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Praise's of the Month

The first and greatest praise of the month is the Lord's faithfulness. In the last month or so He has placed a deep concern for America and the direction it is going in my heart. I have been praying for the Lord to both reach the unsaved but to also bring back the lukewarm Christians before it is too late. He has opened the door for the Ministry to be on 4 stations in the United States. I feel if we are faithful with these 4 He will open more doors. Please, Please pray for



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wisdom for me on what to preach and teach on these 4 stations. Our second praise of the month concerns our overseas ministers. Last year we sent a P.A. system to a pastor in Malawi. Last week we heard how it is helping with the outreach meetings. At one meeting 28 people accepted Jesus as their Savior. You never know what your works for the Lord will do. Just be faithful and leave the rest to our Powerful Lord and Savior. Our third praise of the month is personal. Mary and I took a few days off and went to Colorado. Our Grand Kids were visiting their other grand parents. We were blessed we got to see our daughter Melanie and her husband Mike, our daughter Sharol and Mary's brother and sister in law. It was like a mini family reunion. The final praise for the ministry this month is that the ministry is growing to the point we are now going to incorporate. Soon we will officially be His Will Ministry Int. Inc. We have added two new board members to the Ministry. Melanie Hoch and Herb Whitaker. If you feel a leading from the Lord to be a more active part of this ministry let us know.



God Bless Pastor A. J.

The Word Speaks!

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NASB) ⁷Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

When I read the extremely sad facts on giving in this and last months sad things deptpartment I just want to weep. What has happened to us? Don't we love the Lord and his workers anymore? I will let the Word of God speak on what the Lord thinks on giving. **Malachi 3:8-12 (NASB)**⁸**“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, ‘How have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings.**⁹**“You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you!**¹⁰**“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.**¹¹**“Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*,” says the LORD of hosts.**¹²**“All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land,” says the LORD of hosts.**

Ok, I know you are going to say “that’s Old Testament”. Lets look at what the Word of God said was going on in the New Testament Church. **Acts 2:45 (NLT)**⁴⁵**They sold their possessions and shared the proceeds with those in need.** And, **Acts 4:34-35 (KJV)** Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, ³⁵**And laid *them* down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.**

We’re the richest ever in this nation yet we give less today than those during the great depression of the 30’s. **Revelation 2:7 (NASB)**⁷ **‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches...’**

Mary's Thoughts for the Month

I recently read an account of a coal miner who was killed in a cave in. He was found under a heap of rubbish, all life had drained out of him. His remains were taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. His body was washed and dressed, preparatory to interment. As he was being placed in his coffin, he was dropped, his head striking the floor. To the utter surprise of the mortician the corpse let out a deep groan. Soon after the man’s eyes opened, a physician was immediately sent for, and by the time he arrived, some thirty minutes later, the dead man was sitting up drinking a cup of water. To any and all who would listen to him he described his experience, claiming to have literally gone to hell.

In his account he said that immediately upon closing his eyes in death he opened his eyes and found that he was more alive than ever before. A being was with him; he described the

being as having a dreadful appearance. The miner said this being resembled a man



somewhat, but was much larger than any human he had ever seen, over ten feet tall. He was black as coal, with great wings on his large back. His countenance was terrifying and monstrous, and he smelled foul. He had massive shoulders and was covered in long coarse hair. His voice was like a growl. When he spoke he told the miner that he was taking him to hell. Soon afterwards they came to a massive gate, which opened to welcome them, on the gate were the words "Welcome to Hell". The miner was left in utter darkness where he could hear and sense other wretched, miserable souls. They would cry out in torment, begging for water. He said he felt like he was doomed to

this place forever and he was utterly devoid of hope. Occasionally flames would engulf him, and he said that he could feel indescribable pain like never before. He said the worse part was that he had a full knowledge of every opportunity that had ever been given him to come to Jesus. Each incident was replayed in his mind, as was every time he had spurned the Lord. In recounting his story the miner said the most awful part of Hell was that he knew he would be separated forever from the Savior who had loved him and called him his whole life. Needless to say the miner immediately determined that he would never go to Hell again, and accepted Jesus as his Savior. You can imagine how many people he brought to Jesus with his experience of Hell.

