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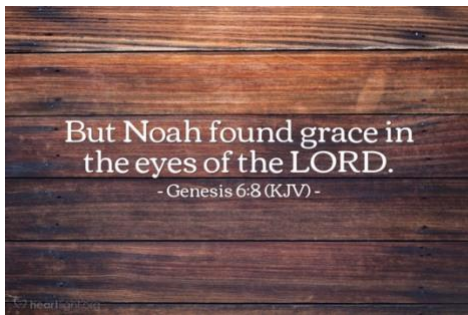
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The Ancient Truth Of The Gospel

It can be confusing for the Christian, when we consider how were people in the Old Testament were saved from their sins? It is a common and understandable question posed by both believer and non-believer. The answer is to be found, like many answers to great theological questions, in the Book of Genesis.

In Genesis 6:8 we read, **‘But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.’** A short verse, but one with huge implications. Implications that are freeing to the mind, heart and soul. The way that Noah was counted as a ‘just man *and* perfect in his generations’ (Genesis 6:9), was by the same grace by which God has redeemed every soul throughout all the generations of mankind. It is the same method that we read in Ephesians 2:8, where the Apostle Paul tells us, **‘For by grace are ye saved through faith’.**

Here doubtless some will argue, ‘what faith could Noah have in Christ Jesus, when Noah lived thousands of years before the Incarnation of Jesus Christ? How could Noah show his faith in the Lord when he had no idea who Jesus was? Again, the answer is wonderfully simple and is to be found again with Genesis. In Genesis 7:5, we read **‘And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.’** This was how Noah showed his faith in the Lord, by believing what God had told him would take place and moving in accordance with what had been asked of him by the Lord. Noah worked out his faith with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). By that we mean that Noah lived his faith just as Scripture dictates, with action to fulfil the will of God, all with humility and obedience.



Noah was saved by the actions that were fuelled by a heart of obedience and faith in God and His Word. In short, the same method which was fully revealed in all its glory by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles in the New Testament. Some preachers may contend that Old Testament saints were saved by works, and in a sense that is correct. Their works showed the truth of their faith and that it came from a redeemed heart. Their works were an outward display of their hearts of obedience to the will and Word of God. In other words, it was no different than what

James would famously write that ‘a faith without works is dead’ (James 2:17).

The Lord has always saved by grace through faith. Genesis 6:8 carries the same message as Ephesians 2:8. Furthermore, Noah was not a ‘just man *and* perfect in his generations’ (Genesis 6:9) by his works, but by finding grace in the eyes of the LORD (Genesis 6:8). It was by his faith in God that Noah found grace in the eyes of God, and it was that Gospel truth that made Noah a just man, perfect in his generations. The rest of the world’s populace pre-Flood showed no faith in the Lord God and so did not receive His grace. So, they perished as a result. The same parameters for salvation are still in place today. Such is the unchanging nature of God (Malachi 3:6).

The very fact that God is unchanging is seen clearly in the Scriptures. If the Word of God is read simply, with a heart ready to be taught by the Holy Spirit, this truth is wonderfully inescapable. Isn’t it a joyful truth that we can know that the Lord God is so consistent in His ways! Isn’t it wonderful that our Lord is so universal in His offer of redemption from sins that everyone is able to receive His free gift of life eternal! This being done by simply doing what the Lord has commanded us to do, just as Noah did in Genesis 7:5.

We are commanded to come and see for ourselves, all the proofs of the existence of God and see all the proofs that Jesus is the Son of God come in the flesh of man to save sinners. If Noah could find grace in the eyes of God when he did not have the full revealed Word of God to instruct him, then what excuse do any of us have today? The grace of God has always been given to those who live in faith by what their own senses and conscience tells them. Those who have not wilfully ignored these daily testimonies of the love of God towards sinners such as we, will find grace in the eyes of God. All in the same way that has been seen in glorious action, from the very earliest days of history. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

A History Of Come Ye Thankful People Come

First published in 1844, this much-loved hymn was penned by Rev. Henry Alford D.D, after its original title of *After Harvest* was changed to the title we know today. Henry was born in London on October 7th, 1810. It was reported that he was a mere 15 years old when he dedicated his life in service of the Lord in the words of this precious vow:

“I do this day, in the presence of God and my own soul renew my covenant with God, and solemnly determine henceforth to become His and to do His work as far as in me lies.”

Henry was described by various biographers as a “pious young student, an eloquent preacher, a man of great learning and taste, one of the most gifted men of his day, and, an affectionate man, full of good humour.” This wide array of skill and character traits were evident in his literary skill, as Henry wrote 50 books in total, with the most important being his 4-volume work *Exposition of the New Testament*. This mammoth work took him over 20 years to complete.

However, his greatest skill was his God given power of preaching, as his sincerest hope was to point all who heard his sermons heavenward, unto the glories of Christ Jesus. This earnest passion to serve the Lord by pointing all eyes and hearts heavenward, is seen in the four stanzas that comprise Henry’s much-loved hymn. This Henry does by using the familiar Scriptural image of harvest time. This Biblical scene is one of the rich rewards to come for all those who have laboured earnestly for the glory of God.



The first stanza concentrates on the temporal harvest on earth, whilst the following three verses depict the spiritual harvest of treasured souls. This precious time when God will come to “gather in” His people. This happy day to come seen in Henry’s hymn, draws inspiration from Psalm 126:6, which reads, ‘He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.’

This joyful day yet to come, is the day all believers in Christ Jesus long for and look forward to. Until that day, let’s thank the Lord that we can come together and sing our hope and longing for that day, through blessed songs of praise. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

All Eyes On Rome

Rome has gathered a lot of attention in the recent months due to the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV. Yet the eyes of the world are not just fixed on Rome due to its immense religious/political sway. Rome is also being seen as a beckon of hope in the technological sphere too.

Italy has long been at the forefront of quantum computing and has made amazing inroads into the behaviour of light and quantum entanglement. This rather perplexing field that is quantum entanglement, is the study of how in the quantum state, each particle in a group cannot be labelled independently of the state/nature of the other particles. This is the case even when these particles may be separated by an immense distance. Investigations into this field are being led by Sapienza University of Rome and is being supported in its research by the Institute of National Optics, also of Rome.

So what is the significance of such research and what relevance does it hold to be discussed in this publication? Well, quantum computing is the much sought after next stage of computer technology. Its potential to store, calculate and send staggering amounts of information in the blink of an eye is driving every developed nation to try and be the ones to unlock the immense capabilities of such a technological system.

