breathed the breath of life into us.
  - E. He gives Spirit to them that Walk.
    1. Note walk - didn't first crawl.
    2. Spirit bespeaks our eternal quality.

### III. Conversation c Jesus.

A. We eavesdrop as God addresses His Son as His Co-Equal.

B. Surely like Moses at the bush we take off our shoes

C. We listen as God commissions His Son as to how to redeem the world.

D. Note these specific things:

1. I have called thee in Righteousness.

a.) Rt. is conformity to a fixed norm.

Deut. 25:15 "But thou shalt have a perfect and just w

b.) God is absolute justice.

c.) Messiah not an intruder but invited.

Heb. 5:4 "And no man taketh this honour unto himself,

2. I will hold thine hand.

a.) God sustains.

b.) It's God who announces the ministry - man must not alter it.

3. I give thee for a covenant.

a.) Covenant has its roots in & is dispensed by the Servant.

b.) Jesus the covenant, the bond that unites man & God.

c.) All that has source is in the Servant.

d.) Covenant has to do with a saving action.

e.) Made covenant c own Son on Man's behalf.

Gal. 3:17 "And this I say, that the covenant, that wa

Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that ca

Eph. 1:4 "According as he hath chosen us in him befor

f.) Christ makes His soul & offering for sin & He gets souls of men as reward.

Isa. 53:10-12 "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he gave himself for our iniquities, he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."  
 g.) Christ the party, mediator, surety.

Heb. 8:6 "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as he is mediator of a better covenant, which hath been enacted on better promises."

Heb. 7:22 "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better covenant."

h.) Christ given for a covenant as He alone fulfills the terms of it.

i.) We are the very people for whom the Son became incarnate & for whose relief both His & Father's honor are mutually pledged - this should encourage us.

4. You are a light for the Gentiles.

5. Open the eyes of the Blind.

a.) **Blindness** that results from sin.

b.) Can't see what reality really is.

6. Bring prisoners from prison.

7. Those in darkness brot from prison house.

a.) Light & freedom come only when men are delivered.

b.) Light & liberty are great blessings.

#### IV. Now God returns to self description.

A. I am the Lord.

B. Lord is my name.

1. Yahweh - What is expressed by this is his name.

2. Name shows nature of person.

3. Until Exodus was El Shaddai; then Yahweh.

4. My - What's due me & me alone.

5. Can we conceive of an uncaused being - God stands alone.

C. Will not share His glory & praise.

1. He alone has praise & glory & is jealous for it.

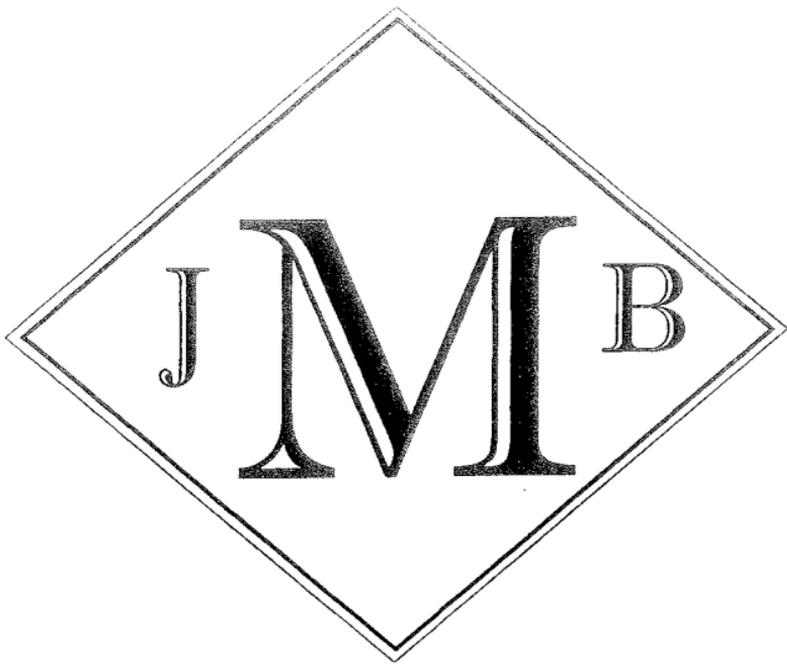
- 2. Note divine exclusiveness.
- 3. Intolerant of rivals.
- 4. God cannot look c indifference on the worship due Him that is misdirected to any kind of idol.

D. Former things are Past.

E. New Things.

- 1. Spring is like plants that germinate.
- 2. Behind the Servant's ministry is the power of God.
- 3. Of God we know so little other than what He tells us.

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# THE TEETH OF THE LORD

Isa. 42:13-17

- I. The compassionate, tender, & longsuffering; God finally calls it quits.
  - A. See His Power.
  - B. See His Punishment.
- II. See His Power.
  - A. Goes forth as a Mighty Man.
    1. Goes forth to battle.
    2. Safely, you may commit yourself to God's disposal--He plans to win!
  - B. Stirs up Jealousy.
    1. Openly states He is.
- Exo. 34:14 "For thou shalt worship no other god: for th
  2. Condolence is common; congratulations are less frequent - easy for us to be jealous.
  3. He meant it in good way - books no rival.
- C. Cry - Roar.
  1. Fury - zealousness His.
  2. Determined to carry out His plan w/o defeat.
  3. Cry of V. 13 different from V. 2. This one a war cry - shout of victory.
  4. Shrieks aloud - not able to hold in any longer.
- D. Prevail Against Enemies.
  1. Lord victorious.
  2. God knows what's best for us.
- Ps. 37:5 "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Jer. 18:6 "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as Isa. 50:10 "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, 1
  3. He can overcome all opposition.

### III. Day of Grace is Over.

#### A. For awhile held in.

1. Long time lit. for an eternity, for an age.
2. Can't be still any longer.
  - a.) Silent no longer.
  - b.) Speaks out against faithless men.
  - c.) Time for silence has passed.

#### B. Now Cries Like Travailing Woman.

1. A great thing of God - its fact long pregnant now to be born.
2. Ministers travail till Christ formed in you.

Gal. 4:19 "My little children, of whom I travail in birth until now, until Christ be formed in you."

#### C. I will Destroy - Devour - Waste - Dry Up.

1. Life has two sides.
  - a.) Judgement or redemption.
  - b.) Darkness or Light.
  - c.) Judge or Avenger.
2. Exile would seem endless to those involved.
3. Rivers became islands - a strange figure as they dry up.
4. Complete reversal of Nature.
5. Note verbs of harshness to describe His punishment.

### IV. For Some There is Hope.

#### A. Blessings for the Blind.

1. To be blind, to have the way dark & new subject one to added difficulties.
2. Blind - God's folk in captivity need a guide.
3. To have God c us must show our need & willingness to be guided.
4. He will show way & lead to it.

B. Promises to do for them & not forsake them.

C. It's a different story for those who forsake Him.

1. His work is twofold: judgement to the idolators & salvation to His own.

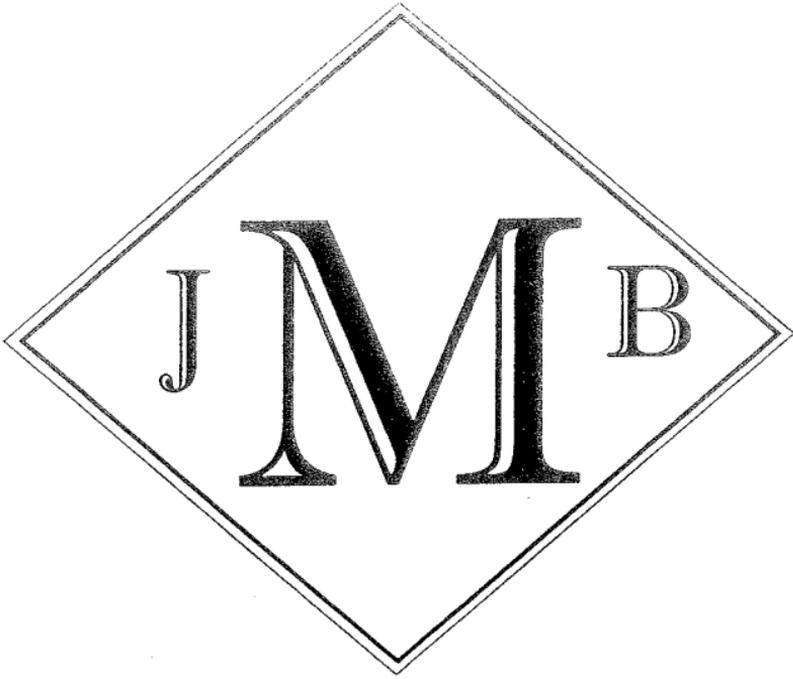
2. God is either glorious or fearful as hell.

3. He promises nothing to the self sufficient.

4. Twisted or wrung comes to give us our word "wrong's" origin.

5. Note inability of man & the perplexity of his situation.

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# WHAT'S YOUR ASSURANCE?

Isa. 43:1-5

I. In answer to our title question:

A. "This truck is protected by a 38 Smith & Wesson."

B. Beware of Dog.

C. I've had the flu shots or Dr. said in perfect health.

D. Dead bolts & burglar alarms.

E. T-Bills & Insurance.

F. Meridian, MS flight (#1) & Shaw card #2

II. All this leaves loop holes--I've got 3 R's--  
Redeemed, Recognized, Reserved--  
Cat commercial #3.

Isa. 43:1-5

A. Starts with "But Now."

1. Contrasting concurrency.

2. Contrasts the dismal condition earlier and glorious redemption Israel is to enjoy.

3. Though in principle only applicable to us, great scenes of old are reiterated to expand the coming redemption.

4. We move from rebuke to consolation.

5. Over against the present darkness there is a bright future.

6. Imminent reversal before us.

B. Created & Formed *Formed Gen 2:7-8*

1. God does both. *root of Potter*

2. Created out of nothing. *(using clay?)*

3. Approached Israel when not even a nation--a slave people in Egypt.

4. Whatever she became due to pure grace of God.

5. Israel like no other nation.
6. Got same word as Gen. 1:1.
7. All the care that went into making man, God also did in making Israel.  
(Above from Young)
8. Cards from "Windows" - #4 & #5

#### C. Jacob & Israel

1. 13X in 9 chapters uses Jacob & Israel combo.
2. Jacob's character to be abandoned-- Israel the true destiny.

#### D. Fear not, I have Redeemed Thee.

1. Tho in Babylon bondage--"fear not".
2. Nothing should cause God's folk to fear.
3. They will come from exile.
4. They will not be able to free themselves.
5. Will cite 4 reasons not to fear:  
Created, Formed (fashioned), Redeemed, Called.
6. Redeemed!

- a) A price for redemption must be paid by God himself.
- b) Israel in spiritual captivity.
- c) God pays the price to set one free.
- d) Redemption should be our Song!
- e) It's from family law--at death of one, the next in the family was to redeem the property so that it does not depart from the clan.
- f) I feel assured because I'm Redeemed by God.

E. Now comes my 2nd R--I've been  
Recognized--called if you please.

v-1 "I have called thee by my"

1. God has called Israel to be what  
true Israel should be.

Isa. 48:12 "My called"

2. By my name.

a) Tender--called you by my name.

b) No direct quote of this in NT--  
yet:

2 Cor. 6:17-18 "You shall be my sons & daughters

Matt. 28:20 *Teaching them to observe all things*

Ps. 23:4 *Yee tho I walk thru the valley of the*

c) Implies intimate acquaintance.

3. Thou art mine.

a) That the consequence of the  
calling.

b) They belong to the Lord & no  
other.

c) Shows the perpetual attitude of  
God.

d) You belong to me!

F. You I Reserved.

1. You'll know struggles--names 2 or 3.

2. Pass through the waters.

a) You will not be immune to  
suffering.

b) Waters--dangers from circum-  
stances.

c) Not alone--I'll be with you.

d) Song "I will never leave you  
or forsake you."

e) Thru rivers that not overflow.

## 3. Walk through fire.

- a) Fiery trials of persecution.
- b) Water & fire--2 dangers.
- c) Flames will not singe.
- d) Song "How Firm a Foundation" from this.
- e) No promised detour around the fire.
- f) Fire purifies not consumes. Water cleanses not swallows
- g) Fire is persecutions.
- h) Unhurt by it.

Ps. 66:12

*We went thru fire & thru H<sub>2</sub>O - weather place*

Lu. 10:19

*Nothing shall by any means hurt you*

Dan. 3:27

*Fire no power, nor hair singed - nor smell of fire*

## 4. I Am The Lord.

- a) Lord God, Holy One, Savior
- b) "I" 36X in 28 verses.
- c) Dominated by the Divine I.
- d) Isa. 45--I used 31X.
- e) Thus go to the people, not with own opinion but word of God-- the I!
- f) Savior

Luke 1:47 "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my S.

Jude 25 "To the only wise God our S. be glory

Titus 1:3 "Hath in due times manifested his w.

Titus 2:10 "Not purloining, but shewing all"

Titus 3:4 "After that the kindness &amp; love of God

## 5. Precious in the sight of God, He gave up Egypt, Ethopia &amp; Seba.

- a) 3 nations offered in place of Israel.

- b) Heathen nations at large.
- c) Vicarious compensation for Israel.
- d) God's reaffirming his love & His willingness to pay any price for his beloved Israel.
- e) These nations include all that was known in Africa at that time.

#### 6. Ransomed

- a) To cover
- b) Kaphar--cover--ransom
- c) Like a village that offers refuge.
- d) God can't see sin covered with sacrificial blood.
- e) What God can't see does not exist.

7. Precious in my sight--due to this fact.

8. I have loved thee!

- a) Love involves choice & exclusion.
- b) Precious, honored, loved.
- c) Traces God's favor to its deepest root.
- d) Loves in His Son.

Jn. 17:23 *I in them, thou in me; that the world may love*

9. Deliverance rests on divine decree--

- a) Nothing will prevent it.
- b) No price too great to pay.
- c) Will sacrifice anything for Israel.

10. Thus I'm Redeemed, Recognized, Reserved by Ransom.

SECURITY

#1

I needed to fly from Meridian, MS to Nashville for Cam Tidwell's funeral. It was a tight schedule. The joy was the pilots were also quartered at Holiday Inn. Though I had no ticket as yet, I rode to the airport with them. Surely that way I can't miss the plane.

A lady said to Geo. Bernard Shaw

#2

"Did you know that sugar is the only word in the English language that has the SH sound that starts with an S?"

He said "Are you sure?"

A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL ONCE wrote to a TV network about a commercial that claimed a rodent poison was more effective than anything else at killing mice. She asked if cats had been included in the research.

#3

—Virginia Satkowski in White Plains, N.Y., Reporter Dispatch

The Ionian Science of Nature was built upon the premise that all elements of matter and reality operated within a closed system of natural laws, needing neither origin nor assistance from supernatural deities or forces. Nature itself became an impersonal force, acting with its own authority, indifferent to man's desires, and existing in and for itself. Thales' follower, Anaximander, referred to this impersonal, self-developing force as the Indefinite-Infinite.

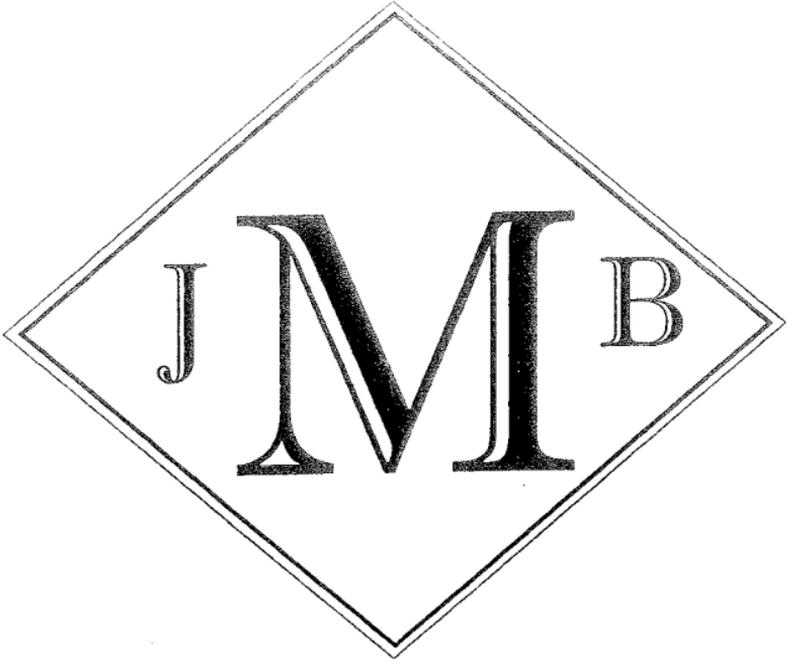
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It was upon this foundation of thought that Anaximander attempted to answer the question of the origin of life. Turning to rational explanations that seemed to be in harmony with human sense and intellect, he concluded that living things were first generated in moisture and covered with a hard skin. Later the sun dried them out as they came up on the banks. In time the skin cracked off, and the creatures lived on. Man, however, came about a bit differently. He sprang from a fish. The reason, Anaximander thought, was because man requires such a long period of suckling that if he had appeared at the beginning the way he is now, he simply could not have survived. The intermediate stage in which man resembled a fish was necessary.

If we think that the idea of evolution is a relatively

recent theory, we are mistaken. Certain Greek thinkers espoused this belief thousands of years before Charles Darwin was born. Aristotle (384-322 B.C.), who followed the tradition of earlier nature philosophers such as Thales and Anaximander, taught spontaneous generation of living matter from nonliving substance, and also spoke of a "continuous scale of ascent" from lifeless things towards the animal.

DIFFERENT WINDOWS - Christian Overman P 21



# THE DAY GOD HELD A TRIAL

Isa. 43:8-13

I. No one is like God - for truly thou shalt have no other God before me. *Exo 20:3*

- A. I am deeply indebted to the Jewish nation for championing this truth.
- B. I am thankful for the God who used them to establish this for all eternity.
- C. I rejoice in telling you a special incidence when God firmly declared his being.

Isa. 43:8-13 - Read.

II. God had glorious things to say about Israel (Read Isa. 43:1-7).

- A. I created & formed thee.
- B. I called thee by my name.
- C. Thru water, fire, flame I will be c thee.
- D. Precious in my sight.
- E. I have loved thee.
- F. Fear not, I am c thee.
- G. Created for my glory.
- H. Yea, I have made him.

III. He then dramatizes this with a trial.

- A. "Bring forth the blind people that have eyes & the deaf that have ears" (V. 8).
  - 1. Blind & deaf if we do not see the glorious workings of God.
  - 2. Blind & deaf to obvious truth.
  - 3. They will have to make an acknowledgement - so will the world.

Phil. 2:8-9 "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted

4. Sad to fail our opportunity - Jesus spoke of "more tolerable." **MATT 10: 15**

B. Gathered All the Nations - Assembled the People

- 1. Tribunal there. Trial held.
- 2. Warring parties come together.
- 3. Israel there too - she's on 1 side & heathens on another. *like today in life styles: morality vs loose ness*

C. God begins His interrogation.

- 1. "Who among them can declare this?"
  - a.) Let them bring forth their witnesses that they may be justified. *"Worked in yd past" "couldn't it rained"*
  - b.) Let them say It is truth: *"but I did" "if you have no witness bring mine"*
- 2. Can heathen nations show anything like V. 9-7?
- 3. Let them show past events they have correctly foretold.
  - a.) God contrasts His claims c their false ones.
  - b.) Do they have one prophetic spirit?

D. Turns to Israel for Affirmation.

- 1. Ye are my witnesses.
- 2. Their testimony:

V. 10-13 "Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, and my

- a.) They are now ready to witness.
- b.) Israel has many prophecies that she knows came true.
- c.) Israel before the Christian in proclaiming God.
- d.) Faith is founded on evidence & rooted in intelligence.
- e.) God foretold the future. He recalls remote past & remote future & shows the connection of both.

f.) The 1st great thing men need to know - who is God!

g.) Faith is mature thru service, not idleness.

3. If you have no witness, nations then accept mine

a.) Israel proves there is one God.

b.) You have no other witness so acknowledge Israel's truth. Heathen produced none.

c.) Mankind ought to accept truth, irrespective of who brought it. *Do we today? Or so prejudiced?*

4. Character of witness demanded.

a.) Unworthy profession of faith dishonors God.

b.) We must not confess c lips & deny him with life

c.) Such becomes a witness **against** him.

d.) Only the acceptable to God can so testify - not unclean spirits.

e.) Testify of his unity, holiness, redeeming love, salvation.

E. Calls Another Servant.

1. Israel has a task - so does Servant.

2. One true Servant - Christ. *wit. fl<sup>g</sup> begotten not the deat*

Rev. 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, *who is the faithful v*

Rev. 3:14 "And unto the angel of the church of the L *... The true w... the beginning of the*

John 18:37 "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou *... to this end born / for this cause came I*

3. Christianity tells of 2nd & 3rd person of Godhead

4. 2 witnesses: Israel & Jesus.

5. Christians join.

Acts 14:17 "Nevertheless he left not himself without

F. Specific questions.

1. "No God formed before me."

a.) Was God formed? No

b.) Man has no ability to form a god - none made before God.

c.) He's the 1 God on whom we can rely.

d.) He's not formed - He's the sole God.

e.) Beside him only fabricated gods.

2. Beside me there is no Savior.

a.) None can save man except God.

Ps. 49:8 "(For the redemption of their soul is precious

b.) Human saviors are in a secondary sense.

Judges 3:9 "And when the children of Israel cried unto

2 Kings 13:5 "(And the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so

Neh. 9:27 "Therefore thou deliveredst them into the h

c.) We must not look for salvation anywhere but

God. *Isa 45:19:20 "Cry - send savior. give me deliver*

Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for

3. Before the day I am he - there is none that can deliver.

a.) God did what idols cannot do.

b.) God announces deliverance & effects it.

c.) He challenges others to testify that no other power could do what he does.

d.) He wrought signs.

Ps. 115:3 "Our God is in the heavens, he hath done

e.) ~~As long as time has been,~~ God has proven He is God.