I don't know whether this glimpse of Hell is accurate or not, I do know what the Bible says about hell should terrify all of us. The point I want to make is this, if you are a Christian, you have a knowledge of Hell that most of the world does not. It is your responsibility, and mine to make sure that our friends, our neighbors, our family members and everyone that God brings to us knows the truth about Hell and how they can avoid going there. We can't afford to sugarcoat the gospel; the days in this world are growing short. Any one of us could die tonight. Do you know where you will spend eternity? If you have never accepted Jesus as your Savior, the Bible clearly outlines an eternity in Hell awaits those who die without Jesus. To avoid Hell, you must hear the word (Jesus is the Savior of all humanity, and no man comes unto the Father except through Him). Believe the word (Believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son, sent to earth, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life was crucified for our sins, died and was resurrected from the dead, sitting at the right hand of the Father). Realize you are a sinner in need of a Savior (you have broken the law of God), repent of your sin and turn away from it. Confess publicly that Jesus Christ is your Savior. The final step is water baptism. I also suggest you attend a Bible believing church for fellowship with other Christians.

Love in Christ Mary.

The Sad things Department

Do we American Christians have any idea what is going on around the world?

20-Apr-2005: The Sri Lankan parliament may vote next week on the Act for the Protection of Religious Freedom, an anti-conversion bill proposed by Minister of Buddhist

16-Apr-2005: An official with Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) says conditions for Christians in one East African nation are becoming increasingly dangerous. Recently, more than 500 believers were arrested by Eritrean government officials as part of a crackdown on evangelical Christianity.

15-Apr-2005: Gagik Mirzoyan was beaten and detained for more than ten days in early April before being transferred to an unknown location. Mirzoyan "is being persecuted for preaching the Gospel and because they found several Christian calendars in his possession,"

12-Apr-2005: The persecution of Christians goes hand-in-hand with some important and disturbing trends taking place around the world, according to a global network representing more than 335 million Christians from 121 nations and over 100 international organizations.

Ok the below is very sad but true this is not my words but documented facts:

There are over 600 overseas missions groups. This includes all non-denominational and denominational groups. Last year they reported 3.8 billion dollars in income. This figure includes all forms of income including interest from savings etc. Last year American's spent 5.9 billion dollars on potato chips alone. In 1970 69% of church income stayed in the local church, 31 percent when to missions. In 2003 89% of the church income stayed in the local Church, 11% went to missions. Figures from Empty Tomb inc. for the rest of the data see www.emptytomb.org

Pastor's Corner



Back to Christian Basics

Sometimes I wonder what is going on in this world. The Lord has been working on my heart and spirit. Things that used to never bother me now just make me want to weep. My lovely wife tells everyone that it is the new improved kinder-gentler version of me. Just the other day I was talking to another pastor whom I would consider a person well founded in the faith and the word. This pastor was explaining to me about a woman she considered a "Godly" person. She was telling of the degrees in theology, the high standing in the church, etc. Then she told the story of how this person was estranged from her mother. It seems that before there had been some small tiff and now she would not even speak to her mother. She went even further and denied her mother the pleasure of seeing her grand children. All because of the bitterness in her heart.

I kept quiet and listened further to the story and how this pastor "just could not understand how such a "Godly" person could do this to her mother. Excuse me! but did Christ show hatred? NO! in fact he said if we have hated our brother in our hearts, we have committed murder in our hearts. What has happened to us as Christians? When did we go from judging those within the body by the worlds standards not the Bibles? We are told many times in the Bible by the Lord "BE HOLY AS I AM HOLY".