The problem with quantum computing is that at its current levels, it is very unstable. The mind-blowing levels of calculation being done in even a few seconds of processing, means that the current systems malfunction through massive overheating. This coupled with significant instability of the quantum field and how it is utilised in these processing units, means that the technology is heavily handicapped in the current model.



This is where the research at Sapienza University and the Institute of National Optics, both in Rome, is key. At both these institutions, researchers are getting closer and closer to finding a means as to how to stabilise quantum computing in its operations. These researchers are experimenting with something being labelled as 'tough light'. This is a super solid form of light (solid form with the frictionless flow of a fluid), which holds a crystalline structure. In this structure, photons (massless particle that can move at the speed of light

measured in a vacuum) are being used to unlock amazing levels of information storage and data processing. All this means that this technology could be the ideal platform to send information huge distances next to instantaneously, all without generating any heat. As a result, this would aid significantly in keeping the computing systems stable and consistent in operation.

Traditionally super solids have been realised in super cold states, which would be next to useless for computing purposes. However, these same researchers in Rome, have observed these super solid states via light and have dubbed it 'exciton polaraphon'. The famous astrophysicist and atheist Neil de Grasse Tyson was invited to see these findings in Rome and was reportedly stunned by what he observed. He was understandably left speechless by the implications of what he had witnessed. Namely that the potential for a technology that can complete staggeringly complex calculations in milliseconds and transmit the data untold distances in lightspeed.

Furthermore, Italy is at the forefront of quantum encryption, a potentially unbreakable level of encryption that could revolutionise the banking and financial industry overnight. If this 'exciton polaraphon' technology can be implemented, then whichever nation industrialises this discovery will become a world superpower overnight!

With all this being said, consider how such a world changing piece of technology could be used for unparalleled levels of destruction. Who would the world consider to be a 'safe pair of hands' for the overseeing of such a world re-ordering system? Maybe the head of a church that also resides in Rome? It would make sense, the Papacy under Pope Francis and now Pope Leo XIV have made concerted efforts to be seen once more as the leader of a world of peace. Who else but the Papacy can pull on its unrivalled levels of economic wealth and centuries old banking expertise to oversee such an economic and social system, all under the 'protective leadership' of spiritual brotherhood of man. This would mean that the world could share data, commerce, security, etc in levels of efficiency and universality not seen since the Tower of Babel. All this could be done under a religious system that can trace its roots right back to those ancient days of mysticism and mystery religion.

From Agnosticism to Belief – Mortimer J Adler

He turned from agnosticism to belief in God. He discovered the difference between humans and all animals, a chasm that no evolutionary leap can span. What makes a human being? Not his skeletal structure or the capacity of his brain. It is the ability said Adler, to form conceptual ideas and express them in words. Neither conceptual ideas nor the words that express them occupy physical space or have physical substance – but they are real nonetheless. Right here, in this simple truth, the atheist materialist is dealt a death blow.

By Dr David Badger

All this would make sense and it holds up when scrutinised under the weight of Holy Scripture. Remember that when Mystery Babylon falls in Revelation 18, all the nations and kings of the earth weep over the demise

of this world controlling power. If such a system was all under the control of the Rome, this technology of quantum computing and quantum encryption being pioneered in Rome would certainly make it all logistically possible.

We will not leave the final thought with Rome and the Papacy, however. This whole field of quantum computing has some possible interesting parallels with what we read of the New Jerusalem in Revelation 21. Here we read of the walls of the city being 'clear as crystal', with streets made of gold but 'as it were transparent glass.' Such materials could in theory be some form of super solids, just like what is being experimented with in Rome. That way they could instantaneously pass the light and glory of Christ Jesus throughout the whole city at once. Thereby, the presence of the Lord would be with all His beloved equally, constantly and fully. An exciting thought isn't it! So let us pray that the Lord comes quickly to speed that happy day! Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Strength In Numbers

God is the ultimate artist. God is the ultimate engineer. God is the ultimate mathematician. The irreducible complexities of mathematical systems throughout the universe is evident from the atom, through to the myriad galaxies that populate the heavens. Considering this we should not be surprised to find similar intricacies of mathematics within the Word of God. The research and discoveries of Brandon Peterson (I recommend many of his YouTube videos exploring the unique mathematical patterns found within the King James Bible), show us that there are wonderful little images of God's mathematical genius that further strengthen the glories of His written Word.

As an example, if we turn to Matthew chapter 1, we are greeted with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham. Now as verse 17 of Matthew chapter 1 reveals, there were 14 generations between Abraham and David; 14 generations between David and the taking away into captivity in Babylon; 14 generations between the 'carrying away into Babylon unto Christ'.

Firstly, is there any significance in the number 14, Biblically? Well, 14 is the sum of 7+7, 7 being the number that symbolizes perfection, completeness and totality. Here we can see a beautiful mathematical picture of that comforting verse found in Ecclesiastes 3:11, in that 'He hath made every thing beautiful in his time'. By this we mean that in the perfection of God's will (symbolised in the first use of 7), when united with the completeness of time (symbolised in the second 7 of 7+7), God brought about the various stages by which His Son came to walk amongst us. An interesting little thought isn't it.

Secondly, if we take those 3 lots of 14 generations and add them together, we get 42 generations. Now if the 42 generations was the totality (symbol of 7 Biblically remember) of God's timing in sending His Son in the flesh of man, which it was, then we can rightly divide 42 by 7 (symbol of perfection). That gives us the number 6. What does the number 6 represent or symbolise Biblically? Man.



Let's put this all together. In the fullness and completion of God's timing (42 generations), God sent His only Begotten Son, being the full and perfect revelation of the Godhead (7) and divided space, time and matter to put on the flesh of man (6) to save sinners. There you have it, 42 divided by 7 equals 6.

So, what does this mean? That in Christ Jesus, we have the 'last Adam' and the 'second man' (1 Corinthians 15:45). By this, Jesus came in the flesh perfectly, without sin, just like Adam did before he Fell. However, where Adam failed, Jesus succeeded. Jesus Christ is the perfect man, thus symbolised in the numbers 7 and 6, both seen in our earlier equation. Jesus is the perfect man and therefore the one that all men should seek to follow and yearn to be moulded into His glorious image. Women should earnestly encourage and strengthen their men to pursue this heavenly endeavour, for in this prize is the fulfilling of both the man and the woman. In this happy truth we have Scripture strengthened, when we read 'there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28).

