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By Donnie Swaggart

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Every single Believer who has ever lived has had to go through Chapter 7, more or less. There are no exceptions.

In fact, unless the Believer properly understands the Cross of Christ as it regards Sanctification, which we are going to do our best to teach you in this Volume, then it's impossible to climb out over the Seventh Chapter, and go on to the Eighth.

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The explanation of the Sin Nature is the very first great Truth given by the Lord to the Apostle Paul; consequently, I think it should be understood that this is one of the most important, if not the single most important, subject in the Bible, as it regards the Believer. And yet, most Believers do not have the faintest idea as to what the Sin Nature actually is. And for a Believer to not know and understand this information which is taught in the Word of God, frankly speaking, spells catastrophe!

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Why Is It That The Cross Doesn’t Work For Me?

By Jimmy Swaggart

ANSWER:

The Cross of Christ always works; it’s you and I who at times don’t work. We must understand that the Cross of Christ is not a magic wand that we wave over problems and the problems disappear. In fact, the Cross of Christ, one might say, is the door that leads to all of the great things of God. All of these things are learned slowly and most of the time with great difficulty.

MISUNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Many people think of the Cross of Christ, at least when they first hear this Message, as a quick fix. To be sure, the Cross of Christ alone can, as the song says, “fix it for you”; however, it is definitely not a quick fix. As we have stated, there are no magical qualities about the Message of the Cross. Let not the Believer think, upon embracing this great New Covenant, which the Lord has given unto us and for which He paid such a price, that the moment our Faith is there placed is the moment that all problems stop.

“The whole of the Christian life from beginning to end, day by day, moment by moment, is simply learning what it means to live by Grace through Faith alone in Christ alone.”

Not so!

To be sure, this Message is most definitely the key to “more abundant life” (Jn. 10:10). It is the one factor in this world, given to us by the Lord, which can set the captive free and it doesn’t matter what the bondage might be. In fact, it would be impossible for us to overstate the benefits for which Jesus paid such a price. It is as Simon Peter said, “a rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of Glory” (1 Pet. 1:8), but, very few of these things come quickly or easily. Satan will contest every advancement we make, and do so with a venom that seems to defy description. He knows that such a person has found the key to Victory and, if he can get that person, through discouragement, to simply quit, in other words to transfer his Faith from the Cross of Christ to something else, then the Evil One has won the battle. However, if we stay the course, Victory, and in a capacity we have never previously known, will be ours.

THE CROSS IS THE ENTRANCE ONE MIGHT SAY

Once one begins to understand the Cross of Christ, a proper understanding of the Word of God will begin to fall into place. In fact, I do not personally believe that anyone can properly understand the Bible unless one first of all understands the Cross. That doesn’t mean one cannot understand some things about the Bible, for one certainly can; however, putting the pieces into place cannot come about until we understand the Atonement.

NO BELIEVER EVER MATURER BEYOND THE ATONEMENT

George Williams says, “The whole of the Christian life from beginning to end, day by day, moment by moment, is simply learning what it means to live by Grace through Faith alone in Christ alone.”

The Child of God can Grow in Grace, come to the place of Spiritual Maturity, only by evidencing Faith in Christ and what Christ did at the Cross. The Cross of Christ must ever be the Object of our Faith, that and that alone! If, in fact, that is correct, and it most definitely is, considering that the modern church understands the Cross of Christ not at all, at least as it regards Sanctification, this means there isn’t much maturity in the modern church. I think this should be obvious when we see those who claim to be Christians, even preachers, falling for that which is obviously unscriptural. It is a lack of maturity and because of the lack of the Cross.
The only alternative is to fall back once again upon our own resources. Up beside Christ, what kind of resources do we have? What type of power and strength do we personally have?

Whatever it might be, it is understood, and graphically so, that we are no match within ourselves for the powers of darkness. So, the truth is, we have no alternative to the Cross of Christ, yet, the modern church keeps opting for that devised by man and, thereby, ignoring that provided by the Lord, i.e., “the Cross.”

The Cross is God’s Way and it is His only Way. The reason it is the only Way is because no other way is needed. Paul wrote:

“Then said He, Lo, I come to do Your Will, O God. (The doing of the Will of God, as it regards Christ, pertained totally and completely to His Sacrifice of Himself on the Cross.) He takes away the First (the Old Covenant, which He did by the Sacrifice of Himself), that He may establish the Second (the New Covenant which He did by going to the Cross, the only way it could be established).

THE OFFERING OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST

“By the which will (the Sacrifice of Christ took away the First Covenant, satisfying its demands, and established the New Covenant) we are Sanctified through the Offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all. (This proclaims unequivocally that the only way the Believer can live a victorious life is by the Cross ever being the Object of his Faith.)

“And every Priest stands daily Ministering and offering oftentimes the same Sacrifices, which can never take away sins (proclaiming the insufficiency of this method):

“But this Man (this Priest, Christ Jesus), after He had offered One Sacrifice for sins forever (speaks of the Cross), sat down on the Right Hand of God (refers to the great contrast with the Priests under the Levitical system, who never sat down because their work was never completed; the Work of Christ was a ‘Finished Work,’ and needed no repetition)” (Heb. 10:9-12).

WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST?

WE BELIEVE . . .

