The only thing standing between man and the Wrath of God is the Cross.
THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE

We believe the Bible teaches seven great happenings, which are soon to take place. They are:
• The Rapture of the Church, or, if you prefer, the Resurrection.
• The Rise of the Antichrist.
• The Great Tribulation Period.
• The Battle of Armageddon.
• The Second Coming of the Lord.
• The 1,000 year Kingdom Age.
• The Perfect Age to come, which will be forever.

THE CHURCH AGE

We are presently living in the very closing days of the Church Age. That means the Rapture could take place very, very shortly. In fact, the stage is being set for all of these great happenings to be brought about in this world. The Bible is full of this information and you, as a Believer, ought to know and understand what it says about these most important subjects. If we as Believers do not know and understand what is coming upon this world in the very near future, then it is quite possible that we do not know too very much about what is happening now, or what has taken place in the past. The Bible is the only Book in the world that gives us information as it regards the future. We must, and beyond the shadow of a doubt, know what it says. This Book will help you to do just that, as nothing that’s ever been placed in your hands, we believe.
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“But yet, we must remember, while the Word of God is inspired by the Holy Spirit, meaning that it is error-free, that does not include the translations.”

THE DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible does not merely contain the Word of God; it is, in fact, the very Word of God.

Of the translations, there are none that can equal the King James. As one of the most noted Greek Scholars of the Twentieth Century stated, “When you hold the King James Bible in your hands, you can be certain that you are holding the very Word of God.”

But yet, we must remember, while the Word of God is inspired by the Holy Spirit, meaning that it is error-free, that does not include the translations. The King James Translation was finished in 1611; the men who did the work were some of the most able scholars in the world of that day. As many people may not know, some of them did not even claim to be Born-Again. But yet, the Lord turned this to His Favor.

These men were not trying to favor any particular interpretation of the Word, their only ambition was to get the Hebrew of the Old Testament translated into English as perfect as possible, and the same with the Greek as it regards the New Testament. And yet, the King James Translation has been revised several times since it was originally written, and rightly so.

I have a page from the very first translation of the King James. It is framed and hanging on the wall in our Administration Building. Due to the heavy Elizabethan usage of the language, it would be very difficult for most people to read it at all. So it was good that it was edited, again with the thought in mind of keeping it as close to the original Text as possible.

THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS

There are no original manuscripts of the Bible, due to antiquity. The first Books were written by Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). In fact, Moses probably wrote Job before he wrote any of the Books listed above, and did so in collaboration with Job, who was alive the last years of Moses’ sojourn in the desert, before leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt. If, in fact, that is the case, then Job is the oldest Book in the world.

Of course, the last Book written, which was approximately 1,600 years after Moses, was the Book of Revelation, written by John the Beloved. Incidentally, he was the last Apostle of the original Twelve to die.

Even though there are none of the original manuscripts left, and that is because of age, Scholarship states, that for any work of antiquity, if there are ten identical copies, the original is judged as genuine. There are over 10,000 copies of the Books of the Bible, or copies of part of the Books. This means that there is greater proof of the authenticity of the Bible, than any other book in the world. Probably the most recent discoveries of copies of particular Books in the Bible are the Dead Sea Scrolls.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

In 1947 three Arab shepherds were tending their sheep and goats along the cliffs on the northwest coast of the Dead Sea. One of them, Juma Muhammed Khalil, threw a stone into a small hole he saw in the cliff and heard a shattering sound that raised his hopes that gold might have been stored within. Muhammad edh-Dhib, a younger companion, later returned and entered the cave. Here he found about ten elongated jars, only two of which contained anything. Three large rolls were removed from one jar and later taken to Bethlehem where the shepherds sought to sell them to antique dealers. The Bedouins found several other Scrolls and fragments there some months later. Four of
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the manuscripts were sold to the Syrian Orthodox Monastery in Jerusalem, and later three Scrolls were obtained by the Hebrew University. After the discovery of these first Scrolls was publicized in late 1948, a clandestine search in many caves was undertaken by the Ta’amirah Bedouins. The Antiquities Department of the Jordan took charge in 1949 and worked out an arrangement with the Bedouins that encouraged them to offer their discoveries to the officials in charge. Thus began what has proved to be the greatest recent discovery of Biblical and related materials in the Holy Land.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

From the first cave came the complete Isaiah “A” Scroll, which dates from about 100 B.C., the Isaiah “B” Scroll, which preserves parts of Chapters 16 through 66, dates from about A.D. 50; an almost complete commentary on Habakkuk 1 and 2, copied about 40 B.C. through A.D. 25; a fragmentary Aramaic interpretation of Genesis, from about A.D. 1 through A.D. 25; and, an important document containing the rules and teachings of the religious community (probably the Essenes) that occupied the settlement of Qumran, about seven and a half miles south of Jericho. The Essenes were a sect of the Jews who believed they had been chosen by God to prepare the way for the new age to come (Isa. 40:3) by living a holy life in the wilderness away from the “sons of darkness” dwelling in the cities of Judah.

THE ESSENES

They sought to observe the Old Testament Law perfectly, according to the Apocalyptic interpretations by their “teacher of righteousness.” They came to Qumran in the late Second Century B.C. and took over the ruins of an ancient fortified settlement built during the Ninth and Eighth Centuries B.C. by the Hebrews and destroyed in the Sixth Century B.C. Here the Essenes lived, farmed, wrote down their beliefs and rules, composed interpretations, and made copies

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of the Old Testament.

In periods of religious and civil tension among the Jews, their adherents apparently grew in number. The group at Qumran was evidently the largest, but the Essenes’ followers seem to have been scattered widely. They’d rendered a great service in their devotion to the copying of the Scriptures. During the First Century A.D. they were victims of the political disorder between the Romans and Jews and were forced to abandon their settlement in A.D. 68 when the Roman army attacked the revolting Jews in Jerusalem. Before leaving, the Essenes hid their sacred documents in tightly sealed jars in the nearby cliffs. Qumran was occupied by the tenth legion of the Roman army for a few years and again during the Bar Kokhba rebellion of A.D. 132 through A.D. 135. Evidently some of the caves had been entered, jars broken, the contents scattered, and some manuscripts removed during the centuries since. From 1951 through 1958 the site was excavated, and its complex of buildings proved to be an Essene settlement.

