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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Psalms 60:4

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OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL



There were 91 Baptist ministers in attendance at the 8th annual session of the Old Union Baptist Ministers School on March 27, 28, 29, 1980, held at Old Union Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. Pictured above are most of those in attendance, a few were absent when the photo was made.

Those attending were, Eustolio Abella, Thomas Armstrong, Brad Adams, Dexter Bacon, Jr., P. H. Brooks, Eugene Brown, Paul Bryson, D. C. Barton, Granvil Budd, James Briley, Harold D. Carver, Charles Chapman, Don Curtis, Doug Curtis, Rufus Chandler, B. D. Carter, Del Compton, Johnny Carver, Edward Cooper, Phillip Cochrum, George Cochrum.

Kenneth Davis, Dallas DeRossett, Oliver Day, Marvin Emberton, H. B. Eaton, Dwayne Greer, Bill Green, Bobby Gann, Larry Galloway, Joe P. Greer, James Gardner, Wilson Gregory, A G. Gregory, Clarence Hagen, Truman Hedges, William House, M. V. Hammock, Richard Huskins, Darrell Hicks, Rex Hunt, Jerry Allen

Harper, C. B. Huddleston, Jimmy Hogue.

Ancil Jones, John A. Keen, Jr., Landon C. Long, F. W. Lambert, W. E. Massey, Kenneth Massey, Charles Moore, Marvin McClanahan, Doug Matthews, Joe Morgan, Billy Moran, Floyd Mince, Larry McClain, James F. Moody, Gary Nicholas, Fielden Nicholas, W. R. Overton, Charles Patterson, James (Pete) Porter, Bobby Pitt, E. F. Prince, Calvin Perrigo.

C. L. Russell, Charles Reese, Jimmy Roberts, Jr., Ronnie Stewart, Bernard Skaggs, Levy Smith, J. H. Smith, Melvin Stinson, D. W. Story, William Shoulders, Wayne D. Shoulders, Kenneth Stapleton, Ray Sutton, Terrell Simmons, James Suttle, Homer Smith, Howard G. Taylor.

H. C. Vanderpool, Jackie Wilburn, Jay Wilburn Donald Wilson, Don Watts, James Whitney, Edgar White, Nathaniel York.

These 91 brethren were from nine states, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, Georgia, Michigan and Illinois.

Also there were sessions of study held

in homes for the ministers wives. There were 31 of them attending. They were, Mrs. Thomas (Retta) Armstrong, Mrs. P. H. (Laura) Brooks, Mrs. Paul (Bernice) Bryson, Mrs. D. C. (Evelyn) Barton, Mrs. Granvil (Ardis) Budd, Mrs. Harold (Virgie) Carver, Mrs. Don (Pat) Curtis, Mrs. B. D. (Opal) Carter, Mrs. Johnny (Jill) Carver, Mrs. Del (Bev) Compton, Mrs. Kenneth (Eva) Davis, Mrs. Bobby (Pat) Gann, Mrs. Richard (Virgie) Huskins, Mrs. Jimmy (Betty) Hogue, Mrs. Marvin (Dianne) McClanahan, Mrs. Kenneth (Judy) Massey, Mrs. Floyd (Lovie) Mince, Mrs. Larry (Vickie) McClain.

Mrs. Bobby (Robbie) Pitt, Mrs. Calvin (Helen) Perrigo, Mrs. Charles (Bobbie) Reese, Mrs. Ronnie (Cristi) Stewart, Mrs. Levy (Betty) Smith, Mrs. J. H. (Annie Laura) Smith, Mrs. James (Dixie) Suttle, Mrs. Wayne (Karen) Shoulders, Mrs. William (Ruby) Shoulders, Mrs. H. C. (Alta) Vanderpool, Mrs. James (Brenda) Whitney, Mrs. F. L. (Estell) Ray, Mrs. Nathaniel (Margie) York.

Instructors in the school were Elders F. W. Lambert, J. H. Smith, Howard G. Taylor (for Elder W. T. Russell who was in the hospital) and H. C. Vanderpool.

