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THE SALT AND THE LIGHT (Cont.)

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TEXT: Mat. 5:13-16

Lev. 2:13

Ye are the Salt of the Earth!

You can't get along with your Christian Brother, well, maybe it isn't him – maybe you have lost your savor!

Ye are the Light of the Earth!

A Christian is not only the Salt of the Earth – I hate bland food, and Jesus doesn't like a bland Christian. Jesus said: "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

An un-salty Christian makes Jesus want to vomit!

Ye are the Light of the World. A Christian is the Salt of the Earth, and the Light of the World.

YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

As a light of the world, a Christian is supposed to reflect the Light of Christ Jesus, because Jesus is the "light of the world" according to the Gospel of John 9:5 – "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." A clear picture of the Lord is the Sun. Hosea 4:2 says: "But unto you who fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." The Sun is speaking of Jesus Christ's return! At the second coming of Christ, He will come from the East. The Sun rises in the East. Jesus the Light of the World is a picture of the Sun. It is not the physical Sun's light Jesus is talking about when Jesus says, "Ye are the light of the world". Listen, in Gen. 1:3 it is written "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" – Gen. 1:3 is not talking about the Sun – because the Sun is not created until Gen. 1:16 – "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also."

Brethren, the Light of Gen. 1:3 is the Glory of the Lord. That is the Light Jesus Christ is

talking about! A Christian is to reflect the Glory of the Lord! Amen!

The physical Sun is a picture of the Holy Trinity. There is an unholy trinity, too. That's a sermon for another time! But the physical Sun is a picture of the Trinity: It consists of "Heat Rays"; "Light Rays" and "X-Rays", or Ultraviolet Rays. You can't see an "X-Ray" – that's a picture of God the Father. You can feel a "Heat Ray" – that is a picture of the Holy Spirit. You can see "Light Rays" – and Jesus was visible and will be again at the Second Coming. Amen! If the Sun pictures the Lord, then the Moon pictures the Church – The Christian! The Believer is dead in Christ, just like the Moon is a dead planet! Paul the Apostle said: "Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him" (Ro. 6:8).

Moreover, the Moon sometimes shines brightly, and sometimes it doesn't. The Moon has no light of its own, just as a Christian has no light of their own. A believer bears the marks of sin in their body – just as the Moon has craters. Occasionally a Christian will fall into sin – just as the Moon falls into darkness when the World gets between the Sun and the Moon.

The Book of Job, the oldest book in the Bible – Job said: "Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not..." (Job 25:5). It wasn't but a few hundred years ago "*Science*" figured that out!!! Job was probably written about 1520 B.C. One day science will catch up with the Bible. Remember, the Apostle Paul warned Timothy, and you need to be warned, too. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and opposition of science falsely so called. Which some professing have erred concerning the faith..." (1 Tim. 6:20-21).

Ye Are The Light Of The Word

A Christian has the Holy Spirit – Eph. 4:30 – "...whereby ye are sealed until the day of redemption" and a Christian is the Candle of the Lord – that Light which shines in a Christian

man or woman, boy or girl, is supposed to come through their eyes – Our Lord Jesus said: "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light" (Mt. 6:22).

Ye Are The Light Of The World

Mt. 5:15 tells us the place of your illumination is your house – Mk. 5:19: "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Acts 16:31: "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." You bring the Gospel message to your home first! Then you bring the Gospel message to the world!

Mt. 5:16 – "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." You better take notice – your works don't do the shining – the Light does! As Christians we are to get people to observe our works by witnessing for Christ. If you witness, then don't worry about it - you will be watched. Amen.

I get so sick of hearing Christians say, "Well, I know a lot of people that talk about it but don't live it. I just let me life speak for itself!" That my Brethren is an error on their part – a cheap excuse. No one begins to notice your works until you start to speak up for Jesus – then they will begin to watch you like a Chicken Hawk! You see, that is why Christians don't speak up! They don't want to be watched that close, or their works would not say as much as they supposed them to do! Amen? Amen!

