

"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

FREE GENERAL NEWSLETTER

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 XI (Matthew 7:24)

A study of Matthew 5, 6, and 7.



Continuing our study in learning what it means to be "a wise man, which built his house

upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24), we continue from last month.

Matthew 6:1-4 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father, which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest [thine] alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

Drawing attention to oneself, claiming greatness for an action committed, reveals the character of not only selfishness, but of self-centeredness. In addition, we are on the side of the one who we most resemble. And seeing there are only two sides, Christ or Satan, we find that it is Satan who said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:13-14).

That means that religious people can actually be Satanic. When the term

"satanic" is used, people think of murderous, dubious, and other awful traits, but in reality, since "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14), his followers could appear as such as well.

Jesus said, "If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). So it is not a matter of earthly recognition. It is a matter of heavenly recognition.

Matthew 6:5-6 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [are]: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Not only should your works be done in secret, but also your prayers. We think it is great that a football player scores a touchdown and then takes a moment to pray in the end-zone. We think it is great that there are people who pray in public, who force the issue of public prayer, and the like. But in reality, prayer is not for show, even when it is sincere. Prayer is not for sporting events. There is not one prayer of thanksgiving regarding winning a sporting event recorded in the Bible, let alone a touchdown.

The power of prayer is between God and the person praying. Telling someone you are praying for them may offer encouragement, but to demand

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Do You Have A TSTL For That???

If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?

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.

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- ▶ The new Bible Study that has been released is called **Revelation's Two Witnesses**

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that you have an opportunity to pray it publicly is crossing the line. The answer of prayer does not come from the location. It comes from God to the heart filled Christian.

Matthew 6:7-8 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen [do]: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Saying a prepared, repetitive prayer is called heathenism by Jesus and outright paganism in general. Some pagan religions required so many sacrifices to calm the evil spirits, and if they messed up, the gods were angry. Prayer to our loving, heavenly Father is to be conversation. Sure, you have a standard greeting when you meet someone. "Hi, how are you doing?" But after that, it usually is more thoughtful. And of course we have the standard closing, "Have a good day. See ya."

The same is to be with God. "Our Father" is the usually greeting. The closing is usually, "In Jesus name. Amen." But everything else in between is to be unscripted. It is to be real conversation. Tell God what you appreciate Him for. Tell Him your concerns. Tell Him your issues. Ask Him for help. But simply saying the same words, memorized by some process, is vain or worthless to Him.

Some say so many repetitive prayers and brag that they have been praying for several hours. Not really. They have just been making noise.

Jesus even tells us not to be like them. And since God also knows what you would ask, He waits to hear you ask. Repeated, memorized words never get to the asking part.

Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Here we see Jesus telling us how to pray. These words are not to be repeated. It is the manner of prayer. In other words, Jesus provided an outline. The November 1999 issues of this newsletter detailed the meaning of the prayer, so we will not repeat it here. It is available on the Internet at www.tstl.net.

But in general, as we mentioned earlier, there is the prepared greeting in any conversation. "Our Father" is usually standard. But acceptable alterations include, "Most gracious Father", "Our loving Father", and many others.

Please note that the purpose of prayer is not to be praying for a new toy. And yes, autos, big screen TV's, and other luxuries are toys. Some of those toys are necessary. But the purpose of prayer is to become in tune with the fact that Jesus is to come again ("Thy kingdom come"). Are you involved in that process? That is what the prayer is to do. You are to be involved. *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15). You are to support missionaries but you are also to take an active role in telling people about the gospel wherever you go. It is about conforming your life to the activity of heaven, which causes a disdain for what everybody else is "in to" or simply spending their time upon. It is about proper relationships, even with people you do not get along with. It is about avoiding the evil or sin by staying away from the temptations. It is about changing character.

To be continued...

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, may we learn to pray properly and find the power of God is transforming our lives.

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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)

Chapter 2, Not fighting for credit



Daniel 2:24-25 *Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise [men] of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise [men] of*

Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation. Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.