Those conducting studies for the ministers wives were Sisters Estell Ray, Annie Laura Smith and Alta Vanderpool. Bro. Jackie Wilburn was the photographer, Brethren Eugene Brown and Darrell Hicks were in charge of recording all lessons taught, and Elder Paul W. Bryson is pastor of Old Union Baptist Church. Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Hayes' home was the meeting place for the ministers wives, and Brethren Dumont Stringer and Steve Wheeler kept records. Lunch was served two days at the church and the other day, the ministers and their wives ate at the Buffet Royale Restaurant in Bowling Green which is operated by Deacon and Mrs. J. P. Doss. This was a great time of study, fellowship and inspiration. We are happy to learn that Bro. W. T. Russell is improving and is back in his church work. He was missed.

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OLD FASHION GOSPEL HOUR TELECAST

By H. C. Vanderpool

You probably have been reading for months in the BANNER about the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast, with Bro. Bobby Pitt as coordinator, working with his home church and many other Missionary Baptist Churches to tape and distribute the telecast to several states. The TV Studios are located on Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

There have been several people from time to time wanting to know what day of the week, and what time of the day the telecast was aired in various states so they could notify their friends and relatives living in those areas that they might be able to see the services. Bro. Pitt has given me that information and I'm giving it here so you can pass the information to those living where the telecasts are shown. Our Old Fashion Missionary Baptist preachers are now preaching to millions each week. The total number of homes reached by the stations listed are 584,986, and counting four persons per household this would mean the potential viewers would be 2,339,944 people each week. States, cities, channels, days and time are listed below.

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 Yorkum - Ch. 13Sun. 10:00 A.M.

Listed above are 124 cities in eight states where the Old Fashion Gospel Hour Telecast is viewed each week. phone calls and letters have been coming in from across the nation and some reports of people being saved. As more financial support comes in from our churches, more stations are added. Continue to support this work and let us be prayerful for those we are reaching. Send your donations to: Bro. Bobby Pitt, 309 Andrews Ave., Hartsville, TN 37074.

Just Suppose

Just suppose the Lord would begin tomorrow to make people as sick as they claim to be on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should take away the child whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church.

Just suppose the Lord should make people as poor as they claim to be when asked to help finance His great cause.

Just suppose the Lord should have everyone stoned to death for covetousness as was Achan.

Just suppose the Lord would let some parents look into the future and see what their example did for their children.

Just suppose the Lord would kill every one who lies to him as he did Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, as recorded in Act. Chapter 5.

Just suppose the Lord would require the souls of every one who have stored away much goods and thought they did not need anything more. As the man we read about in the Bible.

Just suppose the Lord would take away a child from every one who has committed adultery as David did. The Lord took his child away.

Just suppose that Communism should close in on this great land of freedom, and take away our freedom.

Just suppose that every born again child of God would put on the whole armour of God, and take the weapons of our warfare and fight against Satan.

Just suppose that every member of the church would do their part in the work of the Lord.

Just suppose all christians really loved the Lord. Just suppose and then, by the help of the Lord go forth and live and serve as if eternity were soon coming.

ARE YOU FEARFUL?

By J. H. Smith



“BUT STRAIGHTWAY JESUS SPAKE UNTO THEM, SAYING, BE OF GOOD CHEER: IT IS I: BE NOT AFRAID”

MATTHEW 14:27

The disciples of Jesus were out on the sea in a violent storm and the waves beating against their little fishing boat, and the wind was contrary so they couldn't go to the shore. This within itself troubled them, but they saw through the darkness and the storm a very strange sight, something like they had never seen before, a man walking on the water; and this really troubled them, and they cried out for fear. (Matthew 14:24-26) But this man walking on the water was none other than the Master Himself, and when He saw their fear He spoke to them and said, "It is I, be not afraid." His is the only voice that can dispel fear that so many people are plagued with today; and He can and will speak to troubled hearts today, as He did to His disciples in their day, and bring blessed relief if we would just give Him a chance.

PERILOUS TIMES

We have never known such dangerous times as we are now living in; and many people are afraid to walk the streets, to leave their homes during the day, or to go to bed and sleep at night; because they might just at any time be shot or stabbed and robbed, or their house might be broken into while away, or broken into while they sleep. Fear, fear, fear, and people everywhere are expressing their fear. Fear of all the dangers that we face today won't solve our problems, but fear and panic can very well add to the problems, because the Bible says, "Fear hath torment" 1 John 4:18. And this kind of torment is driving people to heart failures, nervous breakdowns, and only the Lord knows what else. Of course Jesus told of such a time that would come in the last days, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" Luke 21:26. I am not saying that all the heart failures and nervous breakdowns are caused from fear of the terrible times that we are living in, but I would be safe in saying that many are caused from such. But what is the real solution to our problem of fear? It is not altogether the need of better protection of the police, though we do need that, but what is needed more than anything is for people to come close to the Lord and be able to hear Him speak, "Peace be unto you." For this is the voice that has stilled the fears of many troubled hearts.