Brethren, it is sinful for a Christian man or woman, boy or girl to do good works and take credit for them – if they were real Christians in the Bible sense. A Christian's works are wrought by "Christ in them" through the Holy Spirit – and that is where the credit should go, and no where else. Hey, the only good of me is Jesus Christ! "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and do *his* good pleasure"

(Philippians (2:13); “But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be manifest, and they are wrought in God” (Jn. 3:21).

Each one of us Christians has a responsibility to flavor our works with Salt, and to cause our Light – Jesus Christ, to shine through us! Hey, the Pastor is not the only one in the Church who is supposed to win lost souls to Christ! Maybe, if we stopped criticizing – stopped getting entangled in worldly matters and gossip – men are subject to gossip, too; Then maybe, we could go about doing some work for our Lord Jesus Christ. Maybe we would be able – **NO** – I am sure we would be able to be an effective witness. If we would let our speech and life be seasoned with Salt, then our Light – Jesus the Christ, can shine through us!

If you are watching and comparing yourself, or comparing others to others, this man that man, this woman that woman, this Church our Church – **CUT IT OUT!!!** Where is your focus? Whatever you are watching and listening to, if it isn't Jesus, then you are not watching Jesus. You and I need to check our Saltshaker and make sure it is full. Check our batteries so our Light can shine bright. If your Saltshaker is full, then you can bring something to Jesus that tastes good. If your batteries are charged with the Holy Spirit, prayer and Bible reading – then God will see something through the Light of Jesus Christ which is in you.

Let me ask you this: Is your Saltshaker full? How about your Batteries – are you keeping them charged, or is your Light shining dimly?

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WHY GOD TRIES US

- 1)** To show us His faithfulness – 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9.
- 2)** Strengthen you – 1 Pet. 5:10.

- 3)** To be a testimony for others – Phil. 1:12-14.

- 4)** To comfort others – 2 Cor. 1:3-4.

- 5)** Purify your faith – 1 Pet. 1:7.

- 6)** Reward us in the future – James 1:12.

END

JESUS CHRIST – SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd – Jn. 10:11, 14.

Great Shepherd – Heb. 13:20

Chief Shepherd – 1 Pet. 5:4

END

HOW TO BE HATED

- (1)** Speak with Authority (Acts 4:8); **(2)** Correct Religious Leaders (Acts 4:10); **(3)** Preach the Resurrection from The Dead (Acts 4:10); **(4)** Preach One Way For Salvation (Acts 4:12); **(5)** Be Uneducated and Yet Knowledgeable (Acts 4:13).

SIX THINGS TO DO IN A STORM

- 1)** Learn from the situation (People caught in storms go in emotional mode, not usually spiritual mode – you must get in the spiritual mode to hear God); **2)** Lean on the Savior, or you won't get through – you will go down with the boat! **3)** Look to the Scriptures – get in the Bible; **4)** Lighten the ship (Acts 27:18); **5)** Lift up a (the) sufferer(s) – help someone else out; **6)** Laud HIM – give the Lord the Glory.

FIVE SORROWS OF HELL

- 1.** Separation from God – prison conditions (Lam. 3:1-3); **2.** Unanswered prayer (Lam. 3:8); **3.** Unsatisfied longing (Lk. 16:24); **4.** Physical pain (Mt. 25:46); **5.** Remorse (Dan. 12:2).

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH (Cont.)

In the last Newsletter we continued this study on Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth (Jn. 17:17; 2 Tim. 2:15). Under the heading of THE DIFFERENT DISPENSATIONS, we covered three Dispensations: **1) Innocence; 2) Conscience; and, 3) Human Government.** The next Dispensation is **Promise.** We continue our study there:

In every Dispensation, God reveals a little bit more for man to know, to do, and to be responsible for. Plus, man has knowledge of the previous Dispensations, how God dealt with man, and how man failed! In Human Gov. God cursed man and divided man up by speech producing nations. He also divided the according to the twelve tribes of Israel. The world has twelve natural boundaries geographically.

You see the divisions by the twelve tribes of Israel – Deu. 32:7-8. Vs. 8 – God divided man, and separated man – in a sense, God is a segregationist. Acts 17: 26-27. Vs. 27 – God did separate the nations so they would seek the Lord. Man, and the Antichrist are trying to make a commonality between all people – One World, One People! God made the nations distinct, and He divided the boundaries among the nations.