The levels of wonder to be found within the Holy Scriptures are eternal, and it only speaks of the foolishness of we sinners that we do not seek to mine its treasures far, far more than we do. Take the time to really **study** the Holy Bible. Don't hurry through it to tick off your daily devotions, as you will miss so much of the glory that the Lord would have you not only know but delight in. Let's stop rushing past the mercies of God, for they are new each morning (Lamentations 3:22). Amen.

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The Coldness Of Modern 'Love'

In considering the state of the world currently, Matthew 24 holds prophetic content that we can arguably see

Isaiah 53

What is the Jews future to be? Well, the nations are gathering even now to destroy her. How long to the end? Who knows? They will have to recognise their Messiah in that desperate day. Read Zechariah 12:10, note the word pierced. 'Piercing' was often used as a figure of speech in the Old Testament for death. They have yet to accept the One they pierced was their Messiah. On the day when the nations surround Israel to destroy her, then in Zechariah 14:3-5 the Lord will stand on the Mount of Olives and the enemies of Israel will rot where they stand, see verse 12. God has not finished with Israel till at least they see Him as God's beloved Son and there is a New Heaven and Earth.

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coming to fulfilment in front of us. Wars and rumours of wars, increased pestilence, increased natural disasters, famines, rise in false teachers, all these surround us every day. Yet there have been other eras that people at the time thought mirrored Matthew 24 well. For instance, the world during the Black Death suffered similar traumas, or the era of the Inquisition. Even the world that lived through World War II, could be argued showed fulfilments of Matthew 24.

Yet there is something so relevant to our age that was missing in each of those times, a fulfilment of Matthew 24:9-12. These words speak of the spiritual darkness that will descend upon the world in the end times. A darkness that I would contend is beginning to stretch out across the globe like a net, ready to ensnare all those not vigilant and walking with God. We are seeing greater and greater offence being taken by the preaching and sharing of the Gospel across the globe. We only have to look at the number of street preachers, evangelists, tract droppers etc that have been arrested in this nation alone to prove the point.

Yet there is something truly sobering of mind that is often missed in this passage within Matthew 24:9-12. That being the betrayal of one another due to the offence caused by the sharing of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is striking to read that people will 'hate each other' to such lengths that they will

willingly betray those closest to them. We have seen such scenes in the past, again with the Inquisition, the Gestapo in WWII, the Stasi in the Soviet era, etc. Yet many of these betrayals were due to self-preservation in a climate of great terror and fragility of existence. In Matthew 24:10, we read that the betrayals will be fuelled by hate.

The realm of modern Christendom is ripe for such a heavy time to come to fulfilment. Having led a church, I have seen first-hand how cold modern Christians can be in their treatment of fellow Bible believers. It has been alarming at how angry modern Christians can get when someone preaches the true, undiluted Word of God, often surpassing the anger of non-believers! An atheist who attended our church several times was far more gracious in his manner than a Christian who I had known well for many years, who took offence at the passion and commitment by which the Word of God was being preached. That long known Christian left the church without explanation, no goodbyes or thank you to those they had known for many years. It was only weeks later that an angry tirade was launched against myself for how devoted I was to the preaching of the Pure Word of God.



In another sad example, another dear believer I know well, was subjected to an angry response from another modern, liberal Christian, when that dear believer said calmly in general conversation with others that they didn't let their child do yoga. The modern, liberal Christian took immense offence at this calm point made against yoga, and blurted out, 'I've got an issue with that!' The intensity of the comment even shocked the non-believer in the conversation, who correctly observed such a manner was unnecessary. When the dear believer gave their reasons why yoga was to be avoided by Christians, the modern Christian said, 'Oh I don't believe in all that rubbish!'

A final example would be the variety of times that have been caught on camera when a faithful Bible believer has been street preaching, only to find angry opposition from Christians! There are numerous videos of this Spirit grieving situation happening, as angry modern Christians rant and rave against the street preacher saying that what they're doing in speaking of sin and God's wrath against sin, 'isn't Christian!' The ferocity of this much wheeled out statement speaks of a heart that tragically hates the true Gospel, a Gospel that they have likely never properly encountered at their church. Or if they have, they've been told is out of date, old fashioned, bigoted, etc, etc.

In these examples, we see the heavy fulfilment of Matthew 24:12. The love of these Christians has grown cold, and so they cannot fulfil even the two commandments on which all the Law and the prophets rest (Matthew 22:40). I could give many more examples. You may likely be able to provide your own.

Why has it grown so cold that many modern Christians can be so hateful in their treatment of other Christians? Because sin and iniquity abound (Matthew 24:12). They have become too worldly in their ways and so the darkness of the ever-worsening world has encroached upon their hearts. They have fallen into such ways because they have followed the words of false prophets, of which today there are many (Matthew 24:11). I am disgusted and amazed at the number of Christian teachers, preachers, leaders that publish such bitter words against 'fundamentalist' Bible believers. Popular speakers and leaders publish content that belittles the KJV Bible; undermines young earth believers; challenges and ridicules those who believe in the inerrancy and full authority of Holy Scripture.

So, we have a world where love has grown cold. That is self-evident by the how empty statement 'love is love' is cherished by much of the western world. Yet it is not stretching the meaning of Matthew 24 to contend that these heavy words are pointed at those within the Church also. It would not be a great surprise to see in coming years modern Christians betraying those genuinely faithful Christians amidst them. The real, Scripturally based love once seen between the brethren is fast fading. It has been replaced by a love build on 'community' not the Gospel. Therefore, anyone who may upset that sense of community is a threat and must be removed.

Such a view would make Rousseau delighted, a God hating atheist who fostered much of the bloodshed and anarchy of the French Revolution. Rousseau promoted the rule of 'the general will' as the benchmark for modern morality back in the years prior to the bloody French Revolution. Such an approach is emerging quietly, slowly but purposefully in many western churches today. As a result, many churches are quietly abandoning the true Gospel of Jesus Christ; true, Scripturally based worship, and defence of the Pure Word of

God. All in deference to the 'community' and 'general will' of the populace, over the feeding of the Lord's people.

We are heading towards such terrors as the French Revolution, but on a world-wide level, in a manner that will be as the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37). All these things are the beginning of sorrows, not the end (Matthew 24:8). So, we are to be sober minded, guard against the encroachment of such fickle souls into our lives and endure unto the end. Those who do so will be saved, for they have lived their faith, not being just hearers of the word but doers of it also (James 1:22). This working out of our salvation (Philippians 2:12) shows to all that the love in our hearts for our Saviour Jesus Christ has not grown cold. Instead, it burns with fire and passion, loyalty and devotion, in the same manner of Noah. As he was saved by the grace of God, so shall we be all to His eternal glory. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Give Ear O Ye Heavens

Deuteronomy 32:1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

Many times, we are timid in our speech. We fear the opinions of others and lose our voices over worry that we will lose people's respect. How many times has a helpful and God honouring word been choked down by such fear of man?!

