

Illustrated Message – Lord, Lord!

Actors;

Brett and Shelly Jacobs– Husband and Wife
Joe Jenkins – Employee and husband
Jerry - Banker
Henry – Usher
Matt – Man who calls Brett on the phone
Barbara - Usherette
Pastor Smith
Gabriel - Angel

Description of Brett and Shelly;

- They're in their mid 60's; they have established businesses (pyramid style companies)
- Second generation church goers; well established in the county, successful in all business ventures

Description of Joe Jenkins;

- A young family man who recently becomes a Christian who is employed by Brett and Shelly

Description of Jerry;

- A mid 50's classic conservative, disheveled looking man who's the prominent Banker

Description of Barbara;

- A new young, sincere usher in the church

Description of Henry

- A stoic, staunch, calculated man who's been in the church all his life

SCENE

BRETT AND SHELLY ARE DRIVING THEIR BENTLEY TO CHURCH

Brett

I sure hope my parking spot isn't blocked today! I get tired of new comers taking my place because they arrive so early!

Shelly

I'm more concerned about the new seats they've replace our pews with! And if they didn't choose the colour of curtains that I suggested.... I just don't know how I could stay and sit in the sanctuary! I've been sitting in church pews for the last 40 years, and now the leadership has gone all modern, for the sake of space and to the new generation, it's just not right!

THEY ARRIVE AT CHURCH AND SURE ENOUGH THEIR PARKING SPOT IS TAKEN BY SOME OLD BEATER FAMILY CAR.

Brett

(Frustrated and talking to the parking attendant)
Young man, whose car is that parked there?

New parking attendant

I don't know sir; this is my first day.

Brett

(Looking closer and seeing one of his own business stickers on the back window)
Oh, well, it's not too bad, he works for me. Just in the future, if next week you could try to save this spot for me, I'd appreciate it. I've been parking there ever since the church was built.
(He slips the attendant a \$5.00 bill.)

BRETT AND SHELLY ARRIVE INSIDE AND ARE TALKING TO HENRY THE USHER.

Henry

Oh, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs. Things have changed a lot here this week! We don't have your original church pew here anymore. (Shelly is rolling her eyes). However, what we've done is added a few extra rows of chairs in the front. And your seats are right in the centre.

HENRY ESCORTS THEM TO THEIR COMFORTABLE SEATS. SITTING THERE THEY LOOK AT EACH OTHER.

Shelly

(Whispering) Well, they didn't choose the colour I suggested for the new curtains! And besides, there's no place to put my jacket, purse and books!

Brett

(Smiling) Yes, this is the closest I think that we've sat together; you always had those things between us!

LOOKING UP, HE SEES JERRY THE BANKER HEADING FOR THE ALTAR WHERE HE PROCEEDS TO LAY HIMSELF PROSTRATE.

Brett

(Whispering) Well look who's here? Prostrate again, every time he comes to church...it's just a big show. He can't be real. But then again with the interest he charged me on that last loan...he needs to repent! That business deal went south...he took advantage of me!

Shelly

Yes dear, just a big show!

Brett

(In his personal thoughts he says to himself)

All of those times on my knees, all for show. Just to show my father and the church that I was sincere. If they only knew me and my heart. Oh well, I've profited so much off of the church members, they've profited off of me, churches have been built. I've made millions off of them! All the bad business ventures and investment companies that were hoaxes and scams that I set up to make a profit! I can't be all that bad. The end result justifies the means, right? I think God must turn a blind eye to me as a lot of the money went here to the church and to missions worldwide. And yet, I know in my heart I've never known Jesus and haven't even prayed the prayer of salvation. These Christians are sooooo gullible that they can't even see the charade that I'm living in. Not even my wife Shelly... Lord, Lord.

BRETT'S THOUGHTS ARE INTERRUPTED AS HIS PHONE RINGS AND HE SEES THAT IT'S MATT, HIS EMPLOYEE CALLING.

Brett

Excuse me dear, I've got to take this call.

Shelly

Turn your phone off after!

HE LEAVES QUICKLY FOR THE NEAREST EXIT. HE ANSWERS THE PHONE.

Brett

Matt, what's so important that you call me when I'm in church. You know I'm here at this time every Sunday... like clockwork. Church is about to start! This better be important!