We are to be a peculiar people, but how many Christians do you see that fit into that today? With all the Purpose Driven Drivel, and the Happy Gospel, not preaching the blood and the cross we have become just like the world. Be honest when was the last time you heard a good old hell and damnation sermon. Take a personal survey, next time you go to church take a note of 10 to 20 people. Then as the week goes by watch their lives and see how many truly stick out in this world. The early Christians stuck out so much that they were always being persecuted. Just read Paul's comments sometime. We need to get back to Bible basics. We need to get back to calling a sin a sin. Our Lord did not

mix words, there were not all these gray areas we have created. We will not be judged on how good we are by man's standards. I do not know the woman in the above example but I do know on judgement day all her degrees or her status in the church will not get her into heaven. The status of her heart will, and if she dies today with hatred for her mother in her heart look out!

I saw a testimony of a pastor once who was killed in a car crash and raised from the dead three days later. He visited both heaven and hell during his time on the other side. He was a good man, he preached the true word of God. But the day before his death he had a fight with his wife. On the day he died she tried to make up with him but he wanted to "punish" her and would not forgive her. Just before he came back to life he was taken to hell and shown the gates of hell. He heard the people's anguish. He saw a pastor there just pleading to be released telling him he would preach the true word and give back the monies he stole from the church. Just before this pastor was "sent back" the angel with him told him "this is where you would be staying if you were not going back. Because you died with anger and hatred in your heart towards you wife". Then the pastor woke up. He is now preaching the message of Holiness.

People how can we be like Jesus when we fit into the world around us so well? Lets get back to the basics and examine ourselves in the Light of the Bible not in the light of the world. It will not matter to our Lord on judgement day how good you appeared to be by worldly standards. Revelation 3:15-18(NLT)¹⁵"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish you were one or the other!"¹⁶"But since you are like lukewarm water, I will spit you out of my mouth!"¹⁷"You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."¹⁸"I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. And also buy white garments so you will not be shamed by your nakedness. And buy ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see." Jesus' own word's, where do you stand my friend?

God Bless Pastor Ariel



PONDER THIS DEPARTMENT

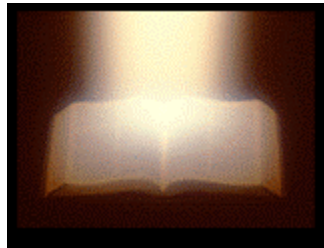


"The CHURCH of the COMFORTABLE and TOLERANT" -by Jesse Morrell.

Once upon a time in the land called Feel Good there was a Church. This new Church was called "The Church of the Comfortable and Tolerant". Very recently this Church hired a new Pastor, Pastor Peace Keeper, who just graduated from the Seminary of Smooth Talking. The congregation "of the Comfortable and Tolerant" loved the new Pastor's sermons. Some of their favorites were "God is happy with everyone", "Everything is fine and dandy", and "There is nothing but good times ahead". Pastor Peace Keeper once made a terrible mistake. He wrongfully allowed Mr. Conscience into the pulpit. Mr. Conscience did nothing but call human mistakes "sins" and called the good folks of the congregation to "repent". Mr. Conscience had never been to the Seminary of Smooth Talking, and maybe he should have before attempting to preach. The congregation of the Comfortable and Tolerant were shocked at Mr. Conscience's audacity and arrogance. They said things among themselves like "who does this self-righteous legalist think he is coming and talking to us like that! Why should we allow this false preacher among us any longer to continue to persecute us?" Pastor Peace Keeper terribly regretted letting Mr. Conscience into the pulpit. Mr. Conscience has betrayed the trust he had with the Pastor. So Pastor Peace Keeper asked Mr. Conscience to please leave the church, he was not welcome there any longer. Everyone was happy that Mr. Conscience was asked to leave, except one member called Holy Spirit. So Holy Spirit and Mr. Conscience left together and after awhile nobody even noticed that they were gone. Once things were back to normal, the way they had always been, everyone was happy once again in the land called Feel Good. Pastor Peace Keeper continued to sugar coat sweet and wonderful lies that made everyone comfortable