Daniel prayed to God for a solution to the dilemma of the king – wanting to know the dream and interpretation but not being able to remember the dream. Daniel was the one that rested in the Lord. Daniel was the one to receive the dream and interpretation. Daniel even went to Arioch

to say that he had the interpretation. But Arioch went to the king and said that he found a man with the interpretation when it was Daniel that found Arioch. But notice that Daniel did not argue the fact. Who receives the credit is not as important as who knows the truth – God.

When a younger child claims credit for doing something that an older child has done, the older child need not fight for the credit. Mere asking the younger child for the details shall reveal the truth. The younger will accidentally divulge that they were not able to do a certain part, or that the item was out of reach, etc. For instance, they may say, I put away all the eating utensils. A mother may ask, “How did you reach up so high (especially when there is no stool around nor evidence of a chair being moved)?”

DARE TO BE A DANIEL!

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



The Color of Food - God provided various pigments to protect us from disease. The red-dish pigments found in strawberries, cherries, cranberries, raspberries, blueberries, and grapes inhibit cholesterol synthesis. Pigments found in yellow-orange vegetables (carrots, pumpkins, and sweet potatoes), leafy green vegetables (kale, broccoli, and collard greens), and red and yellow-orange fruits (mangoes, pineapples, tomatoes, peaches, strawberries, watermelons, cantaloupes possess significant anti-tumor activity and enhance immune function.

FILLING BALLS

- 1 WW Loaf of Bread - Cubed
- 1 small Onion - chopped
- 1/4 c Celery - chopped
- 1 T Parsley
- 1 t Salt
- 1 T Italian Seasoning

Non-dairy Milk - enough to moisten

Mix well, form into balls and wrap in foil or press into loaf pan and bake at 350° until golden brown (approx 1 hour)

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These and many more questions are answered in the newest online Bible Study at www.tstl.net and clicking on **Study Tools** and then **Online Studies**.

These studies are also in printed form and available upon request.

All studies must be performed in sequence as the Bible is a building block of information.

DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.

Christ the Minister of Sin?

1. What does Paul answer to the question, "Is Christ the Minister of Sin"? **Galatians 2:17**
2. What is sin? **1 John 3:4**
3. What does Jesus take from us? **1 John 3:5**
4. If that is truly taken away, what are we to be towards it? **Romans 6:1-2**
5. What are we to be servants of? **Romans 6:18**
6. If we practice what Jesus has taken away, what are we no longer? **Romans 6:20**
7. If we are no longer considered what Jesus has given us, what will we lose? **Psalms 37:29**



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

Who Is Wise?

1. What will a wise person do? **Proverbs 1:5** "A wise [man] will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels"
2. What are wise people to receive into their minds? **Proverbs 8:33** "Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not."
3. What will the wise receive into their hearts? **Proverbs 10:8** "The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall."
4. What does a wise person keep? **Proverbs 28:7** "Whoso keepeth the law [is] a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous [men] shameth his father."
5. What do wise people store up? **Proverbs 10:14** "Wise [men] lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish [is] near destruction."
6. What do wise people try to do? **Proverbs 11:30** "The fruit of the righteous [is] a tree of life; and he that winneth souls [is] wise."
7. In the end, what will the wise inherit? **Proverbs 3:35** "The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools."

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 June 16 and July 15, 2006. [Preview future news snippets at www.tstl.net/news.]

▶ Miami Herald, July 10, 2006 - 5-year-old 'girl' starting school is really a boy

Broward County schools' progressive policy on transgendered children will be tested by the admission to kindergarten this fall of a boy who believes that he's a girl. After long consultation with a team of pediatric endocrinologists and therapists, then with school officials, the parents decided that it was in Pat's best interest to live as a girl. He hates his {private part}, and he refuses to wear boys' clothing.

TSTL: Exodus 20:16 *"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."* How far does one go in helping this child to live a lie? The alterations at school to accommodate are quite interesting. What will they do come high school?