Matt

Sir, I'm so sorry. I meant to let you know this week what happened, but I got caught up in business things you know. I made an executive decision with one of your employees. Joe Jenkins became a Christian recently and has requested not to work Sunday's, but would be willing to work every Saturday in exchange so he can make it to church.

Brett

Matt, you let Joe Jenkins know tomorrow that if he wants to keep his job, he has to work Sunday's, case closed!

Matt

Well, you might see him in church today.

Brett

Ya, I think I saw his old car parked in my spot! That's who parked in my spot!

BRETT RETURNS TO THE SERVICE AND HIS PLACE. AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH, JOE JENKINS AND HIS WIFE ENTER. A VERY SIMPLY DRESSED COUPLE, NOT SUITED OR DRESSED UP.

Joe

(Smiling) Isn't this wonderful dear! The kids are so happy to be in Sunday School, and look at us, first time in church together! Pulling out all the stops. It looks full; I hope we can find a place.

BARBARA THE NEW USHERETT IS TALKING TO HENRY

Barbara

A new couple is here, where should I seat them? There's no room, except for the two new rows at the front, should I seat them there?

Henry

No, Barbara. As I said before, those are VIP rows, they are not VIP's. Seat them in those chairs at the back of the church in the balcony, there's still room up there.

THE MUSIC STARTS AND A FEW, MORE CHARISMATIC PEOPLE ACROSS FROM BRETT AND SHELLY, START DANCING IN THE AISLES.

Shelly

(Upset) If they only knew how distracting it is for them to be dancing like that in church!

AFTER THE FIRST SONG.

Pastor Smith

Mr and Mrs Jacobs, can you please stand for a moment? I just want to recognize these dedicated church members who have been in our church from the very beginning. Brett's father was one of the original founders of the church and the denomination; Brett and Shelly have been major contributors to the church building fund and missions worldwide. After the service, we're going to have a special fellowship time in the foyer where Brett's business booth is set up for those of you who have an interest in working with him or starting up a company under one of his many pyramid style businesses and investment companies. As you know, Brett has been involved with and heads up our school of prophecy which also involves a lot of signs, wonders and miracles which have amazed us all. We look forward to fellowshiping with you after the service Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs and thanks again for all that you do.

AT THE END OF THE SERVICE, MR & MRS JACOBS ARE DRIVING OFF THE PARKING LOT.

Brett

Well, the change isn't too bad because it sure has drawn in a lot of different people. I don't know how many people I signed up to join our businesses! I'll have Matt review their names later today; I'll call him when I get home.

Shelly

Well that's all find dear, but maybe we can put business aside for the day.

Brett

Yes, you're right.

BRETT HAS A SUDDEN HEART ATTACK AND DIES. HE'S STANDING IN FRONT OF AN ELEVATOR. HE KNOWS HE'S DIED AND IS VERY AWARE HE'S DEAD.

ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS AND HE ENTERS.

Gabriel

Hello Brett. My name is Gabriel; I'm here to escort you to the judgment seat of God in heaven, to be judged and to see if your name is in the Book of Life.

Brett

Well, this I do know. I did many things in His name, I prophesied in His name, cast out demons, did many signs and wonders, built churches around the world, I gave millions to missions. I know He'll know me and I know my name will be in the Book of Life. (Pauses) Even though I must confess I didn't really know Him like others knew Him.

ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS

Gabriel

(Pointing to another angel who is there when the doors open)

This is Michael, another angel, and he'll take you right ahead to those doors, and through them you'll see Jesus Christ and He'll judge you.

BRETT WALKS OFF WITH MICHEAL

LATER, HE COMES BACK TO THE ELEVATOR, VERY SOBER AND SOMBER.

Gabriel
Hello Brett

Brett

(Rambling on and on repeating the words over and over), I never **knew** you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness! **I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness**! That's what He said. I saw all of my lawless deeds, how I used the church for personal gain, all of my bad deals. The illegal millions I made! All the bad business ventures and investment companies that were hoaxes, deceptions and scams that I set up to make a profit! I saw the end did not result justify the means and God **didn't** turn a blind eye to me. I had so many opportunities to ask Jesus into my heart, to be Lord. Even my prophesying and wonders and signs that were done...weren't of Him. I saw it all as religion, power and used His name for my personal gain. I saw clearly that I was doing the works of my father the devil, and now, I'm judged to hell for eternity with him.