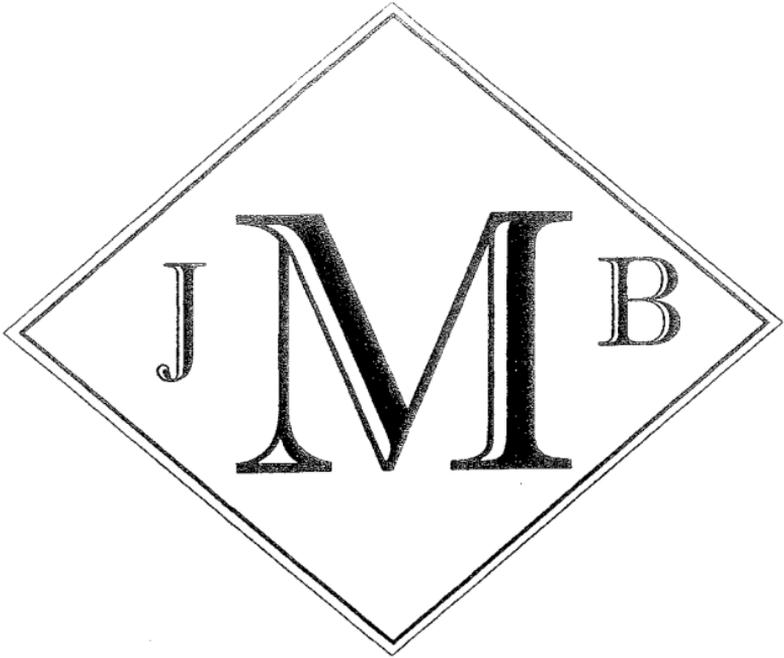
4. "Who shall let it?"

a.) Margin - turn it back.

b.) Who can turn his power aside.

c.) Who can reverse it-- None!

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# SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG

Isa. 43:10-13

- I. Because of a change, a New Song is called for.
  - A. We've seen why - the Lord comes with His change
  - B. Now let's look at where.
- II. 1st necessity of the New Song.
  - A. He declares things before any sign of them appear  
no wonder need a New Song.
  - B. There is a new economy - need song of excellency
  - C. Old Song confined to Temple - new one must be Catholic.
  - D. Substance has to be new to suit so many (only USA has Star Spangled Banner).
  - E. No old hymn appropriate for new message - thus a New Song.
- III. Extent of the Song.
  - A. End of the earth.
    1. Work of servant will affect entire earth.
    2. His message for all men.
  - B. Down to the Sea.
    1. All areas touched regardless of culture.
    2. Sea lower than earth so descend to sail it.
  - C. All Isles.
    1. Every area not only invited but can sing.
    2. Isle shows universal spread of gospel even to remote spots.
  - D. Wilderness & City.
    1. Rural & urban all there.
    2. Village of Kedar.
      - a.) Arabian stronghold.

b.) Name of Ishmael's 2nd son.

c.) Means Arabia general.

3. Inhabitant of the Rock.

a.) Sela = Rock or Petra.

b.) Stronghold of Edom.

IV. Universal Joy.

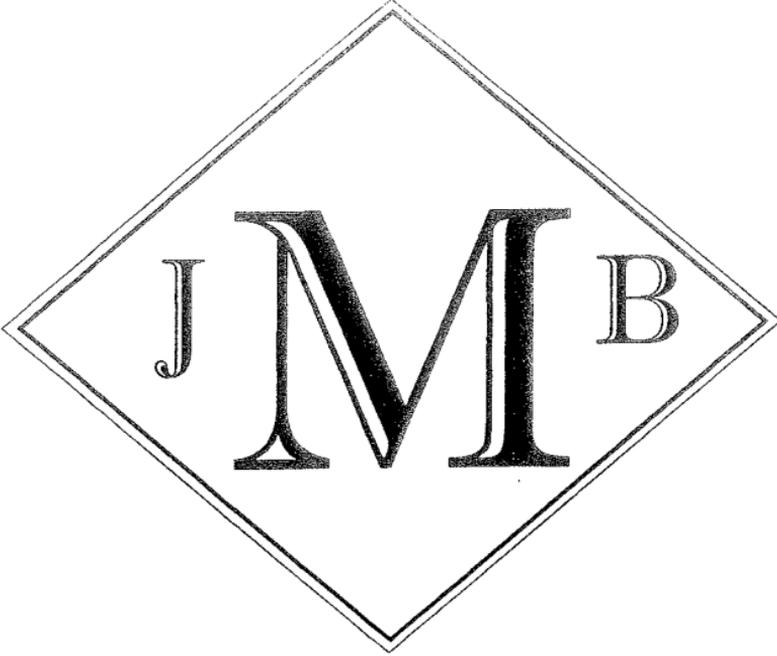
A. Give glory to the Lord.

B. Declare His praises.

(Keith Baird came by to pray & thank the Lord from Phil. 4:19 for even the bad times "for w/o them I'd not know the good times").

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# God's Autobiography

Isaiah 45

- I. We pray to God all time--just who is He?
- II. Grandpa asked Dad what he said about himself on Hart Co. visit.
  - A. Smart, rich, handsome.
  - B. Caught you in three lies.
- III. What does God say about Himself?
  - A. See his use of Cyrus.
    1. Named him 300 years before born.
    2. Called him "anointed" shepherd (44:28), upheld right hand plus all in verses 1 through 4.
    3. Did it for Israel's sake.
    4. Amazing to use a man that did not know God.
      - a) Came out of Asia with 3400 lbs. of gold.
      - b) Croesus with 630,000,000 lbs. measured in 1960.
  - B. About himself v.5-12.
    1. God alone.
    2. No one else.
    3. Lord of all whether they know it or not.
    4. Known from east to west--whole of inhabited world.
    5. Makes light and darkness--light good, darkness (evil).

6. Didn't create evil but disaster.

Amos 3:6 "Evil and the Lord hath not done it?"

7. Almighty knows our name.

8. Nothing offends Him like unbelief.

9. Note ease with which God does everything.

10. Loose garment--weakness.

11. Folly to criticize Almighty God.

12. God made world and can demand homage.

13. Wants not a few but whole world.

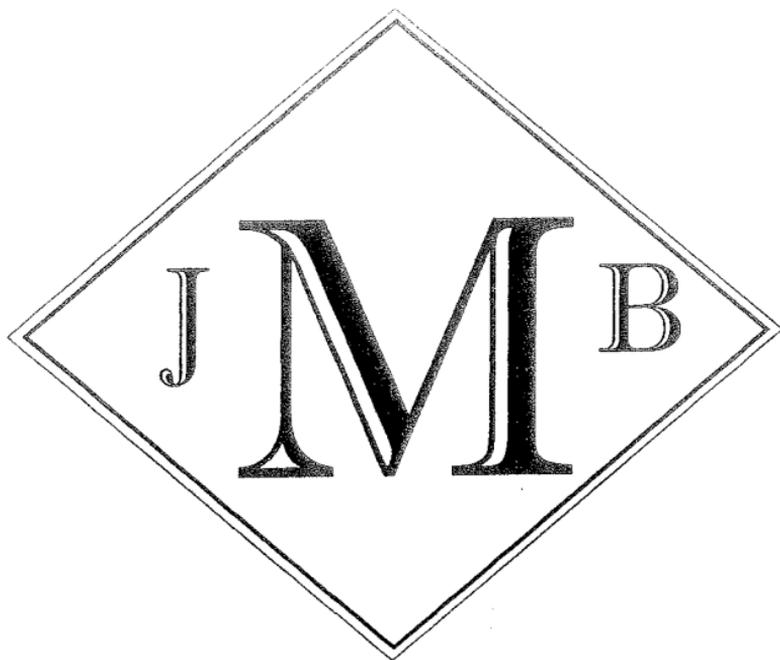
14. Salvation His purpose for man.

15. He survived by alternate means.

16. II Chronicles 36:23.

17. Romans 9:20-21.

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# GOD USES STRANGERS FOR HIS CAUSE

Isa. 45:1-4

I. To some, God is:

- A. Father.
- B. Others, Creator.
- C. But to all, Almighty God.
  - 1. He uses friends.
  - 2. He uses foes.
  - 3. He uses strangers.

II. God's call to Cyrus (Isa. 45:1-4)

A. God calls him His anointed.

1. Who was Cyrus.

a.) Great ruler.

b.) Took Croesus - so rich his name became a proverb.

c.) 10 yr. later took Babylon - walls so thick could drive 6 chariots atop.

d.) It's only direct address of God to heathen King

2. What's meant by anointed?

a.) 1st note God did it - thus sovereign.

b.) He was designed & qualified for a great service by the counsel of God.

c.) God was unknown to Cyrus, yet God foreknew him & called him by name.

d.) Remember God's doing this ultimately for His people - not just by Cyrus.

e.) Anointed means set apart for a special service.

f.) It's the image of God sustaining a feeble person

Isa. 42:6 "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness

g.) Only instance where anointed is applied to a Gentile.

h.) Also called a shepherd.

Isa. 44:28 "That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, a

i.) See times it's used.

1 Sam. 10:1 "Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and pou

2 Sam. 1:21 "Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be ne

Lev. 21:10 "And he that is the high priest among his l

1 Sam. 16:1 "And the Lord said unto Samuel, How lon

Ps. 105:15 "Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and de

1 Chron. 16:22 "Saying, Touch not mine anointed, ar

Ps. 2:7 "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said

1 Sam. 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and

j.) In this case it shows anointing has taken place plus from time to time he is regarded as the anointed one.

k.) God placed His spirit on Cyrus so he could do the work appointed to.

B. What does this show?

1. God is personal.

2. God is omniscient.

3. God is mighty.

4. God is able 400 yrs. before Cyrus came to tell what he'd do.

5. Power of Cyrus is power of God. Nothing goes on in world that's not under God's power.

6. 200 yrs. before carried captive God is determine to deliver his people when they are.

7. He named the King 300 yrs. before he was born, specified the means & said he would do it w/o fee.

III. God specifies things He will do for Cyrus.

A. Whose right hand I have holden.

1. He strengthens him.

a.) Outer robe loosened - symbol of feebleness; girded, it was strength.

Job 38:3 "Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will

12 "Hast thou commanded the morning since thy

21 "Knowest thou it, because thou wast then be

Dan. 5:6 "Then the king's countenance was changed,

b.) Loosen is opposite from girding for pray.

c.) Girdles bind & hold strength of man.

Isa. 11:5 "And righteousness shall be the girdle of his

Prov. 31:17 "She girdeth her loins with strength, and

d.) Sword suspended from girdle - to loose was to weaken - take away sword.

B. Subdues nations before him.

1. Wonderful God uses us.

2. He girds & ungirds.

C. Opens gates.

1. Gates left open in nite of revelry.

2. Babylon had 100 brass gates.

3. Valves on river gates into Babylon - left open.

4. Otherwise Persians would have been caught in river bed, taken up in net, & killed.

5. King opened gate, (Clark) to see commotion outs

D. Go before & make crooked places straight.

1. God raised him up & holds him there.

2. He will not be thwarted in His plans.

3. God will smooth out the difficulties.

4. Will make the rugged place level.

5. Earth should make due response to God.

### E. Break in pieces gates of brass.

1. Gates won't stand in way because won't be closed.
2. There will be free access.

### F. Cut in sunder bars of iron.

1. All will burst open & reveal hidden treasure.

### G. Give treasures of darkness.

1. This is what Babylon had captured from others.

2. Pliny's National History says they took 34000# gold + vessels & articles

Leaves (bathing vessels)

15000 talents silver at 80# per talent =

1,200,000

1 silver cup wt. 1200# - quite a punch bowl!

3. Darkness because buried treasures in earth's dark.  
He gives hidden riches of secret places.

## IV. The End Result Desired.

### A. Will know I'm the God of Israel.

1. He is God alone - none else.
2. He is Lord of all - nothing done w/o Him.
3. All flesh will know Jehovah is God - not just Cyrus.

### B. I've done it all for my people.

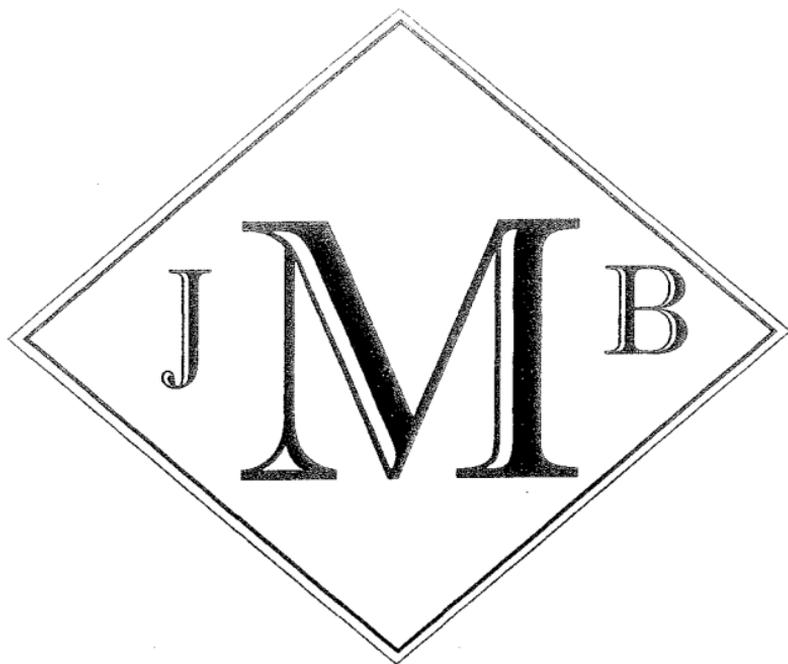
1. God wanted Cyrus his servant for his servant Jacob's sake.
2. God gave him great riches for the benefit of his servant.
3. Cyrus must remember he is but a man - God is God.
4. When he used "not known" referred to time before he knew him as God.

GOD USES STRANGERS FOR HIS CAUSE

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~~PLAGUE OF ATHEISM~~ *Plague of God*

Isaiah 45:1-25

I. I want to talk about God but how shall I do it? *Atheism is nothingness, so needs no proof. Chr. is something so we offer the temple.*

- A. Can't his beginning--He's always.
- B. Can't his end--He's forever.
- C. Can't his equal--He has none.
- D. Can't his power--He's limitless.

II. Therefore let me in another way declare Him.

- A. What he said of himself.
- B. What he's done for others *heather*
- C. Dream of his eternal purpose *for all.*

1. All shall come from one chapter--Isa. 45.

III. What has he said of himself?

- v-5 "I am the Lord, and there is none else,
- v-6 "That they may know from the rising of
- v-7 "I form the light and create darkness;
- v-12 "I have made the earth and created man
- v-12 "I even my hands have stretched out the
- v-18 "God himself hath formed the earth and
- v-21 "There is no God else beside me;
- v-21 "A just God and a Savior: there is none

A. What have we seen in this text?

- 1. God alone is God; there is none other.
  - a. Antithesis of polytheism.
- 2. He wants it known from East to West (v-6)
  - a. Everywhere He wants to be known.
- 3. He is the sole sovereign and creator of all (v-7)
  - a. Does he here answer Persian dualism?

b. He combines hard attributes of justice and mercy.

4. He created the formful, to be inhabited earth (v-12 & 18)

a. Prepared it for human habitation.

b. You don't find God in chaos but in order

~~5. God seeks to save.~~

IV. What has God done for others? \*

A. His work with Cyrus is classic (v.1-5) \*

1. A Persian heathen is called Jesus' name, the anointed. Was ever any other?

a. Power of Cyrus is power of God!

b. Everything in world under God's power.

c. Little did C. know God was exercising a guardianship.

2. God uphold his right hand.

a. Isn't it wonderful God uses us!

3. He looses loins (ungird, weaken)

a. Removes all obstacles. 200 yr. before the people were led captive God tells of their deliverances. Tells of king 300 yr before he's born!

4. He opens 2 leaved gates.

a. Valves on river gate to Babylon left open Clark says otherwise would be caught in net in river bed and killed.

5. He gives treasure.

a. Invades cellar store houses.

b. Pliny says took 34000# gold, 1,250,000# silver.

B. He silences opposition (v.9-11) \*

1. It's folly to criticize the Almighty.
2. We are literally potsherds among potsherds  
-- mortals among mortals.
3. Shall pot speak to potter; and accuse him  
of no artistry or plan?
  - a. God will answer his objector through results! (v-13)
4. Some think they know more than God!
  - a. If they were running world they'd make changes.
  - b. Assume a knowledge they do not have.
  - c. Unfitting for a son to rebel against a parent.

V. He plans a great future *for All*

A. He presently saves.

v-17 "But Israel shall be saved in the Lord

1. Openly does God speak, not in dark caves  
like the heathen oracle.
2. God is neither false nor ambiguous.

B. He exposes idolator.

v-20 "They have no knowledge that set up th

1. That states it flatly. To deny God is fool-  
ishness and ignorance.
2. The heathen will be converted and testify  
against his idol.
3. The falseness of his god is seen.

Isa. 46:7 "They bear him upon the shoulder

Isa. 44:15 "Wood-fire, bake, worship

C. He has in mind my salvation.

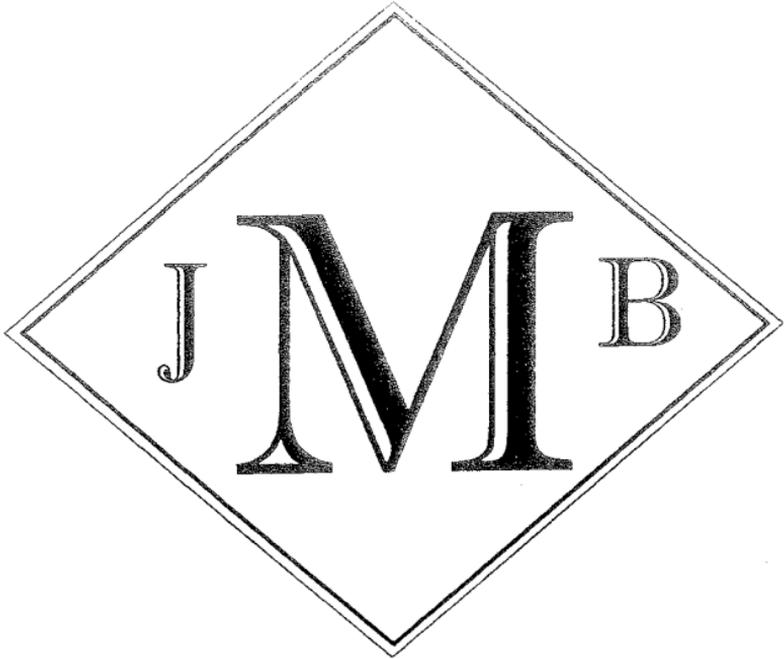
Isa. 35:1-2 "The desert shall bloom as

Isa. 45:8 Drop righteousness as a boon to a



1. At 20<sup>th</sup> C - show me  
U.S. - Picked God loves Today
2. Controversy over God is  
a) Robinson "God is no longer  
out there, up there - anywhere"  
b) Pike, & Attridge  
c) Nietzsche "God is dead"
3. Why?  
a) Urban 1900 world had  
10 cities & 14<sup>th</sup> pres -  
row of  
b) Secularism  
c) loneliness
4. All goes out of it - Virgin  
Birth etc

5. Attridge says mark  
date - Keeble didn't  
know what!
6. 71% Protest  
81% Cath. say yes  
to God alive
7. Easy to say - but  
what do you leave men  
of rest of life.
8. I believe He is  
Heb 11:6



# ENDLESS CARE

Isa. 46:3-4

- I. We are aware of various cares.
  - A. Constant - baby.
  - B. Intensive - ill.
  - C. Limited - recovering.
  - D. Add Endless - this describes my God.
- II. Isa. contrasts Gods
  - A. Babylon (v. 1 & 2)
    1. Bow
    2. Stoop
    3. Carried
    4. Burden
    5. Can't deliver
    6. Captivity
  - B. God
    1. Whole nation to listen - commanded.  
Reason to!
    2. Jacob - Remnant - the exile had not yet come but it was so certain God saw it.
    3. He bears (Push 60)--#1
      - a) Idols have to be carried - God tenderly carries his children.  
Deut. 33:27 "Underneath the everlasting arms"  
Exo. 19:4 Eagles wings  
Deut. 1:31 As Father his son  
Isa. 40:1 Lambs  
Isa. 63:9 Heart
      - b) From the belly
        - (1) From womb
        - (2) From birth
        - (3) As baby

## c) Old age

- (1) Our parents get too old & we get too big to be carried. They can't do it any more.
- (2) Word hoary implies to very end - the entirety.
- (3) Carry - heavy burden - bear implied.
- (4) Shaw on antiques - #2
- (5) Half of Families - #3

## 4. Made &amp; bear

- a) Love never waxes cold nor is power diminished.
- b) Unique support.
- c) As God did in past so will he do in future.
- d) Consistent love.
- e) 5 I's of God

## B. Is our religion a Load or a Lift?

1. Do you carry it or does it carry you?
2. Do we feel a sustaining brotherly love from cradle to grave?

## III. How does it affect our love for aged?

- A. Life span clip - #4.
- B. CEO article - #5
- C. Golden Years - #6
- D. Spring chicken - #7
- E. Aluminum siding - #8

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Pushing sixty isn't bad. It's when you have to pull it.

Robert Orben

Age 7/1

WSP  
Y  
#2  
Hospitalized when he was in his nineties, George Bernard Shaw was awakened every morning by the nurse and bathed, despite his protests. One morning, the playwright decided that he would submit no longer, When the nurse approached, he refused to let her near him.

"But, Mr Shaw," she told him, "a good scrubbing is the best thing for a patient."

"Maybe so," he replied, "but it's the worst thing for an antique." — *Funny, Funny World.*

AGE—Old—2

#3

Half of all families headed by a person over sixty-five are in the poverty category: Their income is less than three thousand dollars a year. This means more than three million American family units are barely getting by — or are just not getting by at all. Over four million unattached individuals — single men and women, widows and widowers — over the age of sixty-five are earning half of that . . . A little more than a dime of every dollar in the budget of a retired couple goes for medical care, including the costs of drugs and other medicines. And that cost is increasing. — Dr JAMES L GODDARD, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, in a speech to the National Council of Senior Citizens, Washington, D C.

## Keeps on rollin' along

Among Chief Executive Officers of the U.S.A.'s 1,000 most valuable public companies, only 19 are under 40, while 70 are over 65. They average 23 years with their company.

### Oldest CEO's are

#5 Armand Hammer, Occidental Petroleum, 89

Milton Petrie, Petrie Stores, 85

John Connelly, Crown Cork & Seal, 82

John Krehbeil, Molex, 81

Irving Stone, American Greetings, 78

Roy Park, Park Communications, 77

Sol Shenk, Consolidated Stores, 76

*USA Today*  
*Quoting Business Week*

THE AVERAGE life span today is 71 years, which adds up to 25,915 days or 621,960 hours. Even though a large portion of that time must be spent on necessities such as sleeping, eating and earning a living, we are still left with a sizeable amount of time to use as we choose – roughly a total of about 28 years!

#4

# 'Golden' Years

By GAY PAULEY

**N**EW YORK (UPI)—We often refer to the older years as the "golden years." That they are not. They are "frightening and disturbing" years for all too many in the nation's population, says New York City's first Commissioner for the Aging.

Alice Brophy says it's high time society reset its priorities in dealing with what by the year 2000 is expected to be 15% of the U.S. population.

"OUR WHOLE society is geared to extend life," she said, but the result is "more quantity, not quality of living. More people are living to old age, but I don't know how ripe it is. The aged are moving into a society that rejects them. They feel useless, without value."