MANUSCRIPTS

From 1952 through 1956 ten other caves with related materials were discovered. In addition, five caves in Wadi Murrabbaat produced materials from the revolt of A.D. 132. The latter was twelve miles south of Qumran. More than 250 caves in the area have been carefully examined by archaeologists. In the nearby caves IV and XI, more than 40,000 fragments of manuscripts have been found. Almost 400 manuscripts of varying sizes from Qumran cave IV alone have been identified since 1956. Of a total of almost 600 manuscripts from the eleven Qumran caves about 125 are Biblical. Every Book of the Old Testament is represented except Esther, but only Isaiah “A” is complete.

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In cave XI a manuscript, copied about A.D. 50, containing 37 Psalms was found and has since been translated and published. Included in this collection is the 151st Psalm, previously known only from the Greek. A Scroll of Ezekiel from cave XI was so disintegrated that it is a complete loss. In the same cave a copy of the Targum of Job was found (paraphrased in Aramaic), two-fifths of which is readable. It was translated in 1962; scholars set its date as A.D. 50. Also during 1962, in a monastery in Spain, a copy of the Palestinian Targum was recovered and it is believed to date from as early as A.D. 50. These discoveries have reopened the study of the history of the Targums, indicating an earlier origin than was previously thought. Thus, the study of the Essene writings found in the various caves not only greatly expands our knowledge of sectarian Judaism in the New Testament period, but also verifies the historical accounts left by Philo and Josephus concerning the Essenes, their practices, history, and doctrines.

(Incidentally, a “Targum” was an Aramaic paraphrase of the Old Testament, which in later Judaism was often used to accompany the reading of the Hebrew original in the Synagogues. In fact, it was probably similar to “THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE”.)

WORD-FOR-WORD TRANSLATION

Our present society is being flooded with so-called translations which are really interpretations or thought for thought translations, such as the Message Bible. Actually, these types of efforts cannot even be construed as Bibles. At best they are religious books.

The only translation that can be concluded as the Word of God is a word-for-word translation, such as the King James. There are one or two other word-for-word translations; however, with these I am not familiar. But yet there are several other things that need to be said about the King James Translation.

THE KING JAMES TRANSLATION

As we have already mentioned, the King James Translation, despite being edited several times, still contains a fairly liberal usage of Elizabethan English. To all King James devotees, and I am one, it must be understood, that the Prophets and the Apostles who were used by the Spirit of God to write the Sacred Text, did not speak Elizabethan English. As well, when Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, were originally written, the Words of Christ were not in red. These particular words in red are actually a marketing tool that was not used until the Twentieth Century. And again we emphasize, while the original manuscripts were most definitely inspired by the Holy Spirit and, thereby, error-free, doesn’t mean that the translation is error-free. No translation was inspired by the Holy Spirit, and none to my knowledge were claimed to be.

A CHRONOLOGY OF BIBLE TRANSLATION

The following chronology includes events of major importance in the long and dramatic story of Bible translation. The list is necessarily selective and places special emphasis on the background of the English Bible, providing information basic to further study of a fascinating field.

1500 B.C. through 500? B.C. — The Old Testament is put into writing.
250 B.C. through 100 B.C. — The Septuagint, a translation of the Old Testament into Greek, according to tradition, by 72 Hebrew scholars, was completed in Alexandria, Egypt. This version contains 45 Books, the Alexandrian Canon, used by the Early Church, and continues to be the Old Testament Canon of the Latin and Greek Church.
A.D. 52? through A.D. 100? — The New Testament is written, coming to us in Koine (common) Greek, the common language of the time, although some portions may have been first set down in Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ.
A.D. 100? — Formulation of Palestinian Canon of Hebrew Bible at Synod of Jamnia.
350 through 400 — First stabilization of New Testament, with the Textus Receptus used today as the basis for most translations.

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Testament Canon of 27 Books.

About 400 — Jerome completes his final translation of the Bible, the Latin Vulgate, based on the Septuagint and translated from the Hebrew, and other ancient versions.

About 600 through 900 — The Masoretic Text in Hebrew is developed by the Masoretes, a school of Jewish textual critics. The Masoretic Text, used in the Jewish Bible, has been an important reference in preparing translations into other languages.

1382 — John Wycliffe completes his translation, the first complete Bible in English.

1456 — The Gutenberg Bible, a folio edition of the Latin Vulgate, is printed from moveable type, an epochal event that inaugurated the era of printing.

1516 — Erasmus completes his translation in Greek.

1522 — Martin Luther translates the Bible into German.

1535 — William Tyndale issues his English translation, which powerfully influenced all of the English versions that followed.

1535 — Miles Coverdale issues his translation dedicated to King Henry VIII.

1537 — Coverdale’s Bible becomes the first Bible to be printed in England.

1539 — Coverdale issues the Great Bible, essentially a combination of his own earlier work and Tyndale’s Bible. This work was authorized by Henry VIII.

1560 — The Geneva Bible, produced by Coverdale, William Whittingham, John Knox, and others in Geneva after Mary became queen. It is the first English Bible to divide the Chapters into Verses.

1582 through 1610 — Douay-Rheims (Catholic) Bible appears, a direct translation into English from the Vulgate by the Catholic College; the New Testament issued at Rheims, the Old Testament in 1609 and 1610 at Douay, France.

1611 — The great King James (or Authorized) Version. Completed by the group of “learned men,” all renowned scholars, appointed by King James.

While there have been other translations from then until now, the King James is concluded by many scholars to be closer to the original text than any other effort. Down through the last several centuries, it, by far, has been the most widely used and widely known.

To be continued next month.

(This article came from Jimmy Swaggart’s Book, “BROTHER SWAGGART, HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?” The cost is $29.95 (EV1141). It is hardcover, 528 pages. It contains a Chapter on most all the major Doctrines of the Bible. It is a must for Bible lovers.)
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"THE MESSAGE BIBLE": PERVERSION OF GOD’S HOLY WORD

Luke 11:34-35 – “... but when your eye is evil, your body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in you be not darkness”.