See in the opening words of Deuteronomy 32, how Moses, a self-declared man of slow tongue (Exodus 4:10) and meekest in all the earth (Numbers 12:3), commands the very heavens and earth to pause in their continuing vocations, so that they may hear the name of God glorified.

What manner of boldness stirred within the once timid heart of Moses? It wasn't anger, frustration, ambition or any other fallen trait of man. It was a fullness of awe; a deep spirit held joy in the goodness and grace of the Lord God Almighty.

The Holy Spirit testified to Moses' spirit that all Creation is made by the Lord, through the Lord and for the Lord (Colossians 1:16). So then, as all Creation groans under the weight of sin (Romans 8:22), will it not delight to hear of the goodness of the one who will make all things new?! (Revelation 21:5)

The Holy Spirit employs the redeemed soul to magnify the Lord God (Luke 1:46), by calling upon the mightiest elements of Creation to tremble in awe before the name of Christ Jesus. This is the boldness, the very assurance of God that drove Moses to speak so commandingly, yet so adoringly of the Lord.

May we speak with such boldness; with such conviction of heart, that we may bid all to pause and hear the name of the Lord Jesus be glorified by the tongue of redeemed mankind.

When we consider how good He is to stir up His name to be sung by the lips of those He has made clean (Isaiah 6), we cannot help but marvel further at the immensity of His grace and love. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He who is our Lord and Master, as testified to our spirit by the Holy Spirit Himself; all to the eternal glory of our Heavenly Father. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Understanding 'Replenish'

Language is a powerful thing. Even the slightest alteration can have enormous ramifications. On watching a lecture given by Dr Gene Kim, this point was never more evident. Dr Kim has produced some insightful work and has a real passion for the Pure Word of God, both wonderful blessings unto the Lord's people. However, there are some areas where Dr Kim has some curious ideas. One such being his determination to teach that the 'Gap Theory' is as according to Dr Kim, an 'undeniable fact that is fundamental to Bible believers' faith'. I wholeheartedly disagree, and this is based purely on the text.

Gap Theory supporters contend that there is a 'gap' between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2. They suggest that in this 'gap' of history, a pre-Adamic race lived, possibly fallen angels. These wicked beings became so evil in their ways that God wiped them out with a global flood (in reference to the 'waters' and 'great deep' seen in Genesis 1:2).

To support this fanciful idea, Gap Theory supporters refer to Genesis 1:28, where God tells Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and 'replenish' the earth. Gap theory followers argue that the word 'replenish' cannot do anything else but point to the fact that the Earth was once populated, and therefore needs 'replenishing'. On first inspection, this argument makes some sense, as what we understand of the word 'replenish' denotes that something that was full has become empty and therefore needs to be filled again.

However, this possible source of confusion is cleared up quickly and easily with a right understanding of the English language. If you look at the root meaning of the word (something that can be done in a few taps on a smartphone so no one can say it's too laborious to check such things), we see a true reflection of what 'replenish' means. The word 'replenish' in the context of Genesis 1:28 means to 'fill abundantly' or 'fill to completion'. It **does not** mean 'fill again.'

The history of the word 'replenish' even backs this up. Beginning with the Latin word 'plenus' meaning 'full', this was used as the baseplate for the French word used by the Normans 'repleniss' meaning 'supply abundantly'. Our word 'replenish' comes from the Old French word 'repleniss' which supports the meaning to 'fill or supply abundantly', **not** 'fill again'. The modern use of the word does not accurately reflect the richness of the original meaning. The fault is not in the original rendering of the word, but in our poor understanding and wielding of it.

If we apply this proper meaning of 'replenish' to Genesis 1:28, we have a completely uniform and coherent command given by God unto Adam and Eve. This being to fill the Earth with God-fearing offspring. If God told Adam and Eve to fill the Earth 'again', wouldn't have this caused some questions to be raised in their minds as to how could they fill it again when they had never filled it before hand? Wouldn't this cause of spirit of confusion in the very earliest days of mankind? God doesn't move in a spirit of confusion.

Furthermore, there are theological implications for holding onto the fanciful Gap Theory. If a pre-Adamic race had lived and been wiped out by God for its sin, how then did sin and death enter Creation at Adam's Fall? Surely it had already entered Creation with this 'pre-Adamic race' whether they were mortal beings or fallen angels. The entirety of the Gospel message is mortally wounded and deeply undermined by such a suggestion!

In conclusion, the correct understanding of language can easily dismiss such strange teachings. Praise the Lord that we are living in such an age where anyone can access such depth of Scriptural teaching that exposes fallacies and errors so easily and conveniently, through the usage of modern technology. One such helpful website is av1611.com. This website has a useful KJV dictionary accessible through its toolbar and is a quick and easy to use guide to a wealth of language. If you are unsure of the meaning of a word, just tap your phone, tablet or computer a few times and have the doubt removed. We really are without excuse in our modern world for our Biblical ignorance.

By Jonathan Badger

Benue Massacre

On June 13, 2025, 218 lives were martyred for Christ in Benue, Nigeria. This region has seen many lives lost in the defence of the Gospel against Islamic terrorists from Fulani militants in recent times. Worryingly, there is little sign of this being ended. Mainstream western media coverage of this atrocity has been non-existent, even though this is the worst shedding of blood seen in recent years in the region.

The killing of these 218 Christians was conducted by Fulani Islamic terrorists, as previously mentioned. The 218 who went home to glory, were part of a 500 strong group of displaced Christians who had been seeking to find refuge from these bloodthirsty militants. These militants however, had followed the displaced Christians and attacked them under heavy rainfall (often used by militaries as a means of covering tracks) surrounding the unarmed refugees, many of them being children.

Kinsman Redeemer

The account of the kinsman redeemer lies in the Book of Ruth. We see how the Lord fulfilled this Old Testament principle in His saving of our souls.

- 1) He had to be a family member
- 2) He had to have the ability to redeem. Therefore, he himself could not be in debt, or a slave or dead.
- 3) He has to have a willing heart.

Here we see the Lord Jesus Christ. He took on Himself the nature of Adam (without sin), and pays a ransom, a price, His own death. Thus, He rises from the dead to clear the debt. He was the only one who could enter into death and conquer it.