in their sins and heavily guarded his pulpit from abrasive truths. Who could blame him? You see, the Pastor loved his new home, his new church, and of course he loved his new income. He couldn't put such precious things on the line! So he absolutely guaranteed that "The Church of the Comfortable and Tolerant" were as satisfied and as happy as they possibly could be while they sat in their complacency. They lived the rest of their days happily ever after, that is, until they were finally cast into hell. The point: Rather than preparing the way of the Lord and making His paths straight, preachers are removing the bumps in the road to hell to make it as comfortable as possible for those who travel on them. The backslidden church utterly refused to remove the log out of her own eye and therefore also utterly refuses to remove anything from anyone else's eye. She vehemently opposes those who try to do so also. God help those who attempt to clean up the church and the world! Joseph Parks said it best: "The man whose little sermon is 'repent' sets himself against his age, and will... be battered mercilessly by the age whose moral tone he challenges. There is but one end for such a man. 'Off with his head!' You had better not try to preach repentance until you have pledged your head to heaven." ***This was e-mailed to us by one of our partners who did not want credit.***

This Months Bible Moment



PURIFIED BY THE FIRES OF HEAVEN

Those who know me know that I have always had a somewhat abrasive personality. OK, I admit it, at times my tongue was so sharp that I could reduce the average person to a mass of squirming flesh. Not something to be very proud of. There were times the mentors of my youth did not want me at certain church functions. I have not been that way for years, but still that old abrasive sense of humor sticks it's ugly head out now and then. Come on admit it there have been times you just wanted to rip someone's head off, you just wanted to say something! We are all human. James the Lords brother says **James 3:5-10 (NLT)⁵So also, the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself.⁷People can tame all kinds of animals and birds and reptiles and fish, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!**

The one that gets me the most is Jesus' own words Matthew 12:36-37 (KJV)³⁶**But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.** Ouch! that one hurts. "But Lord you made me this way", I would say. I had all the pat excuses. "But! Lord I learned this from my father, I use it in business, and the worst excuse, No one even notices." Oh, did He get me on that last one. He brought to my mind each and every time someone was hurt by my tongue. I can tell you with authority do not ask to be purified unless you are ready for it. Because the

Lord went even further and showed me all of the people my ears had listened to rumors about and even worse those whom I had repeated the rumors about. Ouch! again. Being refined in the fires is a hard and painful process, but the final outcome will bring you closer to Jesus. We cannot be like Jesus until we allow the Lord to refine us.

You cannot control your tongue, your mind, your body. If you could we would not need the Spirit of Christ to reside in us. Remember these sayings, I am weak but thou are strong or we can accomplish all things through Christ Jesus. I could not fix my caustic sense of humor! I had to turn it over to the Lord for refining. I had to be willing to give it all to Jesus and let him fix it.

Friends, there is nothing in your lives that the Lord cannot fix. The problem we humans have is we continue to take it back. **Proverbs 26:11 (KJV)**¹¹**As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.** This is where most of us are. We will not, or cannot just give it to Jesus. I was talking to a pastor friend the other day about a troubled young man. The Pastor told me "he just can't control his urges because he has fetal alcohol syndrome." Not that the young man needs to turn his life over to Jesus and let Jesus remove the dross by the fires of heaven. Where in the Bible does it tell us that our Father in heaven and our Lord and Savior have lost the power to remove evil? My Bible tells me the opposite! It tells me that the Lord is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow! We Christians seem to have forgotten what the Bible teaches about evil. Jesus' words, **Mark 16:17 (KJV)**¹⁷**And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** This does not sound like we should listen to psychobabble to me. With the above attitude of that pastor the young man is condemned to spend the rest of his life in bondage to the devil.

