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Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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Built His House Upon A Rock - Part III (Matthew 7:24)



A study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7.

Continuing our study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7, in

learning what it means to be "a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24), we pick up in Matthew 5:9.

Blessed [are] the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Although there is no direct quotation in the Old Testament, there is still a basis found there. You see, God did not bless George Bush I in the 1990's for bringing apparent peace to the Iraq situation. Nor did God bless Bill Clinton for the various peace accords in the Middle East. The peacemakers that God blesses are those that can bring peace to a person's soul for becoming right with God.

In other words, those that have a right relationship with Jesus are to act as peacemakers. For if Jesus were to return today, it would be "the day of vengeance of our God" (Isaiah 61:2) for many. Why? Because they were not saved. Those with the right relationship need to go to the many and be used as peacemakers between them and God. In other words, they need the gospel. They need to know that Jesus is our Savior and Advocate.

Since the peacemaking is between man and God, then the basis for Jesus' statement is found in the Old Testament. 1 Chronicles 16:2 says, "And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD." The people were not blessed until

a peace offering was made on their behalf.

Blessed [are] they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Psalms 106:3 says "Blessed [are] they that keep judgment, [and] he that doeth righteousness at all times." Although it does not say that the people referred to in Psalms were persecuted for righteousness sake, the parallel is still there.

People are blessed for doing righteousness, standing for righteousness, pointing to righteousness. In so doing, they will always be persecuted. Therefore, it is implied in Psalms 106:3 that not only are people blessed for righteousness but will be persecuted. A case in point is Abel being the first one to stand for righteousness sake. He was not only persecuted but murdered because he would not compromise.

Today, there are many that stand for the full Ten Commandments as being part of one's Christian walk and are persecuted. They are labeled legalistic. Before throwing around such terms, be very careful. God has standards. And if someone thinks that because circumstances have changed that the law has changed, they are deceived.

Take for example lying. A Christian would not lie. But involve a gun and someone's life and many Christians claim that the end justifies the means. Such people are not blessed. They are compromisers. Compromisers do not like discussions about things they disagree upon. Theirs is not the kingdom of God. All disagreements are settled by the righteous word.

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:25). These

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Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared between October 16 and November 15, 2005. [Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.]

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ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES!

On the Eve of Armageddon

📖 2005 has seen the most number of hurricanes in the Atlantic Ocean.

📖 The disasters happening one right after another is unprecedented in number and timing.

📖 Are we living in the last days?

📖 Outside of weather and earthquakes, are there other signs?

Nailing It To His Cross

📖 In Leviticus 23, there are seven specific feast days identified.

📖 What were they all about?

📖 How do they parallel Jesus' ministry?

📖 How detailed do they parallel?

Both studies include quite a few brand new questions and answers that never were presented in this series before. The truth has never been made more plain.

* Both studies are part of a sequential series of study. Prerequisite studies are required.

are non-compromising, non-legalistic people.

Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

One of the signs of the last days is *"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake"* (Matthew 24:9).

It is a bit easier to understand that those not of the Christian faith could do such a thing, but how about those in the faith?

"They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service" (John 16:2).

Are you a principled person? Are you offended by what is called Christianity yet is nothing more than an infatuation found in worshipping sports teams, music stars, and the like? Do you believe you are not saved by the law yet obey the law because you believe *"to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness"* (Romans 6:16)? Then you are a marked person for not only persecution outside the faith, but inside.

You are in good company. Those outside the faith, the Romans, carried out the execution, but it was those inside the faith, even church leaders, that condemned Jesus.

But living up to God's standards and being

persecuted for them is not new. *"All thy commandments [are] faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me"* (Psalms 119:86).

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for so great [is] your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

In these words, Jesus revealed that He was not teaching something new, but something that has always happened since the time of Adam and Eve. Satan persecuted Eve. Cain persecuted Abel. They laughed at Noah. Daniel ended up in the lion's den. Jesus even mentions by name *"the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar"* (Matthew 23:35).

When focusing on the reward in heaven, we are to rejoice and be glad over the persecution. It is evidence that we are right with God. But there seems to be a growing concern for the persecutors. Too many are redirecting their rejoicing. Too many are rejoicing that their persecutors are headed to hell to get theirs. Too many are thinking, "I'm saved and they are not." Just remember, *"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the LORD see [it], and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him"* (Proverbs 24:17-18). *"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"* (Luke 23:34).