▶ AP, July 10, 2006 - Study: Eating Fish Helps Protect Eyesight

The new studies aren't the strongest level of scientific evidence, but they confirm the findings of previous studies that also link fish consumption (omega-3 fatty acids) with prevention of macular degeneration.

TSTL: 3 John 1:2 *"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."* By the way, vegetarians can find other sources of omega-3 fatty acid intake without eating meat (fish). Flaxseed oil is an excellent source.

▶ Boston Globe, July 10, 2006 - Infants' brains developed better with breast milk

The tiniest premature infants fed with breast milk in the hospital did better on tests of mental development later in life than did others fed only formula, a new study has found.

TSTL: Job 38:41 *"Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat."* God, not man, is the provider. We know there are exceptions, but when there is a choice between natural and man made, nothing compares to what God has made. Convenience should never be in consideration.

▶ AP, July 6, 2006 - Coca-Cola caper likened to 'a spy novel'

A secretary accused of helping two men steal trade secrets from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell them to rival PepsiCo Inc. was ordered released on bond Thursday in a blockbuster case her lawyer likened to "a spy novel." Coca-Cola and Pepsi, usually bitter enemies, worked together to foil the alleged trade secrets theft plot.

TSTL: Romans 2:14 *"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves."* What do Coke and Pepsi know about God? We don't know. Yet, they, specifically Pepsi, did the right thing. Pepsi could have accepted the trade secrets but chose to obey the commandment of "Thou shalt not steal."

▶ The New York Times, July 2, 2006 - The Lonely American Just Got a Bit Lonelier

There is a new installment in the annals of loneliness. Americans are not only lacking in bowling partners, now they're lacking in people to tell their deepest, darkest secrets. They've hunkered down even more, their inner circle often contracting until it includes only family, only a

spouse or, at worst, no one. A recent study by sociologists at Duke and the University of Arizona found that, on average, most adults only have two people they can talk to about the most important subjects in their lives — serious health problems, for example, or issues like who will care for their children should they die. And about one-quarter have no close confidants at all.

TSTL: Matthew 24:12 *And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.* Iniquity includes selfishness which contributes to the problem -- no one cares therefore don't share.

▶ CBS, July 2, 2006 - Little Mr. Apricot Flips Off Crowd, Loses Title

The newly-crowned Little Mr. Apricot, 4-year old Matthew Burgos, raised his middle finger to the crowd! Matthew was unceremoniously relieved of his crown. The reason - the unfortunate flip of the finger. Matthew's mom understands why the apricot board took Matthew's title, but wishes some townsfolk would just get over it.

TSTL: Ephesians 5:9 *"(For the fruit of the Spirit [is] in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)"* Evidently the right fruit is not being taught. Where did the 4 year old see it? Who allowed it? How often is the child influenced by it? Who cares about the title or even the gossip. how about his future salvation?

▶ MSN, June 29, 2006 - U.S. Panel Endorses Routine Cervical Cancer Vaccine for Girls

A U.S. advisory panel recommended Thursday that 11- and 12-year-old girls be routinely vaccinated against the virus that causes cervical cancer. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices also recommended that the vaccine, called Gardasil, be administered to girls as young as 9, at the provider's discretion,

NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are "sudden destruction" news items that appeared

between June 16 and July 15, 2006.

[Preview future "sudden destruction" news snippets at www.tstl.net/suddendestruction.]

►WorldNetDaily, July 13, 2006 - Iran warns Israel of 'fierce response'

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said today an Israeli strike on Syria would be considered an attack on the whole Islamic world that would bring a "fierce response," Haaretz reports. Israel has blamed Syria and Iran for the Hezbollah rocket attacks on towns and cities in northern Israel. In recent weeks, Israel has buzzed the palace of Assad with fighter-bombers as a warning against hostile actions.