It is impossible to separate Jesus the Living Word from Jesus the Written Word. Therefore, one can easily see why Jesus, the Light of the World, cannot be portrayed with a false light, a false Bible. You will, in effect, be presenting “another Jesus,” “another spirit,” and “another Gospel” (Il Cor.11:4). “The Message Bible” is just such a false light. It is actually not a Bible. It is a message from the enemy specially crafted to filter through a veil of Scripture so as to “deceive even the elect” (Mk. 13:22). Supposedly, The Message is harmless, just another translation in contemporary style, but one quick look should show anyone that it is a questionable paraphrase at best. However, even this is a stretch because The Message contains consistent error, which constantly misses the heart of what the Holy Spirit intended to express. It is nowhere close to a true word-for-word translation of the original Greek and Hebrew text. To put it another way, its author is not the Holy Spirit at all, but a man named Eugene Peterson. And, as if this weren’t sinful enough, The Message also delves into the occult. The phraseology used in The Message demonstrates thorough knowledge of esoteric and New Age philosophy. Peterson himself is a proponent of contemplative/mystical spirituality as evidenced in his writings and endorsements of other contemplative authors, not to mention his endorsements of his work.

STRANGE SPIRIT

More discerning readers will be able to sense that The Message does not bear witness to the Holy Spirit, but rather a strange spirit will begin to move upon their hearts, actually making The Message quite dangerous to read! This satanically-inspired distortion of Scripture has arrived just in time for the advent of the Antichrist’s interfaith “church,” having sold over 10 million copies thus far. The real tragedy is that much of the “church” which is endorsing it, professes to be the Christian church. Rick Warren references it 83 times in The Purpose-Driven Life (published by Rupert Murdock through Zondervan Publishing). Interestingly, though, Eugene Peterson does not even consider The Message, the Word of God. It was never his intention to use it as such. In an interview in Christianity Today, Peterson says, “When you’re doing a paraphrase translation like I’ve done . . . there’s more of an imaginative and poetic aspect to it, because you’re trying to re-create those rhythms or those images and metaphors in this culture . . . I would never recommend it be used as saying, ‘Hear the Word of God from the Message.’ It surprises me how many do.” I guess it does surprise him, considering that, in his own words, he tells us that part of the process involved something as blasphemous as “re-creating” the Scripture. Furthermore, he said, “. . . in a congregation where somebody uses it in the Scripture reading, it makes me uneasy.” Now, if Peterson has enough fear of God not to use his own personal paraphrase from the pulpit, where is this same respect for the Holiness of God among other “Pastors”?

INTERPRETATION?

Perhaps, another reason Peterson is not comfortable calling The Message the Word of God is because He cannot even guarantee that his interpretation is accurate. He says, “I just kind of let go and became playful . . . I did the Beatitudes in about 10 minutes.” When asked about his feelings regarding The Message, Peterson says, “To tell you the truth, I’m quite detached from it . . . it’s almost like it’s happening to somebody else. I’m surprised at how little emotion I feel about this.” This is certainly an interesting admittance considering that “detachment” is described as a psychological defense mechanism enacted to avoid emotional pain. What could have been painful about his experience of writing The Message? Well, beginning with its attack upon the very heart of the Gospel, we are going to explore many of such possibly distressing components.
THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The Cross is the working-system of Christianity. When you do not function according to Faith in the Cross, your Christianity does not work. Satan, therefore, will be sure to distort the Message of the Cross whenever he can. With that said, let’s look at what The Message does to the Message of the Cross:

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<td>(17) “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”</td>
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This puts a contemplative/mystic spin on the Message of the Cross indicating that the Power of the Cross cannot be “trivialized into mere words.” Remember, contemplatives do not believe in the Sound Doctrines of the written Word; they believe in experiences which transcend words. Paul, on the other hand, was trying to convey that it is indeed in the preaching of the Doctrine of the Cross where the Power of God could be found. Paul meant for us to preach the Word of the Cross, because the Power of God is established in that Truth! Also, the concept of “centering” directly connects to contemplative spirituality, meaning that you can find the Christ within at the very core, center, or deepest part of your being. The Message alludes to this with the words “the powerful action at the center — Christ on the Cross.” Could Peterson be indicating that the Power of Christ Crucified can be found at the center of your own soul during times of contemplative meditation?

CENTERING?

Calvin Miller, one mystic teacher in the “church” today, describes “centering” this way: “Centering is the merger of two ‘selves’ — ours and his. Centering is union with Christ. It is not a union that eradicates either self, but one that heightens both.” Joseph G. Sandman, Vice President for Advancement at Loyola University Chicago teaches workshops on centering prayer in the Institute for Pastoral Studies. He points out that Vatican II called for the revitalization of the path of contemplative prayer and says that “centering prayer” is a practice of monastic spirituality that will open one to “God’s gift of contemplative prayer.” Mystic father Thomas Merton added a concept to centering which involves a “true self”/“false self” crisis. Thomas Keating later expanded on the idea actually making it a cornerstone in the literature on centering prayer. In this teaching, a person’s truest self is the deepest part of his being, his center, which is united with God. Therefore, the essence of spiritual life was to become more deeply centered in this “true self” so that God may be able to further develop it while tearing down the false self. The “false self” is defined as the psychologically wounded part of a person that forms in order to cope with unmet needs in his life. The person’s conscious thoughts and behaviors try to satisfy these unmet needs, so they may manifest as irrational compulsions or faulty thinking at times. Of course, such are never given the simple Biblical definition — sin. Some have also found it quite simple to incorporate this Freudian-like theory into their “Christian” self-help books, one example being Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man’s Soul by John Eldredge.

THE CROSS AND SIN

Another way The Message corrupts the Message of the Cross is by avoiding any explanation of Faith in the Cross as the Spiritual Law ordained by God, which alone can overcome the Law of sin in a person’s life.