4) Promise:

God deals basically with four men in the Dispensation of Promise – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. It is called the Dispensation of Promise because of the “unconditional” and “conditional” promises God made to Abraham in Gen. 12. From Abraham God will choose a special nation. After the Disp. Of Human Government, God is all through with the

nations, and thus, selects a nation, so the blessings of all nations are dependent upon one nation, Israel. Therefore, what is your nation’s relationship to Israel? ‘I will bless those that bless thee’.

The Dispensation of Promise begins at Gen. 12:1 and ends Ex. 19:8. (Abrahamic Covenant is found in Gen. 15:18). Man’s responsibility – Abide in their own land to inherit every blessing – that is, the descendants of Abraham. Man’s failure – Went down to Egypt. The Attribute of God revealed – Faithfulness. Salvation – Grace through Faith. Salvation and blessing are dependent on three things: 1) Must Sacrifice. 2) Stay in the Land. 3) Circumcision.

Remember, through Abraham came Christ – spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3). The Dispensation of Promise rashly ended when Israel accepted the Law (Ex. 19:8). The Dispensation of Promise was exclusively Israelitish!

Man’s failure – The heathen, rather than repent, gets worse and turns to idolatry (Gen. 31:30; Ex. 12:12; Ro. 1:21-32). Israel ends up in bondage in Egypt, a cursed nation. They left the land and didn’t circumcise – Ex. 4:24 – after God commissioned Moses, God seeks to kill Moses (Ex. 4:25). Moses had failed in that area. How is Moses going to lead God’s people out of bondage when Moses hasn’t been faithful in that area, first.

5) Law:

The Dispensation of Law covers Sinai to Calvary (Ex. 20 – Mt. 26:28; 27:50) (See: Heb. 9:16; 10:9). There are 39 books in the O.T., and 38 deal with the Law, and 4 N.T. books deal with the Law – Mt., Mk., Lk., and Jn.

Three areas covered by the Law: **1) Moral Code - Commandments** (Ex. 20:1-26). **2) Civil Laws – Social things, judgments** (Ex. 21:1-24:11). **3) Religious Law – Ordinances** (Ex. 24:12-13). Salvation under the Law is by works

plus faith. (You must remember that, from John the Baptist until Acts 15 you are in a transitional time period, because it is not established what Israel is going to do with their Messiah. If they accept their Messiah, then there is no Age of Grace/Dispensation of Grace/Church Age. By Acts 15:7 the Gospel of Grace is established.

Man's responsibility in the Dispensation of the Law was to keep the Law. God's emphasized attribute revealed was His Holiness. Man's failure was apostatizing which led to his captivity. Salvation was by faith plus works (Obeying the Law).

6. Grace:

From Mt. 26:28 (Calvary) to the Rapture, lasting approximately 2,000 years. This Dispensation is covered by the Pauline Epistles (Romans – Philemon) and is the current dispensation under which we currently live.

Man's responsibility is to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. God's emphasized attribute is His grace, God's unmerited favor. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Eph. 2:8).

Salvation in the Dispensation of Grace is by faith through grace. Man's failure according to the Scriptures will be "Apostasy"!

7. Tribulation:

This Dispensation will be a 7-year period from the Rapture to the Second Coming/Revealing of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:13; 2 Thess. 1:7-10). When the nations will be judged. It is divided into two three and one half year (3.5) periods and is described in the last nine books of the Bible.

Man's responsibility will be not of take the Mark of The Beast, be supportive of the Jews, and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom (Rev. 19:20; 20:4; 13:18).

God's revealed attribute will be His Wrath and His Justice! Man's failure will be Idolatry. Salvation will be by Faith plus Works (Not taking the Mark of the Beast).

8. Millennium:

The Dispensation of the Millennium will last 1,000 years starting from the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians will reign with the Lord. The Law will be back in force. The Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7) describes the Constitution of the Millennial Kingdom.

Man's responsibility will be obeying the Laws of the Kingdom (i.e. the Sermon on the Mount) and worshipping the the King – Jesus the Christ!

