

# "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 XIII** (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 6:31-33 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

What is the reason you are here? Evolutionists have no clue. They are still stuck on the chicken or the egg, while we know that the chicken was created by God saying, "let fowl multiply in the earth" (Genesis 1:22). We know the primary purpose is to know God properly, and the second is to help others to know Him properly as well.

The Gentiles do not seek after those things. In fact, many Christian do not either. Here is another test of a Christian. If your thought is to find the shortest service, you are a Gentile in Christian clothing. If you go along with the majority of the world who think that keeping a day holy unto God is attending church but the rest of the day is yours as you please, you are a Gentile in Christian clothing. If your thought through the week is seeking after entertainment and popularity with especially being the gossip or prankster, then you are a Gentile in Christian clothing.

Seeking after what to eat, drink, and

clothing is not the limit to Christ's rebuke. First and foremost is to be the Kingdom of God in all aspects.

When you are faced with being late to work and being helpful to someone really in need, which do you choose?

When you think of buying something nice for the home but the home does not really need it while the church is asking for financial support for an outreach project, which do you choose?

When the church asks for volunteers, do you open the book of excuses including the popular, "I'm tired of doing it. Let someone else do it"? I am sure glad Jesus did not say that leading up to the cross. Such are Gentiles in Christian clothing.

Notice the qualification. It is not a matter of doing all the right things either for even Gentiles will do such. Jesus said, "And His righteousness." That is not simply being saved through His righteousness. That is to "put on righteousness" (Job 29:14). That is to "to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6).

That is the right heart motivation coupled with the right actions. In other words, "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Ephesians 2:8), but "even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

As for the things being added to you, do not expect an expensive house or car as the Gentiles may have, but your basic needs shall be met.

**Matthew 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.**

Coupled with this is "Boast not thyself of to

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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.**

## UPDATES FOR WWW.TSTL.NET

In the computer world, computers over 3 years old are considered for retirement. Our server is over 5 years old and was in need of several costly upgrades. We sought other options and have found a better solution. In comparison to 5 years ago, it is cheaper today to rent server space than to upgrade and maintain an older server. The transition should soon be completed.

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-  The Coming New World Order
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*morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth*" (Proverbs 27:1).

This does not forbid making plans for the future but do not worry or work yourself up regarding tomorrow nor present yourself as accomplishing some grand thing in the future for you really do not know what the future holds.

How many times have you heard that the earth is doomed? The big one, referring to an earthquake, was to have hit California long ago. A meteor was to have sent us back to the "ice age" by now. "Big brother" was to control every aspect of our lives by 1984. Even the second coming was to have happened many times over. Leave these events with God.

You are afraid of taking a test. You are afraid of visiting with the in-laws. You are afraid you are going to have a bad day. You are afraid you will not be ready for the holidays. You expect a bonus next week. You expect to hit it rich real soon. You expect or you worry, but you do not enjoy today.

There is sufficient activity going on today. Do not bring the future into today's events. As you let God worry about earthquakes, tainted food, terrorism, global warming, let God take care of the test, in-laws, bad days, holidays, the bonus, the great deal, and simply appreciate today and make the most if it for him.

**Matthew 7:1-2 Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.**

These are favorite verses in the Bible among practicing sinners. When someone speaks to another about what they are doing that is not right before God, the response is, "You're not to judge me!"

Paul appears to contradict Jesus' statement. *"Do not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"* (1 Corinthians 6:2). *"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins"* (James 5:20).

The purpose of each of us being on earth is to know God rightly and to help others to be

right with God as well. The word "witness" and its varying forms of witnessing, witnesses, and witnesseth appear 167 times in the Bible. A large number of them refer to us showing the world who God truly is. That means that there are people who do not know who God truly is. Therefore there are going to be clashes.

But back to the basics. If you are to help those in error, which the Bible states that we are to do such, then does that not mean you have to evaluate the situation and determine if the person is doing things right, believing rightly, witnessing properly? That is judging.