. . . The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God. (Ps. 119; Mat. 4:4; Lk. 24:27)
. . . there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 5:7)
. . . in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His Sinless Life, in His Miracles, in His Vicarious and atoning Death, in His Bodily Resurrection, in His Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this Earth in Power and Glory to rule a thousand years. (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev., Chpts. 19-20)
. . . in the Blessed Hope — the Rapture of the Church at Christ’s Coming. (I Thess. 4:13-18)
. . . the only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and Faith in the Precious Blood of Christ. (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9, 13-18)
. . . Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal Salvation. (Jn. 3:5-8; Titus 3:5)
. . . the Redemptive Work of Christ on the Cross provides Healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; 1 Pet. 2:24)
. . . the Baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to Believers who ask for it. (Acts 2:4-10; 10:44-46; 19:1-7)
. . . in the Sanctifying Power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. (Rom. 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11)
. . . in the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to Everlasting Life and the other to everlasting damnation. (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15)

THE PRICELESS CORNER

We have set aside this corner of THE EVANGELIST to show God’s Plan of Salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

FIRST . . . GOD LOVES YOU!

“For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life” (Jn. 3:16).

SECOND . . . MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD!

“For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not” (Ecc. 7:20).

“Till all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

THIRD . . . JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SINS!

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God . . .” (I Pet. 3:18).

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!” (Acts 4:12).

FOURTH . . . YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR.

Jesus calls this experience the “new birth.” He told Nicodemus: “. . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God” (Jn. 3:3).

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in His Name” (Jn. 1:12).

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart:

Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged Cross of Calvary. I now open my heart’s door and receive You as Saviour and Lord of my life. Please take full control of my life, and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer in all sincerity, you are now a Child of God. So that we might rejoice with you, we invite you to fill out this coupon and mail it to Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, P.O. Box 26250, Baton Rouge, LA 70826-2550.

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DEAR JIMMY: TODAY I ACCEPTED JESUS AS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR.

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DATE OF DECISION _______ AGE ________

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“Many think that once the Cross of Christ is the Object of their Faith all temptation will end and Satan will not be able to bother them again.”

WHY IS IT SO FOOLISH TO REJECT THE CROSS?

To be frank, the way the question was formed in the heading presents a gross understatement. The word “foolish” is not nearly strong enough. To turn from the Cross of Christ is to turn from the only way of coming to God, the only way of having fellowship with God, and the only way of overcoming the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

For one to exchange the free Grace of God, which comes to us solely by the means of the Cross, for the bondage of our own works is stupid indeed!

The Gospel of Grace says: God gives and gives and gives! The Law says: you must do and do and do! So, that being the case, why would most Believers desire Law over Grace?

That’s a good question!

One of the reasons is, “the doing of Religion is the most powerful narcotic there is,” the doing of whatever makes us think that we are really righteous. Please understand the following:

There is absolutely nothing any Believer can do to make himself righteous, and I mean nothing! Righteousness is a free Gift from God and is freely given to anyone, irrespective as to what their past has been, if they will simply evidence Faith in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the Cross. Then a perfect, pure, untainted, unstained Righteousness will be imputed by God to such a believing soul (Rom. 5:1-2).

THE POWER THAT TRIES TO KEEP US UNDER

We quoted the following from THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE some Chapters back but it presents such a great Truth, that it needs, I think, to be repeated. It said: “The glad Tidings of Salvation is one thing; the struggle against the power that tries to keep the soul in bondage is quite another.”

Many think that once the Cross of Christ is the Object of their Faith all temptation will end and Satan will not be able to bother them again. Please understand that the Bible does not promise such a life. One day that will come, but, only when the Trump of God sounds (1 Cor. 15). So, if you, as a Believer, think the Cross is not working because temptation is once again coming your way, you are misunderstanding the entirety of the great Plan of God.

In no place in the Word of God are we promised an uneventful life. To be frank, if such did come our way at this stage, it would not be for our benefit, but rather would play out to our hurt. Once again, allow me to quote from THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE:

“Satan will not easily allow his captives to go free; and God permits the bitter experience of Satan’s power in order to exercise and strengthen Faith.

“That is ever the work of the Holy Spirit, the strengthening of our Faith. It is done in many ways; however, perhaps one could say, the greatest way of all is Satan’s attacks against us. We don’t like them! We certainly don’t desire them in any fashion! But the truth is, such is necessary, that is if we are to ‘Grow in Grace and the knowledge of the Lord.’”

IT IS WAR

We as Believers must understand that as long as we are in this world, and even though we understand the great Message of the Cross perfectly, none of this will exempt us from the opposition of the Evil One. In fact, Paul refers to this conflict as “war”; however, the Lord has shown us the way to have Victory in this war, and we speak of Victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Admittedly, it’s not simple and it’s not easy, but if we function according to the way laid down in the Word of God, we will win this war. In other words, sin will not have dominion over us (Rom. 6:14). There is nothing the Believer can do to escape the war, but most definitely we can have Victory in this war. Paul said:

“For though we walk in the flesh (refers to

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As Paul says here, Satan will do everything within his power to erect *strongholds* of evil in our lives, and he will do so if we oppose him in the wrong way. However, if we place our Faith exclusively in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the Cross and refuse to allow it to be moved elsewhere, this “war” will be won. In the meantime, our Faith and strength in the Lord will grow mightily!

Yes, the Cross of Christ most definitely works and, in fact, is the only thing that will work. However, don’t expect such to absolve us of all temptation, of all attacks by Satan, etc. That’s not going to happen, but, as we have repeatedly stated, what the Lord gave to the Apostle Paul shows us the way to Victory, that is, if we will persevere, which means that we won’t quit.

(This message was derived from the book, “Brother Swaggart, Here Is My Question About The Cross”.)
The Cross And The Resurrection
(Romans 4:24-25)

Many have claimed that the emphasis should be placed on the Resurrection, instead of the Cross. Is this what the Bible teaches? Misplaced faith is the cause of most, if not all, of the problems affecting Christianity.

Beyond The Cross?
(Hebrews 6:1-3)

Most Christians don’t realize what walking after the flesh and walking after the Spirit actually are, and yet, there is nothing more important as it regards victorious living, or the lack thereof, than this particular subject.