God's emphasized attribute will be His righteousness. Man's failure will be choosing Satan again (Rev. 20:7-10).

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"For all of God's true children, there will be another chapter, a chapter that will begin with the resurrection and go on as long as eternity endures" (Quoting A.W. Tozer)

PROBLEM TEXTS

There are over 400 problem texts in the Bible. Most are easily explained – some supposed contradictions:

For instance, Romans 8:1 – "*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*" The verse says if I'm in Christ Jesus and walk after the flesh, I'm condemned! This verse is speaking of physical condemnation not spiritual/eternal. You will find in the counterfeit NASV and NIV the verse is removed. The RSV omitted the last part – couldn't deal with the verse, so they think it must be wrong and someone put that in there!

All translations are not the same. Remember, the KJB (A.V.) is the only Bible without a Copyright!!! Why is that important? Because if your Bible has a copyright, it must read differently, or the publisher will be infringing on someone else's copyright by law. You can quote only so many words from another published copyrighted book/bible without infringing. Thus, no two Bibles will read the same. God designed it that way – anyone can copy a KJB (A.V.) – no copyright.

You might be wondering why God allowed problem texts. God allowed problem texts for several reasons: **1.** To identify Himself as the Author. Man has a finite mind. God is infinite. You can't understand all of it! Sam Jones the Evangelist, 19th Century, said: "If I could understand all of the Bible, I'd know that whoever wrote it was as dumb as I was". **2.** To stimulate you to study (2 Tim. 2:15). Stimulate you to try to find the answers. **3.** To test your heart and motives (Heb. 4:12-13). **4.** To lead you into deeper truths, i.e., Acts 12:4 – Easter is no mistake.

There are several reasons why people think there are mistakes in the Bible:

- 1.** Because they are unsaved (1 Cor. 2:14; Jn. 3:20-21; Prov. (15:10).
- 2.** Saved, but they are carnal (1 Cor. 3:2-3).
- 3.** Because of differences in numbers, names, and places.
- 4.** Some passages are not in chronological order.
- 5.** Different details in similar text.
- 6.** Texts that teach something contrary to what they believe, or, is hard to believe.

The Bible has never been proven to be in error in any Court of Law. Consider: **The Enquiry of Facts** – The credibility of a witness depends first on the opportunity he has to observing the facts to which he testifies (Did they really have opportunity to see what we are asking them about). Consider: **The Law of**

Evidence – It takes to where the testimony of one witness is reduced to writing and is unrefuted in his own generation. Thus, it is fixed for all future times, and his testimony cannot be refuted or questioned unless new and conclusive evidence is found.

When you seriously study the Scriptures, you will have learned that certain places have plural names. These names seem to be discrepancies but are not. For instance: The "Sea of Galilee" is also known as "the sea of Tiberias" (Jn. 21:1), and the "lake of Gennesaret" (Lk. 5:1), and, "the sea of Chinnereth" (Nu. 34:11).

"Study to she thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"

(2 Tim. 2:15)

END

MYSTERY OF THE GOREN

This teaching has been adapted from Jonathan Cahn's message given at, what Jonathan entitled, "A Messiah Conference" in PA. Jonathan Cahn is a Jew converted to Christianity. I have not found Jonathan in "all" of sound doctrine, to date! I do not agree with the use of the term, "Messianic Jew", as the Bible (KJB A.V.) reads: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). That was the problem with the first Church of Jerusalem – they would not give up their Jewishness and so, God brought a persecution which spread the disciples out, even to Antioch where they were first called Christians (Acts 11:26).

Prior to the study of this article, you should completely read the "Book of Ruth".

GOREN – defined as “Threshing Floor”

TEXTS: Book of Ruth; Eph. 2:11-19;
Ro. 9:3-5; 10:1; 11:1, 11-26.

The critical point when a young woman ventures out to the threshing floor and waits for her moment. This is a symbol of the book, and the redemption God has for the Jews.

RUTH

(1:1-2) Naomi is representative of Jewish people. Jewish people are often represented in Scripture as a woman. Naomi has hidden in her name “omi” which in Hebrew means “my people”. Naomi is married. So are the Jewish people – they are married in a Covenant with God who is their King.