Simply put again, judge not a person's final destination. Set not yourself as God determining people's fate. But judge the action to know if it is sin or not. Warning a person that if they continue in the sin that their destination is hell is part of judging the smallest matters. You just cannot say where their final destination will be, heaven or hell, for only God knows.

**To be continued...**

We will continue our verse-by-verse study next month, but for now, may we boast not and worry not of tomorrow, but rather seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

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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, Remembering friends...**

Daniel 2:47-49 *The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth [it is], that your God [is] a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise [men] of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel [sat] in the gate of the king.*

After Daniel was put into a higher position,

Daniel did not do what many others do – they forget their friends.

Many have friends during their lifetime that may not be of the wealthiest, but when they have a higher position in life, it is as if they never knew such friends.

Some have been poor all their life and therefore, their friends were poor. But when they become someone important, they forget who they used to be. They would not be caught seen with their old friends.

But Daniel remembered that all these things would not be possible if Daniel and his friends did not pray together. Daniel knew that his friends and he needed to continue to pray together for future success.

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



**Allergies:**

If you suffer with allergies, what do you do about it?

Well there is the world's way of dealing with this and there is God's natural way. The world's way involves shots and chemicals called drugs. The body is already being drained from the allergens that have entered in and now the world wants you to add to that these foreign invaders for your body to fight against. All medication is treated by your body as a foreign invader and it immediately goes to work to create antibodies. That explains why you have to keep changing the drug. So why fight your body when you can work with it and help it. God's way involves boosting the immune system by simply eating healthy, getting your needed rest, fresh air, sunshine,

exercise and most importantly with allergies, drinking lots and lots of water. So do not lock yourself indoors with your drugs, get outside with your tall glasses of water and enjoy God's creation.

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## NEWS FOR CHILDREN OF LIGHT

(1 Thessalonians 5:5)



The following are “sudden destruction” news items that appeared be-


tween June 16 and July 15, 2006.


[Preview future “sudden destruction” news snippets at [www.tstl.net/suddendestruction](http://www.tstl.net/suddendestruction).]


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### An Abundant Sin:

1. The time before Jesus returns will be like the days of who? **Luke 17:28**
2. What city did he live in? **Genesis 14:12**
3. What was the city abundant in? **Ezekiel 16:49**
4. What is the result of practicing it or continuing in it? **Proverbs 19:15**
5. What two sins can result from it? **1 Timothy 5:13**
6. What would the Lord have us do instead? **Matthew 20:6-7**



### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

#### How the Bible Uses Abraham To Represent the Plan of Salvation:

1. What is Abraham called? **Luke 16:24** “*And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*”
2. What is Isaac called? **Genesis 22:6** “*And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid [it] upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.*”
3. Who would represent the Holy Spirit? **Genesis 24:2** “*And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:*”
4. God's people today are called His church (not to be confused with a building or denomination made by people). His church in Old Testament times was called many names including Zion (Isaiah 51:16). What symbol does God use to represent His people, Zion? **Jeremiah 6:2** “*I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.*”
5. Who represents God's people in this example? **Genesis 24:51** “*Behold, Rebekah [is] before thee, take [her], and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.*”
6. Who did the representative of the Holy Spirit (#3) take the representation of God's people (#5) to? **Genesis 24:64** “*And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.*” [The son is the most appropriate answer.]
7. Who is the church being prepared to meet by the power of the Holy Spirit? **Titus 2:13** “*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*”
8. In summary, Abraham represented the Father who had a son representing Jesus Christ. The Father sent the Holy Spirit through His Son to guide the church to be ready for the Second Coming.

## **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 September 16 and October 15. [Preview future news snippets at [www.tstl.net/news](http://www.tstl.net/news).]