CERTAINTY OF DEATH

Death is something that is coming to all of us, unless some of us happen to be living

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HOLY BIBLE
 ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Banner Begins 15th Year Of Publication

With this issue, the BAPTIST BANNER is beginning its 15th year of publication. The paper was established June 1, 1966.

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to every minister, church and each individual who has made this possible, including every one who has written articles or sent in reports and announcements. Many churches have, and continue to do so, to subscribe to a bundle of BANNERS each month for distribution in their churches, hospitals and other places.

I appreciate the cooperation and work of our printers. There has been only one price increase in the subscription rate in these past fourteen years. The Second-Class postage has increased 440% in the past eight years. So, your continued support will be appreciated for the works' sake. I ask each writer (every minister of our churches is considered a staff writer) to continue to write articles, send in announcements and reports as you have them. Mail or call them in by the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.

The purpose of this publication is to keep our Baptist churches informed of services, revivals, singings, associations, debates, Bible Studies, Bible doctrines, travels, research, history, current events, etc. We have also endeavored to advance radio and TV missions as well as other foreign and home missions. Your prayers and assistance in this work are highly appreciated. - Editor

Homecoming

There will be all-day Homecoming services at Enon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, six miles west of Hartsville, Tenn. on Highway 231, on Sunday, June 22, 1980.

Sunday School will be at 10:00 A.M. and preaching at 11:00 A.M. by the pastor, Elder Bobby Gann. Lunch will be served at the noon hour. Guest singers will be The Inspiration Trio of Lafayette, Tenn. who will be singing in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend. The revival there begins that night. See Revival announcements.

Singing School At Mc Ferrin

A Singing School is to be conducted at McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn., on the nights of June 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27. This will be Mon., Wed., Fri. nights of the last two weeks of June. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. Bro. Don Xavier Hines will be the teacher. The school will close out on Sunday, June 29, when there will be all-day services with lunch served at the noon hour. Everyone is invited to attend the school and singing.

Revival Report

The revival closed at the Hartsville Missionary Baptist Mission in Hartsville, Tenn. with nine souls saved. Since the first of this year, 17 have united with North Carthage Baptist Church through the arm which is extended to the Hartsville Mission. Thirteen of these were during this revival. These additions are those intending to become charter members of a Baptist church when the Mission is constituted into a church. Elder Jackie Wilburn is the Mission pastor. He was assisted by Eld. Tom Armstrong.

JOSEPH MADE RULER OVER EGYPT

By Eugene Brown

Genesis 41:37-41; 46:49; 53-57

INTRODUCTION

When pressure is on, it sometimes becomes difficult to resist wrong. Many times to yield to lying and cheating or other wrong could lead to a promotion or success in some area. In Joseph's case though he faced one trial after another. Finally he was cast into a dungeon because he would not commit sin. In his case, to be honest all the way and as young people say today "tell it like it is" brought him a promotion.

JOSEPH DOWN, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

When Joseph refused to sin, it brought him a prison term. Shall we say a blessing in disguise. While in this dungeon, two of Pharaoh's servants, a butler and baker were cast in prison with him. These men both had a dream. Joseph was able to interpret these dreams. One would return back to serve Pharaoh, the other was to be hanged. So it happened as Joseph had said. Joseph made a request to the butler that was to return and serve Pharaoh. "But think of me when it shall be well with thee and shew kindness. I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house." (40:14).

JOSEPH IS NOT FORGOTTEN

The butler forgets Joseph, but God doesn't. When the butler returned to serve Pharaoh you would have thought he had certainly remembered the fellow in prison that helped get him out. But no, he was so busy serving the king and having a good time that it just slipped his mind. Again another dream, this time Pharaoh dreamed a dream. No one in his kingdom was able to interpret this dream. This time though, the butler spoke up. He was made to remember "I do remember my faults this day" (41:9). He recalled back in that prison there was a man that interpreted his dream and it came to pass.