Moreover, Naomi’s husband’s name is Elimelech. “Eli” meaning “my God”, “melech” meaning is “King”. The Jewish people are married to God their King.

Now, something goes wrong. There is a famine in Bethlehem. Famine in Scripture always links to punishment and distance from God. They go to another land – Moab. A major theme in the history of the Jewish people is that they will go into exile. They have gone into exile again and again. More than physical exile, they leave Bethlehem. “Bethlehem” means “house of bread”. Two thousand years ago, the Jewish people, by and large, went into spiritual exile. They left the house of their bread, as they left their Messiah (Jn. 6:32-35). They go into the land of Moab, a land cursed – it is under a curse.

(1:3) Elimelech died. He had to in the sense that there was a marriage between God and His people, and there was a breaking of the marriage. God has not withdrawn from His people, but there was a breaking of this marriage. The presence of God withdrawn from His Jewish history as it was back then. The

Jewish people were like sheep without a shepherd (i.e., Babylonian exile, Assyrian, etc.). **(1:4-5)** “Mahlon” means “sick”. “Chilion” means “wasting away”. Why did they get those names? They received those names because of the mystery of the Book of Ruth. These two names epitomize Jewish history for the past 2,000 yrs. Mahlon and Chilion – Naomi’s hope, “Mahlon epitomizes the last 2,000 yrs. Of Jewish history. Naomi is in exile with Mahlon and Chilion, her hope. “Mahlon” meaning “sick, wounded, afflicted, grieved”. “Chilion” meaning “destruction, consumption, destroyed, consumed”.

(1:6-7) Now we enter into the new part of translation, the return begins. This was witnessed in the last, and present century. And Israel did return to the land this last century. But, it is spiritual, too – return in the Spirit.

(1:8-14) “Orpah” means “stiff-necked” or “turn neck”. “Orpah” is a picture of the Gentiles whom wanted to go with the Jews, but were dissuaded and gave up – they even wept! But, Ruth clung.

(1:15-16) The Jew and Gentile standing there. The Gentile refusing to leave, but wanted to go with the Jew, and return to Bethlehem.

***Ruth goes into the land where she is an outcast, a Gentile who will be looked down upon by the Jews. Ruth goes into the fields of Boaz to glean. Boaz tells the men to leave Ruth alone, and to leave gleanings on the floor for Ruth, Boaz does this because he wants to bless Naomi through Ruth.

(1:17-20) “Ruth” is the mystery of the Gentiles – all believers who are believers, but not Jews by birth, are Ruth. As the Jews were scattered salvation came to the Gentiles. As the Jews fell, the blessings of God fell on the Gentiles as Ruth

from Naomi. Gentiles are Ruth, because they love the Jewish people. The world, and many churches look at the Jews without love. But, when Ruth looks at Naomi (“omi” = my people), Ruth the Gentile sees her mother in the same sense when a Gentile looks at the Jews, they see their Mother. When you see the Jewish people, you are looking at your Jewish Mother, and you are her daughter. Honor your Father and Mother. Your Father is God, your Mother is Israel. You have been brought through her. You are blessed like Ruth, so you can bring it home to the Jewish people. When the Jews see the blessings of God in you, like Boaz blessed Ruth, they will turn, and say, it is Him, our Redeemer; God chose you to bless them.

***”Naomi” The mystery of the saved Jew is Naomi. Jews have returned after this 2,000 yr. divide of suffering and pain, despite 2,000 yrs. of tradition and of culture, and of people saying you can’t do it – you can’t cross. Many Jews have returned!

(1:19-21) When the Jewish people return, they will turn from the Gentile – still called “Mara” – bitter – still suffering Jews. The Gentiles are the Daughters, and they have not been the greatest daughters. But, the Jews have not been the greatest Mother. Can a mother forget a daughter? Ruth is crying, saying, I will not defile your Jewishness, only don’t leave me – wherever you go, I will go, and your people will be my people, only death will separate me.

***”Naomi” tells Ruth to uncover Boaz’s feet. Back then when you uncovered someone’s feet, it meant it was a serious relationship.