### ► **Daily Mail, October 13, 2006 - Schoolgirl arrested for refusing to study with non-English pupils**

The teenager had not been in school the day before due to a hospital appointment and had missed the start of a project, so the teacher allocated her a group to sit with. "She said I had to sit there with five Asian pupils," said Codie yesterday. "Only one could speak English, so she had to tell that one what to do so she could explain in their language. Then she sat me with them and said 'Discuss'." According to Codie, the five - four boys and a girl - then began talking in a language she didn't understand, thought to be Urdu, so she went to speak to the teacher. "I said 'I'm not being funny, but can I change groups because I can't understand them?' But she started shouting and screaming, saying 'It's racist, you're going to get done by the police'."

**TSTL:** 1 Peter 2:19 *"For this [is] thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully."* Just remember, these silly tactics used by citizens will one day be used against true followers of Jesus on a wider scale.

### ► **WorldNetDaily, October 7, 2006 - Teacher fails girl for stand on 'gays'**

Students told not to discuss assignment about 'homosexual colony' with parents. Fly me to the moon? No thanks, said a 13-year-old girl who refused, because of her faith, to write an assignment for her health and physical education class about being the only heterosexual in a lunar colony with 10 homosexuals. "It is against my beliefs and I am not going there," she told the teacher. For this, she was given her first-ever failing grade in a health and physical education class.

The government "has created a system that tries to tell kids what to think instead of teaching them how to think," he said. "It is completely out of line for students to be graded on their moral beliefs. It's not the job of our schools to politicize our children. It is their function to provide our kids with the basics, like reading, writing and math."

**TSTL:** Ephesians 6:11 *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Praise God for this 13 year old for taking a stance against the hidden agenda. Being homosexual is a choice between themselves and God. It has no place to be pushed, especially through a hidden method. Satan pushes; God calls. And that includes Christians. Forcing people to be Christian is Satanic. So forcing an acceptance of homosexuality is also Satanic.

### ► **Telegraph, October 5, 2006 - Speed-daters may find the church of lost dreams**

The Church of England is to offer a speed-dating service to help lapsed worshippers find the church of their dreams. Representatives of 10 churches will meet potential converts in a hotel lounge. They will have five minutes with each of them, one to one, to try to sell them their particular place of worship and brand of Christianity. The event is aimed at young people toying with returning to church but too busy to find one that suits them.

**TSTL:** 2 Timothy 4:3 *"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."* Since when are we to sell religion, especially to an age that most are still material? Can you see the sales pitches? "Come to my church. We have a swimming pool, short service, mostly hand clapping rock type music, free concerts, and if you act now, we will even throw in a free

DVD!" If the DVD were replaced with a Bible, we might begin the right path. The short of it is, according to the Bible, to win souls is through the Word and the Word alone. And never does the Bible teach to focus on increasing numbers in church attendance.

### ► **WorldNetDaily, October 4, 2006 - Grieving Amish raise money for killer's family**

In what's being called a stunning example of "the imitation of Christ," the Amish community devastated by the cold-blooded murder of five of its schoolgirls is raising money for the killer's family. "But they don't balance the hurt with hate." He said, "I don't want to denigrate anybody else who says they're imitating Christ, but the Amish walk the walk as much as they talk the talk."

**TSTL:** Matthew 5:39 *"But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."* Romans 12:21 *"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."*

### ► **The News Sentinel, October 4, 2006 - Atheist groups growing over last 6 years**

Horrified by escalating religious violence and alarmed by the Bush administration's "faith-based initiatives," which make government money available to religious organizations, atheists are coming out of the closet - and organizing. But atheism appears to be gaining ground as a belief.

**TSTL:** Revelation 12:12 *"Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."*

### ► **Fox News, September 27, 2006 - Cheese Company Workers in Wisconsin Speak About**

## INFORMAL SURVEY

We need to hear from you!

**Please write and tell us what you think of this newsletter and this ministry.**

For example:

Which items are you blessed the most by?

Which items are you not interested in?

What would you like to see in this newsletter?

What would you like to see this ministry do?