Living The Cross Life
(Romans 7:21)

The living of the Cross life is essential to all victory. But yet, the far, far, greater majority of Christendom, as Romans 7:20 describes, is living in defeat.

The Key To Victory
(Romans, Chapters 6 and 7)

If every Christian could know and understand the teaching given here, their Christian experience would be greatly enhanced. This is a must for your Biblical instruction.

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How To Be An Overcomer

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To my knowledge, we have never offered these at this price previously. I would pray that you would take full advantage of this. This is teaching that every Believer needs to hear. Please select any one or all, but do it now.
Every lady, we believe, will want one of these Bibles. It is genuine bonded leather, plus at the same time it is designed especially for ladies. Actually, Frances is the one who designed it.

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So, dear Lady I would pray that you would take full advantage of this offer.

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I want to begin Part II of this article with two emails that were written to me in response to our discussions of alcohol on my SonLife Broadcasting Network program, Frances and Friends. Here is the first email from Georgia:

“I wanted to contact you to tell you that I appreciate your program so much, and my husband and I are dependent on it and Jimmy Swaggart’s sermons throughout the week. My husband and I recently were ‘moderate’ drinkers before watching your program this past month or so. Please don’t assume we were defensive of alcohol to begin with; we simply were never exposed to any other way. We are in our early 20s, are newlyweds, university students, and we are learning to live as the Lord wants us to. Unfortunately, my husband was raised in a home where both his guardians are undoubtedly alcoholics. However, they defensively claim to drink ‘socially’ or ‘moderately’ even though they drink nearly every night, they also profess to be Christians and are very involved in their church. I grew up in a home in which the teachings of the Lord were completely foreign and blasphemed. I was emotionally, physically, verbally, and sexually abused during my childhood. Alcohol, I know very well, influenced how I was treated and was raised. Alcohol is not a foreign notion to either of us, and because neither of us were raised in a home that believed in conviction, we just assumed there was nothing wrong with it. My parents have always led me to believe that I deserved the way that I was treated, so I never bothered to evaluate the consequences of the consumption involved in my abuse. I wanted to point out, that drunkenness is a sin. No one can call in and argue with you about that. If the Lord meant for moderate drinking to be acceptable, that would mean it would be a moderate sin, and there is no such thing.

“I study history and criminal justice. I would implore those who defend alcohol to look up for themselves the percentage of crime in this country that involves either the abuse of drugs or the consumption of alcohol, and even more so, the TYPE of crime that occurs, for it is rarely a victimless crime. I am especially thankful for your program due to the discernment the Lord has revealed to me through it. In America today, what is right and wrong is no longer black and white, but instead has been manipulated over the years into a large gray area. If children are raised to pick and choose from the Lord’s Instruction what to enforce into their lives, they will eventually grow numb to the Holy Spirit’s convictions. This is so dangerous. If a ‘Christian’ parent believes in moderate drinking, either because they fail to look up what wine means for themselves or they simply denounce it so that they may choose their own preferences over the Lord’s Instruction, they are teaching their children not only to be lukewarm, but that that lifestyle is acceptable.”

Shortly after we received the above email, we received another one dealing with the issue of “moderate drinking” (or drinking in moderation), which is really what we are dealing with in this article (more so than drunkenness or alcoholism). As the first emailer already mentioned, no one really argues that drunkenness is a sin. The disagreements, as well as lack of understanding, conviction, and repentance usually come concerning social or moderate drinking. Both emails make very important observations and points concerning this issue. There are many pastors and believers still out there who do NOT agree with moderate drinking and are still convicted of it, even in these last days, even in this late hour. I’ve even heard of new believers who were convicted to leave their
Let’s continue to dig into how wine was used in the Bible and during ancient times. Keeping in mind that the Greek word for wine is “oinos,” let’s look at what Dr. Spiros Zodhiates said in the “Lexical Aids To The New Testament.” Zodhiates said, “Wine derived from grapes. The mention of the bursting of the wine skins in Matthew 9:17; Mark 2:22; and, Luke 5:37 implies fermentation (see Eph. 5:18; cf. Jn. 2:10; I Tim. 3:8; and, Titus 2:3). From the intoxicating effects of wine and the idolatrous use of it among the heathen, wine signifies communion in the intoxicating idolatries of the mystic Babylon (Rev. 14:8; cf. Jer. 51:7). From Jewish custom of giving a cup of medicated wine to condemned criminals just before their execution to dull their senses, it figuratively denotes the dreadful judgments of God upon sinners (Rev. 14:10, 16:19; cf. Is. 51:17, 21, 23; Jer. 25:15). The drinking of wine could be a stumbling block and Paul enjoins abstinence in this respect, as in others, so as to avoid giving an occasion of stumbling to a brother (Rom. 14:21). Contrast I Timothy 5:23, which has an entirely different connection (cf. the word gleukos [1098], sweet new wine, and sikera [4608], strong drink).”

Then, on page 1756 of the same reference, we find
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the meaning of the word "sikera."
Zodhiates continues, “Strong drink, and intoxicating liquor, whether wine (Num. 28:7), or more usually, that which is prepared from grain, fruit, honey, dates, as in Luke 1:15 where it occurs together with oinos (3631), wine. See Leviticus 10:9; Deuteronomy 29:6; Judges 13:4, 7, 14.”

In “The Words & Works of Jesus Christ,” by J. Dwight Pentecost, on pages 115-116, he quotes J.W. Shepard as saying:

“Jesus made real wine out of water. But there was a great difference between the Palestinian wine of that time and the alcoholic mixtures which today go under the name of wine. Their simple vintage was taken with three parts of water and would correspond more or less to our grape juice. It would be worse than blasphemy to suppose, because Jesus made wine, that He justifies the drinking usages of modern society with its bars, strong drinks, and resulting evils.”

It is necessary to understand the use of wine in the New Testament.