The commissioner, who's been working with the aged for 30 years, said she is "absolutely opposed" to the mandatory retirement age of 65 that pervades the business and industrial communities.

"I'm appalled when I hear even 55 being discussed," she said.

"SOCIETY'S attitude is that if you're over 65, you're through in the labor market. But what do you do if you've reached 65 and still feel productive?"

"I hold that people should have the option to create their own setting, their own job status. Yet here I am talking about problems of the aged, not the joys and pleasures."

COMMISSIONER Brophy became 65 in March and has no intention of retiring.

"I accept aging as part of the dignity, experience and maturity of life," she said.

There are 22 million Americans over 65 today, and by the year 2000 we can expect 33 million, said the commissioner, who also is head of the Urban Elderly Coalition, a national group with many cities represented.

Miss Brophy, in an interview, said her "ideal" program nationally for the elderly would embrace three major points:

- "The main problem is income. I'd like to see a floor on income so that it is adequate for the older person. It would have to vary, of course, from region to region. Poverty is not one-dimensional. You can almost smell it and taste it. Income would give a sense of quality to life. Social Security simply is not enough."

- "I'd like to see the aged more able to get the kind of medical services they need. Older people (when they become ill) are terrified that the illness is terminal. Will the income they have cover? They are not popular with doctors. Medicare, the system we hailed as the great savior, is now taking care of about 38%... and it's getting less and less because costs are going up and up."

- "There should be a sense of security for them, for everyone... the door buzzer works, the elevators kept repaired. The elderly should not be prisoners in their homes at night, afraid to go out ..."

## Spring Chicken

YOU MAY THINK you are a spry  
spring chicken, or a handsome,  
strutting rooster. But let me tell  
you, matey, when you get to be  
eighty you don't bounce back like  
you useter.

—Beryl R. Stanley

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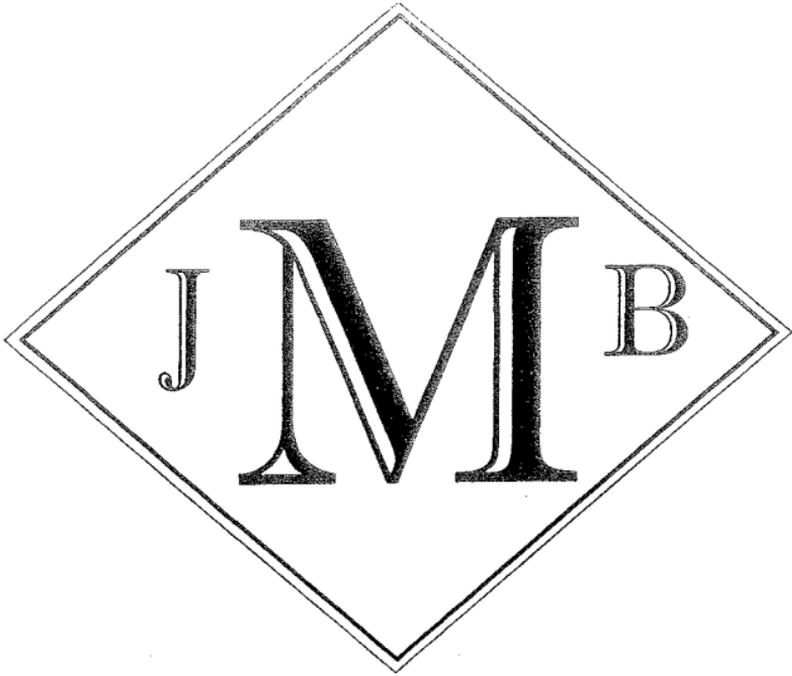
My problem with door-to-  
door salesmen is - I believe  
them. This morning a door-to-  
door salesman said that if I put  
aluminum siding on my house it  
would made the house twice as  
attractive, prolong its life by 30  
years, and double its value.

I said, "Aluminum siding will  
do all that?"

He said, "Guaranteed!"

I said, "Forget the house. Put  
it on *me*."

Orben's Current Comedy



# I KNOW GOD VIA HIS CARING

Isa. 46:3-4

II. I believe in the God of the Bible when I contrast Him with the character of any other divinity closeness. I present a God who cares.

A. Note first he speaks to his folk.

v-3 "Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob..."

1. He knows who I am.
2. He knows what I need.
3. He knows how best to direct me.
4. He does it because He loves me.

B. Borne by me from the belly.

1. Gladly will I leave idolatry and cast myself on a loving powerful God, in contrast with a dumb idol.

2. He ever carries His people

Exo. 19:4 *I bore you on eagles wings*

Deut. 32:11 *hard thy God bore you as a man, son*

Deut. 1:31

Isa. 40:11 *lamb in his arms, carry in his arms, gentle lead*

Isa. 63:9 *carried them 211 days of old*

3. Carries me from the womb.

- a) I made you.
- b) Love tender and caring.
- c) Borne--carried in the everlasting arms as a nurse, mother.

- d) Made you--has a natural regard for what He's made, desires its good, seeks to defend and save.
- e) Don't abort!
- f) Represents himself with extreme tenderness--nurse of helpless infant.

- 4. In religion we need the intellect, practical aspects, also simplicity, childlikeness.
- 5. God's kindnesses of the past extends to new generations. "I will carry, I will deliver."

C. Even to your old age.

- 1. Life is full of changes, nothing absolutely stable, we grow old.
- 2. He loves us to the end.
- 3. Mother becomes too feeble to care for us - we do her!
- 4. Do we fear change? Words like "carry," "bear," "deliver."
- 5. He never fails his worshippers.
- 6. We have to have His help.
- 7. He will be our finisher and help from infancy to infirmities.
- 8. Grow old and not wanted by man-- He will keep us.
- 9. He will provide and watch over us.
- 10. Everlasting arms grow not weary.
- 11. His providence and protection never fails.

12. Mortality and transiency do not affect God.

13. Motherly care ours all the way.

Ps. 71:18 *When I am old, grief and sorrow forsake me not*

14. Gray hair does not alter.

15. Children let us die in resthomes as they take our fortune.

16. World does not want us when we are worn out.

17. New generation takes over.

18. World draws off. God draws near.

19. Weakness welcomes Him.

20. All life long He does us good.

21. Hoar hairs are welcome.

22. Age does have its sorrows and sins.

23. A generation arises that knows not Joseph.

24. Mercy of God continues.

25. His promises never fail.

26. When powers wane and fail God is there.

27. We have strong consolation in promises that cannot be broken.

D. Then comes the question.

v-5 "To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?"

1. Idol can't even help itself.

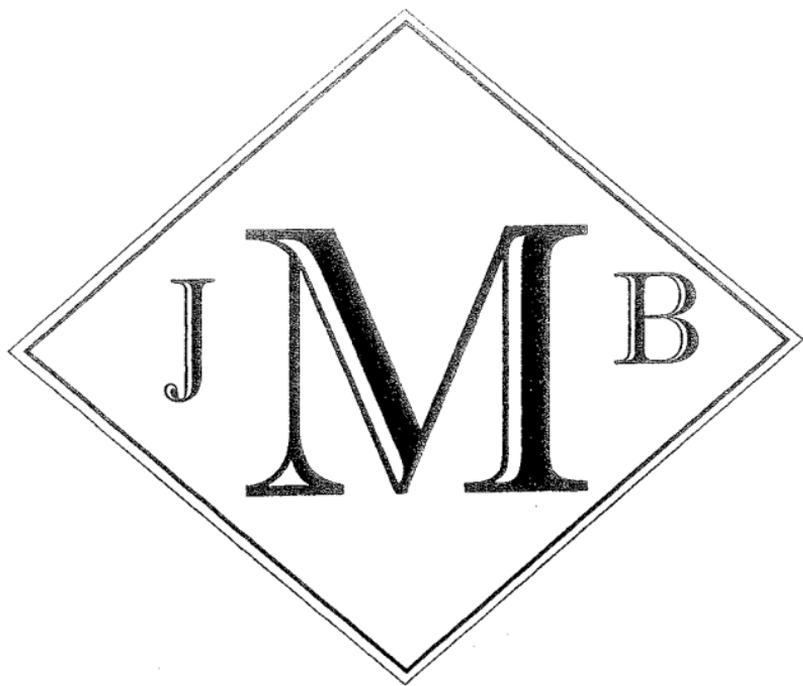
a) We spared no cost to make it.

b) What do we spend on God?

- c) Sin is always expensive.
  - d) Can't move one inch without help.
2. Don't bow to idolatry and its impotency.
  3. Men bear gods; God bears His people.

Isa. 62:3

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# I KNOW GOD VIA HIS COUNSEL

Isa. 46:8-11

## III. Remember this and show.

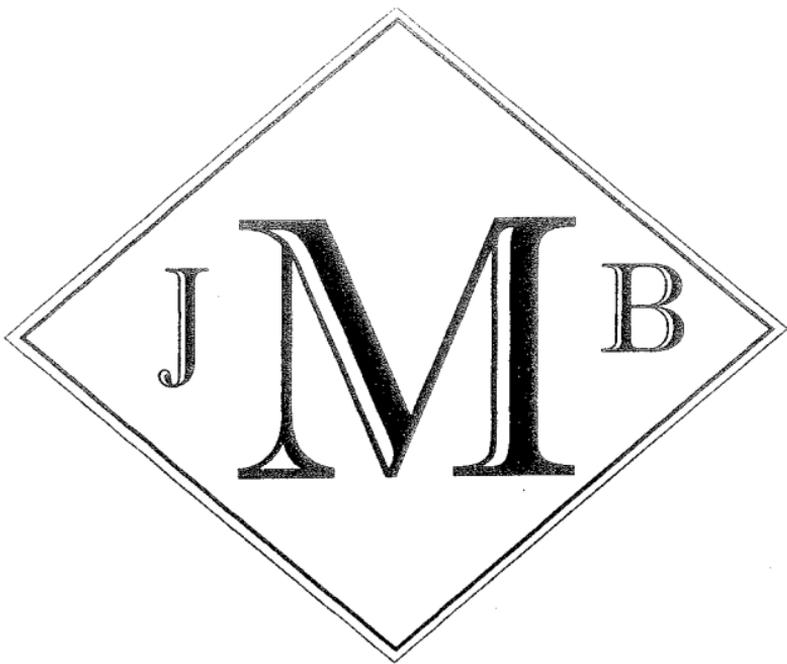
A. I've never known God to be mistaken.

1. Recall His mercy of the past.
2. Consider His prophetic power.
3. He promises good for His people.
4. I am God and there is none else.  
I am God and there is none like me.
5. I declare the end from the beginning.
6. I tell from the ancient times things that are not yet done.
7. I declare my counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure.
8. I'll call a ravenous bird from the east.
  - a) This is Cyrus.
  - b) Eagle his emblem.
  - c) Make him do the mission of Jehovah.
  - d) All work together for an end forseen.
  - e) I'll use reason and sense not weakness and folly of idolatry.
9. Show yourself more by expressing power of recollection.
10. Nothing more worthy of our manhood than to recall what God has done.

11. God is served by the best culture and wisest use of our powers which He has given us.
  12. Learning and humility go hand in hand.
  13. What is pleasant to God is right.
  14. God has no pleasure in anything that is not right.
  15. Essence of all that pleases God is unselfish concern for others.
  16. He's told Israel what would happen in latter days.
- Deut. 32:20 *I will see what their end will be*
- 32:29 *would even sider their latter end*
- Ps. 135:6 *whatever the hard pleased did her Heaven, <sup>9023</sup> deep pl. 25/1/11*
17. Folk like Cyrus who know not God are used to fulfill his will.
  18. Earth will pass away before one word of God's will fail.
  19. God is omniscience and omnipotent.
  20. I am He.
- Ps. 102:24 *Believe not that I am he ye shall*
- John 8:24 *die in your sins*
- Heb. 13:8 *Jesus Christ same, yesterday, today, forever*
20. From ancient times He has accurately predicted the future.
  21. Every prediction is fulfilled.
  22. Cyrus acknowledges God gave him the nation conquered.

23. 150 years before it happened God said Cyrus would break the gates of Babylon.
24. Cyrus was called a "man to fulfill God's purpose."

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# LASTLY I KNOW GOD BECAUSE OF THE CHALLENGE THAT COMES

Isa. 46:12-13

"Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness..."

I. God extends His mercy to those who resist His grace.

A. There is no time to lose.

1. Man must make the right decision.
2. Headquarters of salvation is Zion.
3. All mankind must have the courage of convictions.
4. God calls for the full use of our faculties.
5. He includes our mental best.

B. His supreme pleasure is found in redeeming man.

1. Challenges stouthearted men who currently express no interest in his redemption.
2. See three things:  
Rightousness - not far off.  
Salvation - shall not tarry.  
Glory - for those who accept.
3. Note the prominence of "I."
4. God ever wants to save man as he overcomes obduracy and ignorance.
5. He challenges them to frame an image that looks like God. None see His face and lives.

6. Time is always imminent.

7. A number of times He calls on us to "remember."

C. Men are called to conform to God's will.

D. God has a plan in human affairs.

E. Nothing man can form can save a man.

Deut. ~~22:10~~-12

Phil. 1:6

Ps. 56:13 *Wb/KC God in the light of the living*

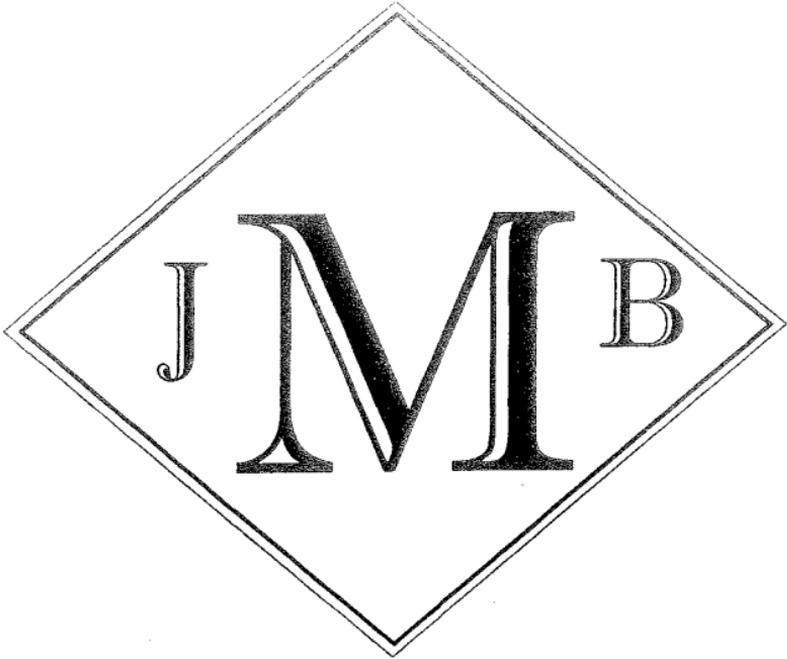
F. One short sentence with five negatives  
 "He will never, never leave thee, He will never, never, never forsake thee"  
 (Heb. 13:5-6).

G. To whom are you indebted for your salvation?

Jer. 17:5-6

H. God is a holy God. His spirit will not always strive with man.

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GOD HAS A WAY FOR THE RANSOMED TO PASS  
OVER

Isa. 51:9-11

I. Perhaps the God of power today awaits the impatient cry.

A. Are you troubled?

1. Today's affairs perplex.

(a) Ambassador apologizes for drunkenness.

(b) Youth shows little respect.

(c) Money is the all commanding tool - Geo. McGovern says stay Vietnam & the money can come to you.

(d) Church sends out few missionaries.

(e) We, in a land of strength, housekeep for the Lord.

(f) Leader's children disappoint us.

(g) Brethren snap & snarl - suspicion runs rampant.

B. Can God do anything about it? Is there a way for the ransomed to pass over?

C. Yes - He always has - He still will - He awaits the impatient cry!

*Linberg Clip*

II. He always has.

Isa. 51:9-11

A. Call for Assistance.

1. God addressed as tho asleep, "Awake, Awake

2. He is asked to appear & deliver his folk.

Ps. 21:13 "Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength

Judges 6:13 "O my Lord, if the Lord be with us why

3. "Put on strength, O Arm of the Lord"

(a) When our arm benumbed, we say "it's asleep"

*Gilbert*

- (b) It's weak when in this condition.
- (c) Darrell Ritter stood in Edmond, Okla. confession of prison (\$24 forged ck.), drugs, self, bewilderment. "Only this is real - Christ."

4. You've done it in times past.

- (a) In the ancient days.
- (b) In the generations of old.
- (c) "Put on the power you used to have."
- (d) Arm is symbol of power.

B. Proof of His Power.

1. I think of Egypt.

(a) "Art thou not he that hath cut Rahab?"

(1) Stood for Egypt.

(2) Means pride, or proud one.

(b) "Wounded the dragon?"

(1) Another way of saying Egypt.

Ezek. 29:3 "Phar. King of Egypt, the great dragon

(2) Meant an adversary, enemy of God.

Ps. 74:13 "Thou didst divide the sea by thy

Then breakest the heads of the dragons in

(c) He caused the people to walk over on dry land. Exodus 14

(1) Red Sea portion of circumambient ocean c tide - not like land locked Med. Sea that's tideless. Thus great sea.

(2)

- 2. He did it with his Son & the Resurrection.  
Rom. 8:31-34 "If God be for us, who can

III. With this history behind me.

- A. The Redeemed of the Lord shall pass over -  
Achieve - Sing - Everlasting joy.
  - 1. We enter life in cry of pain.
  - 2. Millions are unreached & countless thousands are faithless.
  - 3. Our disordered day needs God! Luther, "The darkness grows thicker around us, and godly servants of the Most High become rarer and more rare. Impiety and licentiousness are rampant throughout the world, and we like pigs, like wild beast devoid of all reason. But a voice will soon be heard thundering forth Behold the bridegroom cometh."
  - 4. God's past interposition on behalf of his people constitutes an argument that he will continue to regard them.
  - 5. Ransom shows love, sacrifice, purchase.
  - 6. God will not desert - nor is his arm shortened that He cannot save.

7. Battle's victory lies to those who have best reserves.

8. As they came singing, so must we  
Then let our songs abound  
And every tear be dry

C. God makes a way for the Redeemed to pass over - Amen!

1. Tennyson, "We kneel how weak--we rise how full of power."

White tie on tree

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Corning, Ark., 4th + Vine, 4-4-72  
College Bernice Church, Ft. Smith, Ark. 4-26-72  
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Hixson, Tenn. Church 6-12-72

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Haymere Church, Columbia, Tenn, 8-28-72  
Blainwood Church, Tyler, Texas 9-25-72  
6th + 9th, Little Rock, Ark. 10-22-72

Springfield, Tenn. Church 4-23-73

# Admirals Club

From American Speed Out - Denver CO

20% Ecology good example

15% Family finances - 1/2 US families  
have insur'd debts, 1 out of 10 own 20%  
own 1/5 earning before ever get it

25% Unemployment in '68, 12% now - 6000000

6% drugs - ev. citizen 5 mild  
altering drugs per day - tea, smoke,  
drink, sleeping pill, amphetamine  
next AM

1000 Killed in auto per wk

Cancer of crime - up 148% from '60-'68

11X fast as population

(over)

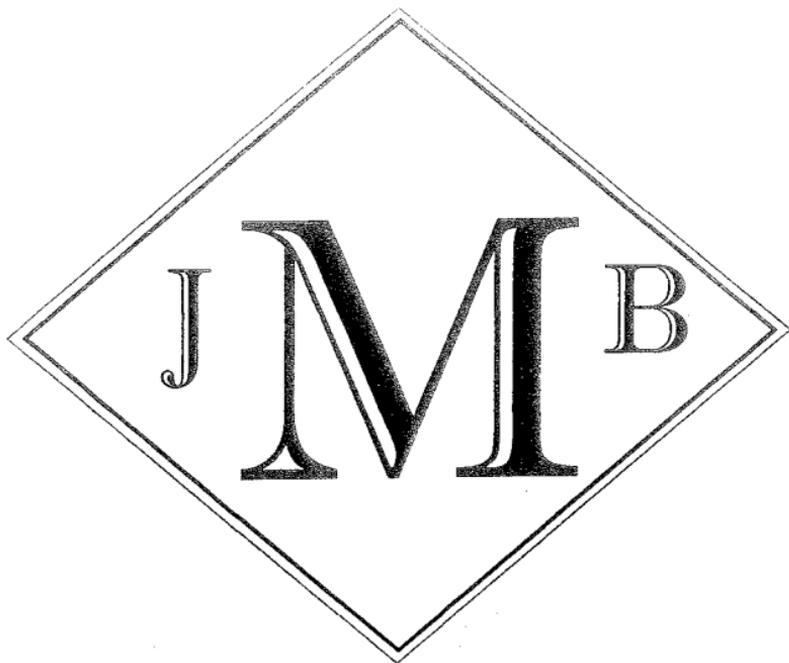
Mr. Cheslin being  
took his daughter to  
see Spirit of St. Louis  
at crucial moment  
little girl said

"Momma did he  
make it?"

Exo 14 - From P.C.

1. Direction of march changed; formerly S.E., one more day & out of Egypt. Then in desert region east of Bitter lakes. No water or food there.
2. Changed to due South - Bitter lake to left.
3. Stayed in E. - well watered - yet could shut them in a sea on one hand & Phar. on another.
4. Cities named of which we know little
5. Phar. that them entangled, confused, perplexed, lost - so his chance to move!
6. Perhaps Phar. that God, since death of 1<sup>st</sup> born, has no more arrows in quiver. I'll attack!
7. Think of all slaves he's losing.
8. For 600 chariots you could expect 100,000 ft. soldiers
9. His people shared Phar. wish to go after them. "Why have we done this?"
10. Phar. went to war in chariots - open behind - semicircular standing - board of wood. Rim 2 1/2' hi - 2 wheels, tongue, 2 horses - 2 men

11. Over took Israel who went out c hi hand
12. Is. not ready for war tho bigger.
13. God will be honored - Moses sure.
14. I. scared - cried to lord - Knew where to get help
15. We turn on some one in trouble - they fussed at Moses. No graves?
16. They didn't rise to heroic heights
17. Stand still - passive. You won't see Egypt like they are any more. Hold peace - do nothing.
18. God - don't cry - go forward, hit rod, stretch out hand. Knew I'm God.
19. Close of day - east wind - angel - cloud water divided, well.
20. Is. marches over
21. Pharaoh then tried c horsemen in morning  
watch: 2:00 AM til sun rise
22. God leaked - threw Eg. into confusion, then took ot chariot wheels - clogged axles, drove heavily, Eg. recognized God.
23. Remained not one. Dead on sea shore
24. Is. saw great work.