Please feel free to include any other comments that you feel would be of useful value to this ministry.



**As we prepare for the new year we need to hear from you.**

**Please help make this ministry all that it can be for the glory of the Lord.**

Thank you—for your time, your loyal support and prayers.

### \$208.6M Powerball Win

The 100 cheese company workers who won a Powerball jackpot worth \$208.6 million tried a number of things to increase their luck — and finally won when they rubbed the belly of a small statue of the Buddha. "We don't know if it was this Buddha that brought us luck. We don't know if it was our prayers to God that were answered," said Mary Entringer, who organized the pool. "We have no idea, we're just grateful."

**TSTL:** Joshua 24:15 *"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* One thing is for sure, God did not answer their prayers for two reasons. First, *"know that the LORD he [is] God; [there is] none else beside him"* (Deuteronomy 4:35). Doing things with Buddha is going against this statement and the first commandment. If they even believe for a moment that Buddha rubbing could give them the victory, they are mistaken if they think God blessed them. Second, *"ye cannot serve God and mammon"* (Luke 16:13). *Gambling is mammon. Where does gambling come from? Give you a hint. If there is impurity to the matter of gambling, it is not of God. That leaves one other source. So again, God would not bless gambling.*

### ► WorldNetDaily, September 22, 2006 - 'Green flag of Allah will fly over Vatican'

Pope Benedict XVI's apologies for worldwide reaction to his remarks about Islam and his invitation today for Muslim leaders to meet with him next week are "mere diplomatic acts" and prove the pontiff does not really regret his words, a prominent Gaza Strip preacher told WorldNetDaily. Sheik Abu Saqer, leader of Gaza's Jihadia Salafiya Islamic outreach movement, which seeks to make secular Muslims more religious, called for holy war against the pope. He said Christian leaders such as Benedict are "afraid" because they realize Islam is Allah's favorite religion and they are going to hell unless they convert. The Gaza preacher declared the "green flag of Muhammad" would soon be raised over the Vatican.

**TSTL:** Mark 13:7 *"And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for [such things] must needs be; but the end [shall] not [be] yet."*

### ► AP, September 22, 2006 - Samaritans unwittingly help in car theft

People got behind and pushed and even offered an impromptu driving lesson to help a boy who was struggling to drive a car - failing to realize that the 14-year-old was stealing the vehicle, police said.

**TSTL:** Luke 10:36 *"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him?"* Just about everyone was neighborly but God does ask us to use common sense.

### ► Palm Beach Post, September 18, 2006 - Winds, El Niño gang up on storms

Whatever you call it, this hurricane season has been nothing like the snarling Rottweiler that meteorologists were predicting months ago. So far we've experienced nothing like Florida's six-week spree of four hurricane landfalls in 2004, let alone last year's record-setting 28-storm season that included the calamity of Katrina.

**TSTL:** The reason why they are failing in the prediction is found in Isaiah 46:9-10 *"Remember the former things of old: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else; [I am] God, and [there is] none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done"*

### ► UPI, September 17, 2006 - Laborer gets fired for good looks

A teenage laborer in Surrey, England, was asked to find another job after his hunky physique distracted pupils at an all-girls school. Norman said he didn't do anything to distract the girls -- that he even kept his shirt on.

**TSTL:** Proverbs 31:30 *"Beauty [is] vain: [but] a woman [that] feareth the LORD, she shall be praised."* Taken a different look at this verse, shame on the girls being distracted with a man's beauty. God is looking for women that fear Him.

## ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH

(Daniel 10:21)



**QUESTION #1**— How much does it cost to publish the newsletters?

**ANSWER #1**— The duplicating machine we use (not a copier) costs us \$305 per month. Paper, supplies, and postage cost us \$330 per month. So the total is \$635 per month.

**QUESTION #2**— What is wrong with showing a little skin? Between criticizing Volkswagon's ads using Playboy Bunnies and the Bible Thought "Sensuality, One of the Final Snares", it appears that you have a problem with God's beauty.