Friends we need to get our E.I.B. (educated idiot box) back focused on the Biblical truths. I had all the right excuses for old slue foot to condemn me to a life with a hurtful and abrasive sense of humor. But my Jesus showed me he could conquer anything if only I believed. My friends lets make **Mark 5:36** our battle cry. **"...DO NOT BE AFRAID ONLY BELIEVE"!!!**

Love Ya Pastor A. J.

THE "GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE" DEPARTMENT

Thank you so much for your prayers for our friend's son last week. They were answered for David who had been in trouble with the law and has had trouble with alcohol. He faced a possible year long jail term...but with the support of you wonderful prayer warriors, David was released to his parents and he is doing well; working on alcohol recovery! He's a great kid and we appreciate your caring concern and your prayers! Thank you to you and to the Lord! K

Praise God!!! He is Awesome!! I (Carol) received a miracle yesterday. Pray please that I handled it in a way pleasing to God. Pray that He continue to guide me and show me where I go wrong. Pray for my sons, say a special prayer for homeless, mentally ill, our troops, the sick, for everyone who has ever helped me. Pray that they will all be showered with the blessings and grace of God. God Bless you thank you for your prayers. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

A Billy Sunday BLAST FROM THE PAST

OR YOU THINK I AM HARD ON YOU DEPT!

BACKSLIDING

"Thy own wickedness shall correct thee. Thy backsliding shall reprove thee. Know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of Hosts." Jeremiah 11:19.

Many start the voyage of the Christian life under sending skies and upon smooth waters, but as they sail out of the harbor the sky becomes dark and the craft of their religion crashes upon the rocks. At first they are careful to obey the command of God, but after the revival they neglect their duties and finally come to wreck. God speaks much of the sin of backsliding, and in the Bible has spoken of it in many places. There are all kinds of backsliding.

First, there is the careless kind. The invitation is never given at the revival but there are those who will respond to it, and for a time will live as Christians should. Then, when the revival is over and the routine of everyday life begins, they slip gradually back into their former ways. They become negligent and drift back to the old haunts and the old gang. Oh, it is easy to think of things divine when the revival is on and there is inspiration on every side and the bands are playing and the crowds are marching. I've sometimes thought, almost, that it might be a Godsend to many a community if it could only be swept by typhoid fever or pneumonia or scarlet fever just after a good revival and before the people have a chance to slide back. The second class of backsliders is the class that started soberly and seriously, but not seriously enough. They do not make a complete surrender. If you secure a balloon with 100 ropes and cut 99 of them, the balloon will still be held, but don't cut the shore lines, they have failed to cut loose from sin, and it is drawing them back. A friend of mine holding a meeting, asked how many who were present had been Christians, but were now backsliders. Finally forty fessed up. Then he asked them for the reasons for their falling away. Finally a man got up and said he backslid through believing that he could be a Christian and keep his store open on Sundays. A young lady arose and said that she backslid because of cards. A friend had given a card party and she had to give one in reciprocity. She said she had invited a young man to attend, but that he didn't know what kind of a party it was to be. He came, but when he found out he said he was sorry, but he must go, for he could not stay there. "I admired him for his loyalty to his religion, he made me feel that I wasn't worthy to have my name as a church member," the young lady said. Another man stood up and said: "I backslid when I voted for the saloon." You bet he did or he would not have voted for the dirty, rotten thing. Why, he backslid before he voted that ticket, or he wouldn't have voted it. A young lady said: "I thought I could be a member of the church and dance." Sure she could. You can be a member of the church and a burglar too, but not a member of the body of Christ. She said, "I attended a dance and found my desire to pray diminishing. I attended another and I found my desire to pray had become nebulous. And then," she said, "my desire to pray disappeared." I tell you I never saw a drinking, dancing, card playing Christian who amounted to anything. The dance is a quagmire of wreckage. It's as rotten as hell. You wait until I get at it. I believe more people in the church backslide because of the dance, card playing and theatre gadding than through the saloons. But hold on there, don't you think for a minute that I'm in favor of the dirty, stinking, rotting saloons. I'm against a lot of amusements popular among church members, as you people are going to find out before I am through in Boston. I don't give that (snapping his fingers) whether you like my preaching or not. Understand? It's a question of whether you are interested in decency. If you live wrong you can't die right. Emerson said: "What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say. This is an age of incompleteness of unfinished things. Life is full of half done things. Education is begun and abandoned. Obedience to the law of God is begun - and given up. People start in business - and fail. They attempt to learn a trade - and don't do it thoroughly. A hound once started running after a stag and after running for a while it saw a fox and turned after it. A little farther along it saw a rabbit and ran after that, and finally wound up holing a field mouse. So it is with so many who enter the Christian life. They started to hunt and compromised on a glass of booze. They enter a royal race, but compromised on a glass of beer or on some little gain through dishonesty.