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<td>(1) “There therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”</td>
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Notice how The Message says “the Spirit of life in Christ” rather than “the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.” It stops short of directing someone to the Spiritual Law which, when kept, will lead to a victorious Christian life. Also, being “in Christ Jesus” and entering into His “being-here-for-us” are two different things. Jesus did not save us by His Presence on Earth even though the Spirit of Life was indeed within Him; He Saved us by His Sacrificial Atoning Death at Calvary. The Biblical interpretation of being “in Christ Jesus” has always meant to be a true Born-Again Child of God due to correctly placed Faith in The Finished Work of the

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Cross. The Message, however, redirects you to the Holy Spirit’s “presence” within Christ, saying that with Christ’s “arrival” that “fateful dilemma is resolved.”

PRESENCE?

There is another interesting point to be made here regarding the idea of “presence.” There is a doctrine in the New Age movement that refutes the Biblical concept of a “transcendent” God, a God existing apart from nature and man. Helena P. Blavatsky explains that God is a mystical, impersonal “Presence,” that may manifest His living, moving Fire in many ways. Alice Bailey said, “This inevitably brings in the concept of the Presence, or of God Immanent and is the result of the needed revolt against the one-sidedness of the belief in God Transcendent.” God is called the “Presence” numerous times throughout The Message. It even refers to the sacred shewbread in the Old Testament as the “Bread of Presence” eight times. For instance, The Message says, “Always keep fresh Bread of the Presence on the Table before me” (Ex. 25:30). This closely resembles the Catholic idea of transubstantiation in which the bread and wine mystically transform into the literal Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics kneel during mass because they believe the literal presence of Christ is among them in the form of the bread.

DISTORTIONS

The Message of the Cross is also distorted in Romans 7:22-25.

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<td>(25) “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the Law of God; but with the flesh the Law of sin.”</td>
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1 (Christianity Today Oct. 7, 2002)  
2 (Into the Depths of God, p.107)  
3 (America Magazine 9/9/00)  
4 (The Secret Doctrine Vol.1 p.2)  
5 (The Externalization of the Hierarchy p.355)  
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Joshua 10:12-15 – “Then spoke Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the Children of Israel, and he (Joshua) said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

“And the Sun stood still, and the Moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the Book of Jasher? (A book no longer in existence, nor any of its copies.) So the Sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. (It is said that this is confirmed by State documents of Egypt, China, and Mexico, which record this double-day. It is said that Herodotus, and Lord Kingsborough, in his history of the Mexicans, and the Chinese philosopher Huai-nan-Tzu quoted these records. The hill of Gibeon, at the moment when Joshua spoke, was behind him to the east, and the sun was setting in front of him to the west. It was evening, and a continuance of the daylight was needed in order to complete the victory.)

“And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel. (God is a miracle-working God. The Bible opens with miracles, continues with miracles, and concludes with miracles, i.e., ‘proclaims them into the eternal future.’)

“And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal (returned in victory).”

The foundation of this article comes from an article written in 1964 by Brother A.N. Trotter. It was sent to me by one of our supporters, and I will be eternally grateful for them sending it to me.

THE THEME OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is the Story of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified (I Cor. 1:23). This fact is plainly spelled out in the Fourth Chapter of Genesis.

We see the sacrificial system instituted at the beginning of human history, which was a type of the Innocent Victim Who would come, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who would give His Life as a Sacrifice for lost humanity.

Then the Lord gave to Abraham the meaning of “justification by Faith,” even telling him that this would be brought about through the death of One Who was innocent (Gen. 22:13-14).

The Lord showed Moses the means by which this death would happen, the Cross (Num. 21:8-9).

So let me state it once again, THE BIBLE IS THE STORY OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED.

Never forget the only thing standing between man and eternal damnation is the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, the only thing standing between the church and apostasy is the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. As well, never forget that the only way to the Father is through the Son, and the only way to the Son is through the Cross.

PAST MISERIES

Some in the modern church state that once we get Saved, the Cross of Christ serves no purpose or meaning for us. They say we are to leave the Cross, but my question is, “Where do we go?” Some say the Resurrection is to be the pivotal place of our anchor, however, I remind you that the Resurrection was a reality only because the Sacrifice of our Lord was accepted by the Father. He and He alone, through the shedding of His innocent Blood, was the means by which man could be redeemed. Every benefit of Grace is ours only because of Calvary.
THE NEW COVENANT HIDDEN

Every great truth found in the New Covenant is found in the Old Testament, albeit in type, shadow, or allegory. And if you understand that, then these great stories in the Old Testament paint a beautiful picture of something Spiritual portrayed in the physical. So let’s look at this great story, and the lesson we are to learn from it.

JOSHUA

In Bible typology, Joshua is a Type of Christ; a type of Grace. Moses was a type of the Law, hence, he couldn’t go into the Promised Land, for only Grace can bring us in and keep us in.

GILGAL

Gilgal was the place of Joshua’s camp after the crossing of the Jordan. The name Gilgal means “rolled away,” referring to the fact that Israel’s wilderness experience was now “rolled away,” the reproach of their sin was now “rolled away.”

There is a great truth here as it regards Gilgal. Everything the Lord does has a purpose and a meaning, and Gilgal was no different.

It was at Gilgal the following took place:
- Circumcision was reinstated. This speaks of Separation.
- Gilgal was where God changed their diet, and gave them the old corn of the land.
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- Gilgal was the place where they ate unleavened bread.
- Gilgal was the place where the High Priest was.
- Gilgal was the place where the Brazen Altar was, where sacrifices were offered up.
- Gilgal was the place of Israel’s contact with God, and God’s communion with Israel.

All of this points to Calvary. All of it portrays to us the importance of the Cross. Everything begins and ends with Calvary.

WAR

Joshua goes out to fight the five kings of the Amorites. In the midst of the battle, Joshua asks the Lord to make the sun stand still, and the Lord does just that. In this article I’m not going to deal with this great miracle, except to say, if the Lord can make the sun stand still, He can handle your problems.

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RULES OF WARFARE

Joshua has the Amorites on the run, victory is before him, but Joshua does something strange. He stops the battle.

Military strategy states that if you have the enemy on the run, and considering there was plenty of daylight left, you are to pursue after the enemy. You don’t let up, but you pursue and overtake and finish the battle so the enemy cannot regroup. But Joshua stopped the pursuit and returned to Gilgal.