In his article, “Wine-Drinking in New Testament Times,” Robert H. Stein says:

“In ancient times wine was usually stored in large pointed jugs called amphorae. When wine was to be used it was poured from the amphorae into large bowls called kraters, where it was mixed with water. From these kraters, cups, or kylix were then filled. What is important for us to note is that before wine was drunk it was mixed with water. The kylix was not filled from the amphorae but from the kraters.”

Wine was always mixed with water, both to help purify the water of that day and also to prevent intoxication. So, often when the Bible spoke of wine, it was basically speaking of purified water. The ratio of water to wine varied. Homer (Odyssey IX, 208f.) mentions a ratio of 20-to-1, 20 parts water to one part wine. In “Bible Wines” by William Patton, we learn that Hippocrates also considered, “Twenty parts of water to one part of the Thracian wine to be the proper beverage.” Pliny (Natural History XIV, vi, 54) mentions a ratio of eight parts water to one part wine. In another ancient work, “Banquet of the Learned of Athenaeus,” which was written around A.D. 200, we find, in Book Ten, a collection of statements from earlier writers about drinking practices. A quotation from a play by Aristophanes said, “The ratio of water to wine is 3-to-1.” Sometimes the ratio does go down 1-to-1 (and even lower), BUT when the mixture gets this low, it is referred to as “strong drink,” which was completely unacceptable. Drinking wine unmixed, such as this, was looked upon as a “Scythian” or barbarian custom. Solomon wrote, “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging . . . “ (Prov. 20:1). Proverbs 31:4-5 says, “It is not for kings . . . to drink wine, nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink, and forget the Law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted,” pointing out the use of alcohol is especially forbidden for those who would be leaders.

It is evident that wine was seen in ancient times as a beverage. Yet, as a beverage, it was always thought of as a mixed drink. Plutarch (Sumpsoias III, ix), for instance, states, “We call a mixture ‘wine,’ although the larger of the component parts is water.” The ratio of water might vary, but only barbarians drank it unmixed. And, a mixture of wine and water of equal parts was seen as a “strong drink” and frowned upon. The term wine or oinos in the ancient world, then, did not mean wine as we understand it today, but rather wine mixed with water, and sometimes just simply grape juice. Usually writers simply referred to the mixture of water and wine as “wine.” To indicate that the beverage was not a mixture of water and wine he would say “unmixed (akratesteron) wine.” Some even suggest that Timothy was so concerned with separating himself from those who used wine improperly that he had stopped mixing wine in his water altogether and caused himself stomach problems (I Tim. 5:23). Again, the water of that day needed the wine for purification. It could be boiled, but that was difficult to do in those days. It could be filtered, but that wasn’t really a safe method. So, it was easiest to add a little wine to kill the germs. Today, we do not need to add wine at all. We have other things for purification, as well as for medicines.

Clearly what people drink today and call “moderate,” the Bible and cultures of ancient times (including even many pagan cultures) would have considered a wrongful, and even barbaric, use of wine. It’s amazing that with all of our increased knowledge in modern times, our consciences have been so dulled. We, as a people, have become quite good at rationalizing whatever it is we want to do, while we have become terribly inept at sensing the convictions of the Holy Spirit. And, of course, our insensitivities include much more than just alcohol use. As well, false teachers make it even easier to ignore our convictions as they tell us what our flesh wants to hear and help us dismiss what the Lord is speaking to our hearts. “. . . Having their conscience seared with a hot iron” (I Tim. 4:2). As the above emails pointed out, “There is no such thing as moderate sin.” God, help us to hear Your Heart on this subject instead of our fleshly desires! And, make no mistake; it is always our flesh that draws us to want to drink alcohol and never the Holy Spirit.

Frances Swaggart

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These are red hot Messages that every Believer needs to hear. As well, the music here is outstanding to say the least. Especially considering that we’ve cut the price in half, I would pray that you would take full advantage of it. For some of the greatest Preaching in the world, and some of the finest music in the world, you must take advantage of this most excellent offer, especially considering that it’s offered at half price.
Matthew 4:18-20 – “And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two Brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen.

“And He said unto them, Follow Me (the Messiah’s advent was signaled by three great words: ‘Repent,’ ‘Follow,’ and ‘Blessed’ [Mat. 5:3]), and I will make you fishers of men (the greatest Call of all).

“And they straightway (immediately) left their nets (their fishing business), and followed Him.”

As is obvious, these Verses give to us the account of the Call of Peter and Andrew to serve as the Lord’s Disciples. However, there are some things that I want to bring out that are applicable to all Believers.

THE LORD SAW THEM

Of course, we understand that in the literal meaning of the statement, this means that the Lord physically, and literally “looked” at these two men. However, it does present to us the following.

Just as the Lord saw Peter and Andrew, He sees us, too. So many people think of the Lord as some impersonal deity in Heaven removed from the affairs of His Children, but that’s not the case. The Lord sees each of His Children. We are never out of the sight of the Lord.

Hebrews 4:13 tells us that “Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His Sight.”

Job 34:21 says, “For His Eyes are upon the ways of man, and He sees all his goings.”

Exodus 3:7-8 says, “And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of My People who are in Egypt and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I

know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians. . . .”

These Passages plainly tell us that not only does God see you, but He knows you; He hears you. Every day, the Lord has His Eyes on you, so don’t let Satan fill your mind with the thought that the Lord doesn’t watch over you.

HE SAID UNTO THEM

Not only did the Lord “speak” to Peter and Andrew, but He speaks to us today. I don’t know how many times I have been asked, “Does God speak today?” The answer is, “Yes, He still speaks to His Children.”