# THE PRUDENCE OF THE PRINCE

Isa. 52:13

I. You no doubt see Jesus in many lights:

A. Incarnate.

B. Holy.

C. Love.

D. Sympathetic.

E. Heroic.

II. Do you see him in his Prudence?

A. Define term.

1. No mistakes made.

2. Nothing rash or extraordinary.

3. Also carries idea of prosperity.

Eph. 1:8 "Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all v

4. They act wisely. *Col 2:3 "In whom are hid all the*

B. Ways he acted Prudently. *treasures of wis. & know.*

1. He did not prematurely surrender his life. *Jn 7:30*

(a) Called his body a temple.

(b) Avoided death at Nazareth *Lu 4:28-30* ~~at~~ *other places*

*Jn 7:1, 10*

(c) When they tried to stone him for saying he was older than Abraham "he hid himself."

*John 8:57-59*

(d) After Resurrection of Laz. he "walked not openly

*Jn 11:54*

(e) Do we prize our life - protect our bodies?

## 2. Prudent Insight into Character.

Jn ~~2:24~~ He needed not that any should testify of man  
2:25

(a) Rich young ruler.

Mat 19:23

(b) "Perceived their craftiness".

Lu 20:23

(c) Nicodemus.

Jn 3

(d) This shows why those experiences we can't grasp or understand come to us - He knows why!

## 3. The Adroitness of His Replies.

(a) Amazed folk c temple ans. when 12.

Lu 2:46-47

(b) ~~Tribute to Caesar.~~ Tried to catch Lu 11:53-54

(c) "By what authority" do you do things.

Mk 11: 28-30

(d) So powerful none asked him more qt. - Mk. 12:

34

4. Confined his revelations to limits of his hearers.

Mk 4:33 "as they were able to hear it"

"I have yet many things to say Jn 16:12

5. He encouraged the good.

(a) One man "not far from Kingdom"

Mk 12: 34

(b) Neither do I condemn.

Jn 8:11

- 3. Adroit Reply
- 2. Insite to Character
- 1. Preserve life

6. Procured Salvation

Jn 12: 47

(?) Only Savior

MATT 6: 33

(!) Nothing I need so keenly 7:21

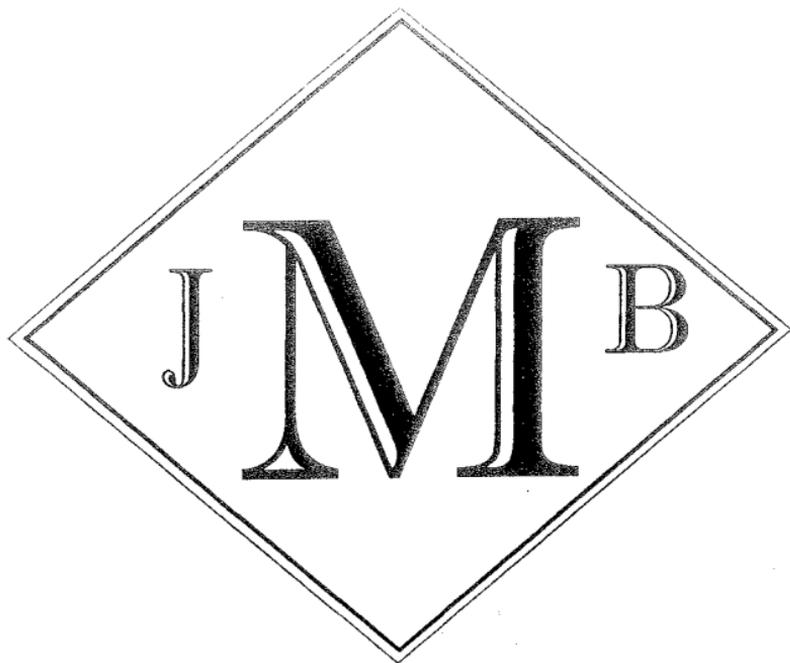
6. In the Procural of Salvation.

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# THE GLOW OF GOLGOTHA

Isa. 53

- I. Long before it occurred Isa. saw the suffering of the Savior.
  - A. Isa. 53 is called the Mt. Everest of OT prophecy
  - B. It's the Psalm of the Sufferer.
  - C. 5 stanzas tell the story.
- II. Shall we see the Psalm?
  - A. Stanza 1 Isa. 52:13-15
    1. We see the Father is proud of the Servant.
    2. He'll work his way wisely to the completion of the Scheme of Redemption.
    3. Present degradation shall not prevent future glory
    4. Prudently = have insight, press forward to full completion of purpose.
    5. His suffering does not sidetrack his purpose. He ever knew what he was doing.
    6. "Exalt, extoll, be very high." Rises & stands triumphant.
    7. People are petrified at what they see as result of his unparalleled suffering.
    8. Beaten, bruise, spat upon, thorns, lash - too disfigured to be recognized; too deep in shame to be chosen.
    9. Sprinke = leap, spring - people tremble as they look - shake.
    10. Kings shut their mouths as they see unfolded in his suffering the truth he is God's Son.
    11. Yet pain leads to glory.
  - B. Stanza 2 Isa. 53:1-3
    1. Confess they were wrong in their conclusions

about him.

- 2. Who could have believed it!
- 3. Who could imagine the divine redeemer in such a condition.
- 4. It was not what we expected.
- 5. Arm = power.

John 1:3 "All things were made by him; and without hi

John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt ar

6. Jesus God's arm to carry out His will. Full power of God in Jesus.

- 7. Why was he not accepted?
  - (a) No glamor in way He grew up.
  - (b) Contemporaries didn't see the unusual?
  - (c) Family & religious leaders doubted.
  - (d) Yet God knew - listen to Him.

Matt. 3:17 "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This

Matt. 17:5 "While he yet spake, behold, a bright clou

Jn. 12:28 "Father, glorify thy name, Then came there

- (e) People have poor faculties for judging worth.
- (f) Saw him as sapling, tender plant, sucker, root or dry ground just to be kicked out of the way. Who would think he could produce fruit?
- (g) He didn't look the part.
- (h) False conceptions - He didn't measure up.
- (i) "Reckoned not" - "no account."
- (j) Hid & walked away - what a commentary on man's grasp of spiritual matters.
- (k) He was alone.

C. Stanza 3 Isa. 53:4-6

1. Now they admit mistake.

- 2. They saw the meaning of his sufferings.
- 3. He was innocent.
- 4. His sufferings were vicarious.
- 5. He's the divine substitute.
- 6. Words: griefs, sorrow, wounded, bruised, smitten transgressions, stripes - Our & He.
- 7. Borne = toilsome carrying of chosen heavy burden.
- 8. Carried - took guilt.
- 9. Stricken - like a disease.
- 10. The Messiah was not the sinner - yet he accepted the heavy stroke.
- 11. Pierced = heart wound, mortally wounded - pierced thru.
- 12. Bruised = crushed - purposely & maliciously.
- 13. Transgressions - ours, not His.
- 14. Chastisement = summation of all pain & punishment  
Our peace at this cost, & most expensive.
- 15. Our selfishness caused his sufferings - we went our own way.
- 16. Like a prism collects rays & focuses in one spot  
He did our guilt.

D. 4th Stanza Isa. 53:7-9

- 1. See the Lamb at work.
- 2. Oppress = bruise, torture.
- 3. Humbled self contrasts the oppression.
- 4. No protest, complaints.
- 5. Yet sin revolting to him - he accepted the horrible features.

Jn. 10:17-18 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I live: and the Father's love is in me, and I love the Father."  
1 Pet. 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver or gold, from your vain conversation by the precious blood of Christ, the pure without blemish and without spot, who was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but who was manifested in the last times for our redemption."

6. His death accompanied by human hands & human law. Judicial murder, said Kyle Yates.
7. Murder used to end his life was means God employed for His purpose.
8. It was for "the transgressions of my people" - not himself that he suffered.
9. Hatred didn't stop in death.
10. Yet all these indignities out of place in relation to his life.

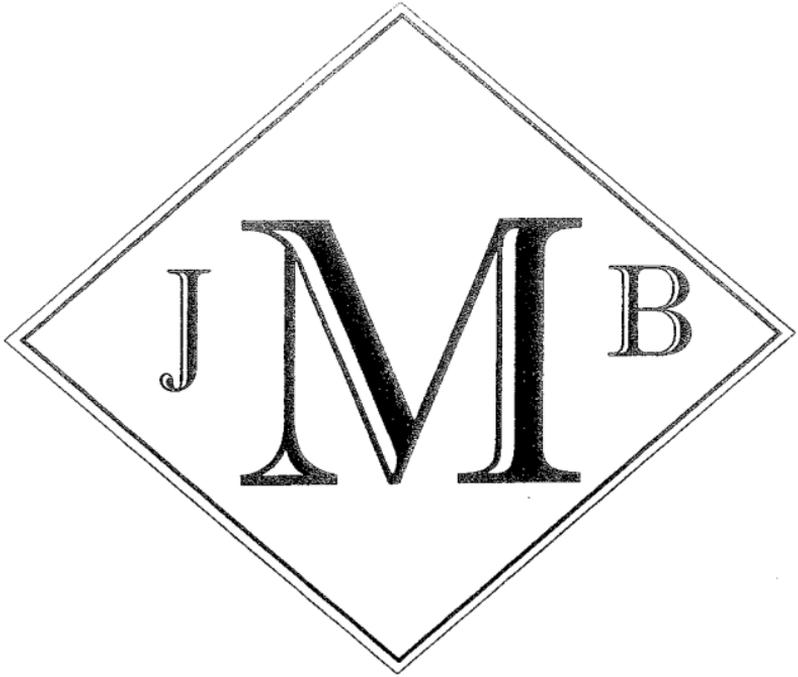
E. 5th Stanza Isa. 53:10-12

1. God will use his suffering to the triumph of His plan.
  2. Men inflicted wounds but God decreed them.
  3. God pleased he could look beyond suffering of His Son & see the redemption it brot - as an operation makes us well.
  4. No other soul could purchase my salvation.
  5. God willed it - Jesus did it - Man can claim redemption.
  6. Now he can have a family - earlier seed cut off.
- Heb. 2:10 Bring many sons to glory.
7. By his resurrection he lives again.
  8. He pours out his soul unto death.
  9. God's satisfied - Sin has an answer.
  10. He'd rejoice as he saw 1000's come to him.
  11. He's earned the right to make many righteous.

2 Cor. 5:19 "God was in Christ reconciling

"When I survey, etc.

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# CAN A DEAD MAN PROPAGATE HIMSELF?

Isa. 53:8-12

I. I have always been fascinated with the contrasts of Christ. *YAH HOOK*

- A. Lion & Lamb.
- B. King & Servant; Lord & Lowly.
- C. Savior & Destroyer *Deity*

II. Why this?

- A. Inconsistent? *Judy's Justice*
- B. Bewildered & floundering?
- C. No, just the difficulty of the great width of Deity being condensed to fit the human mind.

III. In the Story of the Suffering Servant We have these Multiple Contrasts. Shall we study some.

Isa. 53:8-12 (Our text). *Not Jeremiah, Isaiah, etc.*

A. 1st see the Harsh Treatment of the Lord. *original version*

(I unashamedly say the 53 Chapt. of Isa. refers to Jesus - Philip read it (Acts 8) & preached Jesus.

1. "He was taken from prison & from judgment.

a.) Means he was violently taken. *See Margin*

b.) Unjustly handled.

c.) Violently taken under the formality of a legal process.

d.) Scriptural incidence of "police brutality."

2. Who shall declare his generation? *utter*  
a.) Cut off out of the land of the living. *with the same*

(1) Doesn't stay on earth (land of the living).

Cut down like a flower - before his time.

(2) He lives long because he's taken out of the

land of living - our 1st contrast.

(3) ASV says "consider" - serious meditation.

b.) For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

(1) He had no guilt of his own.

(2) He died because of another's mistakes. (Betty & I at night almost ran over a tractor & disc on road & unbrighted in front of Ken Herndon's).

(3) 2nd inconsistency - he died thru no fault of his own - it was mine. *was blind, stroke, work out & death*

(4) ARS says it was my people "for whom the stroke was due."

3. Grave c the wicked & with the rich in death.

(a) 3rd contrast - wicked & rich or are they the same folk?

(1) No - those who crucified Him meant for him to be buried c the thieves.

(2) Joseph of Ari. a good man who buried him.

b.) Did no. violence nor deceit.

(1) Praying for those that crucified him.

Jn. 7:46 "Never man spake like this man

(2) Righteous are often falsely accused.

Heb. 7:26 "For such an high priest became us, who is

4. It pleased the Lord to bruise him.

a.) He who willed his death was his own Father!  
Death was in the Father's hands. Men were not in control. Did only what the Father permitted.

b.) The Father who willed it is Love.

c.) 4th contrast "How could loving Father bruise His own Son?

d.) Ans. He did it to justify me!

e.) 5th contrast - How could God treat a sinner kinder than he did his sinless son - He Loved.

5. Jesus became the offering for sin.

a.) 6th contrast - He made the Sinless one to be Sin & treated Him as such.

Matt. 20:28 "He gave his life a ransom for many

b.) Bulls & goats could not take sin away.

6. 7th contrast - Destroy him & see His seed.

a.) Do dead men propagate themselves?

b.) We all know one generation is the product of another.

c.) Heb. mind viewed numerous posterity as eternal life.

d.) Seed of a teacher are his disciples.

e.) Travail of his soul satisfies God.

f.) He makes us righteous by communicating his merit.

7. He bears our iniquities & thus justifies many.

a.) He's punished for carrying my sins.

b.) Yet his punishment sets me free.

c.) 8th contrast - the guiltless suffers & the guilty is set free.

d.) Your sins can no longer rise up & accuse because the guilt has been punished.

e.) No cross - no crown.

B. Now Let's see the Good Treatment of the Lord.

1. Divide him a portion c the great.

a.) Figure of a victorious general giving out booty.

b.) Jesus granted a position equal to greatest warriors.

Every knee will bow

c.) He will be as victorious in his mission as other victors are in theirs.

d.) This is God speaking in V. 12!

2. He's my Savior & Intercessor.

a.) Great enuf to save me - but keeps on - interceded for me.

Jn. 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh

Jn. 1:12 "But as many as rec. him to them

Rom. 5:19 "For as by 1 man's disob. many were made

b.) Poured out his soul to death but death doesn't defeat Him.

c.) He bears guilt & now intercedes.

Rom. 8:34 "Who is he that condemneth, it is Christ

1 Jn. 2:1 "My little children these things write I unto

Heb. 9:24 "For Christ is not entered into the holy

d.) He perpetually intercedes.

e.) Word for intercession shows a degree of violent collision.

f.) If we pray for poor - give; missions - go.

3. 9th contrast - We find him bearing our iniquities & punished for it as God so willed & this sets the guilty free but it doesn't wear him out - He goes on interceding for us in endless love.

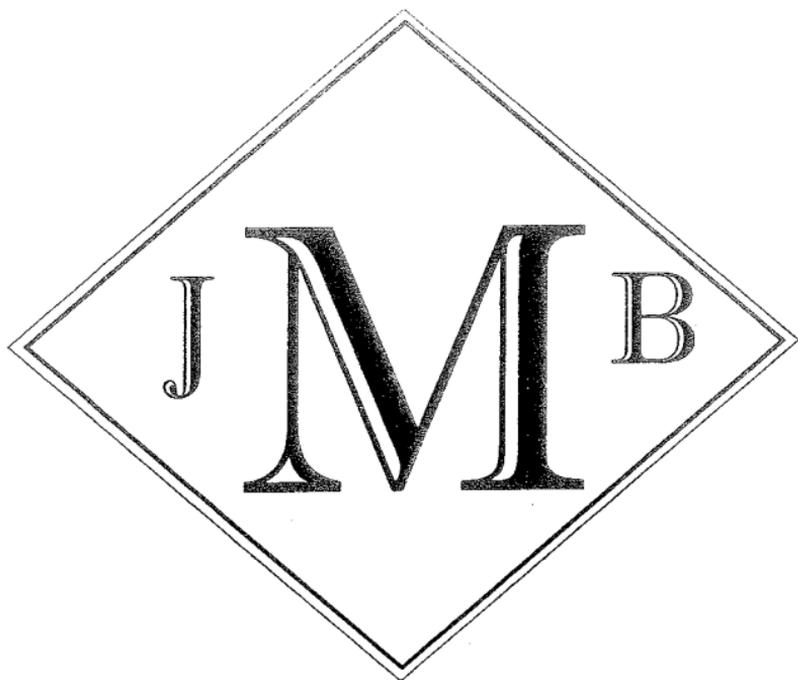
4. Jesus permitted himself to be so numbered.

5. He can do it - set us free - He's worthy

Rev. 5:12 "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is t

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WONDROUS WORDS OF WORTHINESS --  
THE FIRST WATER                      Isa. 55:1-3

I. The KJV translators gave us great pegs on which to tie strings of memory, in the woman at the well.

- A. All are alliterative.
- B. All begin with W.
- C. All are vastly important.

II. Let's list these wondrous words of worthiness, first it's:

A. Water - (4 clippings)

- 1. "Living water" is cited by Jesus.
- 2. She took it literally, not spiritually.
  - a) Travellers carried a leather skin bucket so they could draw from any well.
  - b) Jesus used water spiritually and did it frequently.

Rev. 21:6 "I am Alpha...I give to him that is"

Rev. 7:17 "The Lamb...midst...feed...lead...bring"

- c) He quenches thirst. III. - man said "I climbed ladder of success to top round & then found it was leaning against the wrong building." Jesus wins by default - they've tried everything else!

(1) Is life like groping in an enchanted fog? - Barclay

(2) Augustine "Our hearts are restless  
till we rest in thee".

(3) Nothing of earth long satisfies --  
note the advancement of drug  
culture; channels on TV, Super  
sports.

(4) Are we more occupied with getting  
natural water than spiritual?

3. It had caused some real questions to come--  
were they satirical?

a) Nothing to draw with.

b) From whence hast thou living water?

All from Jesus! From Above!

c) Are you greater than Jacob?

(He said he was greater than the  
Temple, Lord of Sabbath, Before  
Abraham he was, greater than Moses,  
Solomon and Jonah).

B. But are we as puzzled - do we disdain  
water? (As a Quaker said in Pratt -- we  
"dry clean").

1. What's seen in Living Water.

a) ~~It comes from God.~~

Jer. 2:13 "My people have committed two evils"

Isa. 44:3 "I will pour out water upon him"

Isa. 55:1 "Ho, everyone that thirst, come to the"

b) ~~It has unusual qualities.~~

(1) ~~Never thirst.~~

a) From the world - reoccurring  
thirst.

- b) Constant search for satisfaction.
  - c) Money, fame, power, activity satisfy only for a time -- Churchill card.
  - d) We begin to drink this water, never satisfied with anything else. *hard to talk 50 yrs*
  - e) Shall have drunk = a continued, earnest, full, thorough drinking to the end.
  - f) "Man with energy draws water from the depths of hell yet thirsts on" - Augustine.
  - g) Can be free of life's vexation.
- (2) ~~Given.~~
- a) Neither purchased
  - b) Nor merited
- (3) ~~Well~~
- a) Supply not meager
  - b) Won't pump it dry
- (4) ~~Springing~~
- a) Inexhaustible, refreshing, life giving.
  - b) Cover a spring - it seeps through.
- c) What is meant - living waters.
- (1) ~~Blessing of incessant reproduction of itself.~~

4.

- (2) Water is eternal life, salvation, the full satisfaction of all the wants of the heart and the possession of all the holy energies of which the soul is susceptible - Westcott.
- (3) Like the wine of Cana - whatever Jesus does is better.

C. If you knew who it is that speaks --

1. What a chance we have above hers!
2. Tragedy - Creator in the midst of people He created and his identity remains unknown!
3. She asks - are you greater - as Powell says she'd been more amazed if she'd known He watched Jacob dig the well.
4. What thirst do you have?

Ps. 42:2 "My soul thirsts for God, for the"

Matt. 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger"

5. Will you accept the water of baptism now?

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## WATER.

A long leisurely shower uses from 10 to 20 gallons of water — enough to fill most bathtubs, but most people use less water showering than bathing. A man who runs the basin water during a 5-minute shave may send 6 gallons down the drain. Closing the drain, filling the sink halfway, uses one-sixth the water. — *Vogue*, 2-74.

*Water is a daily need for every living thing. It rises from the earth obedient to the summons of the sun, and descends in showers of blessings. It gives of its beauty to the fragrant flowers; it is the alchemy that transmutes base clay to golden grain. It is the canvas on which the finger of the Infinite traces the radiant bow of promise. It is the drink that cheers, and brings no sorrow. Jehovah, upon Creation's dawn, said, "It is good." — WM JENNINGS BRYAN.*

MORE THAN 4.2 trillion gallons of water fall as rain, sleet, or hail on the 48 continental states each day. That's over 20,000 gallons a day for each American. Unfortunately 99% of the earth's water is of little use to mankind. It is either salty, or locked up in polar ice caps. Less than 1% of the earth's total water supply is stored in lakes, rivers, soil moisture, or in aquifers or underground layers of porous rock.

# Water . . .

That's H<sub>2</sub>O, or 11.186% hydrogen and 88.814% oxygen to the chemist.

To the hydrologist, it's  $\frac{5}{7}$  of the earth's surface.

To the botanist, it's  $\frac{9}{10}$  of the bodies of most plants.

To the industrialist, it's 150 gallons to make the paper for one Sunday newspaper or thirty-two gallons to make one pound of steel.

To the water works company, it's seventy gallons per person, per day, at home in the United States.

To the physician, it's two and one half quarts per day to keep a body functioning properly (that's 16,000 gallons in a lifetime).

To the scientist, it's the only known substance naturally present in three forms: liquid, solid, gas.

For Dad, each minute under the shower is five gallons.

For Mom, it's thirty gallons to run a load of laundry.

And for you, unfortunately, it's ten gallons to wash dishes.

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:13, 14, *NIV*).