THE CROSS

Here’s the point you must get. As Joshua started out at Gilgal and he returned to Gilgal, this tells us that we start at the Cross and then we return to the Cross. None of this was by happenstance, but all directed by the Lord.

If you are going to have the Lord working for you, confirming His Word with signs following; making the sun and moon stand still, and bringing you victory, then it is at the foot of the Cross we must return.

There is no place we can contact God and commune with Him except at Calvary. The Cross is the place of Reconciliation and Restoration, Forgiveness and Atonement; therefore, we must never leave the Cross.

We start at the Cross, and we must daily go back to the Cross. We must go back to Calvary again and again, for it’s at the foot of the Cross that we gain strength for battle. It’s where we gain inspiration and revelation for the present and the future.

Joshua went back to Gilgal by Divine Inspiration, let’s go back to Gilgal, back to the Cross daily.

Reverend George Bennard said it right so long ago: “So I’ll cherish the Old Rugged Cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the Old Rugged Cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.”

Go back to the Cross.

Your Evangelist,

Donnie Swaggart

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THE ENTIRE SONLIFE BROADCASTING MINISTRIES

Dear Brother Swaggart,
Thank you for the entire SonLife Broadcasting Ministries. My own eternity has been totally strengthened by it, and it has caused me to know that my fate is sealed in my Faith in Christ Jesus and Him Crucified. You have shown me that although I need to earnestly pray, read the Word of God, abhor sin, do as much good as possible, support the spreading of God’s Word, spread His Word myself, and to keep myself from false teachings, none of that would matter if my Faith were not in Jesus Christ and the Work He finished at the Cross of Calvary. I never really realized before that Jesus did more than just die for my Salvation, and receive stripes so I could be healed. I’ve learned it goes a whole lot deeper than that. Having absolute total Faith in our Lord is not an easy task, however, it is necessary.

ARKANSAS

I SURRENDER ALL

Dear Brother Swaggart,
I just wanted to let you know that I have listened to you for over 35 years! Your music has gotten me through some pretty rough days in my life. It would be hard for me to pick just a few songs. “I Surrender All” came out a couple of years ago, and it was played at the end of “A Study In The Word”; nothing beats you, Brother Swaggart, and this song. I hope the Lord gives you many, many more years on this earth. I do know this, that if the Lord comes back soon and we all pass from this side to the other, there will never be another like you Brother Swaggart! You are the best. I will always think of you when I hear that song. To me it’s my theme song for the work you have done for the Kingdom of God.

ARKANSAS

THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE

Dear Brother Swaggart,
Just a short note to let you know how good the Lord has been to me today. I am laid off from work, and I try to watch you every Sunday morning before we leave and go to Sunday School. I have wanted a Study Bible for a long while, so I got on your Website and found The Expositor’s Study Bible. I could not afford it at the time, and put it on my wish list for when I was able to go back to work.

This morning I heard our dogs barking, so I went to the door, but no one was there. There was a package on the front porch. I picked it up and saw it was from Jimmy Swaggart Ministries addressed to me. I opened it, and it was the EXACT same Study Bible I was wanting. I thought maybe I had ordered it by mistake while I was on your Website, but I could not find anything about it. I called the number you have on your Website to check, but while I was on hold, something told me to look at that box again. I did and I found that my Uncle from Virginia had ordered it for me! I called him to thank him for this wonderful gift, and asked him how he knew that I wanted this exact Bible? His wife told me that last Sunday morning they were flipping through the channels on TV, and came across your morning Service and decided to watch it. When he saw you offer the Bible, something told him to order the Bible and send it to me. I did not tell my Uncle I wanted that Bible, or any other Bible. The Lord laid it on his heart to send it to me for a reason. I know the Lord will provide you with what you need, but not always with what you want. I am so blessed to know Him as my Saviour. It seems like He is blessing us all the time in some little way, and I am so humbled by His Blessings.

God bless you, your family, and Ministries.

NORTH CAROLINA

I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG

Dear Brother Swaggart,
Last night we were blessed to issue the New Testament Bibles to the inmates at our weekly Bible study. With the leading of the Holy Ghost, we opened the Word up to Romans, Chapter 7, and began to read the Word of God along with the commentary. Well praise the Name of Jesus, we had a true Bible study to say the least. The Word was opened up to us bringing about discussion, and a freedom and hunger in the room that we had not experienced before. The Message of Faith in the Finished Work of the Cross of Christ and placing our faith in that Cross was illuminated in such a way that
when we finished, men were amazed as to what they had just been enlightened to. I believe that this is just the tip of the iceberg, as we go into the Word weekly with this priceless tool that you have graciously put into our hands. It is a message of freedom and liberty, which, as you all know, most of the Christian community has no knowledge of and, sad to say, are in chains of religious bondage – a place that I myself am all too familiar with. I thank the Lord, you Brother Swaggart, and the team for the Revelation of Faith in the Cross of Jesus Christ. Many, many souls are coming out of years of torment, condemnation, fear, and a host of other ungodly traits because of this life-giving message.

Again all I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

NEW YORK

GRANDMA EXPERIENCES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for SonLife Broadcasting Network on TV. My Grandma is not able to go to church anymore due to health reasons, and while visiting her last weekend she shared with me how she continues to be fed. She turned on the TV to show me the SonLife channel, and expressed how she thanks God for giving her this channel, and how it just appeared one day on her cable. Grandma experiences the Holy Spirit in her living room as she sits and worships along with the congregation and teachings on SonLife. I am deeply appreciative of your Ministry and I pray that God continues to anoint the SonLife servants!

OHIO

MANY WANT TO HEAR THE TRUTH OF THE CROSS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am writing because I want to express my gratitude for what the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries is doing. Brother Swaggart, I met your Ministry when I was a Christian, but I have walked many years of my Christianity in defeat. I was baptized with the Holy Spirit, loved the Lord, but my forces were running. After a long time of hearing you preach and understanding the Message of the Cross, I now, with tears in my eyes, do not hesitate to preach that Message.

I am from Columbia and I wish one day to visit your Ministry. But my biggest wish is that the Cross can be carried everywhere through its television signal. Many want to hear the truth of the Cross. I hope one day the SonLife Broadcasting Network signal can go throughout South America.