The real question should be, “How does the Lord speak to us?” He speaks to us in the following manner:

• He speaks to us through His Word. The Bible is God’s Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit as He Moved upon the hearts of holy men of God to write what He wanted written (II Peter 1:21). Therefore, every time you open
He wants to make something out of us. He desires to do a work in our lives, a work that will make us like Him, if we will allow it. In Revelation 3:12, we read, “Him who overcomes will I make a pillar in the Temple of My God.” In I Kings 7:13-21, the Lord uses the description of two pillars that stood in front of Solomon’s Temple. They were made of brass and when they were properly shined to a high gloss, and when the sun’s rays would shine upon them, they would bathe the front of the Temple in light. That’s what He wants to make of us, pillars that shine the Light of God’s Glory.

FISHERS OF MEN

This is the greatest calling of all! Make no mistake, the greatest calling in the world is the Call of the proclamation of the Gospel to the world. Please understand, everyone is called by God to world evangelism. While only a small few, compared to the total, are called to stand in the five-fold Ministry Gifts (Eph. 4:11), the rest have a part to play in the Harvest as well. Paul, in Romans 10:13-15 bears out the parts we are to play. Some are called to preach and the rest are called to send the preacher.

In effect, when you help us each month during the “Bible-thons” and “Share-a-thons,” you are becoming a “fisher of men,” and there is no higher Calling.

Are you doing your part?

Your Evangelist,

Donnie Swaggart

FOLLOW ME

This comment to Peter and Andrew meant far more than the act of following from place to place, but an immediate detachment from their present occupation and a solid attachment to the Lord Jesus Christ as their Leader.

Today we, as Believers, are to follow Christ with the same loyalty and dedication, which means that we don’t allow anyone or anything to have preeminence in our life. We don’t follow denominations. We don’t follow men blindly or slavishly. We don’t follow certain doctrines, but we follow Christ.

AND I WILL MAKE

The Lord doesn’t just save us to take us to Heaven, but
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**OVER-THE-AIR (DTV) TELEVISION**

For those of you who are not familiar with digital television, these are **free “old fashioned TV channels”** that are able to be picked up with a digital tuner and antenna. Most new televisions are equipped with built-in digital tuners or you can purchase a tuner from your local electronics store (Best Buy®, Radio Shack®, etc.). As well, you can purchase the proper antenna at your local electronics store. Many viewers under the broadcast signal of the television station can use a small, digital antenna inside the home. For those on the outer edge of the signal or to receive the best signal, an outdoor antenna may be required. Both indoor and outdoor antennas are available for less than $50!

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Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am single parent of three, and I work hard to support my children. I find it hard to attend church as my children have special needs and I don’t drive. But then I found you right there on the TV, and I feel like I can fellowship again and look forward to the Sunday Services. My children enjoy watching too, and have started to ask questions about God and faith. It has brought us all closer together as a family and closer to God. I have learned so much from watching your broadcasts and have definitely become stronger as a person.

Life is hard sometimes, but I know God is always there with me. God bless you and thank you.

England

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Dear Brother Swaggart,

About two weeks ago, I had been fighting a battle with Satan and losing. But God led me to SonLife Broadcasting Network (SBN). You were preaching and your songs blessed my heart beyond measure. I realized that as long as I have breath, I need to serve and worship God. I cannot wait to get home from work each day so I can turn on your program. I used to listen to you many years ago on radio, and have prayed for you many times over. I am so thankful that God has blessed me with Christian children who really love the Lord. I am of Baptist origin, but somehow as I began to pray and praise the Lord during one of your Services, nothing would come out in English and such a burden has been lifted. I do not know what I think, but I just love my Lord and want to do His Will. Right now you are singing, “How Long Has It Been”, and for me it has been a long time. But tonight I feel God’s Love, praise God!

Arkansas

Please keep speaking the truth of God’s love and his Word . . . we need this ministry to help keep us fed!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am writing to thank you for being on the air. I have been watching you from my computer 24 hours a day/ seven days a week, and the Anointing is bringing life back into my Spirit. I have heard some of the comments and
emails that you guys have been getting, and I wanted to
give you a little advice. What you are doing is straight
from the Lord Himself and it is Food that is keeping God’s
Children alive. The enemy is going to attack you, and he
will use people to do so. When that happens, don’t give
him any attention. If someone doesn’t like you that’s their
problem, not yours. Please keep speaking the Truth of
God’s Love and His Word. Please do not back down, and
don’t do what some of these ministers are doing now
and taking the Cross out of the message. We need this
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Pennsylvania

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WHOLE FAMILY . . . WE EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT EACH TIME WE WATCH THE IN-
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Dear Brother Swaggart,

Thank you so much for the SonLife Broadcasting Net-
work (SBN) with the messages that are preached and the
Spirit-filled worship. Since we discovered the broadcast
eyear early this year, it is just a miracle to my whole family. To
be honest with you, we experience the Presence of the
Holy Spirit each time we watch the inspiring worship. I
have experienced healing from a broken heart and as-
surance of God’s Love through this Network. Glory to
Jesus! May the Almighty bless your Ministry abundantly.

South Africa

THANKFUL FOR INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE, JESUS,
AND GOD

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I was listening to Donnie on my way to work this
evening and he said the sinner’s prayer. I prayed along
and held up my hand to Jesus. I know, without a doubt, I
am Saved. I thank you and everyone for introducing the
Bible, Jesus, and God into my life. I have been recently
introduced to Christianity by my boyfriend and it has
changed my life. I see things more clearly, and recognize
the evil that was presenting itself in my life, to say the
least. God bless you.

Missouri

EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE IS INCREDIBLE, A NEW
ADVENTURE IN GOD’S WORD

Dear Brother Swaggart,

On using different versions of the Bible in our study
of Scripture, I would like to relate some of the observa-
tions I have made about my personal Bible study since
I received my copy of The Expositor’s Study Bible. First of all, immediately upon opening
the box containing my copy of this King James Bible with
the comments by Jimmy Swaggart, I opened it at ran-
dom and began to read. After 45 minutes had passed, I
realized that I was still standing next to my desk at the
spot where my aide had placed my mail, none of which
had been opened once I’d opened the box from Jimmy
Swaggart Ministries. To me, it seemed as though only
five minutes had passed, so I made myself double-check
that this much time had passed.