As the old hymn says, 'Lo in grave He lay Jesus my Saviour, waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord. Amen.'

By Dr David Badger

The Fulani militants set fire to the doors of the buildings the Benue Christians had taken refuge in, before entering and brutally murdering hundreds with machetes as they shouted, 'Allah Akbar', 'God is great'. This is the god of Islam in action. Look on it and see the fruits of its poisoned tree. A tree whose seed has been planted freely in our own land of the UK. A seed that is growing ever more vocal and aggressive in its manner, as we see mass demonstrations on the streets in support of the extremist regime of Iran. A regime that has made it perfectly clear its goal is to eradicate the Jews and destroy the West. Staggeringly however, many of our leaders are silent against such protests and even look to further the voice of Islam.

During the horrendous attack in Benue, Nigeria, law enforcement was immediately called for help. However, they did not arrive until the following morning, finding the dead in Christ laying strewn across the ground. This is the safety offered by the world today to many Christians. It should act as a most sobering alarm to all true believers in Christ Jesus, that we cannot lay our trust in the leadership of men/women to protect and provide for we Christians. The abandonment of God and His Word by our nation's leaders, means that we

cannot look to them to protect and nurture what was once a great and Godly land.

However, there is always a joy of faith to be found, even in the darkest of hours. Whilst the protection and nurturing of Christianity has been forsaken by many western leaders, we must pray that this will all lead the individual Christian to stir up their faith once more. Alerting them to take responsibility for working out their own salvation in fear and trembling. Many Christian husbands and fathers have apathetically left the spiritual tutelage and protection of their families to pastors who often sadly have a weak and diluted faith, if not no faith at all! We must return to entrusting our lives to our Heavenly Father and be alert to the exceedingly wicked nature of mankind. We must return to diligence of faith and earnestness of application of faith, by studying His Pure Word daily, seeking Him in prayer consistently, walking with Him in joy and thanksgiving. Then, by the grace of God, this land might return to a real and grounded faith in God. A faith that once made it a land of refuge for those who had suffered persecution for their faith in Christ Jesus.



BENUE MASSACRE

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Let us finish with a prayer. Dear Lord and Heavenly Father. We ask Lord that you will watch over your children who are suffering so greatly for their faith in your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Bless them and keep them all we pray, and comfort those who have lost loved ones in the defence of the Gospel. Lord, we thank you that those who have laid down their lives for thy namesake, are now safe with you in paradise. We pray Lord, that you will wipe away their tears and with that same mighty hand, you will weigh heavily on those who have shed the blood of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray Lord that the witness of those who gave their lives for your namesakes, will pierce the hearts of those who spilt their blood. Thereby, those who are stained with the blood of the righteous, might be washed clean of their sins by the blood of the Lamb. We marvel Lord at how none are beyond the saving arm of Christ Jesus, and we thank you that we know this to be true by the witness of the Holy Spirit to our own spirit. We ask this and thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Perverting Genesis 3:20

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

In Genesis 3:20, we see the naming of Eve by Adam. Interestingly, Eve is only named so **after** the Fall. It could be argued that one of the implications of the Curse was that there was a mysterious and deep severing of the bond between husband and wife. This would certainly make sense considering Genesis 3:16.



Prior to the Fall, Eve is Adam's wife, known as 'woman'. This is no derogatory act, simply a right identification that Eve was flesh of Adam's flesh, and bone of Adam's bone. Therefore, a significant part of her identity as a person was bound up in great beauty of unison with her husband. She was the extension and helpmeet for Adam, a wonderful gift to him to bring joy, love, peace and fulfilment of days to him. This glorious and gracious gift to Adam was equally given to Eve, as Adam was all these provisions to Eve's days also. Their identities, though unique and individual, found their fullness of expression within the deep, deep bond between the two. A bond so deep that Adam and Eve were

'one flesh' before God. It was a beautiful and elegant picture of the depth and purity of bond known within the Godhead.

Yet, in the Fall, this incredible bond between Adam and his wife was affected. There was a deep level severing between the two, so that the effortless sharing of persons became effort filled. Adam's wife was now 'Eve', a separate but still bonded to him individual. The institution of marriage was still ordained of God, but it's full glory of purity was affected. The implications of this deep level severing between husband and wife went far and wide, through millennia and is evident in the creation of Godless ideologies. What do we mean by this? Let's investigate.

New Age ideology and teaching exalts 'Gaia' as Mother Earth, or 'Mother Nature'. The great female, life giving spirit who has been worshipped as the source and provider of all life on Earth since the earliest civilisations of history, has seen a resurgence in popularity across the world. This concept of 'Gaia' being 'Mother Earth' is a

corruption of Genesis 3:20, in the naming of Eve by Adam, as Eve means 'mother of all living'. This naming of Eve was not to reflect any deity or godlike powers of Creation. This is evident by the lack of a capital 'M' in the recording of her as 'mother of all living'. Her naming as Eve, was to speak of how all people to ever live would come from her.

This idolatrous elevation of a 'Mother Earth/Mother Nature' or 'Gaia' spirit has continued the assault on a depth of bond many Christians even rarely consider. That bond being between God and His Creation. A bond that is not founded on co-dependence, but rather an expression of the love known within the Godhead, a love that delights in sharing through the giving of life in His gracious provision. In today's world, the 'mother' figure is seen as the loving giver of life, whilst the father is sidelined or even denigrated. As a result, God the Father is jettisoned by humanity as the source of all life, and an imposter 'mother' deity is lifted up in His place. Idolatry is alive and well in the modern world of pantheistic environmentalism.

All Creation is the Lord's (Psalm 24:1), for it was all made by Him and for Him (John 1:1-4, Colossians 1:16). Much like Eve created from Adam's rib, all Creation came forth from the Word. He crafted a Creation that reflected His own being in that it was 'good' in all the richness of its meaning. Yet in Adam's Fall, what was 'good' was now corrupted by the entry of sin, and so Creation began to groan under the weight of sin (Romans 8:22). The purity of existence Creation had known under the providing hand of God had been affected by sin's entry. So, much like Eve only being named separately from Adam **after** the Fall, Creation was viewed by blind, Godless eyes as separate from God after the Fall. Following this, mankind has been desperately trying to explain the beauty of God's design without the existence of God. This is mirrored in the Feminist movement for example. Here followers of this Godless ideology, argue that women don't need men, even when all evidence dictates quite the opposite!