To be continued...

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, let us seek these blessings.

THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH, EVEN AS THY SOUL PROSPERETH (3 John 1:2)



Topic: Duty of Ministers

The ministers in our land need to become acquainted with the science of physiology. Then they will be intelligent in regard to the laws that govern physical life, and their

bearings upon the health of mind and soul (Matthew 22:37). Then they will be able to speak correctly upon this subject

(Ephesians 4:15). In their obedience to physical laws they are to hold forth the word of life to the people, and lead up higher and still higher in the work of reform (Psalms 61:2).

In order to be fitted for translation (Luke 9:62), the people of God must know themselves (Psalms 139:23). They must understand in regard to their own physical frames, that they may be able with the psalmist to exclaim, "I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalms 139:14).

HEALTH SNIPPET: Variety is important. Over the past year, we have presented the purpose of vitamins and minerals in the body and even provided some resources for obtaining them. Reviewing the articles in this section over the past year, you will notice that not all foods contain all the essential vitamins and minerals. This is why variety is important. However, this does not mean we should be mixing the resources. Fruits and vegetables should not be eaten together. The body cannot absorb the vitamins and minerals as well

under these conditions. The fruit in the stomach would ferment before the vegetables would reach the same consistency and all the contents of the stomach be ready for digestion. It is best to eat all the fruit at one meal and all the vegetables at another. Breakfast is typically the fruit meal, while vegetables should be the mid meal of the day. If necessary, a third meal should actually consist of fruit for ease of digestion by the time to turn in for the night.

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TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO: AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT (Prov. 22:6)



Character Examples From the Bible – Rahab

Joshua 2:2-4 "And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them."

Joshua 2:12-14 "Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: And [that] ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee."

Joshua 6:24-25 And they [Israel] burnt the city with fire, and all that [was] therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel [even] unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

It took a lot of trust for Rahab to stay inside Jericho without trying to run out of the city knowing in moments that city would be destroyed through Israel by God. Yet, she waited for her deliverance.

How many times is a child told to stay where they are at and the parent would come right back, yet the child either gets up and follows or simply sits there and cries until the parent returns? Rahab is an example to children. She was told to stay, even under difficult situations, and she stayed knowing that Joshua would return. A child needs to know that there are times when a parent needs to step away for just a moment but trust they will be back.

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WHO HATH BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM IS THE ARM OF THE LORD REVEALED?

(Isaiah 53:1) - COMMENTS ON ITEMS IN THE NEWS -



The following are news items that appeared between October 16 and November 15, 2005. [Preview future news snippets at www.tstl.net/news.]

► **The Observer, November 13, 2005 - Forget monogamy and swinging. We're seriously polyamorous**

A new frankness about simultaneous

relationships is sweeping the US, reports Paul Harris in New York. Many polyamorous people, who call themselves 'polys', liken their emergence to the struggle by gays and lesbians for equal rights, 'coming out' as poly in a society prejudiced against their lifestyle. 'Most people in the poly community are very closeted. The community is where gays and lesbians were in the Sixties,' said

BIBLE STUDY

Winter

1. How did winter come about? **Psalms 74:17**

74:17

2. What did Jesus hope would not happen during the winter for His disciples? **Matthew 24:20**

3. What will remain while summer and winter still exists? **Genesis 8:22**

4. What will happen to the possessions of those that spend money lavishly upon themselves, piling on multiple homes and expensive homes while the work of the ministry is left to scraping pennies together and church buildings are lacking? **Amos 3:15**

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:*Slothfulness Does Not Pay*

1. What is the way of a slothful person? **Proverbs 15:19** *"The way of the slothful [man is] as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous [is] made plain."*

2. What is a slothful person a brother of?

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Justen Bennett-MacCubbin, the founder of Polyamorous NYC.