**ANSWER #2**— God's beauty we do not have a problem with, but insinuating or explicitly enticing with sexuality is forbidden pleasure unless you are in your own house and the woman enticing you is your wife.

*"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array"* (1 Timothy 2:9). Showing full lengths of naked legs, cheeks that are below the waistline, and tight fitting clothing that reveals the entire shape of the body is not modest. Anything that causes a man to stare and look it over is not modest.

Many churches today are hypocritical. They point to the gay population and claim that it is Sodom and Gomorrah when in fact their own church members are the ones. Many churches are unaware or desensitized to the fact that the sins of Sodom are within and not all without. When a woman bends over and a man can see down the blouse, that is the sin of Sodom. When a blouse leaves nothing to the imagination because of it being see through, that is the sin of Sodom.

Leviticus 18 and 20 talk about nakedness and what is and is not permitted. In the context, nakedness is not the revealing of private parts. Nakedness is the amount of skin that entices. That is reserved between husband and wife.

Some men like their women to reveal skin because it shows all the other men what he has and no one else may have it. That is contributing to the sin of coveting — *"thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife"* (Exodus 20:17). It is not to be show and tell.

The Bible is clear that sex and sensuality would be repeated in the last days as enticements to sin and loss of eternal life. The references of Lot by Jesus and the inclusion of the story about the women at Baalpeor just before entering the Promised Land point to this fact. They were not just historical events. *"They are written for our*

*admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come"* (1 Corinthians 10:11).

**QUESTION #3**— Can you provide an explanation of what the phrase "Thus saith the Lord" really means? It is used over 200 times in the Bible and I'd like to know when this is in the Word of God, what is God wanting us to know from the phrase?

**ANSWER #3**— "Thus Saith the Lord" is used 413 times, all in the Old Testament. Of course there are other similar phrases that are not in the count. For instance, the phrase "Word of the Lord" appears 255 times.

"Thus Saith the Lord" simply means that these are God's words and not my own. There is authority when speaking as the mouthpiece of God instead of human made words. Another way of looking at it is if you do not like what the speaker is saying, yet they use clear and substantiated evidence from the Word of the Lord, then the argument is with God, not the preacher.

For instance, *"Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness."* (Exodus 5:1) Pharaoh was not about to argue with Moses and say, "Moses, how about a different day" or "Moses, how about we discuss it." No, Pharaoh's response in the next verse is, *"Who [is] the LORD."* His argument was with the Lord.

Further, a prophet may not have understood all that he was to do and say, but he said it anyways.

Today, if a preacher says, "Thus Saith the Lord" they may mean they have a verse in the Bible. That is not a "Thus Saith the Lord". A "Thus Saith the Lord" is a comprehensive study of the subject. For example, "Thus Saith the Lord, God no longer exists!" That is a misquote found in James 5:11, "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." Sure does look like the Lord ended. But further investigation reveals that a synonym to the word "end" is "result" and not "finality". So the proper "Thus Saith the Lord" is to say, "Thus Saith the Lord, behold the results of the Lord!"

## Think On These Things

### The Harvest

Matthew 9:37 *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few.*

You may have heard that God speaks through nature. Look for the lessons and you will be taught. Even the seasons tell the truth. Spring time is the Christian's new birth experience. Summer is the testing time filled with trials. Which brings us to the harvest in autumn.

Harvest time is losing its meaning as fewer and fewer farms are managed by real farmers instead of today's automation. But the harvest time is the gathering of the fruits into the barns and storage.

*"The harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels"* (Matthew 13:39). *"Ye shall know them by their fruits"* (Matthew 7:16). The second coming is represented by the harvest. You and I are the fruit. The barns and storage is heaven where *"faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth"* (Luke 12:33).

Have you survived the summer and are ready for the harvest "second coming"?

What about winter? Next time.