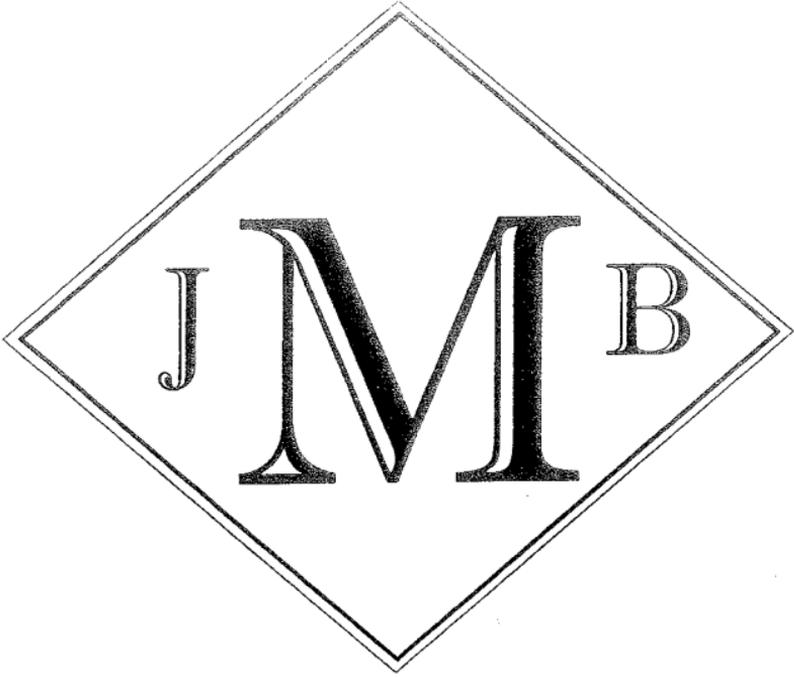
Television does to your mind what  
cotton candy does to your body. It  
attracts your attention, makes you  
want it, and then leaves you with  
nothing but an empty feeling and  
a toothache. —*Nicholas Johnson*

“My days are in the yellow leaf,  
The flowers and fruits of life are gone,  
The worm, the canker, and the grief  
Are mine alone.  
The fire that in my bosom preys  
Is lone as some volcanic isle ;  
No torch is kindled at its blaze,  
A funeral pile.”—*Lord Byron*, on his last birthday.

On March 4, 1977, Winston Churchill's ninety-one-year-old widow sold six paintings at the famous Christy's auction house in London. She was forced to sell the paintings to generate cash. Her government check of \$26 a week was insufficient to make ends meet.

— Carl Malz

(If You're Over the Hill, You Oughta' Be Goin' Faster",  
pg. 61)



# WHY SPEND MONEY FOR THAT WHICH IS NOT BREAD?

Isa. 55:1-4

I. How do you feel?

- A. Want things money can't buy?
- B. Yearn for things passions can't satisfy.
- C. Want more than TV offers?
- D. Then hear the sermon God preached.

II. Background.

A. Sermon to Jews in Babylon.

1. Merchants & traders in exile.
2. Strangely, they liked Babylon.
3. They were successful.
4. Settled down to pagan & routine living.
5. Fortune vs. missionary.
6. Get vs. give.
7. Go getter vs. gospel getter.

B. God knew the future.

1. Cyrus about ready to make his move.
2. Babylon would fall - were his people ready for spiritual tasks?
3. Were they in mind to put 1st things 1st.

C. The Invitation. *No! It's even to the distant!*

1. God invited them to ck. on themselves - they were losing things money couldn't buy.

2. Thirsteth - disappointment in soul's decay.

Things left them thirsty. *We want ~~more~~*

3. Could a "soul" eat corn?

Luke 12:19 "Thou hast much goods laid up"

4. Gospel ans. man's inner cravings.

5. Dust of material things can choke - "come to the waters." *Feed on ashes Isa. 44:20*

*Provental  
desire*

*Nik Yeoward*

Matt 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger & thirst for  
Ps. 42:2 "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God"

6. Direct call - to you! Only if you thirst!

7. Come to water's reservoir.

(a) Broken cisterns fail.

(b) All invited. *gifts free; can't purchase it.*

(c) Find water - wine - milk. *"I came to Jesus and was - weary, thirsty"*

(d) God meets every need of the desire of man.

Jn. 6:35 "He that cometh to me shall never

8. God reminded them they were not pursuing the right thing to get the soul's satisfaction.

9. Life w/o God's empty. Confusion & starvation are in its wake. *No bread = no wine*

(a) "Spend" = lit. weigh silver. *we want: love; knowledge; freedom;*

(b) Your labor = lit. your earning. *honor; aesthetics,*

10. God points out an improper diet they are using.

(a) Folk starve around us today, spiritually speaking.

(b) Money buys so much we forget the eternal.

11. He promises if:

(a) Listen.

(b) Come.

(c) Hear.

(d) Live.

**Broken  
Vase  
Story**

*wine = Gladness*

*Milk = Nourishment*

*water = Refreshes*

HEarken DILIGENTLY

Jn. 10:10 "I am come that they might have life, and

12. Messiah to be God's witness.

(a) He will atone.

(b) He will win.

(c) Seek - not hard to find; not far. Sometimes it's easier to find Him.

(d) Don't sin away your day of grace.

Hos. 4:17 "Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone."

(e) Rejected love reaches a breaking point.

13. Forsake way; turn unto Lord. *Diff. Separation*

14. God will pardon & show mercy. *Repentance*



(a) True love expresses self w/o stint.

(b) Prodigal's dad showed every kindness & generosity.

15. God's ways are above man. He'll prove His love.

(a) Rain.

*God's word capable of endless*

(b) Snow.

*transformations.*

(c) Word.

Deut. 8:3 "And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to  
Matt.

16. He gives joy. *TX in Isa "Everlasting Joy"*

Matt. 6:19-20 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on

Matt. 11:28 "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are

Jn. 6:37 "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast

Jer. 38:20 "Thy soul shall live."

"I heard the voice of Jesus say Come unto me &  
rest.

17. Like said of Willie Mays, "He'll give strawberrie  
in the wintertime."

*We were to raise money for C.C. Thurston for men  
who'd give \$1000. Nick Gekrward - no - if he's able to  
give \$100 already ruined stomach & can't eat!*

*18. Time to seek God now - He fixes his. to - "No  
man can come to me etc." Don't spurn.*

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For response there must be. Without realizing he did it, a well-known clergyman made an interesting slip of the tongue as he was announcing to his congregation that he would read the Scripture lesson from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Referring to it by its initials, he meant to say, "I will read the Scripture lesson from the RSV." But his subconscious mind played a trick on him, and he actually said, "I will read the Scripture lesson from the RSVP" which, as everyone knows, stands for "repondez s'il vous plait" or "respond, if you please."

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*Evangelical*

## DIETING

We question the value of thinness for health's sake. It is certain that anxiety causes as many heart problems as overweight, and few things cause more anxiety than the present demands to diet. We have created a neurotic population that swings in hopeless frustration between crash dieting and over-eating. The number of hard-drug addicts is minute when compared to the diet pill and food limitation addicts. People demand pills to help them lose a few pounds. It is time to point out that a moderately plump person can be in excellent health and to allow patients to eat just about anything they want within reason. — *Science Digest*, 1-74.

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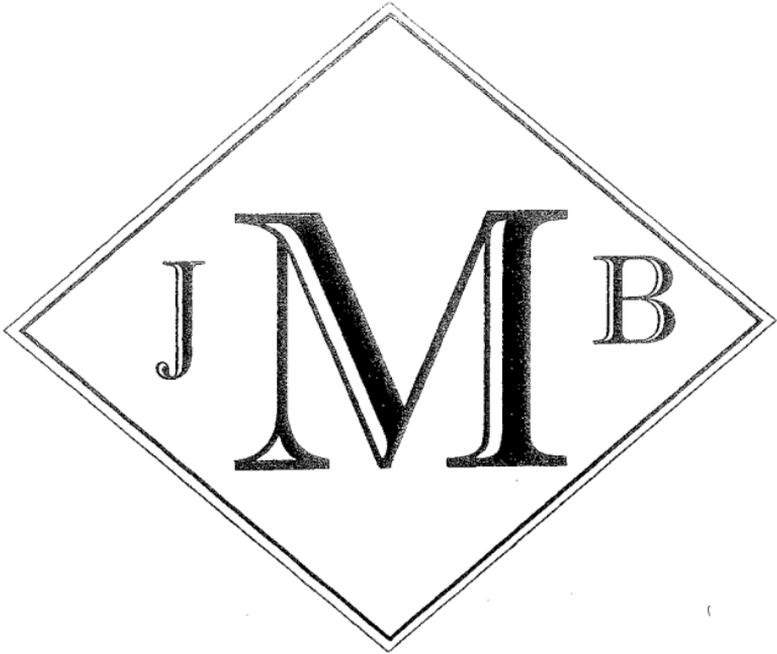
That we live in a fragmented world is all too obvious. We even try to palm off our brokenness as something good. A man went into the china department of a large store. He noticed a beautiful vase that had been broken. The broken pieces were lying on the shelf beside the vase. Seeing a way to get credit he didn't deserve, he asked the clerk for the broken vase and its pieces. Knowing she could not sell the vase, and thinking the man meant to repair it, the clerk granted his request.

*Description*

The man took the vase and its broken pieces to the gift-wrap counter and asked that they be wrapped as a gift. He then mailed the package to a friend hoping the friend would think that the vase had been broken in transit. To his consternation, he received a letter from his friend in which the friend had written: "Thank you for the lovely vase. I especially appreciate the care with which you wrapped each piece separately."

We exalt our brokenness when we need to confess our need for wholeness. What we need is not a temporary repair job, but a message that can give us a whole new outlook; a whole new kind of love; a love that enables us to accept the other person as a brother.

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# MAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE COVENANT

Isa. 55:3-5

- I. If a new law passed, would you not ask, "What does that do to me?"
    - A. Illustrate c tax law - how am I affected, my children, the church.
    - B. If God has a covenant, isn't it proper for me to ask, "What is my relationship?"
  - II. God expects of me certain functions.
    - A. Later we'll see the covenant promises; namely -
      1. Your soul shall live.
      2. I'll make everlasting covenant.
      3. Sure mercies of David.
      4. Fellowship c other nations.
      5. Glorify thee.
    - B. Right now I want to see what is my part in bringing all this to pass.
      1. Incline thine ear.
        - a.) Emphasis on inward hearing.
        - b.) Seize every advantage to know God's will.
        - c.) Picture RCA dog & his Master's voice.
        - d.) "Unto me" of V. 2 shows they have been listening to everyone but the Lord - now hear Him. Stretch or incline ear is to set them to hear only what God utters.
      2. Come unto me.
        - a.) God fully offers.
        - b.) Can't buy gift c money.
- Acts 8:20 "But Peter said unto him, Thy money perishes"  
c.) It's divine initiative that begins the covenant.

## 3. Hear.

a.) When he earlier spoke of water, milk, & wine,  
I know it was not corporal nourishment because  
I'm fed thru "hearing".

b.) By hearing I'm nourished.

Deut. 28:1 "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt h

Matt. 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thir

c.) Hearing to result in obedience.

## III. In Covenant Context, What Does God Offer?

A. Your Soul Shall live.

1. Describes future things he's never seen.

B. I will make an Everlasting Covenant.

1. Lord wants faith in His Word.

2. Covenant, a promise so to speak.

3. God demands a complying performance.

2 Sam. 7:8-16 "Now therefore so shalt thou say unto :

23:5 "Although my house be not so with God; ye

Ps. 89:3-4 "I have made a covenant with my chosen,

89:49 "Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnes

4. God alone makes a covenant. We are not asked  
to originate one.

C. The Sure Mercies of David will be embodied in it

1. Gradually unfolds way of salvation - even as he  
did events of his death.

2. David applied to Messiah.

Acts 13:34 "And as concerning that he raised him up

Isa. 9:6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is

Lu. 1:32-33 "He shall be great, and shall be called th

D. "David" a:

1. Witness.

- a.) This was Israel's true purpose - to witness.
- b.) Jesus called a witness.
- c.) Not like one in court, but life & words proclaim truth to nations.

Mal. 3:5 "And I will come near to you to judgment; and

Jn. 18:37 "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a

2. Leader.

a.) Prince.

b.) 1st among equals is idea.

Acts 3:15 "And killed the Prince of life, whom God has

Heb. 2:10 "For it became him, for whom are all things

Rev. 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful

3. Commander - soldier's obedience to commander is unlimited - do we limit our obedience to the Christ.

a.) Leader shows person.

b.) Commander shows work.

E. Call a Nation Unknown To You.

1. People brot into household of faith.

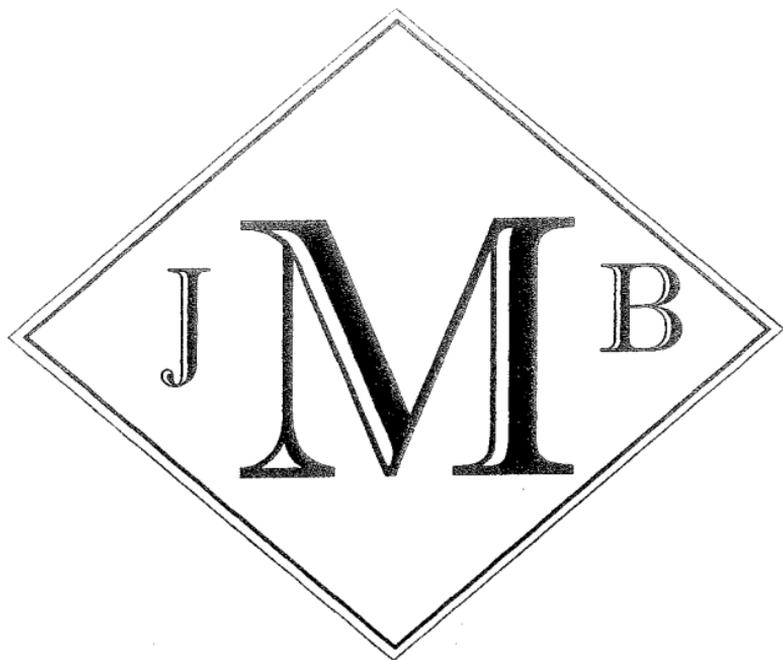
2. Not unaware of their existence but hitherto has not known them as His own.

F. Glorify Thee.

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*"Man Cannot Live By Bread Alone"*

*He* lived in a palace  
on a mountain of gold,  
Surrounded by riches  
and wealth untold,  
Priceless possessions  
and treasures of art,  
But he died alone  
of a "*Hungry Heart*"!  
For man cannot live  
by bread alone,  
No matter what  
he may have or own . . . .  
For though he reaches  
his earthly goal  
He'll waste away  
with a "*starving soul*"!  
But he who eats  
of *Holy Bread*  
Will always find  
his spirit fed,  
And even the poorest  
of men can afford  
To feast at the table  
prepared by the Lord.



# THE URGENT CALL TO SALVATION

Isa. 55:6-7

I. Of all truths, I still believe urgency one of the hardest to communicate.

A. Time we all have.

B. Time we all think we'll continue to have.

II. Isa. said there is urgency.

A. Seek while may be Found

Call while he is near.

1. We've earlier heard the blessings - now we see they are conditional.

Jn. 12:35 "Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little "

Matt. 25:11 "Afterward came also the other virgins

2 Cor. 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time

2. Man grossly shows unconcern for God's invitation.

3. Deaths of others do not move us.

4. Can't find the Lord unless we seek Him, seek= to "tred", step to call. Call = obey.

Lu. 13:24 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for

Gen. 32:26 "And he said, Let me go, for the day be

Matt. 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist (Remember life is rushed, so be sure you select the excellent things)

5. Time will come when you can't find Him.

Ecc. 9:10 "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it

a.) Our day of grace terminates at the latest as the grave.

Prov. 1:24-31 "Because I have called, and ye refus

2 Cor. 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time

Gen. 6:3 "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not al

Rev. 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if

Matt. 12:20 "A bruised reed shall he not break, and

b.) Man not always constantly open hearted to God.

c.) Sometimes we are more prone to obey than others; we are seasonal.

d.) Some sin away day of Grace.

Heb. 13:17 "Obey them that have the rule over you, a

3:7 "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To d

Lu. 14:17 "And sent his servant at supper time to say

Matt. 20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a

Heb.

B. Do we today show any sense of urgency?

1. Young?

Prov. 8:17 "I love them that love me; and those that s

22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: a

2. Afflicted?

Micah 6:9 "The Lord's voice crieth unto the city, and

Ps. 50:15 "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I

3. Aged?

Matt. 20:5-6 "Again he went out about the sixth and ni

III. Three Things Man Must Do if God gets to show  
2 things.

A. Man must:

1. Let the wicked forsake his way.

a.) If we repent, God will pardon.

b.) Wicked = one who forsook a straight course, crooked. He deviates from prescribed way - morals or organization.

2. The unrighteous man forsake his thoughts.

- a.) Lay aside our proud thots as we "I wouldn't do it that way" syndrome.
  - b.) God searches our hearts.
3. The backslider must return unto the Lord.
- a.) Let him retrace his steps.
  - b.) Backsliding brings misery.
  - c.) Has to have once been c God, else how could he return.

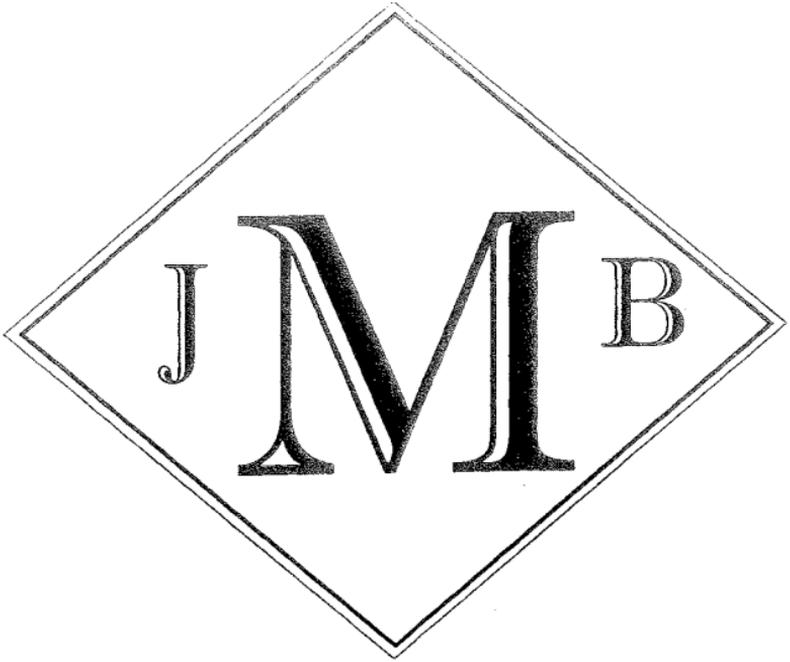
B. If so, God will.

- 1. Have mercy on him.
  - a.) God wants to show mercy.
  - b.) Remember tho he is not so merciful he will not punish!
  - c.) It's our God - personal.
- 2. God will abundantly pardon.
  - a.) We either think he won't punish, or
  - b.) Our sin is too big for him to pardon - and we are wrong both ways!
  - c.) Lit. multiply to pardon.
  - d.) God doesn't easily let anyone go.
  - e.) Not niggardly done.

Rom. 5:20 "Moreover the law entered, that the offe

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# AS A PARENT I HAVE A SPIRITUAL OBLIGATION TO MY CHILD

Isa 55:8-11

## I. Facts about our task as parents

A. God gave us children - His plan always best.

1. Dr. Wm. Orr in "What to Teach Young Children" said He could have made a "children tree" & let you pick child you wanted c eyes & hair as you like - but He didn't so elect. *Please - Prosper*

B. He's given us a successful combination in word & child *It shall not return void but accomplish*

Isa. 55:11 "So shall my word be that *goeth 4th*

Isa. 28:13 "For *18* precept *But the word of the Lord* must be upon p. *is with*

1. His word will work *Sit, walk, lie, rise*

2. Keep telling it

Deut. 6:6 *Teach Diligently*

3. Parents are best teacher *Argument-notes*

(a) "How can a child live right when he's never seen it done?" *Woke 7-9 AM*

(b) TV 10:00 P.M. "Parents, do you know where your children are?" *"up its 7"*

Eph. 6:1 "Children obey your p. *1) Sow sentences*

Matt. 19:14 "Suffer little children *2) Einott clip*

4. 3/4 of all a person will ever know he does by the time he's 7 yrs. old.

5. Home blends two greatest forces: environment & heredity

*2) Earl Hanson article*

Children build house, buy car, fill wood box 2.

6. It's God's way

Eph. 6:4 "And ye fathers . . . bring them up

Col. 3:20-21 "Children, obey your parents

Heb. 12:7 "What son is he whom the <sup>In all things</sup> Father

Prov. 22:6 "Train up a child in the <sup>chastend</sup> <sup>not</sup>

→ Maurice Friedman article

C. Some great lessons they must learn

1. Fear God (Moon Mission Article)

Prov. 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the b.

2. Obey <sup>shall give thee rest - he shall give delight</sup>

Prov. 29:17 "Correct thy son & he shall give

(a) "Rest" & "delight" contrasts anxiety & worry of the undisciplined <sup>away evil ship</sup>

Prov. 20:30 "The blueness of a wound <sup>cleanseth</sup>

(b) Not in anger but enuf to know - Jesse Long at G. At. C.C. spanked 1st boy - "boy that board is cold. Time to warm it up!

James 1:5 "If any of you lack w.

(c) Grandpa acted c authority, w/o hesitation, c certainty - do we when right act in doubt? What if Dr. fainted at sight of blood!

3. Honesty <sup>Paul Harvey told during NY garbage strike</sup> of a resident who took his garbage; gift wrapped it; left it in shopping bag in car - each nite it was gone

a) Dr. Joyce Brothers quote  
b) Cruel to push too fast - in college before grow beard!

4. Dependability

- 2) Paul Harvey - Family respect
- 3) Swiss ways

5. Unselfishness

6. Respect - age, property, land

(a) Tell of cafeteria in Tulsa c 12 yr. coat of paint still on it - McQuigg

(b) Poem on judgement

(c) Hippie clip

7. Manners - You are model

(a) Table - Mouth full, he will

(b) Please & thank you

(c) Don't correct "impolitely". You didn't say Thank You in front of a crowd.

8. Love

Clare BARTON

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9. Appreciation

1. Knowledge

2. Attitude

3. Action

10. Loyalty

(By fuller wiesler)

11. Thrift

1. Know

2. Feel

3. Respond

} Gospel  
light  
Teaching  
Aim

12. Think

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The result of a bitter argument between them was that Mr and Mrs Brown were not speaking to each other. Upon retiring for the night, Brown handed his wife a terse note which read: "Call me at seven in the morning."

When he awoke, it was nine. As he piled out of bed he saw a note beside his own: "It's seven. Get up, you bum!" - LANE OLINGHOUSE. f

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*Quote*

Miriam Van Waters, in speaking of the relentless pursuit of the law after its basic logic ("Where there is crime or injury, there must be responsibility"), relates an unidentified case in which a sow was solemnly convicted and executed for having, with her litter of pigs, damaged a crop. Interestingly enough the litter of young pigs was spared because they were thought not to be to blame--not responsible!

"Helping Youth in Conflict" - Francis I. Frellick

When mother cannot be home personally to greet her returning child, a message as to her whereabouts is most helpful. Some parents of school-age children use the written message to deepen the relationship with their children. It is easier for them to express appreciation and love in writing.

"Between Parent and Child" - by Dr. Haim G. Ginott

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*Read Careful Letters*

## CHILDREN—Raising—9

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My teenager granddaughter wrote me plaintively that her 5-yr-old brother wouldn't mind her. I replied, "It's aggravating that Mark misbehaves, but he *is* a fine boy. You know, Susan, there are about four ways to persuade people to do what you want: one, pay them: two, make them because you're stronger: three, entertain them, play games — they laugh with you and they 'go along' because you're a playmate: four, love them, show it, and they love you back — they want to do what pleases you. To raise children takes all four, but the best results come from a whole lot of number four." — EARL H HANSON, "Viewpoints," *Education*, 2-3-69.