There is good news however, in that as a Godly marriage can restore the bond between husband and wife once enjoyed in Eden, so the beauty of Creation can be enjoyed fully and rightly (not in a spirit of idolatry) in the healing of the bond between God and His Creation. Both are achieved through Christ Jesus. For when we see all Creation as His (Psalm 24:1), we see it's incredible scope and beauty for what it is, a reflection of His immensity of power, beauty, authority and artistry. So many of the giants of science lived by such an understanding and enjoyed many history changing discoveries that we still benefit from today!

Furthermore, consider how even though all Creation is corrupted by sin, God has not disowned it. Even though that purity of bond is not what it once was, His love for it is so deep that He moves to sustain it each day through His gracious provision. This He does all in the confidence of His own faithfulness that He will one day make it all new and good once more (Revelation 21:5). Here even there is a picture of Godly marriage revealed. Each wise, prepared and spiritually alert husband is aware that his marriage will not be perfect. It will contain many times where the union between he and his wife is not what it could or should be, still he presses on joyfully. Why? Because he loves his wife. He sacrifices himself for her, provides for her, cares for her, teaches her, protects her, knowing that through his faithful labours, she will see the evidence of the depth of his love for her. Thereby, her love towards him grows each day and she willingly submits to his leadership, trusting that it is all fed from his deep love for her. Oh, what glories of God, what joy of life can be gained through Bible study and earnest application of its commands!

Creation points to the Creator, and in this Creation finds its purpose and peace. Therefore, the power of 'Gaia' or 'Mother Earth' is rightly dismissed as nothing more than an idolatrous corruption of Holy Scripture. When we understand that all Creation cannot exist without the upholding power of God's Word, we see how linked to the love of God the earth we walk upon truly is. We therefore are moved from a heart that adores the weakened Earth we dwell in, to the pure and mighty God who sustains it all!

By Jonathan Badger

Firstfruits In Genesis 8:4-5

¹ **Corinthians 15:20** But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

We believers in Christ Jesus do not fear death and the grave. Where the non-believer has no certainty to cling to as they take their last breath, fearful of what lies beyond these mortal days; we redeemed in Christ know with unflinching certainty, that we shall merely fall asleep and awaken to gaze upon the glory of our risen Saviour.

This certain joy that awaits us, is assured because where we shall go, our Lord has gone before. He who laid down His life for the sins of the world, took up His life after three days, for death had no hold on Him. His victory over sin and death was sealed when He rose again from the tomb, becoming the ‘firstfruits’ of the resurrection. By His victory over death, His rising again unto life, we are fully persuaded that He shall restore His beloved unto eternal life, through His own righteousness.

This is the great joy, the good news of the Gospel. A joyful declaration that all who repent of their sins and place their faith in Christ Jesus as their Saviour and Redeemer, shall rise again unto eternal glory. This most joyful of all proclamations has been shared with humanity for thousands of years by the eternal grace of God. It’s path of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, witnessed since the days recorded in the Book of Genesis. In Genesis 8:5, we bear witness to a most hopeful and joyful glimpse of the glory of the Gospel, as it reads:

^{Genesis 8:5} **And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.**

Here we read of the receding waters retreating down past the high mountain tops, as the first signs of dry land begin to reappear after the world destroying judgment of the Flood. Note how this happy and relief filled event takes place in the tenth month. In the Hebrew calender, this would place it in the month *Tevet*. This month shares the root meaning of its name with the Hebrew word *tov*, meaning ‘good’. It is believed that the name *tevet* was given to the month by the Jews during their Babylonian Captivity.

It marked the month when Jerusalem was besieged the second time by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, in 597 BC, according to secular dating. It must be noted that many Biblical scholars assert the date to be circa 607-609 BC, in accordance with the decree of Cyrus to rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem in 537-539 BC. It is generally believed that the besieging of the city began in the cold winter months of December/January. Then, after many months of blood-filled resistance, Jerusalem fell in the twelfth month of the Hebrew calendar, *Adar*. The significance of this historical origin of the name *tevet*, we’ll return to later.

For the mountain tops to reappear from the world encompassing waters in the month named ‘good’ makes symbolic sense. It was truly a good thing that at last the destructive waters were at long last on their retreat, thereby allowing the possibility of life returning to the world. Also, it makes symbolic sense that this retreat of the waters of judgment took place in the tenth month, a number signifying judgment throughout the Holy Bible. Therefore, in the number and name of the month in which the waters dipped below the mountain tops for the first time, we have ‘good judgment’. The wiping out of the extreme, unrepentant evils that filled the world for centuries in the Pre-Flood world, is a full and wise judgment on a race of people too wicked to ever seek redemption, even when ample opportunity for salvation had been given them through the preaching of Noah. The Lord’s judgment was good, and even the intricate details of the timeline of the events of the Flood expertly underpin this truth.

Yet there is a spiritual significance to these dates and details also. In Holy Scripture, waters are often seen as a picture of chaos and death. Hence in baptism, when a person is submerged beneath the water, they are symbolically ‘dying’ unto their old sinful selves, to re-emerge from the water reborn in Christ Jesus. Here in Genesis 8:5, we have a tremendous picture of this Biblical truth. For the world was submerged beneath the waters, ‘dying’ unto its wicked nature, and was ‘reborn’ in a cleansed world by the grace of God. Amazing isn’t it how the glories of the Gospel are weaved so tantalisingly throughout the entirety of holy Scripture!

Yet there is more! If the mountain tops first reappeared on the first day of the tenth month, do we have a picture of the Lord Jesus Himself?! Christ Jesus is seen in the Book of Daniel as a stone cut without hands that shall smash to pieces the empires of the world and become a great mountain filling the whole earth (Daniel 2:35). This image of Christ as a holy mountain is seen many times throughout Scripture, a place where God meets man (as seen in Moses meeting with God at Mt Sinai). Could it be that this reappearing of the mountain tops first from the chaotic, death filled Flood waters, is all a picture of Christ Jesus being the first to emerge from the death of the grave? It makes sense doesn't it. Especially given that this happens on the first day of the month of 'good judgment', as Christ's perfection meant that it was truly a good judgment that death held no power over Him.

Considering all this, let's return to our earlier study of the root of the name *tevet* and its possible origin in the besieging and subsequent fall of Jerusalem. If the events of the Pre-Flood world and its destruction are to be repeated in nature at the end of the world, as recorded by the Apostle Peter, then could it be argued that there is some important symbolism in Genesis 8:5 to be



considered for what is yet to come? By this I mean that what will cause the return of Christ? The surrounding and awaiting destruction of His people the Jews at the hands of the armies of the earth. If his people the Jews were first greatly attacked by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar in a similar though less extensive effort in the month of *tevet*, may it happen again in the same time? Wouldn't this fit a 'good judgment' on the wickedness of the world, as it was in the days of Noah?