COLUMBIA

GOD DELIVERED ME

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to tell you that your program, “A Study In The Word”, has really been a blessing to me. I am living proof of what God can do in a man’s life if you will surrender to Him. I was a drug addict for many years and lived on the street for a while, but I am happy to say that God delivered me and has really changed my life and blessed me like I never thought possible!

I want you to know that I will be praying for your family and your Ministry.

SOUTH CAROLINA

VERSE BY VERSE FROM THE BIBLE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I want to thank you for your Television Ministry. I retired 18 months ago, and decided the way I wanted to start each day would be to watch various television evangelists, along with daily prayer. I started watching your Broadcast and you were the only one that went verse by verse from the Bible and explained each one. I didn’t realize so much information could come from a few verses until I started listening to you.

I have ordered The Expositor’s Study Bible and can’t wait to receive it.

IOWA

THE WAY IT’S DONE MAKES IT, BY FAR, THE BEST BIBLE I HAVE EVER HAD!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I ordered your Expositor’s Study Bible, and praise God it didn’t take very long to get it here. And when I opened it up, I just fell in love all over again. I’m in my Bible all the time, because I love my Lord Jesus. I would like to thank you for making this wonderful tool affordable. I am going to tell everybody about this, it’s great, and I love it. The way it’s done makes it, by far, the best Bible I have ever had! This is my seventh Bible in two years, and I won’t be buying anymore unless you come out with another one. I know the one you sent me is anointed. And right now I am going to come into agreement with you that every Bible you send out will not only be anointed, but be full of so much power and blessing that whosoever picks one up will be charged up and will have to tell everyone about the love and power that Jesus has. Amen and Amen.

God bless you and yours.

ILLINOIS

THE PRESENCE OF GOD MINISTERS OVER THE INTERNET

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I thought last week’s Sunday Service was awesome, however, today’s morning Service hit me even deeper. The praise and worship, all the music, and then the message! Believe me, the presence of God ministers over the Internet. I’m almost glad I was not there; I wept so much in the presence of God that I was just a mess!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

E-MAIL
The way to remain where God wants us to be, we must continually watch over ourselves to see whether or not we are really in the Faith. Thus, agonize the great agony of Faith! In other words, don’t release your Faith in God’s Redemption Plan, ever; it stands as the basis of your Redemption. Every other Promise in the Word of God will be null and void if we fail to depend upon the Finished Work of Christ as a completed Work. Therefore, we fight and struggle to believe in the Cross of Christ to maintain proper relationship with Him.

THE OPPOSITION DEFINED

In the Parable of the sower, Jesus tells us of the sower’s work. How he sows a seed that should take root downward and bring forth fruit upward. While the condition of the soil may mirror the condition of the heart, that is another matter. My focus is the opposition that is sure to come to the heart that receives the seed. Persecution, trials, and attacks of the enemy, are sure to come against the Believer. Despite what arises against us, we are to continue to believe that God is working in both myself and my circumstances. We are to believe that the opposition has come and that God will prove Himself Faithful. God is in charge of all things and will not tempt me above that which I am able to handle, as long as I keep my eyes squarely upon the truth of the Cross and the Promises of God’s Word.

THE TRUE BATTLE FOR THE CHRISTIAN

Paul’s exhortation to his “son in the Lord,” Timothy, stands out as an appropriate exhortation to all Christians. As Paul closes out this Epistle, he describes to Timothy the activities that a man of God should indulge in. He deals with the need for the Believer to flee from the “love of money.” He declares that the true man of God will follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. He goes on to exhort Timothy to “fight the good fight of Faith.” This is the true battle for the Believer. We are to believe that God has already established a solid Redemption Plan. We are to believe that despite what we may feel, hear, or see, God will always be faithful to those who depend upon that Plan. This is the good fight of Faith.

THE GOOD FIGHT DEFINED

In Verse Twelve, the word “fight” is used twice. The first time it is the Greek word agonizomai, which means to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize), figuratively (to contend with an adversary). The second time the word fight is used, the Greek word is agon, which means prop. a place of assembly (as if led), i.e. (by impl.) a contest (held there); fig. an effort or anxiety. From this base word, we arrive at the English usage of the word, agony. Therefore, we are to struggle to believe. We are to compete and/or contend with an adversary. The Bible tells us that our adversary the Devil goes about seeking whom he may devour. The way to remain where God wants us to be, we must continually watch over ourselves to see whether or not we are really in the Faith. Thus, agonize the great agony of Faith! In other words, don’t release your Faith in God’s Redemption Plan, ever; it stands as the basis of your Redemption. Every other Promise in the Word of God will be null and void if we fail to depend upon the Finished Work of Christ as a completed Work. Therefore, we fight and struggle to believe in the Cross of Christ to maintain proper relationship with Him.

SO WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Are you troubled with anxiety and fear? Are you struggling to believe what seems impossible to believe? Well, my friend, welcome to the “good fight of Faith.” Whatever you do, don’t release your Faith in God’s Faithfulness. While we may not understand the present circumstances that we find ourselves in, we can rest assured
that God will ultimately reveal to us His Intention and His Plan regarding our case. Meanwhile, we fight the good fight. We believe that Faith in God’s Redemption Plan qualifies us to receive any Promises that God has made to us. We refuse to give in to despair, hopelessness, or dismay. My friend, “Be strong and of a good courage.” For the Lord your God is with you, no matter what you face and no matter where you go! Fight the good fight of Faith!

CAMPMEETING SESSIONS

Don’t fail to be with us at the upcoming Thanksgiving Campmeeting. We will be teaching special pre-camp-meeting sessions. Be sure to call ahead and register, the dates and times are below.

**SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:**
- **Monday, November 22:** 1-4 p.m., 6-8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 23:** 1-4 p.m., 6-8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, November 24:** 9 a.m.-12 noon, 7 p.m. Campmeeting Begins

Loren Larson
President
As you know, next year’s International Youth Conference will be here before you know it, and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to begin making your plans right now to be with us July 20 through 24, 2011. If you were a part of this year’s International Youth Conference, then you know how powerful each Service was and that lives were changed by the Power of God. We have received numerous e-mails, letters, and Facebook Testimonies from those that attended the Conference, and how that their lives were completely changed. We are even reading how the Lord had delivered some from drugs, lesbianism, homosexuality, and lust.