COMMENT: Hopefully homosexuals and those that have sympathy for such permissiveness will see that we are show no favoritism. The short of it is that anything outside of the union of one man and one woman in a married relationship is sin. And practicing sinners are not going to heaven. That includes polygamous people, gays, lesbians, living together, animal relations, and masturbation to name most of the sinful behaviors. Also we hope that people see why it is so important to fight back the progress of the homosexual society. They are setting the pattern. That means all these other sinful behaviors are less than forty years from being accepted. Can you imagine transvestites being accepted without question? Can you imagine legalizing adult children sexual relations? It is coming if time were to last. There have been attempts to move the age allowance down to fourteen. Where does it stop if not with the homosexual group? In addition to accepting a sinful lifestyle of homosexuality, society, for the most part, has accepted premarital relations as the norm. Even parents assist their children today to have that first time, special encounter. **Genesis 21:12** *"And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called."* If God had sanctioned polygamy, he would not have thus directed Abraham to send away Hagar and her son.

► **WorldNetDaily.Com, Nov. 10, 2005 - Preschool harms children's development**

A new study on the effects of preschool on children, which finds attendance harms kids' emotional and social development, is being used by a homeschool organization to help encourage parents to educate their children at home. The study, conducted at UC Berkeley, found that while youngsters gained cognitive abilities via the preschool experience, behavioral problems also increased – especially among kids from wealthy families. On average, the report finds that the earlier a child enters a preschool center, the slower his or her pace of social development, while cognitive skills in pre-reading and math are stronger when children first enter a preschool program between the ages of 2 and 3. The study found that children who attended preschool

at least 15 hours a week displayed more negative social behaviors when compared with their stay-at-home peers.

COMMENT: Just remember, John the Baptist, Jesus, Moses, and many others were home schooled and they turned out well. We know Jesus was home schooled because John 7:15 says, *"And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?"* A footnote understanding of this statement is that it was not that Jesus never learned, He never learned at their schools. And as a social deficiency, just remember who gave Jesus the most amount of trouble, those that attended the schools instead of home schooling.

► **WYFF4, Nov. 8, 2005 - Easley Church To Show USC-Clemson Game**

Five Point Fellowship in Easley will divide the chapel in two for the two teams' fans, and show the game on a big screen -- a really big screen, since the church is housed in the old Colony movie theater. "We're thinking this is really great. You know, this is a great opportunity for our church, for people to come see. Hey, we just come in here to have a great time worshipping, but we are very family-oriented," Dean Herman said. "I'm covered by the blood of Jesus, but man, my blood runs orange," he said.

COMMENT: Hebrews 12:28 *"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."* This church sure is not being reverent. What blasphemy! To quote the blood of Jesus in the context of a sporting event is unbelievable. What are they showing the public? They are showing a divided house. On top of that they are showing unsanctified characters. You cannot pack two team fans into two separate areas without smart remarks about the other team being uttered. Could you imagine Paul and Peter doing that? Nowhere do we see the apostles nor Jesus entertain to draw people.

► **Denver Post, November 7, 2005 - Saying "no" goes to college**

"There's a counterrevolution going on," says Leslee Unruh, president of the Abstinence Clearinghouse, an advocacy organization in D.C. Abstinence groups began forming largely in middle schools and high schools in the 1990s, but now

there "is an explosion in colleges."

COMMENT: 1 Thessalonians 4:3 *"For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."* 1 Corinthians 6:9 *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind."* We praise the abstinence movement. Just hope Christians realize that they are deceived if they are practicing fornication and think they are going to heaven because they think they gave their heart to Jesus. Why pick on Christians. According to the article, 91 percent of college students practice fornication regularly. Further, the country is at least 88% proclaimed Christian. That means there is an awful lot of young professed, but not real, Christians fornicating.

► **WorldNetDaily.Com, Nov. 3, 2005 - Vatican to Catholics: Listen to scientists**

The Vatican today warned Catholics that if they do not listen to the contentions of modern science – regarding the origin of life and other issues – they risk falling prey to "fundamentalism." When asked about the debate raging between evolution and intelligent design in the United States, a papal representative reaffirmed John Paul II's 1996 assertion that evolution was "more than just a hypothesis."