## CONTENTMENT—10

It is right to be contented with what you have, but never with what you are. — *Grit*, 4-6-69.

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## ACTION PLEASE

"Mother," exclaimed a little girl, "I love you so much. When I grow up, I am going to buy you a great big automobile, so that you can ride everywhere and see everything."

Her little sister, not to be outdone, said, "Mother, I love you too, and when I grow up, I am going to buy a house with fifty rooms and lots of servants so you won't have to work any more."

The mother was delighted. But she waited to hear what Johnny meant to do for her when he became a man. Johnny said nothing... Finally she said, "Johnny, don't you love me?" "Yes, I do mother, I've just been filling up the woodbox for you."

It is one thing for us to make big promises of what we will or would do under certain circumstances, and quite another to do what we can with what we have. Plans without action do not accomplish much for the Lord.

--- Via Scottsdale, Ariz.

X Our greatest educational need today is precisely the education of character, the education of men who will be ready to respond to unforeseen historical and personal situations with integrity, with flexibility, with openness, with strength. — MAURICE FRIEDMAN, Temple Univ, "Education and the Image of Men," *Teachers College Record*, Columbia Univ, 12-68.

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## MOON MISSION

We in the United States are engaged in one of the most exciting scientific programs the world has ever known. As we gaze upwards and observe the vastness of our universe, we should remember the verses of scripture read by our Apollo 8 astronauts as they circled the moon on Christmas Eve. It was from the opening chapter of the Bible where it tells how God, in the beginning, created the heavens and the earth. Our astronauts, with all their scientific knowledge and personal courage, realized within themselves how insignificant they really were as they traveled through the vastness of outer space around our closest planet, the moon.

As King David, the Psalmist, rightfully expressed it;

**"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"**

(Psalm 8:3, 4)

During a moon mission, astronauts aboard the Apollo (command module) leave the mother ship and enter the lunar module (LM), at which time they affix their space suit umbilicals. The umbilical supplies the astronaut with the necessary oxygen and pressure to sustain his life. Without it, in a space environment, he would perish instantly. One portion of this "life line" consists of an electrical cable which the astronaut connects into a mating receptacle on his space suit. This provides him with a means of 2-way communication and enables him to relay back to Mission Control Center all strategic data concerning his heart (EKG\*). Since the Bible says in Leviticus 17:14 that the life of all flesh is the blood, it becomes quite obvious why the condition of the astronaut's heart is constantly monitored.

As the designer of the electrical portion of the

space suit umbilicals, I had one thing in mind when assigning the reference designations P316 to the plug of the Commander's umbilical and P317 to the plug of the LM pilot's umbilical. I realized that in order for the astronauts to have perfect communication with Mission Control and the Apollo command module they would first have to connect into mating receptacles, located on the front of their space suits, which would assume the reference designations of J316 and J317. This means that the astronauts will have perfect communication with the earth through J316 and J317.

No other reference designations could so completely picture the meaning of John 3:16 and John 3:17 which together make up the "eternal life line" message of the Bible. Listen to what these two verses tell us:

**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)**

**"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17)**

The central message of the Bible can be condensed into these two verses. Eternal life can be yours by simply believing these two verses with all your heart. Not only can you have perfect **communication**, but also perfect **communion** as well as **peace** with God if you claim these two verses as part of your life.

Just as the space suit umbilical is the "life line" for the astronauts, even so the Lord Jesus Christ can be your "eternal life line" if you will only connect John 3:16 and John 3:17 into your heart.

Your eternal life depends upon it. Won't you do it today?

Frank M. Denton  
Designer, CAEC

\*Electrocardiograph

## CHILDREN—Dishonesty—8

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Some parents unwittingly encourage the dishonesty of their children by setting unrealistically high standards of achievement without honest consideration of the child's abilities and interests.

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Even the child who is generally an "A" student may feel compelled to cheat if his parents place great emphasis on his superior record. One recent sociological study found that parents with high aspirations but limited means seemed to encourage their children's cheating.

— Dr JOYCE BROTHERS, synd  
col, 1-10-69.

## PARENTS—Children—39

The cruelest thing a parent can do these days is to push a bright child through school too fast. What if he arrives at college too young to grow a beard? — *Ohio State Grange Monthly*, 1-69.

## POLICEMEN—40



# VIEWPOINT

CHARLES  
WILSON

EDITOR



## Family

## Respect

In the United States there never has been arrested a chronic delinquent child of Chinese parents. Seven percent of America's juveniles will be in trouble this year with the law. Not one Chinese! In the U. S. there has never been a Chinese conviction for rape, burglary, bank robbery, or desertion. In the half-century of Chicago's Chinatown, there has been only one arrest for breaking and entering.

Despite generations of Western influence this race has somehow check-reined the impulses of its vigorous youngsters. How? Albert K. Leong, President of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Assoc. of Chicago says,

"We keep a tight rein on the children until they are fully responsible." Editor Thomas Y. Fu, of the China Times in Chicago says, "Our children just naturally respect and obey their parents. A boy or girl would not bring shame on his family or his family name."

However circuitous the line of questioning (in a research I made) became, it always seemed to lead back to a simple formula. "Our children are always home at mealtimes." Most Chinese-Americans, no matter how wealthy or poor, maintain a strict family style home. Mealtimes are ceremonious affairs which must be attended by every member of the family.

Could such a simple home remedy as this help explain why not one of New York's 10,000 Chinese-American school aged youngsters has never been brought to courts for narcotics, speeding, burglary, vandalism, stick-up, purse-snatching or mugging? Not even for speeding?

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother..." (Eph. 6:1, 2)

--Paul Harvey



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# HIGHLAND STREET MESSENGER

"This then is the message which we have heard of him,  
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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## HOW OTHERS ARE DOING IT!

The nation with the lowest crime rate and fewest law enforcement officers per capita in the world is Switzerland. They have practically no juvenile delinquency problem. How would you like to live there?

Children under sixteen are not allowed to attend movies. They insist on rearing their children free from the influence of violence and sex which characterize American movies and TV. They say they do not want to make heroes of gangsters and sex perverts.

Drivers license cannot be obtained by children under eighteen, and tests are so difficult that they rarely ever get them until they are nineteen. "Hence there are no car thefts or crimes involving motor vehicles."

Dignity of labor is emphasized in Switzerland. Youngsters serve compulsory apprenticeship to learn a trade after they are sixteen. "They are kept busy with their studies and craftsmanship when many young people in other nations loiter at drive ins or street corners, or play high speed games of "chicken" on the highways." Jewish parents during Old Testament days were disgraced if their boys grew up without knowing a trade by which they could support a family. Our youth in America think they are smart if they can scheme to get by without any work.



"Dating is not allowed until after the age of sixteen. This is not the ruling of a few "prudes"; this is the national philosophy." This may be the reason Switzerland has the lowest divorce rate in the world, (3.59 per one-thousand marriages).

"While youth in the world are enslaved in the cult of violence and crime, people of this tiny land-locked nation have managed

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to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency by setting a pattern for their children of hard work and meaningful living."

Do you think you would like to live in a society like this?

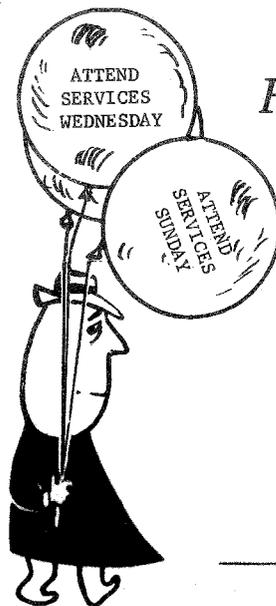
--Author Unknown

MEETING CANCELED - Our meeting with bro. Yater Tant, April 28 - May 2, has been canceled for the time being, due to the illness of bro. Tant's daughter-in-law.

IN THE HOSPITAL - Bruce Sheline's mother, Mrs. Madge Sheline, is in room 440, St. Joseph Health Resort, Wedron, Ill. Bro. Clint Gerald's came home from the hospital last Tuesday. Bro. Clarence Lloyd is in room 707, St. Margaret hospital, at the time of this printing but is expecting to come home in a few days.

MEETING AT PORTAGE, IND., starts Wed. night with bro. Bural Bingham from Corinth, Miss., preaching.

NOISE AND RUNNING in and out of the building after services is one the increase again. Several children have suffered bloody noses, skinned knees, etc. Some child is going to be hurt seriously if parents don't put a stop to it.



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Upon this rock I will build my church



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Do grade-school children want to grow up to be hippies? Not so, if the 5th grade at Huber Ridge School, Westerville, Ohio, is typical. In compositions on hippies pupils wrote: "They chew gum with their mouths open." "A hippy wears tight pants and suffers." "They like horrible and do horrible things, such as kiss and hug." — Parent-Teacher Ass'n Mag, 11-68.

## REMEMBER TO FORGET

CLARA BARTON, founder of the American Red Cross, was once reminded of an especially cruel thing that had been done to her years before. But Miss Barton seemed not to recall it.

"Don't you remember it?" her friend asked.

"No," came the reply, "I distinctly remember forgetting that incident."

# Today's Investment—Tomorrow's Dividend

BY ALFRED A. MONTAPERT\*

**T**HE UNITED STATES of America is doomed to be captured. An army will march throughout the length and breadth of our great land. Its soldiers will march into the White House and there place their own President. They will elect their own Congress and appoint their own judiciary. They will commandeer all our resources. They will take over our mint and confiscate all our wealth. They will take over our churches and preach what they will. They will appropriate our schools and teach what they will. This vast army is on the march—it is our youth!

They are being reared in our homes, educated in our schools, and getting their conceptions of God and spiritual values in our churches. What they will be, when they take over, depends upon us. *We are the reason for the delinquency which we decry so loudly.*

It was Goethe who said, "The future of any nation is determined by the opinions of its youth under twenty-five years of age." And mothers, good or bad, pretty largely shape these opinions.

The influence of good mothers upon our national life can scarce-

ly be overestimated. The home is our greatest institution. Our libraries are full of histories of war, commerce, literature, and finance, but strangely enough no writer has ever seen fit to write a history of the home and its influence upon the life of a nation.

If Fisk and Bryce have written the history of our laws and institutions, it remains for serious students to trace these laws and institutions back to the love and instruction and forethought of great, good women. If "in the shadows standeth God," just as surely behind the scenes has stood a good mother molding, inspiring, and directing every great man who has wrought mightily for national greatness and security.

Napoleon once said, "The future of France is its homes." Time proved his prediction true.

## HILL-TOP MUSINGS

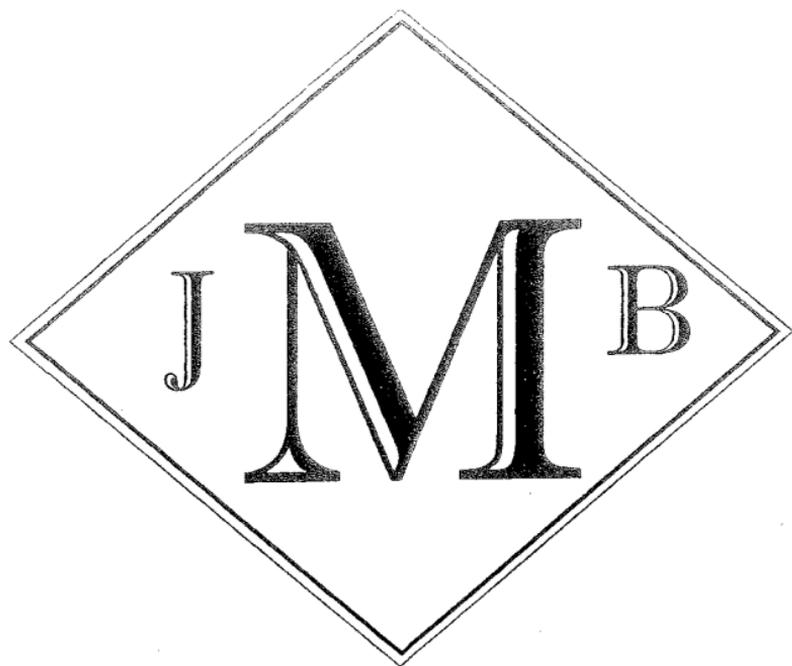
### LIGHTS

EVERETT WENTWORTH HILL

Lights that shine from souls of men  
Are like lights on a storm-swept road.  
Lights that pierce the blackest nights  
Are like lights where love has abode.

Candles may brighten dismal rooms  
And a lamp may flicker and fade,  
But the lasting light of one true soul  
Will bring light to those afraid.

\*Mr. Montapert is the subject of *You Should Know*, page 7A.



# IF YOU WANT THE FORMULA FOR GROWTH

Isa. 58:1-12

I. Constantly come the studies, the comparisons, the methods for church growth.

A. Oddly years ago God gave the formula.

B. His loves never change--do this now and you will:

v-8 "Thy light break forth as the dawn  
thy health spring speedily."

v-9 "Call and the Lord will answer  
Cry - Here am I."

v-10 "Thy light rise in obscurity"

v-11 "Be like a watered garden"

v-12 "The repairer of the breach,  
The restorer of paths to dwell in."

C. Question

1. Is it something we can do?

2. Does God still want it?

3. If I find I can, will I do it?

4. How great is my faith?

D. Turn to Isa. 58.

II. 1st we must expose a sinful people -  
namely us.

Isa. 58:1-2 "Cry aloud, spare not"

A. Cry, Spare not, Life up voice,  
Show sins & Transgressions.

1. Cry

a) Message of correction & punishment.

b) It's the voice of God.

c) Hold nothing back.

2. Spare not - repudiate shallowness.

3. Lift up trumpet voice.

a) Lit. cry with throat.

b) Cry at top of voice.

c) Trumpet is emphatic & clear.

4. Show my people.
  - a) Clearly reveal their hypocrisy.
  - b) They need convicting, not comforting.

Isa. 40:1

- c) Let them accurately see how bad they are.
  - d) It's the people of God who are sinning.
  - e) Preachers need to show folks they are sinners.
  - f) Difficult for religious leaders to point out sins of their own folk.
5. They are guilty of transgressions and sin.

- a) Messenger of God cannot fail this duty & be faithful.
- b) Wickedness & worship are incompatible.

Titus 1:16

- They profess that they know God* *Abom described good work people*
- c) Note it's God's people who sin.
  - d) God is displeased when they do.
  - e) God will heal those who come to Him.

f) He makes a change in lives.

B. But Sinful People will offer a rebuttal.  
They say:

1. Seek God daily.
  - a) Act like they are pleasing Him.
  - b) It insults God.
  - c) Claim a constant consistency of seeking Him.
  - d) In their element when at devotionals.

2. Delight to know my ways.
  - a) Strong desire expressed.
  - b) Special acts of piety & they delight in them.
3. Do Righteous - Forsake not Ordinances.
  - a) Exactly what He wants if only sincere & translate into life this quest.
  - b) Wear honorable title but still bad.
  - c) No word more often in the Bible than righteousness.
  - d) "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"
  - e) "Righteousness exalteth a nation."
4. Ask For Ordinances of Justice.
  - a) Consult his word regularly.
  - b) Inquisitive concerning their duty.
5. Delight in Approaching God.
  - a) Strong desire.
  - b) (Don't all these 5 look good? Where is mistake?--surely not the opposite of this!)
  - c) (It was in the element of sincerity)

C. Rebuttal Continued (v-3)

1. Fasted and not seen.
  - a) Starts complaint of the hypocritical worshipper.
  - b) God will shortly answer them.
  - c) Complained God did not see or notice.
  - d) He does & knows it is only external.

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- e) They argue with God to prove their orthodoxy.
- f) They arrived at their conclusions because saw lack of results-- nothing happened.
- g) Not blessed by external signs.

2. Afflicted Soul - take no knowledge.

- a) Picture of extreme outward humiliation.
- b) Magnify their performance.
- c) Pain of the fast is not what makes it meritorious. Valued only if it leads to ammended ways.

D. God Answers

1. In day of fast you find pleasure. (3)

- a) Selfishness spoils religion.
- b) Not what do I get out of it but what did I give God!
- c) Our worship is not to please ourselves
- d) They have a greater concern for self satisfaction than God's being pleased.
- e) Makes them hypocritical in approach to God.
- f) God tells them why--put selfish pleasure first.
- g) Isaiah puts it even before work-- enjoyment is top rung of ladder.
- h) Can't worship God one hour then do what we please the rest of the time.

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2. You exact all your labor.
    - a) They regard day of fast as ordinary day of work for others.
    - b) Service to God must not in any way interfere with what they want to do.
    - c) Also they get all they can out of workers even on fast days.
  3. You fast for strife and debate.
    - a) Your religion ends in quarrels and strife.
    - b) Your fast does not make you look toward God.
    - c) Answer to prayer is drown out in voice of strife.
  4. Your fast leads to fists.
    - a) Strike with clenched fists.
    - b) Hit one another in violence.
  5. Should you continue in this type fast you will not be heard on high.
    - a) God shows they are not doing what he asks for.
    - b) Empty religion is not enough.
    - c) No sign of repentance shown thus no response to God.
    - d) Your fast is meaningless.

Jer. 14:12 *when they fast I will not hear their cry*  
 Zech. 7:5-7

- e) On high = Heaven.
- f) Some religions the world admires, God despises since He sees the heart.
- g) Pitiful part--formalist does not know he is a formalist. He is only an actor playing a part.

## E. God Paints the Picture.

1. I did not choose the fast you give me! (What about worship?)
  - a) Fast perhaps refers to all outward forms of public worship.
  - b) He asked for only one.

Lev. 16:29-31

2. You can bow like a bullrush and have a couch of ashes--no value!
  - a) Outward must match inward.
3. You call it a fast, I do not.
  - a) Repudiate shallowness.
  - b) Accept no perfunctory performance.
  - c) These folk slow to see their sins.
  - d) God not happy with outward if heart does not match it, in sincerity.
  - e) Must blend the formal and the inward devotion of spirit.

*Leave  
min. supper  
over!*

## III. Acceptable Fast &amp; its Results.

## A. God's chosen fast--his religion.

1. Loose the bands of wickedness.
  - a) Have you placed fetters of wickedness on someone else?
2. Undo the heavy burdens.
  - a) Another figure to show freedom.
  - b) Wants oppression completely destroyed. *c) lit. bundles of yokes.*
3. Let the oppressed go free.
  - a) Oppressed = broken.
4. Break every yoke.

5. Deal thy bread to the hungry.
- Share food with those that have none.
  - Positive side to his work.
  - Act humanly toward needy.
  - Thy bread, honestly gotten, (not government support).
  - Do we deny ourselves for the hungry?
6. Bring the poor that are cast out into thy house.
- Homeless remembered.
  - Entertain strangers.
  - Poor called on to sustain many in voluntary fast--simply have no food.
  - Do we make them fast religiously to save on our grocery bill?
7. Cover the naked.
- God sets ethical demands of service.
8. Hide not from Kin.
- Don't forget your kinfolk.
  - Some do and deny faith--put it all on government and keep to self.

B. Growth Results Promised.

- Then--this is significant. (V-8)
- Light break forth as the morning.
  - Idea of eggs hatching.
  - Like water gushing.
  - Suggest suddenness, swiftness, novelty.

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poor, charity  
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since.*

- d) Suddenly becomes dawn.
- e) Chiastic order - noun 1st  
verb next.
- f) Hide under bushel of formation  
and worldliness no light shines.

3. Health springs forth speedily.

- a) Healing of a wound.
- b) A restoring.
- c) Long bandages applied by  
surgeon to wound.

4. Righteousness go before thee. *rest guard*

- a) Righteousness their vanguard.
- b) God uses his righteousness to  
save us; we should employ same  
spirit.

5. Glory of the Lord thy reward.

- a) Shekinah--thus certainty of God's  
presence.

6. Call & the Lord answers.

Cry--Here am I

- a) Note semblance, substance & now  
reward of religion.
- b) God answers prayer.

Prov. 28:9

C. Take Away:

1. Yoke

- a) God's fast--abstain from oppression  
--not food.

2. Finger

- a) In mockery.
- b) Middle finger perhaps.
- c) You! You! You! at games.
- d) Pointing with contempt.

3. Speaking vanity.
  - a) Stop saying ugly things.
  - b) Speak kindly of others.
- D. Receive -- Read (v. 10-12)
  1. Love is the hallmark of God's folk.
  2. Glory in:
    - Equity in jurisprudence.
    - Honor in trade.
    - Justice for all.
    - Purity in morals.
    - Fairness to all.
  3. Peace, Justice, Kindness.
  4. Spiritual illumination, sound guidance and protection, communion, fruitfulness. *lite rise in the darkness*
  5. God's garden--everyone wants one.
  6. Paths will travel in safety.
  7. God promises help as we do what He wants.
  8. God makes it up to you.
  9. Be sincere in everything.
  10. Hand and heart join in caring.
  11. God blesses!

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Someone has characterized the older generation, who might be absent from church, as asking when one of the family comes in from church, "What did the preacher say?" The younger generation would ask, "What happened?" And too many of the younger generation feel that not enough is happening in church to make it worthwhile.

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A church that keeps its possessions, either spiritual or material, to itself is in danger. It is when both are shared that a church functions properly.

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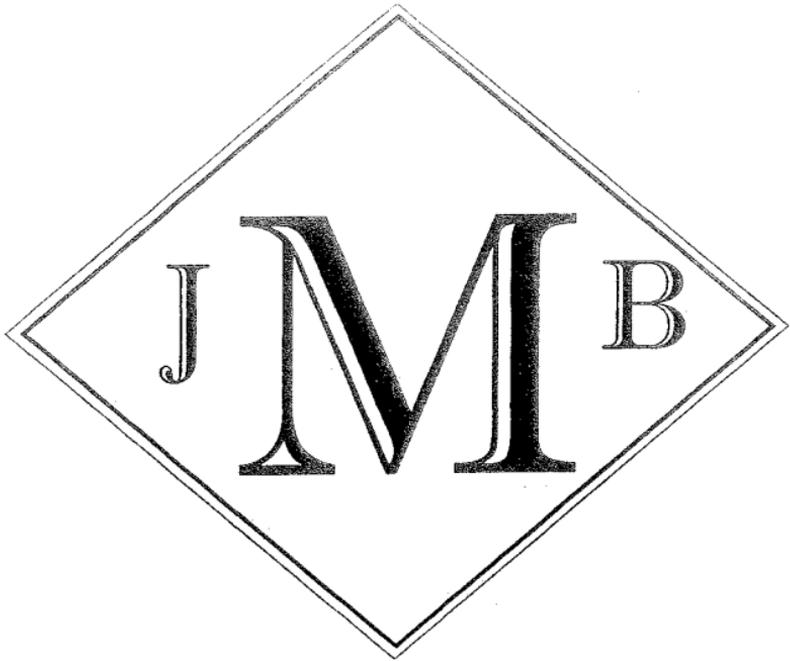
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John Killinger said: "People are not tired of preaching, but of non-preaching, of the badly garbled, anachronistic, irrelevant drivel that has in so many places passed for preaching because there was no real preaching to measure it against" (THE CENTRALITY OF PREACHING. p.21)

THE CHURCH THAT DARED TO CHANGE-  
Michael R. Tucker - P. 11-12



## IN THIS, I PLEASE MY FATHER

Isa. 58:13-14

- I. Perhaps all who have happy memories of home, remember the joy of please the parents.
  - A. "How's that, Dad?" as you hit your 1st home run.
  - B. "Do you like it, Momma?" as you served your 1st cake.
  - C. We grow older & with presents & people seek to please parents.
- II. It then should not be hard to transfer the delight of such feeling to our Heavenly Father.
  - A. What pleases Him?
  - B. Has He spoken to it?
  - C. Will you do what He likes?
- III. God can be pleased by:
  - A. Right Walk.
  - B. Right Worship.
  - C. Right Way.
- IV. God's Pleased if I Walk Right.