We saw many baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other Tongues, of which we give the Lord all the praise and glory. But, I believe that what I’ve just mentioned is just the tip of the iceberg, so to speak. I believe that next year, it’s going to be even greater than what we have experienced this year. That is why you need to start making your plans now. You do not want to miss out on what the Lord is going to do in this upcoming International Youth Conference.

**BACK TO THE CROSS**

The Lord is calling His People back to the Cross! And one thing that makes this Youth Conference so different is that we preach Christ Crucified! I know that there are some others out there that are doing the same, but the Lord has given us a platform to preach the Message of the Cross to a hurting and dying world, through the medium of Television, Radio, and the Internet. And through these mediums, this Message is getting out there to the young people of this world.

**POWERS OF DARKNESS**

As many of you have heard me say before, our young people are facing the powers of darkness like never before, and they are in need of something that will not only help them in their time of need, but in their everyday life. The Message of the Cross is the Message that will do just that. The Cross of Christ is the Message of the hour, and it does more for the youth of this world than any other message that is out there.

That is why Paul would say in I Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 17 and 18, “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the Cross is to them who perish...”
Call us at (225) 768-3072 • email us at crossfire@jsm.org • www.crossfireyouthministry.org.
The Liberty Bell’s beginnings date back to 1751, twenty-five years before America’s first Independence Day. Because the city of Philadelphia was vastly growing in population, the purpose of a large bell to alert citizens was needed for the State House bell tower. Interestingly though, that need coincided with a very important anniversary: David Kimball says the bell was ordered by the Pennsylvania Assembly to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of William Penn’s 1701 “Charter of Privileges”.

William Penn, governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, had written the Charter to assure religious and civic freedoms for the people living there. In the Charter’s First Declaration, Penn acknowledges “Almighty God being the only Lord of Conscience, Father of Lights and Spirits; and the Author as well as Object of all Divine Knowledge, Faith and Worship.”

ISAAC NORRIS

It was fifty years later when Philadelphia Assembly Speaker, Isaac Norris, promoted the inscription for the commemorative State House bell. Ironically, the inscription is a Bible Verse, which undoubtedly has served as a perpetual blow to those who desire to negate the role of God and religious fervor in our nation’s birth. The Scripture chosen was Leviticus, Chapter 25, Verse 10: “Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” This Verse reveals God’s Instructions to Moses that the Israelites should honor their 50th year in the Promised Land as a Year of Jubilee, a year to celebrate God’s Blessings and favor towards them.

Did Isaac Norris suggest Leviticus, Chapter 25, Verse 10, to further validate Penn’s Declaration of religious freedom fifty years earlier? Or was it a prophetic prediction of the Declaration of Independence, with its represented religious and political freedoms that would soon be fought in the Revolution? Perhaps, it was both!

FREEDOM!

But, whatever the Liberty Bell’s original purpose was, the prophetic words resonating through history from the bell’s weather-beaten side have come to personify and embolden the unquenchable spirit of America’s patriots as they have repeatedly fought for, and might I add, won our most priceless treasure – freedom!

There stands on Bedloe’s Island, New York, a lady that represents universal emancipation. Her presence is one of hope to fearful strangers; her uplifted arm holds a torch beckoning the way towards freedom and liberty. She is the envy of the Middle East, where her creator, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, first envisioned her amidst the many granite statues on his excursion to Luxor. He envisioned an Egyptian peasant woman holding aloft a torch of freedom. Its name would be “EGYPT,” or “Progress, bringing a light to Asia.”

AMERICA

Fortunately for the world, and especially the United States of America, instead of Bartholdi designing a monument memorializing an oppressed Islamic woman, bound in the prison of Islamic subjugation, as the gateway to Asian liberty, God saw fit to give America the light of freedom for the world. Consider the sad words of Egyptian poet, Ameen Rihani, as she asked, “When will you turn your face toward the East, O Liberty? Shall the future never see a statue of freedom near the Pyramids?”

EMMA LAZARUS

The beautiful irony here is inscribed on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. From the second stanza of the “New Colossus,” written by the Jewish-American poet, Emma Lazarus, come the words, “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.” Later in her life Emma Lazarus would receive news of her heritage Israel suffering in Russia. She saw the need for the homeless to have a home and exhorted her heritage to, “Wake, Israel, Wake.”

A GREAT NATION

America’s greatness is intrinsically tied to our proclamation of the Gospel. Although the Liberty Bell remains
cracked and our lady of liberty weather-beaten and tired, these symbols have endured world wars, women receiving equal rights, the abolition of slavery, innovation and technological advances to ease man’s pain, and so much more. But in light of all that, what makes America great is Jesus Christ. Abraham was promised in Genesis, Chapter 12, Verse 2:

“And I will make you a great Nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.”

Paul would explain the meaning of this in the New Testament Book of Galatians, Chapter 3, Verses 8 and 9:

“And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the Gospel to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed. So then they which be of Faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.”

The sound of the Gospel being preached, and the Object (focus) of Faith becoming the Cross, is the only liberty for man. The bell and statue that commemorates our national liberty are only the symbols that outwardly express what true Christians have within their hearts.

JESUS CHRIST

One can only know freedom when one accepts Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Man’s prison is sin, but God has opened the prison door and has set the captive free! The Bible tells us, “Today is the day of Salvation.” Jesus Christ is the Door for us to enter God’s Liberty, which is the forgiveness of sin unto Salvation. HE is the Gateway to freedom. Man’s liberty is found neither in a statue wielding a torch in New York City, nor in a cracked bell swaying in Philadelphia. Man’s freedom came from the God-man who stretched out His Arms on the Cross and cried, “It is finished.” The debt is paid! God has made the way! The Gospel ship awaits your boarding in the harbor of your soul. Come, sail with us on the sea of humanity, where together we can take this Gospel of Freedom to the world. 