COMMENT: 1 Timothy 6:20-21 *"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane [and] vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace [be] with thee. Amen."* Evolution is not science. It is falsely called. Unfortunately people do not take interest in the past. Evolution itself has evolved. It started out with the earth being a million years old. Then a few more millions. We are now in the billions – 2 billion I believe is the latest figure. So when evolution runs into problems, add another zero is the answer? Definition of "fundamentalism" is by Webster, "Protestantism emphasizing the literally interpreted Bible as fundamental to Christian life and teaching." What is wrong with that? What is really happening is a new way of describing the continued Protestant Reformation, which is almost dead in the Protestant world. The Catholic church is so much against fundamentalism because then it would lose the reformation war. You see, again most people do not know this, but the Bible was all but done away with during the

dark ages. The leading church did not want people to know the truth because the leaders at that time were corrupt. They did so through execution if found with scripture in their possession. Well, the printing press overturned that rule. But now there is a new attack. "Go ahead and read the Bible," the Catholic Church says, "But don't take it literally. You must turn to us for understanding." We cannot find that in the Bible. In fact, the Bible teaches individual study, but correctly done. It is to include seeking others to counsel with, but the bulk of the study is in the hands of the people, not any church. Do away with the literal interpretation of creation and you do away with the institution of a week being seven days. You do away with marriage between husband and wife. You also do away with the Sabbath. All three come from only one source – Genesis chapters 1 and 2. Speaking of the Sabbath, did you know the real reason why Sunday is kept? The Catholic Church admits to changing the day solely by her power in 327 AD. No wonder creation account is under attack by the Catholic Church.

► **The Register, November 1, 2005 - Jesus appears in Romanian wardrobe**

A Romanian family is bracing itself for a veritable crusade of pilgrims after discovering the likeness of Jesus flanked by Saints Peter and Paul in a humble wardrobe, Ananova reports. "It is a miracle when Saints reveal themselves to us mortals and I crossed myself and started to pray."

COMMENT: Mark 13:21-23 *"And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here [is] Christ; or, lo, [he is] there; believe [him] not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if [it were] possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things."*

► **NewstalkZB, October 28, 2005 - Pastor defends showing rugby in church**

A Tauranga church pastor is defending his decision to scrap Sunday morning church services in favour of screening the All Blacks on the Grand Slam tour of Britain and Ireland. Russell Embling of the Greerton Bible Church says a lot of people are going to watch the All Black games on Sunday morning, so "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em". The church's normal Sunday service will be moved to Friday evening and Pastor Embling says he is looking forward to having a good time with his congregation.

COMMENT: The Bible tells pastors what to do

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Proverbs 18:9
"He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster."

3. What happens to someone that refuses to work and is able to?

Proverbs 21:25
"The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour."

4. What will happen to someone that likes to sleep in? **Proverbs 24:30, 33, 34** *"I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; [Yet] a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come [as] one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man."*

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if you can't beat them. 2 Timothy 4:2-4 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." This just as bad as saying, "You can't beat them at sin, so let's provide a place for sin." Or better yet, "Let's sin." This is not a shepherd, he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. And we cannot find where Jesus had a "good time". He convicted people of sin.

► **Boston.Com, October 28, 2005 - Primary school cancels Halloween celebration**

The school's principal said yesterday he acceded to the complaints of a handful of parents who said that because the school's traditional Halloween celebrations offended their religious beliefs, they would not send their children to school if the revelry continued this year. "It's not good," said her 7-year-old son, Jake, who is planning to dress up as a Ninja and go trick-or-treating after school. "Last year we got a Halloween party and it was really fun."

COMMENT: Leviticus 19:31 "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I [am] the LORD your God." Praise the Lord for a right decision. Halloween is satanic and not harmless fun. No decision is to be based upon a child's disappointment or losing a fun thing. Sin is fun. That is why it is hard to surrender it.

► **WorldNetDaily.Com, October 27, 2005 - New Yorkers see 'Jesus' appear on city street**

The Bible does not give a detailed physical description of Jesus Christ, some people believe they're seeing an image of the Son of God on a silver maple tree in upstate New York.

COMMENT: Matthew 24:23 "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there; believe [it] not." Acts 1:11 "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is

taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

► **Gainsville.Com, Oct. 21, 2005 - Man convicted in 'Antichrist' murder of former police officer**

A jury recommended a death sentence Friday for a man who testified he fatally shot a retired police sergeant because he believed the University of Alabama "A" on the victim's ball cap signified he was the Antichrist.