Furthermore, consider how the month of *tevet* is approximately equal to our Gregorian calendar months of December/January. At what time of year do many celebrate the first advent of Christ Jesus? Exactly, late December. This falls nicely with the timeline of Jesus being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the first month of the Jewish year, Nisan. In many Jewish circles, a person's life is measured in full years from their conception not the day of their birth (much like in Korean culture for example). This would mean that Jesus would've died on Passover, a possible date for the day He was conceived.

Jesus came as a light unto the world (John 1), when the world was at its darkest, quite possibly literally in the time of year and symbolically in the gift of life He brought to those in spiritual darkness. Could it be that in Genesis 8:5, we see the firstfruits of the Resurrection being glimpsed in the cleansing of the world under the Flood judgment. Thereby, all those who believe that He is the fulfilment of that early promise, first given unto Adam in Genesis 3:15, they shall rise again also and be spared the Day of Wrath.

Could it be, that in this quiet, hope filled corner of Genesis 8:5, we have a powerful Gospel message and a glimpse of how our Lord Jesus shall return? He shall return in a time of 'good judgment' by God, being the visible first fruits of the Resurrection, delivering His people from destruction, before ruling as the mountain of God filling the whole earth with His power and authority. Whether or not it will happen in the month of *tevet*, only God knows. It is an interesting consideration. One that should inspire us to study His Word with renewed passion, and continue in joyful, hopeful preaching of the Gospel, just as Noah did all those years ago. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

A Perfect Salvation, A Perfect Revelation Of Salvation

All that we need to be saved God has revealed in His Son so that no further revelation than Christ Himself is needed. He is the revealed Word of God *incarnate*.

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things.” (Hebrews 1:1-2)

God’s revelation in Christ is complete in itself. Equally, the revelation of Christ in His *written* Word will be identical. Nothing can be added to Christ and what he has accomplished for us sinners. To deny, dilute or add anything to the Scriptures, is to do the same to the Person and work of Christ. If we refuse the adequacy of the *written* Word, we also refuse that of the *living* Word, of the Lord Jesus Himself. It amounts to a refusal of His Person and His completed work. There is no difference; it is precisely the same. His is a finished work and His Word a completed revelation. Nothing more remains to be done, so God needs to say nothing more than He has already said.

*The Scriptures and the Lord
Bear one tremendous Name.
The Written and the Incarnate Word,
In all things are the same.*
(Joseph Hart, 1712-68)

God has given His only begotten Son, to humble Himself and to allow Himself to be taken and crucified to save His people.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

What more than that do we expect of God? What more must God do in demonstration of His love than give His Son?

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)

The Lord Jesus ascended into heaven and today sits at the right hand of God the Father. He is not physically available to us; we cannot yet see Him with our physical eyes. Jesus said to the disciple Thomas: *“because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”* (John 20:29)

The revelation that we do have to hand is the inscribed Word of God. God has given us the Scriptures that we might find Christ and be saved from eternal loss. The entire revelation of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation speaks to us of Christ. To miss this is to fail even to begin to understand what Scripture is about. Christ has nothing more to do to obtain salvation for His own and everything we need comes from His finished work. Were the work of Christ still ongoing, we would need yet further revelation. As the work of Christ is completed and all that we need to know is contained in Scripture, there is no further need of additional revelation as there is nothing more to be revealed.

Thinking of Giants

Goliath is one of the sons of Anak. We can see Goliath’s ancestors in Numbers 13:32-33. Goliath is measured about 9.5ft.

The Guinness Book of Records has men listed over 8ft. The tallest man of whom the modern world has recorded was a Russian who was in London in 1905, he was 9.3ft.

An Englishman John Middleton in 1572 was 9.3ft. There was a portrait of him in Brasenose College Oxford.

In the Royal College of Surgeons there was a skeleton of Charles O’Brien who was 8.4ft.

Patrick Colter who died in 1802 was 8.7ft and a Russian girl called Elizabeth Lyska 6.8ft at the age of 12!

Giants are common in the ancient world and a great deal of physical evidence has been destroyed or hidden by evolutionists. Giants did exist, as the Bible says.

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It being so that Christ has finished His work, it remains that the revelation of God cannot now be amplified or increased. What God has revealed can only be made clear through the witness of the apostles and the preaching to all nations. Revelation is now complete and ready to be shared with all mankind. As there is nothing to be added to the work of Christ, so there is nothing needed to be added to His Word.

There is one objective, verbal, authoritative final revelation of Christ today on earth, one direct line, one voice from heaven: the inspired Scriptures, preserved perfectly by God, to be illuminated to our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit. In the pages of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments we have the infallible, inspired, revelation of God, all that we need to interpret everything we encounter. The Bible is an 'oracular' book, when it speaks, God speaks. We can, we must, trust every word. As the Word of the living God, it demands we submit.

"I do not understand that loyalty to Christ which is accompanied by indifference to His Words. How can we reverence His person, if His own words and those of His apostles are treated with disrespect?" (C.H. Spurgeon)

What else is there to be said about a *finished* work?

These eyes do not see our Saviour, nor these ears hear His voice. How then can we who are on earth have access to God's final and perfect Word, when He is no longer on earth? We need an authoritative Word. Where shall we find a lamp to our feet and a light unto our path? There is one objective, verbal, authoritative revelation of Christ today on earth, one direct line, one voice from heaven: the inspired Scriptures, perfectly preserved by God, and illuminated to our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit. With this last inscripturation, revelation is completed. Men may cry to heaven for a word from God, they will hear nothing. The work of Christ is complete, God has nothing more to say than He has said in Christ and this we find infallibly recorded in the Bible. How can we possibly think we need more than is to be found in Christ, who is "*made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.*" (1 Corinthians 1:30)? Shall we exhaust the riches in Christ and still ask for more?