Not every backslider is an apostate, but every apostate is a backslider. Peter was a backslider, but he came back and preached that sermon at Pentecost. Judas was a backslider, and what he did so preyed upon his mind that he did not want it. He went out but he never came back. I have never tabooed but two towns in my life and one of them was a little town in Iowa, where I once held a meeting before I really became an evangelist. That town had an infidel club of 150 members. There were only two church members in the place, and there was an interrogation point after them at that. They could have started a founding asylum of their own in that community. My life was not safe there - they threw stones at me in the streets. A storekeeper there told me he was going to sell out and leave the town for purely moral reasons, at a loss of about \$8000.00. He said that he had daughters and that there wasn't a young man in the town that he would trust with them. He said that any young man in that town were to call on any of his daughters he wouldn't go upstairs to bed unless he had a Gatling gun he could train on the visitor at a moments notice. It is not only for here and now, it is not only for a time, but it is for eternity. It is one of the great things. All other things are incidents. The leader of that God - forsaken, iniquitous gang was a man named Dickson, who ran a one - horse country grocery business in a place about as big as a boxcar. He had been a Christian - used to be a class leader in a Methodist church. He kept a store. I used to pass the store as I went to preach, and I would see the bunch, as many as 40 sometimes, sitting around in the little store. Whenever a new preacher came they would assemble to talk him over, and if old Dickson gave consent, they would go to church to hear him. I remember one old brush rat. He had bushy whiskers with a dirty brown streak down the middle, and he could spit 30 yards and hit a fly. I'll bet my life he could hit a post down there. He used to come in late, with