I Thess. 4:1 "Furthermore then we beseech

  - A. Paul's spirit & Content.
    1. Beseech you brethren.
    2. Exhort you - Personal appeal.
    3. By the Lord Jesus - Our Motive.
    4. Received how ye ought to walk.
      - a.) No new revelation - already had it.
      - b.) Progress is desired for the Christian - that's what walking is!
      - c.) Based on knowledge - not via fanciful ideas.
      - d.) Aimed at pleasing God.

e.) Not satisfied in reaching human standard.

5. Abound more & more.

a.) Not shrivelled life.

b.) Not minimum requirements.

c.) Rather overflowing.

B. Such pleases the Lord.

V. Please With the Right Worship.

Isa. 58:13-14 "If thou will turn away

A. He speaks of the Sabbath.

1. "Turn away thy foot."

a.) It's holy.

b.) Don't trample on it.

c.) Business came before worship.

d.) Jim Jones trickery.

2. Don't abide in thy own pleasure.

a.) Don't suppress it.

b.) We please men rather than God.

c.) Abstain from own pleasures & give self heartily to Lord.

3. Attitude change.

a.) A delight.

(1) Not a false observance.

(2) We don't bribe the Lord by fasting, for instance.

(3) Do we delight in doing God's will.

b.) Honorable.

(1) Not a neglect of it.

(2) Don't just acknowledge it as a delight & joy but translate into action.

c.) Honor Him: How?

- (1) Not by doing our own way.
- (2) Not by speaking words in which God's not honored.
- (3) Have true abhorance of evil & truly turn to God.
- (4) Tyndale Bible.

#### B. Blessings Come.

1. Ride upon the hi places.

- a.) Lit. Back.
- b.) Exaltation.
- c.) Secure.

2. Can we translate this in a figure to today's worshi

#### VI. Pleasure in the Right Way.

Heb. 13:15-16 "By him therefore let us

##### A. Our Sacrifice.

1. Not expiatory.
2. Not atoning.
3. But eucharistic.
4. Praise & thanx continually.
- a.) Fruit of lips & glory to His name.

##### B. Do Good.

1. Now sacrifice of self.
2. Do Good to others - no other way.

Acts 10:38 "who went about doing good

Gal. 6:10 "As we have...opportunity let us

I Jn. 3:18 "My little children, let us not love in  
word, tongue, deed, truth.

##### C. Communicate.

1. Means distribute.
2. Koinonia - fellowship, partnership.

3. Partnership in time of need.
4. By giving show our relationship to Christ.
5. Praise God c lips & honor Him c our substance.
6. Sacrifice of Praise, Person, Pocket book.
7. Fellowship please God - Must associate.
8. Card on Dusty Moore.

D. Pleases God.

1. This is our "altar" sacrifice.
2. Note he has to remind us "Forget not."
3. Are we prone to forget.
4. Pleases, said Milligan because:

a.) In harmony c his own nature.

Ps. 145:16 "Thou openest thine hand & satisfiest the  
desire of every

b.) Indicates good state of mind.

c.) You benefit others.

5. Think of change this would **bring** to society.  
Jews would see Messiah!

Acts 10:4 "Thy prayers & thine alms are come up for

6. Christianity a practical religion.

7. God loves to see His spirit of giving alive in  
His children..

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When you ask what our girl's special interest were at college-- I thought and thought--and finally decided they went all over the campus finding people who were lonesome and hungry and bringing them home! We do enjoy all their friends--as Dusty said, "They have really brought some nice boys and girls home and the nicest part is the same boys don't come too often."

From Mrs. Dusty (Glenda) Moore's letter of 3/24/80  
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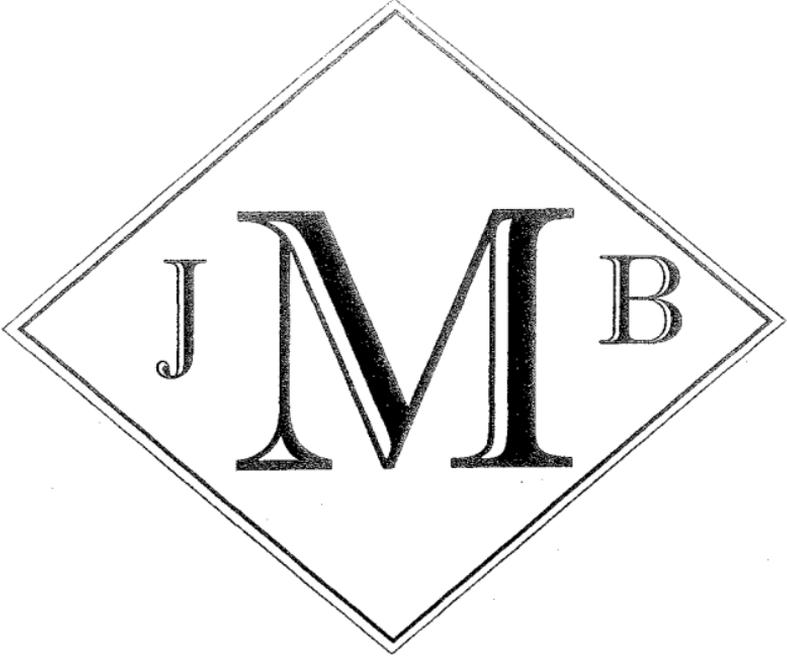
November 1978 is a date to be etched in the memory. In the shocking mass suicide in a jungle in Guyana, the personality cult reached its grotesque climax. Jim Jones and Jonestown bears gory witness to the tragedy that ensues when authority is invested in impressive personalities or in spectacular experiences, rather than in the written Word of God. Years before the Jonestown tragedy, a young friend was invited to a meeting at which Jim Jones was the speaker. Those who attended were asked to register **their names**, addresses, and phone numbers at the door. A few minutes later, as later investigation showed, my friend's mother received a phone call from a woman claiming to be a real estate agent who was curiously interested in some details about the home and the family. Later in the meeting, Jim Jones claimed he had a revelation from God about my friend, and he called her to stand. When he then

recounted some details he, as a total stranger, could never have known (and which his accomplice had passed along), my friend was both terrified and awestruck. Humanly speaking, only a mother who was committed to the absolute authority of the Word of God, and who was spiritually sensitive, saved my friend from being swept away in Jim Jones' personality cult.

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John MacArthur and Gary Inrig

It was Tyndale who gave England its first printed Bible. To do so, as he said to himself he suffered "poverty, exile, bitter absence from friends, hunger, and thirst and cold, great dangers and innumerable other hard and sharp fightings."



# THE WALL OF SEPARATION

Isa. 59:1-2

- I. We often face dilemmas in life.
  - A. Why doesn't God do something?
  - B. Why didn't God ans. my prayer?
  - C. Where is God?
- II. We have an answer.
  - A. God is weak, insufficient, or
  - B. God's insensitive.
  - C. Is this correct?
- III. Isa. faced the same problem.
  - A. Promised deliverance did **not** come.
  - B. Why in hour of need is there no deliverance?
  - C. We transfer it today - why does church slowly grow?
  - D. Do you ever feel the Heavens are shut up?
- IV. Is the fault God's?
  - A. The Lord's hand is not shortened.
    1. He's not lost His power.
    2. Shortened hand can't reach object for which it stretches.
    3. His hand not less able to help.
  - B. His ear is not heavy.
    1. Implies a physical weakness brot on by age.
- V. Is the Fault Man's?
  - A. Your iniquities have separated you & your God.
  - B. Your sins have hid His face & He will not hear.
- VI. Sin separates.
  - A. Barrier because of the sins of the people.
    1. Lack of salvation not God's fault.

2. Their iniquities were a continuous process. Lit. have been separating - keeps going on.

3. Emphasis on your iniquities, your sins.

4. God's face covered until Israel could no longer see Him.

a.) With face He sees & hears.

B. Obvious lessons.

*God cannot hold communion with the heart, nor see sin as complacency. Heaviness hides his face*

1. Can't be peace & salvation so long as there is community & personal evil.

2. Unrepented sin separates man from God so that He will not hear our prayers.

1 Jn. 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just

3. God neither lacks strength of hand nor alertness of hearing.

4. Can't hear prayers that are not sincere.

5. If we regard iniquity, He won't hear.

6. If we will not have Him reign over us, He'll forsake us. What good did life of sin seem to do

a.) Show its attractiveness & its disadvantages.

b.) Do we find pleasure in unbridled self indulgence?

c.) Read Rom. 10:3.

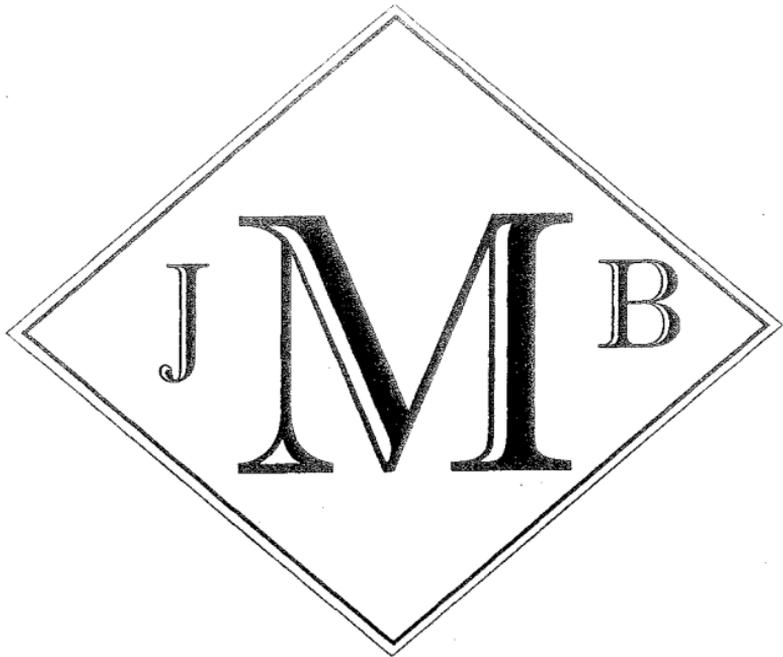
7. Our sins cause the cause of Christ to make slow progress.

8. Is He in His churches today?

9. Is God ready to forgive but some don't want it? Can He forgive the one who doesn't want to be forgiven?

10. Who is to blame - God or us?

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# THOSE NATIONAL SINS

Isa. 59:3-8

I. God does not make unfounded, nor indiscriminate charges.

A. Sins had separated God & man - fact 1.

B. Fact 2 - There were certain sins that did it, & He named them.

## II. The Citation of Sins.

A. Your hands are defiled c Blood.

1. Isaiah not guilty of sins which he accuses the people.

2. Be unlike those you reprove.

3. Hand stretched out to God in prayer is defiled c blood.

4. Blood guiltiness distributed to palms.

B. Your Fingers c Iniquity.

1. Members of body are agents of iniquity.

C. Your lips have spoken lies.

1. Lips loudly speak lies.

D. Your tongue muttered perverseness.

1. Tongue engaged in wickedness.

E. None call for Justice (Righteousness).

1. No one righteously, in a judicious manner, summons another to trial.

2. Acted treacherously against Lord & each other.

3. Sin pollutes everything.

F. None Plead For or In Truth.

G. They trust in Vanity & Speak lies.

1. Sadly, people continuously trust in desolation.

2. Cry of the sensualist is more & new sins.

*As moves as much trash on screen as on floor*

H. Conceive Mischief & bring forth iniquity.

1. Note full nature of nation's depravity.
2. People are pregnant c travail & bring forth iniquity.

Job 15:35 "They conceive mischief, and bring forth ve

Ps. 7:14 "Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hat

3. National sins are violence, bloodshed, treachery, deceit, crooked paths, neglect of guiding principles of righteousness, justice & truth.

Rom. 3:15-17 "Their feet are swift to shed blood: Dest

Mk. 7:21-23 "For from within, out of the heart of men

4. People gave themselves to brooding or hatching.
5. Violence creates nothing - it destroys.

III. The Hideous Comparison.

A. They hatch cockatrice eggs.

B. Weave Spider's Webs.

1. Web suggests ensnaring.
2. Also flimsy.
3. Also unsubstantial.

C. He that eats eggs dies.

1. Compared to poisonous serpents & spiders.
2. Eggs not good for food - eat & die.
3. Anyone who takes part in the plans of the wicked will die.
4. If I partake of plans, I become as evil as they.

D. The crushed breaks into a viper.

1. Evil works produce no good fruit.

IV. Failures Come home to Roost.

A. Their webs shall not become garments.

worthlessness

1. Spiders webs can't be used for clothing.
2. Virtue of garment is that it covers; some won't:
  - a.) Web of Profession.
  - b.) Web of ceremony.
  - c.) Web of confidence in flesh.

Phil. 3:1 "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.

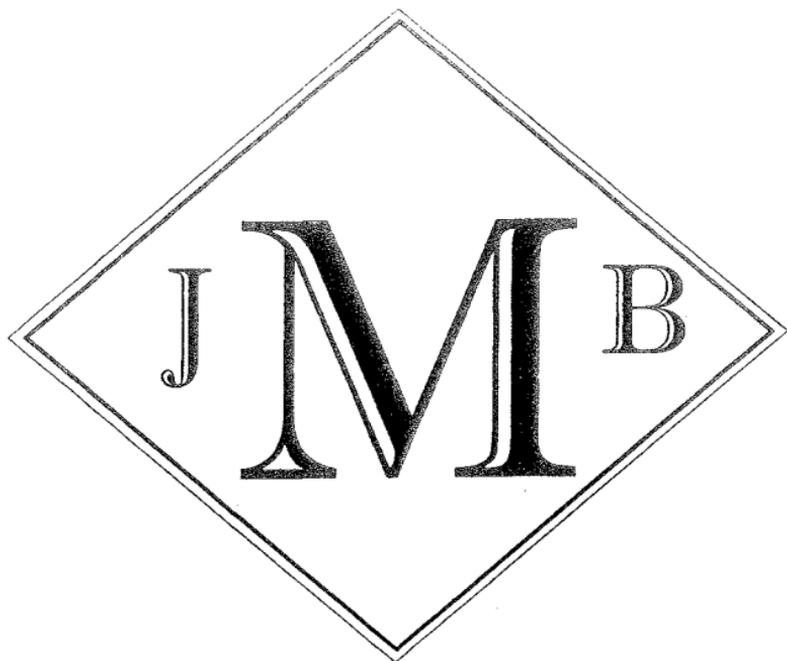
- d.) Web of correct behavior.
- B. Shall not cover self c works.
  1. Wicked deeds won't cover man.
- C. Works are iniquity - violence in their hands.
- D. Feet Run to evil - make haste to shed innocent blood.
  1. Eager to rush for wickedness. *we injury others*
  2. No restraint in doing evil.
  3. Rush at full speed. *Rom 3:15-17*
  4. Implies a massacre of godly Israelites.

F. Thoughts are thots of Iniquity - wasting & destroy

1. Thoughts are very important.
2. Stuff out of which actions are born.

G. Ways of Peace Unknown.

1. There is no judgement.
  - a.) When God is not in one's constitution, they can make no right judgement.
2. Made crooked paths.
  - a.) Walk on their path & find only waste & ruin.
  - b.) Entrenchments, ruts.
3. No associate knows peace.
  - a.) Strangers to God's way of peace.



# DARKEST WORDS OF THE BIBLE

Isa. 59:9-14

- I. We all have our favorite passages.
  - A. So because of promise.
  - B. Or power.
  - C. Or application.
- II. Have you a reminder of the more dismal ones?
  - A. Doubt if you can excel our text.

Isa. 59:9-14 "Therefore is judgment far from us, neither

  - B. Compare with any other called to mind.
- III. It presents the darkest of Pictures.
  - A. It starts with a "Therefore."
    1. There is a reason this has come.
    2. For every course there is a cause.
    3. Action brings its conclusions, we cannot escape its consequences.
  - B. Are we aware that we too march toward a conclusion?
- IV. Here are the Consequences.
  - A. Judgement is far from us.
    1. Judgement has gone far away.
    2. God refrains from judging the enemies.
  - B. Justice does not overtake us.
    1. Righteousness will not overtake us tho the people wait.
    2. There is no righting of wrongs suffered at enemies hands.
    3. Left by God unavenged.
  - C. We wait for light but behold obscurity.
    1. Want light, get only darkness.
  - D. We wait for brightness but walk in darkness.

1. Wait in vain.

2. Wasn't that light was wanting - they are blind.

E. We grope for the wall.

1. Picture of blind men groping for wall as a way to escape prison - never find it.

Deut. 28:29 "And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the

F. We stumble at noonday as in the night.

1. Some deprived of use of their eyes.

2. Stumble at hi noon as tho it were dark.

3. Way God knows, path of just shines to perfect day vs. know not where to go & stumble at noon-time. 4.) *At noon would except light.*

G. We are in desolate places as dead men.

Jer. 8:15 "We looked for peace, but no good came; as

H. We roar all like bears.

1. Changes figures to bears & doves.

2. Prophet identifies himself c the people & leads them in confession.

3. Roar = growl. - *violent*

I. We mourn like doves. - *Gentle grief.*

J. We look for judgement & there is none.

1. Look = wait.

2. When judgement & justice are lacking in individu feels injured - his rights are withheld.

K. We look for salv. but it is far from us.

1. When men seek for salv. other than in way prescribed by Lord, they continue in their sins & will not find salv.

2. Peace, judgement, light, justice all refer to salv

## V. Should this Rightfully Have Happened?

A. Our transgressions are multiplied before God.

1. Over & over people sinned as the God not present - but He sees all.
2. Numerous transgressions attract God's attention

B. Our sins testify against us.

1. Our sins rise against us as an irrefutable witness, we cannot break their testimony.
2. Our sins give evidence we can't disprove.

C. Our transgressions are with us & we know them.

1. Deadly sins haunt the mind & can't be wiped out
2. Violated conscience torment the soul.

D. Our transgressions are specified.

1. Lie against the Lord.
  - a.) Treason.
2. Depart away from God.
  - a.) In worship profess to believe in God but in deed & that they'd fallen from Him.
  - b.) Worship gave an outward show but in reality idolatry.
  - c.) Apostacy.
3. Speak oppression & Revolt.
  - a.) Sins of the tongue.
4. Conceive & utter from heart words of falsehood.

## VI. Consequentially:

A. Judgement is turned away backward.

1. Judgement = justice.
2. In market place where judgement is pronounced truth was not to be found.

3. Right judgement is inverted - the innocent are condemned; the guilty are acquitted.
- B. Justice stands afar off.
- C. Truth's fallen in the St.
  1. Truth is realibility, faith, faithfulness.
  2. It's fidelity to God's will.
- D. Equity cannot enter.
  1. Straightness - uprightness not allowed to enter.
  2. God saw all this as evil.
  3. Equity not admitted in the court.

viii. Thru on v-15

A. when there is no regard for truth,  
no discredit to lying, virtue is  
undermined, all soundness vanishes -  
then nothing remains but bruises

Isa 1:6

B. 1st part of v goes e what belongs  
before; lost ushers in that that  
follows

C. God displeased - fit. evil in his eyes

D. If you depart from evil you  
become prey to some

Ps 38: 20

1. You will be a increase Satan

hu 9 = 21

2. ~~Yours~~ You represent world

Heb 11: 7

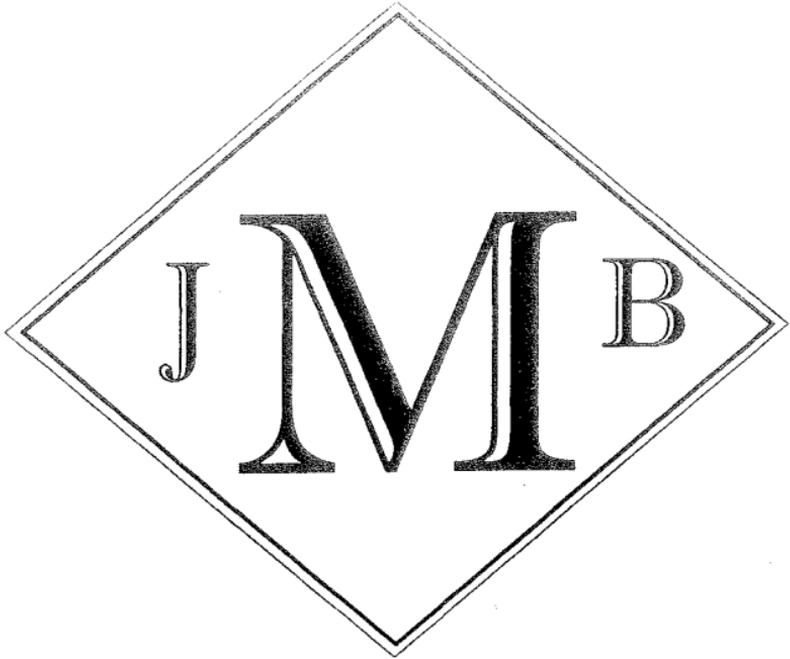
3. Fear of man brings shame

Job 24: 13

Luk 12: 4-5

Phil 1: 29

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# COMES THE WARRIOR

Isa. 59:16-19

- I. In times of peril we look for heroes.
  - A. Think of men God's raised up.
  - B. But also consider time of failure - none came.
- II. We face such a time - let's see what happened in Isaiah.
  - A. God saw there was no man.
  - B. God amazed none came forward.
    1. Astonished that no one intercedes - none slipped into breach.
    2. Looked for a champion - none came.
    3. Wonder - anthropomorphism.
    4. No human champ, so God did it.
    5. God's interest spectator in human affairs.
  - C. Therefore, God extended His own arm.
    1. He Himself takes up the war against evil.
    2. Because of this man has hope.
    3. We'll see him in intense combat.
    4. Tone changes to one of anticipation.
    5. His weapon - the arm of God.
- III. Armor of the Warrior.
  - A. Breastplate of Righteousness.
    1. This his coat of mail.
    2. This the start of divine panoply.
  - B. Helmets of Salvation.
    1. Lord devotes himself to the salvation of his people.
  - C. Garment of Vengeance for clothing.
  - D. Clad c Zeal as a Cloke.
    1. Zeal his mantle.