JOSEPH IS BROUGHT BEFORE PHARAOH

Suddenly the light began to dawn when Pharaoh himself dreamed and no one outside the prison was able to interpret the meaning. Development began to take place. The butler remembered Joseph and informed Pharaoh. Pharaoh sent for Joseph and he related his dream. Joseph interpreted the dream and suggested plan. Pharaoh saw God's hand in it and honored Joseph. It must have seemed too good to be true.

From the first of his imprisonment, it was clear that God was with Joseph. He had sensed his presence and power. He had given God the credit for his ability to interpret dreams. Again to Pharaoh he promised an answer from God. His continued reference to God in the conversation with Pharaoh was well received, and the ruler himself recognized God's Spirit in Joseph.

Testimony to God's power and providence often comes from the strangest sources. Frequently a person's spiritual life is sensed by another whose moral standards may be low but whose spiritual sensitivity is sharp. Joseph's life is impressive, so is

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FRIDAY, MAY 30

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Fairview Ave., Bowling Green, Ky. Pastor W. T. Russell is to be assisted by Elder Paul W. Bryson. Services nightly at 7:15 P.M. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

McFerrin Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, 1208 McFerrin Ave., Nashville, Tenn. Pastor Howard G. Taylor is to be assisted by Elder F. W. Lambert. Services on Sunday nights at 6:00 P.M. and on week-nights at 7:00 P.M. You are invited to attend.

Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Washington, Ill. Pastor Larry Taylor is to be assisted by Elder Billy Moran. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited.

Becker Drive Missionary Baptist Church, Becker Drive, Louisville, Ky. Pastor Jimmy Hogue is to be assisted by Elder Kenneth Davis. Sunday night services will begin at 6:00 P.M. and week-nights at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend.

Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn. Pastor James Suttle is to be assisted by Elder Everett Scruggs. You are invited.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Tenn. Pastor Elmer Perrigo is to be assisted by Elder William House. Services each night at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

Old Paths Missionary Baptist Church, Watertown Rd., Lebanon, Tenn. Pastor Edgar Copeland is to be assisted by Elder Hilman Duncan. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Rose and Burbank, Nashville, Tenn. Pastor A. G. Gregory is to be assisted by Elder Harold Dunn. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. The public is invited to attend.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Enon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, six miles west of Hartsville, Tenn. on Highway 231. Pastor Bobby Gann is to be assisted by Elder Douglas Curtis and Bro. J. W. Gregory will be directing the singing. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Lula Missionary Baptist Church, 1700 Batts Blvd., Springfield, Tenn. Pastor James Gardner is to be assisted by Elder James L. Shoulders. Services each night at 7:30 P.M. You are invited.

Cedar Bluff Missionary Baptist Church, Macon County, Tenn. Highway 52. Pastor James Lawson is to be assisted by Elder Bobby Gann. Services daily at 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Everyone is invited.

QUOTES

One of the best ways to get on your FEET is to first get on your KNEES.

* * *

Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended he should be.

IF YOU WERE

If you were busy being kind, Before you knew it, you would find You'd soon forget to think 'twas true That some one was unkind to you. If you were busy being glad And cheering people who are sad, Although your heart might ache a bit,

You'd soon forget to notice it. If you were busy being good And doing just the best you could, You'd not have to blame some man Who's doing the best he can. If you were busy being right, You'd find yourself too busy quite To criticize your neighbor long Because he's busy being wrong.

BIBLE LANDS TOUR

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when Jesus comes. Death is feared, and some people are so afraid that they had rather not even think about death; but some people will, nevertheless, just face up to it, and say, I am afraid to die! I am not ready to die! Those who are not ready to die have a reason to be afraid, because hell fire is facing any accountable person who dies without Jesus Christ. Unbelievers are condemned right now, and they don't have to wait till the judgment. Jesus said this: "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18. A guilty, condemned sinner facing death has to be afraid, even if some will not admit that they are afraid. I well remember how fearful I was when I was a sinner, fearful of death and fearful to meet the Lord when He comes.