one pant leg tucked in his boot, no coat or vest, no galoshes - just a rope around his paunch - the old son of perdition. He'd sit down and turn the hose on the wall. He looked to me as if he had had only one bath in his life and that one when he was born. He came clattering down the aisle - old hair and beard twisted - looked like a cows tail. He started as a backslider, ended in apostasy, just as disease ends in death if not checked. In business life, crises come unforeseen. Hard times come. When they do, you may be able to get away with a overdraft at the bank if the cashier knows you too well. At the bank of heaven no checks on God's mercy, when signed by God's loyal followers have ever been turned down. If you come with honest heart God will honor the appeal if your hands are red with blood. In a campaign like this, for some little thing many men will sell out. There are men whose honor hang like meat in butcher shop, for sale for so much a pound. I thank God though, that most men are honest and most women are virtuous, and that even the minority can be made to yield when you preach the gospel right. I ask about a man. "Has he reached the burning bush?" They answer, "Yes, and got past it." I ask, "Is he a K. of P.?" They say he is. I ask, "Has he jumped?" They say, "Yes." I don't know what it means to jump, for I am not a K. of P. I heard a couple of K. of P.'s talking, though ? they didn't leak. I suppose it has something to do with the initiation. I ask. "Is he an Odd Fellow?" "Yes" They tell me he will share his last dollar with a needy person, die for the widow or the orphan, put his head on the track ahead of the Black Diamond or allow himself to be shot to pieces before he would be false to the vows he took amid the scent of the orange blossoms. That sounds like a good man, but there are lots of men who will be true in all these things, and false to Jesus Christ. They will go to church and partake of the communion, then will line up in front of some bar and tell smutty stories. True in business, true to lodge, true in society, true in the home, but a perjurer in the sight of God. If you are such a man you are a backslider - a backslider, sir, and a liar. If I were to go to a man and say: "They say you're an old liar." Would he say, "Well, Bill, I suppose I am, but you mustn't put the standard too high for poor, weak humanity, and I'm only human." If I were to say to him, "They say you are an old thief and that they have to hide everything when you come around." Would he say he supposed it was true, but I mustn't set the standard too high for poor human nature? If I say, "They tell me that you are a rotten old libertine and that you have ruined many innocent girls, that you would crush a woman's virtue as quickly as a snake beneath your foot." Would he say he supposed it was true, but I mustn't set the standard too high for poor human nature? No sir. If he were anything of a man at all he would say, "I demand, sir, that you prove your charges." But that's not what a man does when you charge him with being a backslider or to say that he is a liar. Oh, for the Presbyterian or Baptist or Episcopal backslider who stands up and talks about poor human nature - yet to say a man is a backslider is to say that he is a liar. Of, for power to come to you and show what you ought to be. I can imagine a man being untrue in business. I can imagine him being untrue in politics. I can even - but it is difficult - imagine him being untrue to the vows made at the altar - but to be untrue to God! Be untrue to God and you will lose heaven and lose all. Be true to God and you will lose hell. I pray that God will so work upon the consciences of you backsliders who hear me that you will cry salt tears and turn and roll upon your pillows when you go home tonight and seek a dry spot that he may reproach you until you have been stung into a return to the God to whom you have been false. A heathen woman named Panathea was famous for her great beauty, and King Cyrus wanted her for his harem. He sent his representatives to her and offered her money and jewels to come, but she repulsed them and spurned their advances. Again he sent them, this time with offers more generous and tempting; but again she sent them away with scorn. A third time she said "Nay." Then King Cyrus went in person to see her and he doubled and tripled and quadrupled the offers his men had made, but still she would not go. She told him that she was a wife, and that she was true to her husband.

He said "Panathea, where dwellest thee?"

"In the arms and on the breast of my husband." She said.

"Take her away." Said Cyrus. "She is of no use to me."

Then he put her husband in command of the charioteers and sent him into battle at the head of the troops. Panathea knew what this meant - that her husband had been sent in that he might be killed. She waited while the battle raged and when the field was cleared she shouted his name and searched for him and finally found him wounded and dying. She knelt and clasped him in her arms, and as they kissed, his lamp of life went out forever. King Cyrus heard of the mans death and came to the field. Panathea saw him coming, careening on his camel like a ship in a storm. She called, "Oh, husband! He comes - he shall not have me. I was true to you in life and will be true to you in death." And she drew her dead husband's poniard from its sheath, drove it into her own breast and fell dead across his body. King Cyrus came up and dismounted. He removed his turban and knelt By the dead husband and wife and thanked his God that he had found in his kingdom one true and virtuous woman that his money could not buy nor his power intimidate. A person of Boston, preachers, the problem of this century is the problem of the first century. We must win the world for God and we will win the world for God just as soon as we have men and woman who will be faithful to God and will not lie and will not sell out to the devil.

Billy Sunday



Not doctored picture
of Jesus in the clouds

I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE

I believe It's eve I grieve
The cost Oh! Most The lost,
In sleep So deep I weep A tree I see
And He Nailed there So bare
They stare Clouds burst He thirsts
Sin's curse Lost sway This day
Away! Away!
It's done God's son
Has won! Has won.

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John 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. ¹⁸“There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God.