Later in the day, I was describing my feelings about
The Expositor’s Study Bible to my prayer partner, and
what I told her was that, while reading it, I had felt the
same measure of excitement that I’d felt after first becom-
ing Saved, when I realized that I could actually read the
Words of the Living God. At that time, everything was
a discovery-type process to me. Each time I turned the
page in my Bible, I encountered a new adventure as God’s
Words sprang from my Bible into my heart. I told her that
I hadn’t had the feeling like this for nearly 25 years.

I have a room in my home that I call my library, which
is lined with bookshelves containing, for a person not
in the ministry, what would seem to be an exhaustive
compilation of Bibles, commentaries, Bible dictionaries,
study Bibles, encyclopedias, and good Christian fiction.

Virginia

PREACHING LEAVES LISTENER WANTING MORE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I was channel-hopping on TV one day, and came across
your SonLife Broadcasting Network (SBN) channel. You
were preaching and I was absolutely hooked. You didn’t
preach “at us,” but to us and what you were saying was
so meaningful and has brought me back to your channel
wanting to hear more. If only the Methodist Chapel I
was brought up in had been as vibrant as your place of
worship, I may have not put God on the backburner for so
long. Thank you for reawakening my need to get my faith
back on track, and may I also say I love listening to your
Recordings, you have a special voice. Thank you Pastor.

England
Christian experience. The best place in the world to live is “in Christ.” However, if we have not been properly discipled, or if false doctrine has led us away from the truths of God’s Word, there is little chance of fruit and even a danger of total loss of faith. The water we require, Symbolic of the Holy Spirit’s Moving in our lives, has been tainted, poisoned, and corrupted. I understand that there is no way to “taint” or defile the Holy Spirit Himself, for He is God. However, if our belief system is corrupted, the Moving and the Operation of the Holy Spirit can be hindered, even stopped. This illustrates, perfectly, the situation for many, if not most, in modern Christianity.

THE STORY OF ELISHA

In the setting of our chosen Text, Elisha has just gone through the miraculous translation of his father in the Lord, Elijah. The men of Jericho approach this man of God and declare to him their need. While they lived in a “pleasant place” their water supply was poisoned. This caused the ground to be bare of product and made the water undrinkable. Sadly, this is a picture of the modern
the Person of Christ, the Incarnation, and the Word of God combine, they tell the story of God’s Redemption Plan. What was it that Christ came to Earth to do? He came to restore all that man had lost in the Fall; He came to destroy the affects of sin in the World. Where was this Plan carried out? It was carried out on Calvary as Jesus, the Lamb of God, paid the price for man’s Redemption. Now, whosoever will may come and drink of the waters of life freely. It’s God’s Redemption Plan that creates living water for mankind. The story of Redemption is the Story of Christ and Him crucified. Whenever an unbelieving sinner or a seasoned Saint of God looks to the Finished Work of Christ as his Source of help, the Living Water of the Holy Spirit begins to flow. When Elisha placed the Person of Christ (new cruse) and the Work of Christ, as defined by God’s Word, (Salt) into the contaminated waters of the Christians belief system, the water was healed. When the Church begins to look for the benefits of Faith and Grace to flow to them as a result of Calvary, healing waters will begin to flow.

THE CORRUPTING OF GOD’S PLAN

In most cases, that which destroys the ability of the Holy Spirit to bring us life is a faulty belief system. Man is quick to look upon his own efforts of religion as the means to victory and righteousness. Most of the time, unknowingly but with great zeal, we pursue sanctification, power, healing, and leading via a work for reward mentality. We are taught from the pulpit, from the modern Christian bookstores, and from most Christian leaders, that we must obtain what we desire through our labor. However, nothing could be further from the truth. Two thousand years ago, Jesus paid the price for everything man needs by the giving of Himself on Calvary. He only requires that we believe this fact with all of our hearts and forsake self as the means of Salvation, Victory, Deliverance, or Sanctification. Fighting the good fight of Faith, we reach forward and claim what Jesus died to provide. What a marvelous Plan! But for most, this Plan has been hidden through false doctrine and wrong teaching. With the Plan of God being corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ, to a man-made effort of religion, sin reigns supreme and death by sin claims the spiritual lives of many.

THE ANSWER

In these last days, God is raising up a people who are hearing the Apostolic message (a message intended for all the Body of Christ). This message is not new. It is what Paul preached. It is the message of Christ and Him Crucified. As the truths of Grace brought by Faith encounter the minds, spirits, and hearts of Believers, some will hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church. Others, ensconced in the polluted rivers of religion will turn a disdaining eye and disobedient heart away from the truth, only to be destroyed. But many are hearing and believing. Some are changing their belief systems back to the authority of God’s Word. Others, catching a glimpse of truth, being inspired by the Victory that truth provides, are proclaiming the truth loud and clear. This message will rise up as a healing agent to the Body of Christ in these last days. It will serve to prepare a remnant for the last day Harvest that will occur right before the coming of the Lord. Those healing waters are rolling toward you. What will you do with the truth of Christ crucified? Will you turn to the purified waters and be healed, or will you drown in the polluted waters of corruption? The final state of your soul hangs in the balance. Believe, and be healed by the Power of the message of Christ and Him Crucified.

CAMPMEETING SESSIONS

Don’t fail to be with us at the upcoming Easter Campmeeting. We will be teaching special pre-campmeeting sessions. The dates and times are below.