Death would be horrible and unbearable to face for everybody if it were not for Him who speaks peace to His people in their darkest hour, that is when they come to cross over the Jordan of death. But there is no fear for the child of God at such a time, because He has power over death, and He will give us the final victory over death, hell and the grave. Yes, and He will walk with us through the dark valley of the shadow of death, giving comfort and cheer. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and they staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4. Jesus took upon Himself flesh and died in the flesh that He might destroy the works of the devil, "And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Hebrews 2:14, 15.

Sin makes the way look so dark for the sinner, for sin is that which alienates man

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Son Apologizes For Part He Played In Atheist's Empire

AUSTIN (UPI) — The son of atheist firebrand Madalyn Murray O'Hair publicly apologized to Americans and God yesterday for his part in building his mother's "personal empire"

William J. Murray said he was sorry for the "hateful and anti-moral way of life" he learned in her home.

"Looking back on the 33 years of life I wasted without faith and without God, I pray that I may be able to correct just some of the wrong I have created," said William J. Murray of Houston in a letter to the editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Murray, who apparently has converted to Christianity since his split with his mother several years ago, was the plaintiff in a suit filed in Massachusetts that resulted in compulsory prayers being banned from public schools.

"THE PART I played as a teenager in removing prayer from public schools was criminal," he wrote.

"I would like to apologize to the people of Austin for the part I played in the building of the personal empire of Madalyn O'Hair. My efforts to that end were an affront to the people of Austin, the people of the nation and to God," Murray's letter said.

"My crime was two-fold in that I was aware of the wrong of my actions at the time and continued them for the purpose of financial profit. I was continuing to practice the hateful and anti-moral way of life I had learned from birth in an atheist home."

Mrs. O'Hair and a second son, Jon Garth Murray, are leaders of the American Atheist Society in Austin, and Mrs. O'Hair has had custody of William Murray's daughter Robin.

She was unavailable for personal comment on her son's public letter, but issued a cryptic, sarcastic statement through the American Atheist office on behalf of herself. Jon Garth Murray and Robin Murray O'Hair:

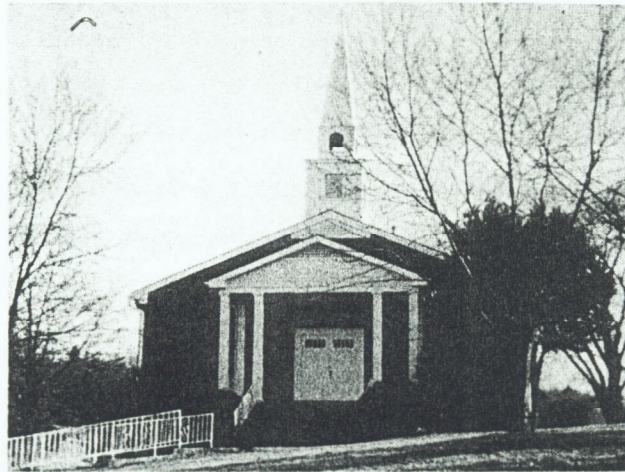
"WE NOTE in the news that William Murray has retired early. We are happy to see an atheist getting religious dollars and wish him the best. We anticipate that he will tithe to the American Atheist Center."

Murray's letter was printed in the paper directly below one from his mother commending the action of the pope in ordering priests and nuns out of political offices.

Murray said in his letter he deeply regrets streamlining his mother's atheist group and moving it from a three-room house to a new office complex.

"I loathe the idea that I lowered myself to editing her anti-God magazine," he said.

NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Homecoming At New Bethel Baptist Church

By H. C. Vanderpool

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 1088 Old Dickerson Pike, Goodlettsville, Tenn. will be having all-day Homecoming services, on Sunday, June 15, 1980. The church will also be celebrating her 186th anniversary, having been organized in 1794, while George Washington was the president of the United States.

Homecoming services will begin with Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and worship at 11:00 A.M. with Elder H. C. Vanderpool, the pastor, preaching.

Dinner on the ground will be served at noon time with all the old-fashioned boxes and baskets of food to satisfy the physical needs, while we will depend upon the Lord to bring all the Spiritual blessings.

Afternoon services will begin at 2:00 P.M. with old-fashioned congregational singing. The Parables from Indianapolis will be the featured singing group for the day. We, the church and pastor, wish to invite all former members, and also the public in general to come and be with us on that day. Come, and let us rejoice together!