(3:6-9) Boaz asks, “Who art thou” – vs. 9 – “**I am Ruth...for thou art a near kinsman**” – (A

Redeemer). Boaz covers Ruth, and that signifies the covering of the Messiah over the Gentiles. They are no longer to be considered outsiders.

(4:9) (Boaz the Redeemer speaking) – Boaz is the kinsmen redeemer. Jesus Christ is the Kinsmen Redeemer! Boaz says, “... ye are witness this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech’s (Eli = my God, melech = is King) and all that was Chilion’s (wasting away) and Mahlon’s (sick) of the hand of Naomi” (Omi = my people).

(4:10) Ruth (Gentiles) “to raise up the name of the dead upon his (Elimelech = my God is King) inheritance, that the name of the dead be no more cut off from among his (Elimelech = my God is King) brethren.”

The reason for the Gentile is to bring up the dead Jewish people who have been dead for 2,000 yrs. But, the bringing in of the Gentiles was not to replace the Jewish people, but to hold a place for them. The Gentiles salvation is counted to the glory of Israel, to raise up the name to keep the Jewish torch burning.

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IN DEFENSE OF THE KJB (A.V.)

(By, Dr. Peter P. Ventura)

Sometimes as a Pastor and Theologian I receive telephone calls from various sources. Some of these calls originate from pastors and students, non-believers, convicts, ex-cons, and, believe it or not, radio internet talk show hosts. Live on the radio I have debated the likes of “The Flat Earth Society” and “The Black Jesus Minister”, and, “The Ethiopia Mother Earth Revolution People”!

Often, I have preached as a guest on live internet radio. Once the preaching is done the phone lines are opened. These shows are live, and one never knows what the caller is going to say! People call in from all over the world. I have been praised for preaching the Word of God and cursed and disrespected by many who are nonbelievers – and also by, believe it or not, “Believers”. But one thing is for sure, I preach with distinction the true Word of God in fear of no man! After all, the true man of God is not running a popularity contest.

There is one accusation often levied against the King James Bible of 1611. People have this erroneous belief that William Shakespeare helped write the King James Bible of 1611.

Let me put that argument to bed right now without any further delay. Talk about people beating a dead horse!!! Makes you wonder where people (some of them theologians) get their information.

The argument that William Shakespeare helped write the KJB of 1611 is not supported by one iota of historical fact/truth, period. William Tyndale’s English Translation was already written before Shakespeare was even born. William Tyndale was born in 1492 and died 1536. On the other hand, Shakespeare was born 1564 and died in 1616. William Tyndale had died 28 years before Shakespeare was born.

You know, some people just don’t have the common sense they were born with. And some are just too lazy to do the research for themselves.

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**PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM
DR. VENTURA**

Please let me thank everyone for your prayers, -letters of encouragement, and calls.

Prison is not the end of the world. If you are saved from the wrath to come by our only Savior, Jesus the Christ, then I pray you will dig in deeper into your Bible. Many of you have enrolled in Discipleship Courses but are not following through in your study of those courses. Many have completed the Basic and Some Advanced Courses, and some with Honors, too! For those who have earned their Associate Degree of Theology, be patient as I am working on the B.Th., and hope to begin the enrollment process soon.

The Apostle Paul warned Timothy about the end time we are in. One thing that sticks out in my mind out of the list of “Perilous Times Shall Come” (2 Tim. 3:1-3), is, “...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God” (vs.4). If you are spending more time on your “Pads” and other games, and less time with the Lord, then Paul is speaking about you – “lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God”! Maybe it’s time you “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves, how that Christ Jesus is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Cor. 13:5).

For those who are reading this newsletter and are not saved – you will split Hell wide open unless you receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior – you can’t save yourself! Jesus saves you from the penalty of sin and death in Hell. Will you trust the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Savior? Will you rely on Him alone to forgive your sins and give you everlasting life in Heaven? If so, say the following prayer from your heart to God, placing your trust in Him. “Lord, I admit that I’m a sinner. I do not deserve to go to Heaven, but I believe you sent your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for my sin. I trust Him, and Him alone, to forgive my sins, to become my Savior. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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