EASTER CAMPMEETING

- **SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:**
  - Monday, April 14: 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
  - Tuesday, April 15: 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
  - Wednesday, April 16: 9 a.m.-12 noon
    - 7 p.m. Campmeeting Begins

Loren Larson
President
Romans 8:1 – “There is therefore now no condemnation (guilt) to them which are in Christ Jesus (refers back to Rom. 6:3-5 and our being baptized into His Death, which speaks of the Crucifixion), who walk not after the flesh (depending on one’s own personal strength and ability or great religious efforts in order to overcome sin), but after the Spirit (the Holy Spirit works exclusively within the legal confines of the Finished Work of Christ; our Faith in that Finished Work, i.e., ‘the Cross,’ guarantees the help of the Holy Spirit, which guarantees Victory).”

The Message of the Cross is the greatest Word ever given to mankind, for in this Message one will find everything that is needed for life and living. In fact, one could say that the Message of the Cross is not just a Doctrine, but rather it is the Foundational Doctrine upon which all other Biblical Doctrine is built. This means that whatever Doctrine there is, in regards to the Bible, it must be built solely upon the Cross of Christ. In fact, Paul would tell the Church in Rome, “But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin (slaves to the sin nature, what we were before we were Saved), but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (Jesus Christ and Him Crucified; understanding that all things come to the Believer from God by the means of the Cross), which was delivered you (the Lord gave this ‘form of Doctrine’ to Paul, and he gave it to us in his Epistles)” (Rom. 6:17).

**THE CROSS IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT DOCTRINE IN THE BIBLE**

The word “form” in Romans 6:17 means in the Greek “a pattern, shape, or model.” The Cross of Christ is the pattern, shape, or model that was drawn up by the Holy Spirit and this pattern must not be tampered with, added to, or taken away from. It is the blueprint by which we can live this life — Victorious over the world, the flesh, and the Devil — and the means by which we can enjoy this more Abundant Life that Christ spoke of (Jn. 10:10). I believe it is this way simply because the Cross of Christ is the very first Doctrine implemented by the Godhead in eternity past (1 Pet. 1:18-20). Seeing that the Holy Spirit spoke through Peter, that the Cross of Christ was the very first Doctrine ever formed in the Mind of the Godhead, it means that the Message of the Cross is the single most important Doctrine in the entirety of the Bible. Speaking of which, it can be said that the Story of the Bible is the Story of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, and the Story of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified is the Story of the Bible.

The meaning of the Message of the Cross and how
it can be applied to our everyday lives was given to the Apostle Paul. The Holy Spirit would relay the great meaning of the New Covenant to Paul, who would in turn, relay this wonderful and glorious news to the world. And one can say that when he wrote the Epistle to the Romans, he was giving the Christian world our Declaration of Independence — how we can be free from the power of the Sin Nature.

NO CONDEMATION

In Romans, Chapter Eight, Paul would give to us what is referred to by Scholars as the “Dynamics of the Holy Spirit,” or how the Holy Spirit works. It should be stated that the Holy Spirit, Who is God, works exclusively through the Finished Work of Christ, and will not work through any other means.

He opens up the Eighth Chapter of Romans with the phrase, “There is therefore now no condemnation.” I want us to take a look at this phrase. Condemnation means an adverse sentence, or verdict, and is only found in Romans, Chapter Five, Verses 16 and 18. When Paul, through the Leading of the Holy Spirit, chose this word, he was saying that through the fall of Adam every person would be condemned, for all would come through his loins.

Through Adam, there would be condemnation, for he would bring transgression and condemnation onto the entirety of the world. But in this First Verse of Romans, Chapter Eight, he says that through Christ there is no condemnation because of what He would do at Calvary’s Cross. Through Calvary, Jesus Christ would bring about Redemption to anyone who would simply believe. And the moment that the Believing Sinner accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, the guilt is taken away, as far as the east is from the west. Whereas there was guilt for all who are in Adam, likewise for all who are in Christ there is no guilt, for it has been removed through what Christ did at Calvary’s Cross.

VICTORY NOW

Notice the word that the Apostle uses, “There is therefore NOW no condemnation.” That word “NOW” excites me, for that word means “NOW!” It means at this very moment.

The Holy Spirit is saying through Paul that no matter what has happened in the past, due to what Jesus Christ has done at the Cross, you, as a Believer, can have Victory over sin NOW! All the Holy Spirit demands is that our Faith be anchored in Christ and what He did at Calvary, for the moment that we, as Believers, evidence Faith in Christ and what He did at the Cross, the Holy Spirit will have the latitude to Work in our lives to bring about the Victory that is needed.

Believer, that means that at this very moment, you can have total and complete Victory over the sin in your life, for when Jesus Christ died on Calvary’s Cross, He broke the grip of sin in your everyday life. That word “NOW” is used as a conclusion, meaning that since your Faith is anchored in Christ and the Cross, at this moment, not in the future, but now, you can have Victory! Hallelujah! Many people may think that they will never experience Victory now, but the Holy Spirit says otherwise. He says you can have total Victory now, for when Jesus Christ died, He won the Victory, and, since you are in Christ, that Victory now becomes your Victory. Don’t misunderstand, you did not earn this Victory, and you did not achieve this Victory. This Victory can only come about through Jesus Christ and our Faith in that Finished Work. God cannot give Victory to man, for we are flawed. But He has given the Victory to Christ, and since we are in Christ, that same Victory can be our Victory.

To be continued . . .