TEN MOST WANTED MEN

1. The man who puts God's business above other business.
2. The man who brings his children to a fundamental, Bible-believing, Gospel-preaching church, rather than sending them.
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of his spiritual growth than his sports.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has left, rather than by what he gives.
6. The man who goes to a church like that mentioned in No. 2 for Christ's sake, rather than for himself or for others.
7. The man who has a willing mind, rather than just a brilliant mind.
8. The man who has a passion to help, rather than be helped.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning worldly honor.

There's always free cheese in the mousetrap, but you never saw a happy mouse there.

EVANGELIZE!

By Oswald J. Smith

Give us a watchword for the hour
A thrilling word, a word of power;
A battle cry, A flaming breath
That calls to conquest or to death.

A word to rouse the church from rest
To head the Master's high behest.
The call is given; Ye hosts arise
Our watchword is Evangelize.

The glad evangel now proclaim.
Through all the earth in Jesus name.
This word is ringing through the skies
Evangelize! Evangelize!

To dying men, A fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace;
The world that now in darkness lies
Evangelize! Evangelize!

JOSEPH MADE RULER

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his ability to communicate his faith. From Pharaoh's prison to Pharaoh's right hand man, this was Joseph's promotion.

RESPONSIBILITY SEEKS A RESPONSIBLE MAN

The Bible teaches us, "Be faithful over little and I will make you ruler, or authority, over ten cities (Luke 19:17). Joseph had been faithful to God even in all the suppression he had been through. The butler remembered when the time came. Pharaoh was impressed by Joseph's suggestion for making preparations in the famine.

The position of responsibility is more apt to seek a responsible man than the position of honor. A man who performed responsibly in smaller areas is a candidate for larger areas. A responsible man is also an alert man; he will recognize an opportunity. Can you imagine a person being raised from a prison dungeon to be a prime minister of a nation?

PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Making plans ahead is most important whether it be in politics, business, church or personal life. Joseph knew about these times ahead, you have heard it said "Lay something up for a rainy day." By Joseph being in the Lord's will to be raised to the position of prime minister of Egypt, not only brought him to power in Egypt, but his own people including his brothers that "moved with envy" and sold him into Egypt, were made to come to Egypt and bow down to Joseph, and ask for bread.

ARE YOU FEARFUL? (Continued from Page 3)

from God and leaves him in darkness. So he has no light to shine in his path, and this darkness itself is enough to make men afraid; but our Lord declared, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. Jesus is the One who can brighten our way in life, and in death; and He makes us not afraid.

JUDGMENT TO COME

Men in this world laugh and scoff at the mention of Jesus Christ when He is presented to them in the Gospel, and of course this has been going on down through the ages, but when wicked men and women stand before Him in judgment they will certainly change their tune. Terrified? Terror won't even describe it! Picture yourself, if you will, as you stand there before Him who at sometime wanted to become your Saviour, but you said no. What do you expect Him to say to you in that day?

The Bible says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27. Death makes men afraid, but fear will not diminish when they come into the judgment; in fact, it will be worse. What a sad day it is going to be for sinners when they hear the Lord say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matthew 25:41.

Some men think that they are so brave that nothing now or ever can terrify them, or cause them to lose their smile. But I wonder if the average person now living ever gives a thought of just what it is going to be like when the curtain of time will begin to roll together, when the earth will be quaking, the rocks and the mountains begin to tumble down; when great men, mighty men, kings of the earth, and all men who have forgotten God and His salvation through Christ! How will it be then? What will they do then? Oh, sinner what will you do? The Bible tells us something of what you will do. As the rocks and mountains begin to fall, you will cry for them to fall on you and hide you from the face of him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. (Revelation 6:12-17) I believe the greatest and most terrible fear that has ever seized upon men will occur when they look upon the face of Him whom they have rejected.

I am so glad and thankful that those who have Jesus living in them don't have to be afraid, not now, in life, nor in death, nor when we see Him in judgment. I am not afraid, but it is not because of good that I may have done, it is because I have fled for refuge in the Rock of eternal ages, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who speaks in that familiar voice, "Be of good cheer; It is I, be not afraid."

Country Parson



"One drawback in religious structure is that so many who become pillars of the church shouldn't."