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Sunday: 10 AM

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November 24-28

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Why should you desire to attend one of these Campmeetings? There are several reasons:

1. The Spirit of God is present and doing great things. That within itself is extremely important, as should be obvious.
2. The Word of God is preached without fear, favor, or compromise. Please read these words very carefully. This is the age of the apostasy of the Church. Consequently, there is much error in the Church and the situation will not get better, but instead will get worse. You need to hear the Messages preached in the Campmeetings and to be a part of what God is doing.
3. All Campmeeting services are aired over worldwide Television and Radio; consequently, your presence is needed concerning this all-important effort; and I think the reasons should be obvious.

However, prepare to be changed by the Power of God and the Grace of God! The Cross of Christ is your answer!

How do I get additional information?

Call (225) 768-3438 for Campmeeting information. There are a limited number of rooms available for those who wish to stay in Bluebonnet Towers:

• Single: $30 U.S. (shared bath) • Suite: $60 U.S. (private bath) • Linen: $20 U.S. per person, per stay

If you reserve a room and it becomes necessary to change your plans, please contact our office immediately, as deposits are only refundable 15 days prior to the Campmeeting.

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What are you waiting for? Why not call or write for more information today? You'll be glad you did!

Have You Experienced Campmeeting?

If you can't be with us, you can see the Services “LIVE” over the Internet at: www.jsm.org.

Don't miss these other upcoming Campmeetings in 2011!
Try to make all of them if you can; you won't be disappointed!

• EASTER: April 20-24, 2011
• INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE: July 20-24, 2011
• THANKSGIVING: November 23-27, 2011
In July, 2010, we were invited by Pastor Ricardo Castillo to come to San Jose, Costa Rica, for the Minister’s and Leader’s Conference of the Assemblies of God. We had the privilege of ministering in two churches while we were there and visiting one of the six schools built by Jimmy Swaggart Ministries in San Jose. The Lord moved mightily in the Services.

DONNIE SWAGGART – MONDAY, EVENING SERVICE: Donnie was invited to speak at Iglesia Dios es Soberano (God is Sovereign Church) whose Pastor is Brother Jasper MacDonald. The presence of the Lord filled the Sanctuary as many came forward to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

SCHOOLS: Between 1984 and 1986, Jimmy Swaggart Ministries constructed six schools, along with churches throughout Costa Rica. We were able to visit one of these schools – Linda Vista Christian School of the Assemblies of God. Since their construction, over 60,000 children have gone through the doors of these schools, with many later becoming professionals in the medical, legal, and other fields. The students enrolled today showed a love for Christ and a heart after God that literally brought tears to our eyes.
San Jose, Costa Rica – July, 2010, Minister’s and Leader’s Conference of the Assemblies of God

CHURCHES: The Centro Evangelístico Church was the host church of the Conference, built by this Ministry in 1986; it is still operating today, along with an elementary school and high school.

TUESDAY, EVENING SERVICE: In the Opening Service at the Pastor’s Conference, Brother Swaggart laid the foundation by proclaiming the Message of the Cross to many who had never heard this great truth.

WEDNESDAY, EVENING SERVICE: In this powerful Service, you could feel the Anointing of the Spirit as the Message was given on the mighty infilling of the Holy Spirit. Hundreds of people responded to the Altar call to be filled with the Spirit. The Lord moved mightily with many experiencing a touch from Heaven like never before.

ORDINATION: Donnie was invited to be the keynote speaker for the Assemblies of God Ordination Service. Giving one of the most powerful messages to prepare the Pastors, Missionaries, and Leaders, Donnie proclaimed the need for the Pastor’s to have the right Message, a clear vision, and the total dependency on the Lord and not man-made religion!

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We are presently receiving some of the most wonderful letters and e-mails that we’ve ever received. Lives being changed, souls being Saved, Believers being baptized with the Holy Spirit, the sick being healed, bondages being broken, all for which we give the Lord all the glory. It’s what this nation needs, it’s what the Church needs and, in fact, it’s what the entirety of the world needs.

BUT I CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU

And once again I’m thanking those of you who are so faithful, and at the same time, I’m speaking to those of you who have not been as faithful as you ought to be. Let me say it again:

If you are fed through this Ministry, which helps you to grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord, at the same time, we need and, in fact, deserve your support. In fact, I need your help so very much, that it would be such a blessing and help to us, if you would go to the phone right now, and let the Lord lead you as it regards an offering that I believe you will give.
BROTHER SWAGGART, WHEN IS THE 24-HOUR PROGRAMMING COMING TO OUR TOWN?

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2. We have to have the finances to pay for it. These Cable Systems do not come free of charge. And we can only take on what we have the money to afford. That's the reason we are asking now for your help.

Yet, we believe that the programming that the Lord is helping us to give to the people, and in whatever capacity, whether the Cable Systems, Radio, or our regular Telecast, due to the Message of the Cross, supplies an anchor that will hold the "ship of state," so to speak, steady. It's not a new Message, it's that which was given to the Apostle Paul. It is the meaning of the New Covenant, which, in effect, is the meaning of the Cross. Let me state the following:

"The Cross of Christ is the only place where a thrice-Holy God and sinful man can meet." That's a powerful statement, and it happens to be the truth. That's the reason this Message is so very, very important!

ARE YOU COMING TO CAMPMEETING?

The dates for our Thanksgiving Campmeeting are November 24 through 28.

I believe our Easter Campmeeting was the best we've ever had. I'm anticipating the Thanksgiving Campmeeting to be even better. Every Soldier of the Cross needs to be in this meeting. In fact, every one of you, if it's at all possible, needs to be in this Campmeeting. Please believe me, you'll be much the better for it, if you can take the time to come. I realize that many of you cannot come, but I also know that many of you can. So, you ought to avail yourself of this opportunity.

When one is in an atmosphere where the Spirit of God is moving, always and without exception, that person is made better – and better in every way. And, I believe I can say without fear of contradiction, the Spirit of the Lord is definitely present in these Meetings. I'm going to look for you...
After our visit to Costa Rica, the Lord has given this Ministry a mandate like never before. We MUST get the SonLife Broadcasting Network on in every country. We MUST do whatever it takes to translate the programming into the major languages. We MUST proclaim the Message of the Cross to all nations. We have already begun to move in that direction. You who are reading this Magazine are helping make it possible. 🙏
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