In Him,

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Throughout history there have been various organizational and governmental agendas. When an agenda is designed for evil, or when a noble one becomes corrupt, it becomes a conspiracy. When an agenda begins, or moves from a plan to accomplish good things to an outcome of detestable results, it is a plot. God has a Plan. God wrote his Plan for mankind in the Bible. God’s Redemption Plan for man included reconciliation with God because sin separated man from God. His Plan included the destruction of what harms mankind, sin (rebellion). His Plan was summed up in the Cross of Christ (perfect obedience; His Death to pay the sin debt). Hitler had a plan for himself and how he would rule mankind and had it written down in “Mein Kampf.” It was a plan designed to destroy mankind by exalting sin. In this series of articles, I will begin to assess a variety of agendas and conspiracies. For the sake of simplicity, I will give the conclusion at the beginning: Any plan of man without God is a conspiracy led by Satan and his demonic forces to usurp God’s Plan for man. If I stopped here, you would be able to apply this conclusion to any agenda or conspiracy and know if it was part of the Plan of God or a conspiracy led by Satan. Due to the multiplicity of conspiracies and agendas, it would be impossible for me to touch on everyone of them in these short articles. Needless to say, within the larger conspiracies there are many moving parts and within each component there are many smaller conspiracies. I will address governmental and religious agendas and conspiracies in this series. At times, I will touch on smaller pieces of the puzzles to better explain the bigger picture. For example, many today discuss the Illuminati. When we address the Illuminati, we’ll have to look at the various parts to understand the whole. This can also be said of Communism and Islam. I hope this brief synopsis will help you with your discernment in evaluating conspiracies.

LUCIFER’S REBELLION

Is there a modern conspiracy to unite man together without God? Are there secret organizations, religions, and governments that are intricately working with businesses, politics, and education to accomplish their goal of a one world order? To better answer this, we must look at the first rebellion against God. Lucifer desired to rule as God and exalt himself as God.

Isaiah 14:13-14 – “For you have said in your heart, 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.”

What would cause Lucifer to desire the very throne of God? Pride! While today’s English meaning has more to do with self-respect, the word pride dealt more with arrogance and self-exaltation in the Hebrew. The Hebrew word picture for pride can best be seen as a fist being held up in the air. In Lucifer, and in all others who oppose God, it is a fist held up against the Face of God.

Ezekiel 28:12-15, 17 – “. . . Thus says the Lord GOD; You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. You have been in Eden the Garden of God; every precious stone was your covering . . . the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created. You are the anointed Cherub who covers; and I have set you so: you were upon the Holy Mountain of God; you have walked
up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, till iniquity was found in you. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, and have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness..."

The author of all rebellion against God is Lucifer; Satan. The self-exaltation and self-deception we see from Lucifer is also used by men in exalted positions of authority; that rule men by decree with force. Deception is a tool used by the ungodly to subvert truth and manipulate the masses into thinking that there is another way besides God's Way. Deception is the process used by Satan to first dissimulate from truth, then disassociate from truth, and then disseminate his lie. Jesus made it very clear that we were not to be deceived.

Deuteronomy 11:16, Luke 21:8, Matthew 24:4—"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them. 

"And He said, Take heed that you be not deceived: for many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draws near: go you not therefore after them. 

"... Take heed that no man deceive you."

Deceive: to (properly cause to) roam (from safety, truth, or virtue). Go astray, deceive, err, seduce, wander, be out of the way.

Lucifer was successful in gaining a significant following through deception. Lucifer was able to persuade one-third of the Angels to follow his rebellion and even fight against God to overtake His Kingdom.

Revelation 12:4, 7-9— "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of Heaven, and did cast them to the earth... 

"And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his Angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in Heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old Serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his Angels were cast out with him."

DISCERNMENT

Every plan, agenda, or movement, that strives to gather men to work in cooperation with each other without God, results in disaster. Satan can be called the first community organizer. Believers in Jesus Christ are admonished to “try (test) the spirits whether they are of God.” When we study rebellions in the Bible, it becomes apparent that “man” organizing without God subjugates men under man’s rules, without obedience to God. God’s Ways and Laws are abrogated and man’s ways and laws are promoted. Humanism: A system of thought that rejects religious beliefs and centers on humans and their values, capacities, and worth. Man-made methodology replaces God’s Spirit. Works are extolled and personal recognition based on man’s prescribed works are promoted. An example of this can be seen in the times of Nimrod; his name in the Hebrew means, “to rebel.” Like Satan gathering Angels for his rebellion against God, Nimrod sought to gather people to support his rebellion. He was a “mighty hunter” seeking to gather men by tyrannical force. Josephus says that Nimrod persuaded people to ascribe their happiness to him rather than God. What became the goal of this rebellion? After the Flood, man “journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar (Babylon), and dwelt there.” Their rebellion sought to disobey God’s Command to replenish the Earth and instead organized to “...build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the whole Earth.”

Notice a pattern in rebellions?

1. A leader gathers the people: Community organizing;
2. Dissatisfaction with God is presented and an alternative plan is instituted: Deception;
3. The leader becomes the object of worship and has the answers to solve the people’s dissatisfaction. New object of faith and hope;
4. The people are prescribed community service and work to build upon the goals of the leader. Unity; and,
5. Reputation and recognition for performance of assigned work or duty: Pride.

God would squash the rebellion at the Tower of Babel to prevent man from succeeding in unifying themselves without God.

Genesis 11:6 – “And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one (in unity), and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”

The gathering of men like this in an organized rebellion against God portrays the tactics that Satan used to exalt himself to be like God. Satan used that strategy on Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden:

Community organizing: Satan appears to Eve in the Garden. Dissatisfaction: “And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die.”

Deception: “For God doth know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened.”

New Object of Faith: “And you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

Unity: “And when the woman saw that the Tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a Tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

Pride: “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”

As we discuss agendas and conspiracies in this series, we will use this approach to expose deception and error so Believers can assess what is of God and what is not.
THANK YOU

I’m speaking of the 79th birthday of this Evangelist. Thank you for your kind remarks, your well-wishes, and your offerings — all of which go to the Ministry. We so very much appreciate this.

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