2. Note no offensive weapon - later the outbreathing of his spirit enuf.

#### IV. The Battle Bégin.

A. Men repaid according to their deeds.

B. Fury to Adversaries.

1. Own household.

2. Ungodly Israelites.

C. Recompense to enemies.

1. Enemies are the heathen.

D. Universal spread of his will.

1. Earth's remotest nations will know.

2. Like a flood of engulfing waters, racing down a narrow wadi.

3. Many seek to overwhelm the church by:

- a.) Error.

Titus 1:11 "Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert

- b.) Iniquity.

- c.) Persecution.

- d.) Temptation.

4. God counters c

- a.) Preaching the gospel.

- b.) Providential entrance.

- c.) Influence of his grace.

- d.) Encouragement.

5. God raises a standard.

Ps. 93:3-4 "The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the flood

- a.) It shows he's in control.

- b.) Standard highly prized in war.

- c.) On it engraved names of special victories.

- d.) Last disgrace was to loose the standard.

e.) On God's engraved:

(1) Truth over error.

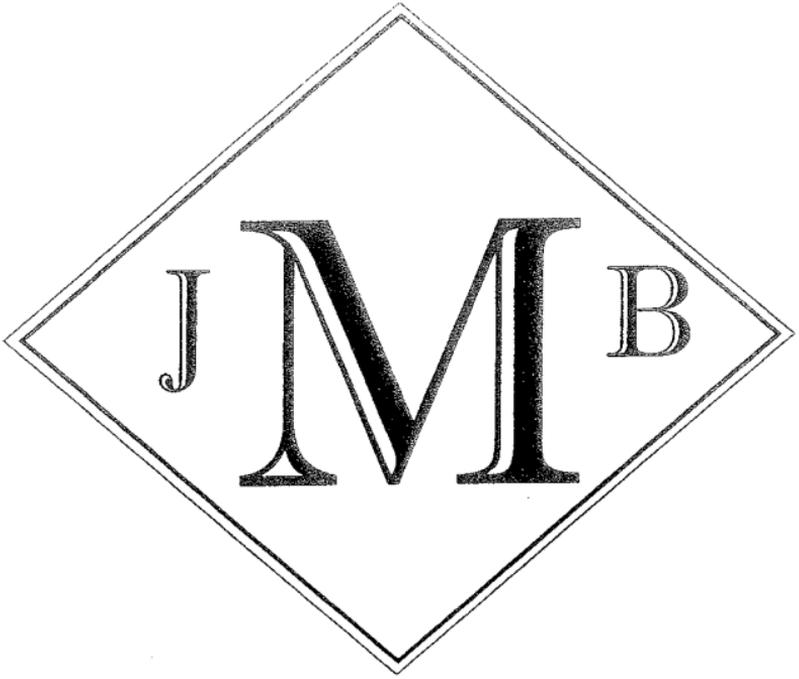
(2) Righteousness over injustice.

(3) Purity over lust.

(4) God over Mammon.

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# THE REDEEMER SHALL COME

Isa. 59:20-21

I. In oppressive world we need hope.

1. Sam. 12:24-25 "Only fear the Lord, and serve him

Isa. 59:20-21 "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion,

"I am the light of the world"

II. Perhaps nothing dims the hurt of pain quite like the Promised Lord.

A. The Redeemer shall come to Zion.

1. He will **triumphantly** return.

2. He will come & bring rich gifts:

a.) Spirit.

b.) Word.

3. Kingdom long promised.

2 Sam. 7:12-13 "And when thy days be fulfilled, and

7:16 "And thine house and thy kingdom shall be

Psa. 48:8 "As we have heard, so have we seen in the c

Psa. 89:34-37 "My covenant will I not break, nor alter

Isa. 9:6-7 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is

Matt. 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art

Matt. 28:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations

1 Cor. 11:26 "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink

B. He comes to those who turn from Transgression.

1. He has to pay a great price to set you free so

naturally He wants you holy.

1 Thess. 1:10 "And to wait for his Son from heaven, who

III. God Makes a Covenant.

A. We have His promise.

1. Despite our sin, Lord abides faithful.

2. His promises will be fulfilled.

3. You can depend on God to keep His promise.

B. The Covenant.

1. My Spirit Upon Thee.

- a.) Spirit will give words to church's mouth.
- b.) Words are to remain unchanged & to be passed on forever.

2. My words in thy mouth.

- a.) Word is of divine origin, not human.

Deut. 18:18 "I will raise them up a Prophet from among

30:14 "But the word is very nigh unto thee, in t

Rom. 10:8 "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee,

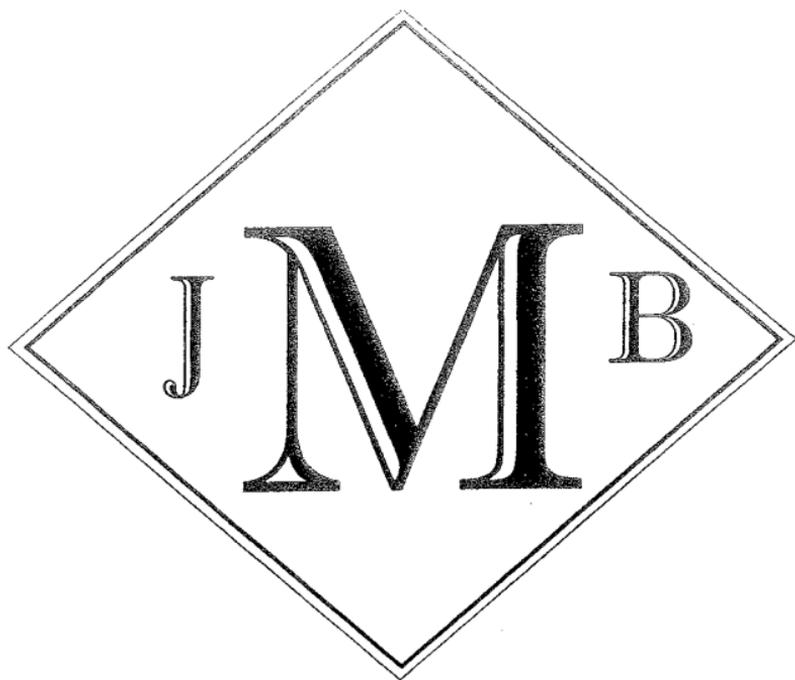
- b.) Treasure of the church today is inerrant word.
- c.) Can't be broken.
- d.) Infallible Bible.
- e.) God's truth in the mind is the source of strength.
- f.) And condition of security.

Ps. 139:17 "How precious also are thy thoughts unto mi

- g.) Thus the abiding presence of the Spirit & possession of word the basis of the covenant.

C. To God alone be the glory.

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## THE ROADS TO RHODES

Isa. 60:9, Acts 21:1-6

- I. Have you ever been in conversation with someone & remarked, "I didn't hear that - I didn't see that - I didn't notice that at all."
  - A. Sometimes our emphasis vary.
  - B. It's amazing to me what Paul, via Holy Spirit, saw & didn't see.
- II. Let me illustrate it with Acts 21:1-6.
  - A. Completion of 3rd Missionary Journey.
    1. Luke moves with great rapidity.
    2. He just barely mentions some places.
    3. He moves hundreds of miles with a phrase.
    4. He skips a wonder of the world & sees a Mother and a child.
    5. He ignores ancient history and sees a band praying on a seashore.
    6. I believe he saw what was truly important.
    7. So Luke writes c great gusto as you near the end of a race.
    8. Gives spare details, yet everything he said counted.
  - B. The Leaving & Launching.
    1. They left Ephesus.
- V. 1 "And it came to pass, that after we were gotten to"
  - a.) Left c much ado.
  - b.) It was c deep emotions, for after all they were old friends.
  - c.) Word gotten is almost "torn" from them.
  - d.) Torn c much grief & difficulty.
  - e.) Do brethren know we love them?

2. Launched their journey.

a.) Straight course to Coos.

(1) Due South 40 miles.

(2) Island 23 miles long.

(3) Famous for wines and silk fabric.

(4) Any Christians there - tells us nothing.

b.) The day following to Rhodes.

1.) Going c speed as he wanted to get to Jerusalem for feast day.

2.) Rhodes a tiny island that had city of same name  
120 miles in circumference - 420 sq. miles.

3.) Name meant Rose - famous for its Rose culture.

4.) Rhodes 50 miles SE from Coos, 75 miles E. of  
Crete.

5.) Great history.

(a) Founded 408 BC - its chief city.

(b) Held by branch of Doric Race about time of  
Trojan war 1184 BC.

(c) Compelled to pay tribute to Athens 431 BC.

(d) Changed sides repeatedly till 323 BC & then in  
submission to Alexander.

(e) 50 BC helped Caesar against Pompeii.

(f) 616 AD taken by Persians.

(g) 651 AD taken by Saracens.

(h) 1309 AD taken by Knights of St. John.

(i) 1480 repelled Mohammed II.

6.) At time of Paul her glory was past.

1.) Rome had welcomed the opportunity to cripple  
a rival of her eastern trade.

2.) Paul's day only a station on the trade route, a

free city but little more.

3.) Center of sun cult.

7.) No mention Biblically of great Colossus as this is only mention of Rhodes - thus God's Roads & Man's Roads not always of the same purpose.

8.) Colossus.

1.) Metal giant.

2.) 105' hi.

3.) Built 300 BC.

4.) Legend said stood astride harbor - land to land

5.) One of wonders of the world.

6.) Tumbled by earthquake 244 BC.

7.) Sold as scrap metal to Jewish dealer - 656 AD took 900 camels to transport remains.

c.) Thence unto Patara.

1.) Due east of Rhodes.

2.) Here was oracle of Apollo.

C. Changing of Ship.

V. 2 "And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia,

1. All say Providence found it.

a.) Perhaps so.

b.) But is God with me only when I make connection does He ever want me to miss?

c.) 340 miles from Patara to Tyre.

d.) However does not God secretly direct the worldly things to advance His Kingdom?

e.) Paul is hasting on in a good way.

f.) Discovered Cyrus - means sailing fast thus saw it rise & fall on the left - to the port side of the boat.

2. Landing at Tyre.

- a.) Here ship was to unload.
- b.) This was Phenicia.

D. What Paul did at Tyre was important.

1. Found disciples.

- a.) Evidently made a search - exercised effort to find the church
- b.) Stayed 7 days - so could eat the supper perhaps  
 Acts 20:7 "And upon the first day of the week w  
 Acts 28:14 "Where we found brethren, and were

2. Lessons to be learned.

- a.) Worship wherever you are.
- b.) Wherever Chr. are God has a foothold.
- c.) Primitive Chr. had strong bonds of fellowship.
- d.) Wherever church is, it should receive visiting brethren.
- e.) With those of like kindred faith are we not at home anywhere?
- f.) Imperative we keep our home stations strong - suppose they'd quit meeting for the Spring!
- g.) At home abroad is one of the joys of Christianity
- h.) Christian should have the most friends of anybody on earth.

E. Events in Tyre.

1. Brethren told him via inspiration not to go to Jerusalem.

- a.) We may wonder what Paul & Luke talked about on journey but we know what they talked about here! (*foreknowledge inspired; advise was human*)

b.) Did Paul reject inspired counsel. (*inference, knowledge was supernatural; advise results of judgement*)

HS Revealed what would happen/ they took it on themselves to ask

- c.) Did two inspired words conflict. *Red not to get*
- d.) Did Paul have the greater revelation. *Er.*
- e.) Had not Paul passed the point in life where his physical safety was not his chief concern?
- f.) Need we not to arrive at "This is the course I'll pursue irrespective of danger."

g.) Sheer determination to go on at all costs.

2. Tyrean farewell. *h) When do we hold; & when do we yield - hard problem.*

V. 5 "And when we had accomplished those days, we

- a.) They came to boat.
- b.) Yet not old friends like Eph. - their new found love was firm. *We must love to be loved.*

c.) We need to let leaders know our respect for them

d.) Islands of hospitality in sea of strangeness.

e.) Wives & children came.

(1) Need all family.

(2) Note children in the worship - don't deny them great scenes.

f.) Kneeled & prayed on shore. No prescribed prayers but warm, extemporaneous ones.

3. We took ship - they returned home again.

a.) Contrast it - ships - home.

b.) Feel Luke's loneliness.

F. Now do we see what Luke that was important.

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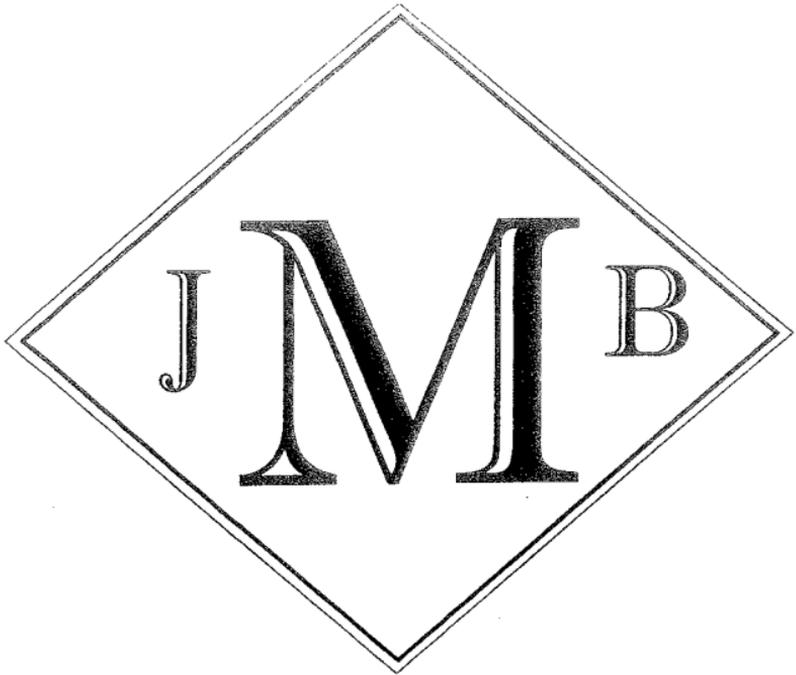
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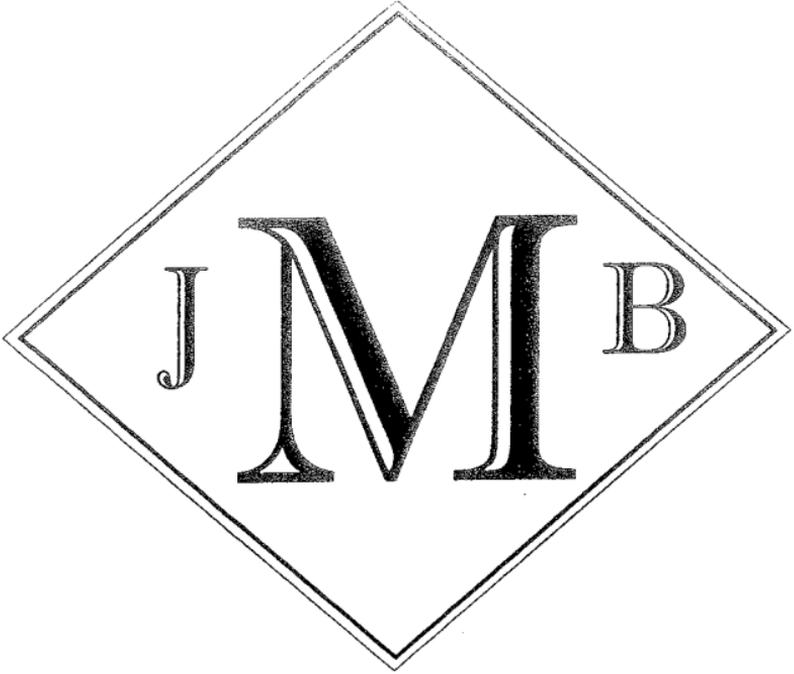


# THE MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD

Isa. 64:3-4

- I. Isa. prayer "make thy name known."
  - A. Assumes all things
    - 1. I know him
    - 2. You don't know him
    - 3. There is a way to get Him known.
  - B. Purpose now is to seek the manifestation.
- II. As in days of old
  - A. Didn't terrible things.
    - Deut. 10:21
    - 2 Sam. 7:23
    - Ps. 44:4
    - Ps. 106:22
  - B. You did more than we imagined you could Lord
    - 1. God works for His people
    - 2. Came down and mountain shook at Sinai
- III. Yet God still not universally known.
  - A. Wanted me to
    - 1. Hear
    - 2. See
  - B. Yet God knows his power-- none of us know fully ourselves.
  - C. God has things prepared
    - I Cor 2:9
    - 1. Mansions
      - John 14:1-3

2. Fire  
2 Thess. 1:7-12
3. Goodness  
Ps. 68:10
4. Way  
Mark 1:2
5. Testing  
Matt. 20:23
6. Body  
Heb. 10:7
7. I can prepare
  - (a) Hearts  
1 Sam. 7:3  
2 Chron. 20:33
  - (b) To meet  
Amos 4:12





2. We are all sinners - we miss the mark.  
3. Here sin is seen in its ultimate seriousness.  
4. Sin & judgment go together.  
5. Sin masters us.

Ezek. 33:10 How shall we live.

Rom. 1:24, 26, 28

B. Leaves us to ask how does one take hold of God.

"Speak to me"

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writes Jean Smith. "I also like books, music, and anything old, including houses." *The House We Used to Live In*, page 3, reveals this feeling that she has for an old home.

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## Windows and Mirrors

**A**N OLD CHINESE STORY tells of a king who used to spend hours in his dress uniform, parading before a mirror in his room. He would remain secluded in his palace, admiring himself, while his subjects starved to death, and his kingdom went to ruin.

One night, a wise old member of the king's court gathered a group of palace attendants, and, while the king slept, cut a window in the wall where the king's mirror had hung.

The next morning, when the king dressed himself in his uniform and sparkling medals, he walked to where the mirror had been and saw to his amazement the unending procession of his people passing on the street. He saw starving children reaching into garbage cans for crusts. He saw sick and maimed men and women, and sufferings and wrongs that he had not known existed.

He tore off his medals, called for simple clothes, and went out to mingle with the people. He found among them a beautiful girl whom he made his queen. His whole outlook on life changed when he stopped looking into a mirror at only himself.

## His Routine

**LIKE** so many literary greats, Charles Lamb was not suited for the daily routine of the office work he was forced to take in order to make ends meet. The office manager once said to him, "Mr. Lamb, it has been brought to my attention that you come very late to the office."

"Yes, sir," replied the writer, "but you must remember that I leave very early." —*Coronet.*

## A Good Beginning

**AUTHOR** Ian MacLaren once counseled a group of budding writers, "Begin your story well—it's half the battle. Always bear in mind the case of the young man, who, desiring to marry, obtained a favorable hearing from his sweetheart's father by opening the interview with the words: 'I know a way, sir, whereby you can save a lot of money.'"

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## HILL-TOP MUSINGS

### LET'S TRUST

EVERETT WENTWORTH HILL

Let's have more trust  
And friendship, too,  
With open arms  
And love that's true.

Let's pray for peace  
The world around.  
Let's all be friends—  
Thence peace is found.

Attitudes  
dispositions

## SOME HUMANS LIKE OUR CAT

HE died today—our household pet—  
The strangest cat I ever met!  
His dinner—whether fish or fowl—  
He seldom ate without a growl;  
A loving stroke would only draw  
His feline wrath and needled claw;  
He trusted neither foe nor friend,  
But bit the hand though feeding him!  
I think he little life enjoyed—  
He was so easily annoyed—  
If Tiger had the strength to rave,  
He'd still be growling in his grave!

SOME humans, like our fuming cat,  
Are always “chewing at the fat”;  
They eat and growl, and growl and eat—  
The sweet is bitter, bitter sweet—  
When friends perchance some kindness show,  
They're never wrong—they're in the know;  
While some the good would fain embrace,  
They're in the real objective case!  
They rave and rant while they have breath,  
Stilled only by the hand of death!  
Perchance they should with angels dwell,  
They'd disagree with heav'n and hell!

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## Think for Yourself

A FRENCH NATURALIST once performed an experiment with insects called "processionary caterpillars." He led them onto the rim of a large flower pot, so that the leader found itself nose-to-tail with the last caterpillar in the procession.

Through force of instinct, the ring of insects circled the rim for seven days and nights. Then they all died of exhaustion and starvation in spite of a visible supply of food nearby.

Thoughtlessly following the beaten path can prove disastrous for people, too.

### Forgiveness

### Sin

## FINDING FORGIVENESS

Translator Bob Russell discovered that in the Amahuaca Indian culture of eastern Peru, if you offend another person, even in such a minor way as stepping on his foot, you must say, "I stepped on your foot. Speak to me." This was understood to mean, "Prove to me that we're still on speaking terms."

The translator said to his language helper, "Suppose I should kill your brother. How would I ask for your forgiveness?"

The Amahuaca replied, "Speak to me." He explained that the offender and the offended may not speak for years and years. But when the offender finally says, "Speak to me," this means that he wants forgiveness.

Later, the translator found another Amahuaca word for forgiveness. During reading classes, he noted that a certain word was used for erasing the chalkboard. It was an expression the Amahuacas used for smoothing over dirt when drawings or marks had been made on it. It also meant wiping off dust in which marks had been made, or wiping off writing on the chalkboard. It was a beautiful word for the biblical promise that God would wipe away the sins of those who trusted in Christ.

"Searchlight on Bible Words" - Compiled by James C. Hefley

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Why Wait Till Marriage? Some people argue that premarital sex is good preparation for later sexual adjustment in marriage. Evelyn Duvall presents the case for waiting till marriage: "Numerous studies over the past thirty years find premarital chastity associated with both engagement success and marital adjustment...In general, premarital chastity is a favorable beginning for a marriage, for one's own marriage adjustment and for the happiness of one's marriage partner."

FIRST CORINTHIANS FOR TODAY

Robert J. Dean

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*Adapted*

A man serving a long sentence in a penitentiary was visited by an old friend. The convict sat cross-legged with an enormous needle and ball of twine, sewing burlap bags. "Hello," said the friend, "sewing, eh?"

"No," answered the prisoner, a grim smile playing across his lips. "I'm reaping."

"Serve Him With Joy" - By Leslie B. Flynn - Page 115

"The wages of sin are always brought of  
There is always delay in  
settlement, compound interest  
is added  
mezido messenger