TSTL: Matthew 24:6 "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet." As the war in Israel escalates, those that interpret Revelation as a literal Israel understanding instead of a spiritual one are helping to deceive the world into darkness.

and for women up to age 26 who have not previously been vaccinated against the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus (HPV).

TSTL: Psalms 118:8 "[It is] better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." The Lord says that it is fornication to engage in sexual activity, at any age. Being inoculated against such transmitted sexual diseases gives a sense of trusting in what man created rather than trusting in what God says.

►Canadian Press, June 27, 2006 - Dangerous superbug in Canada

A dangerous strain of a superbug that can be caught outside hospital settings has moved beyond the boundaries of the high-risk groups it first plagued in Canada, causing illness in healthy adults and children in a number of provinces across the country, researchers reported Tuesday. "It's sweeping across the nation, no doubt about it," said Dr. John Conly, senior author of one of the papers and a leading researcher on the scope of Canada's problem with community-acquired MRSA. But over the past 10 or 15 years, public health authorities in first Australia and later the United States and Europe reported the troubling emergence of a couple of virulent strains of MRSA that seem to have developed in the community, in people who hadn't been hospitalized. But in the United States, where the problem is more advanced than it has been to date in Canada, infections have been cropping up in day-care centers and on sports teams, both professional and amateur. Conly said U.S. public health authorities estimate the case load runs to the hundreds of thousands.

TSTL: Matthew 24:7 *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

►The Times of India, June 25, 2006 - Smart cards for sex workers

The medical-must has been bundled with a plastic card which entitles prostitutes to incentives when they shop for their daily needs. Accumulated points earn card holders discounts and gifts and these can be redeemed at hotels, provision stores and

textile shops, says Suma Ashodaya joint secretary.

TSTL: Hosea 5:4 *"For the spirit of whoredoms [is] in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD."* This is not the way to handle the prostitute and medical crisis. To reward someone for sin only encourages sin. It is like telling a child, "Obey me and I will give you chocolate cake." Guess what will happen in the future. The child will not obey unless it receives chocolate cake.

►Reuters, June 19, 2006 - New US church leader says homosexuality no sin

Newly elected leader of the U.S. Episcopal Church Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said on Monday she believed homosexuality was no sin and homosexuals were created by God to love people of the same gender.

TSTL: *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine"* (2 Timothy 4:2). We do not want to hear what she believes. We want to hear the Word, even if it reproves us of sin (homosexuality acts are an abomination or really big sin in the eyes of God - Leviticus 18:22), rebukes our actions, but most definitely we want to hear God's doctrines and not what humans believe.

►AP, June 19, 2006 - Presbyterians 'Receive' Policy on Worship

The divine Trinity _ "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" _ could also be known as "Mother, Child and Womb" or "Rock, Redeemer, Friend" at some Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) services under an action Monday by the church's national assembly.

TSTL: Presbyterians leadership is a bit messed up in their thinking. Since when is God politically correct. Since when does God not offend? Who gives humans the right to femanize God? In addition, the idea of Rock, Redeemer, Friend is a bit off as well. There are at least two names for Jesus and none for the Father. The Rock is not the Father. *"That Rock was Christ"* (1 Corinthians 10:4).

ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)



QUESTION #1 – Does not God’s mercy take care of the fact that we cannot stop sinning?

ANSWER #1 – According to our non-changing God, Exodus 34:6-7 says, *“And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear [the guilty]; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth [generation].”* Mercy does not come upon those who are guilty.

The next logical question is, “Who is guilty?” James 2:10 says, *“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all.”* Anyone that breaks one of God’s Ten Commandments.

“But we are under faith, under grace, under a new covenant!” some people say. Romans 3:31 says, *“Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.”*

So back to the original question, does mercy apply to us when we cannot stop sinning? *“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon”* (Isaiah 55:7). According to this, mercy comes after the ceasing of sin, even in our thoughts.