THE ELEVATOR DOOR OPENS. OVERWHELMED AND IN STARK TERROR BY WHAT HE SEES, HE STARTS SCREAMING AS THE FLAMES LICK AT HIM AND HE HEARS THE TORMENTING SHRIEKS OF PEOPLE IN THEIR AGONY BY THE UNQUENCHABLE FIRE. BRETT IS VERY MUCH ALIVE, BUT SEPARATED FROM GOD. GABRIEL CASTS HIM OUT.

(This is a fiction script based upon the Bible scriptures – August 9th, 2015)

Bible Verses:

Matthew 7:21-23; “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

John 8:41-45; “You do the deeds of your father,” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father – God.” Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.”

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43; “Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to then go up and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest wile you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” Vs.36-43; “Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went in to the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.” He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

II Peter 2: 1-22

I John 4:1-3; “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that is coming, and now is already in the world.”

Hebrews 9:27; “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

Revelation 20:15; “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

II Corinthians 5:10; “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Matthew 25:30; “And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Ephesians 2:8; “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”

John 14:6; “I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father but by me”.

Romans 10:9; “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 3:23-26; “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

Review of Illustrated Message by Marjorie

It’s almost hard to believe that Jesus would say those words; “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness”, to someone like Brett Jacobs in our Illustrated Message. Strong’s Concordance describes lawlessness as; “the utter disregard for God’s law (His written and living Word); without law; disobedience, sin, iniquity”. Brett was told he was lawless when he saw Jesus Christ and was judged.

Is it possible that such people could be in our churches today? Can signs, wonders, prophetic utterances and the like come from such a person? They have the outward appearance that they’re a Christian. The Bible verses mentioned at the end of the message show that yes, it is and can be. Jesus makes it very clear that in the midst of the wheat fields, there are tares which the enemy has sown. Ultimately they will be harvested at the end of the age, but if a person dies before that, they will be judged as Jess clearly says. One would ask, how is it possible that miracles, signs and wonders and prophetic utterances can be given apart from the Holy Spirit, yet all we have to look at are a few examples. The magicians of Pharaoh in Exodus 7; Balaam in Numbers 22; Judas who betrayed Jesus went out with the 12 disciples to do signs, wonders and miracles...and many more.

I’d like to reference the Matthew Henry Commentary regarding Matthew 7:21-23. ([click to read full commentary](#)), He says;

*“That we have **prophesied** in thy name? Yes, it may be so; Balaam and Caiaphas are overruled to prophesy and Saul was against his will among the prophets, yet that did not save them. These prophesied in his name, but he did not send them; they only made use of his name to serve a turn. Note, a man may be a preacher, may have gifts for the ministry, and an external call to it, and perhaps some success in it, and yet be a wicked man; may help others to heaven, and yet come short himself.*

*That in thy name we have **cast out devils**? That may be too; Judas cast out devils, and yet was the son of perdition. Origin says, that in his time so prevalent was the name of Christ to cast out devils, that sometimes it availed when named by wicked Christians. A man might cast devils out of others, and yet have a devil, nay, be a devil himself.*

*That in thy name we might have done many **wonderful works**. There may be a faith of miracles, where there is no justifying faith; none of that faith which works by love and obedience. Gifts of tongues and healing would recommend men to the world, but it is real holiness or sanctification that is accepted of God. Grace and love are a more excellent way than removing mountains or speaking with the tongues of men and of angels.*

Grace will bring a man to heaven without working miracles, but working miracles will never bring a man to heaven without grace.

Ephesians 2:8; "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." This script is meant to challenge us, not to put fear in our hearts to not trust anyone. We know the gifts of the Spirit are for today and that signs, wonders, miracles and prophecy are given to us as followers of Christ Jesus. We know there are many generous and sincere Christians who God has blessed with wealth that are sowing millions into missions, so we're not against that. But just the same, I John 4:1-3 show us how to test the spirits. That way we're not ignorant, gullible and led away. Our character Brett said, it was all a charade. He knew that he not only abused prophesy, wonders and miracles; he was lawless, turning the foyer of the church into a marketplace and taking advantage of people by deception, lying and cheating. He had utter disregard for God's written and living Word. We need to be wise and discerning in the times that we are living in.

Let's truly allow Jesus Christ to be Lord of our lives. If you haven't received Him as your personal Saviour, do so today.