COMMENT: We have identified over 80 Bible references that pertain to the Antichrist. One of those references identify the Antichrist as *a beast rise up out of the sea*. What does a beast represent? Daniel saw four beasts. They were identified by God. And Daniel 7:23 says, "The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth." A beast is a nation. Antichrist is not just one person. That is the deception. 1 John 2:18 "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

► **Detroit Free Press, Oct. 20, '05 - Sermon: Give up hip-hop**

"The positive aspects of hip-hop are dung as far as the word of God is concerned," Lewis says on his Web site. "The negatives far outweigh the positives. Listen to the voice of God on this one. God will not embrace what the world has developed as a means of glorifying that which is carnal and sin filled."

COMMENT: Praise the Lord! Psalms 78:1 "Give ear, O my people, [to] my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth." If what is being listened to does not focus upon God, it is not worth listening to.

► **WorldNetDaily.Com, October 19, 2005 - Sunday, holy Sunday?**

A. Jan Marcussen, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Illinois, is starting with \$50,000 of his own money if someone can produce "a verse from the Holy Bible showing that God commands us to keep holy the first

day of the week" – Sunday – "instead of the seventh day" – Saturday – "as is commanded in the Bible." He says the reward will increase in \$25,000 increments each week for 40 consecutive weeks if no one sends him such a verse, with a final cap at \$1 million.

COMMENT: Attention A. Jan Marcussen, keep your money because Thus Saith the Lord Ministries cannot find a text in the Bible that you are looking for.

► **Israel National News, Oct. 19, 2005 - Leading Kabbalist Urges Jews to Israel - More Disasters**

On Thursday night, Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri said, "Jews must come to the land of Israel to receive our righteous Mashiach (Messiah), who has begun his influence and will reveal himself in the future."

COMMENT: John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also." Muslims believe this year or so is the end of the United States. That is a significant end time prophecy for the Muslims. Here we have the Jews expecting the Messiah for the first time. Just maybe Christians should believe Jesus' words are about to be fulfilled.

► **WorldNetDaily.Com, October 19, 2005 - High school hosts 'National Coming Out'**

A Maryland high school is observing "National Coming Out Week" with events organized by the campus Gay/Straight Alliance, prompting protests from parents. An angry father told the station he believes students shouldn't have to be exposed to this kind of event.

COMMENT: Matthew 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." Several readers question our relentless attack against homosexuality. First, we attack all sin. Second, we are not attacking homosexuals but are attacking the agenda. Only the sympathetic to sinners continued practice are

offended by us. Make sure you are not on the wrong side. God is not sympathetic to any practicing sinner. He is willing to help all out of sin, and if you allow Him, He will do this and be merciful. But instead, the pushers of the homosexual agenda (called the violent) are robbing the innocence of our children. We will not stand for it.

► **WorldNetDaily.Com, October 19, 2005 - Oral sex no big deal to Gen Y**

More than half of 15-19 year-olds doing it. Found that 55 percent of boys and 54 percent of girls say they either gave or received oral sex. Among adults 25-44 years of age, 90 percent of men and 88 percent of women have had oral sex with an opposite-sex partner.

COMMENT: Oral sex is sex and it is fornication. Ephesians 5:3 "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints." With those staggering numbers, it appears Christians are no different from the non-Christian. The only sex permitted between people is between one man and one woman who are married to each other. Period.

► **Ananova, October 19, 2005 - Prisoner sues God**

A Romanian prisoner is suing God for failing to save him from the Devil. The inmate argued that his baptism was a contract between him and God who was supposed to keep the Devil away and keep him out of trouble.

COMMENT:

As also a representative of God, a mouth piece for Him through 'Thus Saith the Lord...'" Ministries (www.tstl.net), we find fault with the complaint that was filed. We reviewed the complaint and found that the prisoner has a completely wrong understanding of the baptismal contract. If it was misrepresented by the Orthodox Church, that is between the prisoner and the church – not God.

First, as part of the contract, God said, "*If ye love me, keep my commandments*" (John 14:15). By committing murder, he broke the commandments and hence ended any obligation on the part of God. But the prisoner need not fear, because out of the generosity of the defendant, God, He is willing to reestablish a contract if the prisoner is willing.