After reading these verses, this is how it works. When a person sins, they are guilty. If they die without confessing their sin, there is no mercy and hell is their eventual destination. Now remember, Acts 17:30 tells us that it does not apply to the sins done in ignorance. This only applies to those thoughts and actions that we know are sin. And continuing in them, even though you said you accept Jesus as your Savior, you are guilty. But *“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), we are no longer guilty. That is because after confession, we have received mercy, after the cessation of sin.

Now there is another factor. You cannot stop sinning without the help of Christ. Therefore, grace comes before the cessation of sin. Grace is not only God providing *“pardon our iniquity and our sin”* (Exodus 34:9), but *“grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made*

perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). In other words, grace includes both the power to cease from sin and the forgiveness of the sin upon cessation, if we choose to receive grace.

So if someone says that they are under grace, it means they have the victory over sin, and they do not continue sinning. *“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid”* (Romans 6:15).

QUESTION #2– What is the law of liberty?

ANSWER #2– The law of liberty is the law that liberates us from sin. It is the keeping of God’s Ten Commandments. David said, *“And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts”* (Psalms 119:45). To walk in liberty is not the liberty to sin, but it is the keeping of God’s precepts. James explains the precepts as not committing adultery and not killing (James 2:11-12) therefore it is the Ten Commandments.

QUESTION #3– I thought no one has seen the Lord face to face but what about when Abraham fed the Lord and two other men at Abraham and Sarah’s tent. Sarah knew it was the Lord because only the Lord would have known that she laughed when she heard that in her old age she was going to have a baby?

ANSWER #3– According to John 1:18, *“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him].”* So the Lord you are referring to is not Jesus – it is God the Father. No one has seen God the Father face to face.

So who did Abraham meet with? Genesis 18:33 *“And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.”*

Of the Godhead, who does the term “Lord” refer to? John 8:58 *“Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.”* Jesus was the one that met with Abraham and not the Father. Therefore, the statement that no one has seen the Father remains true.

Think On These Things

Where Is Your King?

Psalms 2:1 *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?”* Why is there so much war? *“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet”* (Matthew 24:6). Why do people get so caught up in the material world? *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”* (2 Timothy 3:1, 4).

Psalms 2:2-3 *“The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, [saying], Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”* There appears today a movement against Christianity. Some say that a one world religion is forming. Some say that the UN is trying to squash Christianity and uplift Islam.

Psalms 2:4 *“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.”* Do not worry, no matter what they do, *“I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”* (Matthew 16:18).

Psalms 2:5 *“Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his*

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NEW US CHURCH LEADER SAYS HOMOSEXUALITY NO SIN—????? (News section on page 4)



BUT THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND (COMETH), BE YE THEREFORE SOBER, AND WATCH UNTO PRAYER

(1 PETER 4:7)

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In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, such a work as that

of John is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. . . . As a people who believe in Christ's soon coming, we have a message to bear,--"prepare to meet thy God." Our message must be as direct as was the message of John. He rebuked kings for their iniquity. Notwithstanding that his life was imperiled, he did not hesitate

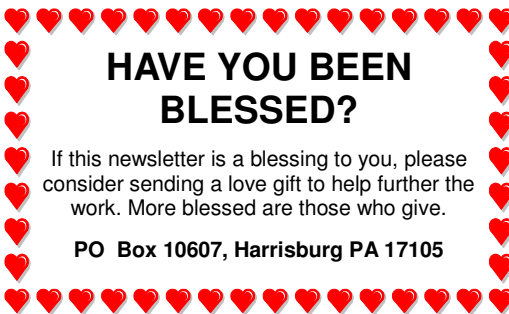
to declare God's word. And our work in this age must be done as faithfully.

In order to give such a message as John gave, we must have a spiritual experience like his. The same work must be wrought in us. We must behold God, and in beholding Him, lose sight of self.

sore displeasure." And when God speaks His wrath, He speaks "the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God" (Revelation 15:1).

Psalms 2:6 "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." But all through this, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1).

Revelation 17:14 "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful."



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