Second, God never promised to keep the

devil away. In fact, God said, "*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*" (James 4:7). I firmly believe that the prisoner did not submit himself but submitted to himself instead, in other words, he was acting out of selfish motives. I firmly believe that the prisoner misunderstood the contract. God was not to keep the devil away, but the prisoner was to resist the devil. I firmly believe that he did not try to resist the devil. All that God promised was, according to the Amplified Bible: 1 Corinthians 10:13 For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently.

On these two points alone, the complaint filed by the prisoner is inaccurate. Further, the court need not subpoena God because God has already provided a written disposition – the Bible. God is ready to defend His position.

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COMMENT: 1 Corinthians 16:2 *Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store.* According to the New Testament, we are to work on the first day of the week, which many call Sunday. "Lay by him in store" means to go out into the field gathering into barns, which is a command to work.

BIBLE THOUGHT

Blessing or Curse

Revelation 3:17-18 *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

"I've never been sick!" "I've never had so much money before!" "Everything I touch turns to gold!" That is what many Christians either seek for or think they are experiencing. They attribute all these things to the blessings of God, while they pig out with their live-in soon to be followed by a smoke break. This too is what many Christians experience. If there is known sins in your life, are these "gifts" God's blessings or is Satan behind them encouraging your lifestyle? Oh, it does not have to be a wicked sin, just a sin that you refuse to give up. Because your experience since being baptized has been rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing, how is your spiritual life? Where are you when challenges come up in your life? Where are you when you have an opportunity to spend time in the Bible? Where are you when fellow so-called Christians want to partake in questionable activity? If your faith quivers at challenges, buy of Jesus gold tried in the fire. If you do not desire to read the Bible through the week, get the white raiment and be clothed. If you cannot see anything wrong with the questionable activity, anoint your eyes with the eyesalve of the Holy Spirit.

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ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH *(Daniel 10:21)*

QUESTION #1 – How do you conclude that

committing a sin considers someone guilty and confessing it alleviates the guilt?

ANSWER #1 – *"Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty; Then they shall confess their sin which they have done"* (Numbers 5:6-7). Therefore, if you do not confess your known sins, you remain guilty, and Jesus cannot save someone that wants to remain guilty. Therefore, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

QUESTION #2 – In the Old Testament, people had lost their faith and eternity. But the New Testament teaches once you are in His hands, no one can take you out so you are eternally saved. How can that be if God never changes?

ANSWER #2 – You are right, God does not change. But the New Testament reference is also found in another form in the Old Testament. Job 10:7 *"Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and [there is] none that can*

deliver out of thine hand."

Now the Bible definition of wicked is found in Proverbs 10:16 *"The labour of the righteous [tendeth] to life: the fruit of the wicked to sin."* When someone sins, they are considered wicked. Of course *"the wicked shall perish"* (Psalms 37:20). So, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9). Therefore, Job is stating that at that very moment, he could not point to a known sin. Now he may have been committing unknown sin, but *"the times of this ignorance God winked at"* (Acts 17:30). So the conclusion is that the relationship of being in God's hand and no one can take them out is conditional. Job recognizes that he still could choose to leave that protection by committing a known sin.

The New Testament teaches nothing different. John 10:28 says, *"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand."* The condition appears in the verse prior. John 10:27 *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."* Now can you choose at any given moment to follow your own heart and sin? Absolutely. Did anyone pluck you

from God's hand? No. You chose to leave.

So the concept of eternally saved based upon John 10:28 does not exist. Jesus is very explicit and plain when He said, *"he that endureth to the end shall be saved"* (Matthew 10:22, 24:13, Mark 13:13). Paul even disagrees with those that are careless and think they cannot be lost. *"I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily"* (1 Corinthians 15:31). Choose daily to die to self and endure until the end of your life or until the second coming and you will be saved.

QUESTION #3 – Was the sin of Ananias with Sapphira, who held back the profits of selling their land yet made off as giving all of it to the church foretold?

ANSWER #3 – In a direct sense? No. In a general sense? Yes. Proverbs 26:26 *"[Whose] hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the [whole] congregation."* Just when they thought their deed of holding back some of the money was covered by deceit, their wickedness of making off that they were wholly generous was shown before the whole congregation.