"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

Any spurious 'revelation' placed alongside God's Word actually deprives it of its final authority in the same way as does tradition and the 'living voice of Christ' in the church of Rome. The 'perpetual sacrifice' of the Roman Mass does despite to the redemptive work of Christ, suggesting as it does that what He did at Calvary is not completed but continuing. A continuing revelation suggests a continuing sacrifice. As He was about to face the cross Jesus breathed this prayer to His Father: "*I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*" (John 17:4). All that we will ever need is to be found in the Lord Jesus and will issue from His once-for-all-time accomplished work of redemption. Only were the redemptive work of Christ still ongoing would we need further information, further revelation. We have in Scripture a once-for-all time written revelation of a complete and once-for-all time perfect salvation. The whole of Scripture, Old and New Testaments, is about Christ. All that we need to know about Christ has been revealed in the inspired Word of God. Anything additional coming from anywhere else will be spurious and false. What we are being told is that the Word of God must have something added to it. What is really happening is that men are heaping their own inventions upon what God has given us in Christ. The Scriptures say, "*God imputeth righteousness without works*" (Romans 4:6). Should our faith embrace Christ plus anything, then we remain lost sinners. There is nothing to be added to what Christ has done on our behalf, there is nothing new to be added to what God has said about what Christ has done.

Martin Luther said that he would rather *obey* than work miracles. Longing for more than is found in Scripture is not a sign of spirituality and faith, but of apostasy and unbelief. This is as true of those who demand miracles, signs and wonders as it is of those who expect God to somehow step into our age and do something more than is to be found in the Gospel given in Scripture. There is nothing we can possibly need that is not already ours in Christ.

It is *not* surprising that Protestant charismatics should link arms with their Roman ‘brethren’ for both recognise the authority of ongoing extra-biblical revelation. *The collateral to the authority in the Roman Catholic church of an apostolic succession is in modern Pentecostal churches the continuance in this day of ‘apostolic gifts’*, gifts that in fact passed away with the apostles. These so-called charismatic ‘gifts’ not only make continued revelation possible but give it apostolic authority. There is no way round this conclusion, despite protestations to the contrary by more moderate Pentecostals. The authority of Rome is an ‘apostolic’ *office*, whilst ‘apostolic’ *gifts* constitute the authority of Pentecostalism and the charismatic movement. The only apostolic ‘succession’ recognised by true believers is the succession of apostolic teaching perfectly preserved for us by God in the Scriptures. A genuine gathering of the Lord’s people is very easily recognised.

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptised...And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:41-42)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3. All present blessings stem from what God has already given us in His Son. God has done all there is to do in Christ, and all we need to know about Him is in Scripture!

“An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” (Mathew 12:39-40)

This is the only sign with power to save, we refuse it at our peril. If we refuse the greatest sign of all, let us expect no other from God. The truth is, if we are not ready to accept what God has already given, shall we not respond any differently should He speak again? Clearly, we would not.

“If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” (Luke 16:31)

Those who ask for more would be no more ready to submit and believe even were God to grant their request. Those who would meet Christ Jesus today will receive no blinding flash from heaven. Would we be led to Christ? We shall meet Him as the Holy Spirit illuminates the pages of Scripture until what we read there becomes our own experience through faith.

Only where God has all things in *His* hands can there be a once-for-all revelation, and a once-for-all act of salvation on behalf of sinners. The two stand together. His work is finished, and God has given us a completed interpretation of it in Scripture through the apostles. We have a finished work and a finished revelation in the Bible, a true and certain salvation. Believers submit to Scripture; no tradition, no pope stand between.

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Worshippers Put Off By The Bible

Contemporary Christian worship music is a big and highly profitable industry. One of the biggest names in this area is Brandon Lake. Formerly of Bethel Music, Brandon saw massive success at the 12th annual K-LOVE Fan Awards recently. In an interview on the Bryce Crawford Podcast, Lake gave some deeply troubling comments on the nature of worship music today.

Brandon Lake commented that worship songs often have Biblical language that can drive away or alienate unbelievers. As a specific example, Lake highlighted the classic hymn ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ as problematic to many within worship services. He identified the lyric, ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,’ based on

Revelation 4:8, as being troublesome to non-believers. Lake argued that many in a worship service would not know what 'holy' means and that they would confuse it with a profanity. Imagining a possibly confused, non-church goer at a church service called 'Bubba', Lake gave his thoughts on the matter.

"I love when your first song is like, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty.' I think (Bubba's) going like, 'What does 'holy' mean? Like, holy ****? What?' I don't know".

In fairness to Brandon, there is some merit to his point. That truth being that if the people attending the church are mystified by such basic theological terms, then the preacher/minister is not teaching his flock properly. It is the task of the preacher/minister to **teach** his flock (2 Timothy 2:24) so that they grow in knowledge of God and His Pure Word. This ability to **teach** is crucial when leading a church gathering, yet far too many preachers/ministers today rely on being entertaining. This being in opposition to being edifying so that they are strengthening the congregation in knowledge of the Word of God.

Back to Brandon's observation in that whilst there is an element of truth in his point, there is a massively worrying aspect to it also! That being that Brandon is saying worship songs should not alienate unbelievers and therefore avoid anything that has actual references to Biblical truth. Brandon is being incredibly bold in saying that what the Seraphim sing unto God in His throne room, is not wise for Christians to sing in case of upsetting/alienating unbelievers.

Brandon, and again in fairness many in the modern Church, is missing the point entirely that worship is not meant for unbelievers. Worship is a blessed opportunity to offer up the thanksgiving and joyful praises of humble faith unto the Lord God. It is a treasured time of close communion with our Saviour and Redeemer, as we pour out our hearts in adoration of the atoning sacrifice He made on our behalf. No unbeliever

desires to do this. So why would we as believers in Christ, dilute our praise to God so that a non-believer may feel comfortable? Let's consider it another way. If a stranger came up to you with an uncomfortable expression and disinterested tone of voice, expressed their deep love and adoration of you, would you be accepting of their sentiments? Unlikely at best, as you would quickly discern that the words, though audible, contained no genuine sentiment. Now if we can be so discerning, then why would God, who knows the hearts of all (Jeremiah 17:10) ever accept such false and empty praise?



We are to invite non-believing friends, acquaintances, family members, colleagues etc, to join us at church. This we do in the hope that in hearing sound teaching of the undiluted Gospel of Jesus Christ, they might repent of their sins and place their faith in Christ Jesus as their Saviour. However, if we are to dilute or remove the strength of the Word of God from our worship for fear of confusion or offence, then we are harming those we are trying to lead to Christ! How many hearts have been moved by the song of the great hymns of the past?! Those songs that are musical sermons, melodies that teach of God as well as praise Him!

It should be that preachers/ministers wield a 'one-two spiritual punch' each church service. The first being a strong and Bible asserting sermon that teaches the congregation of the truth and life of God's Holy Scriptures. He should explain the glories of God that are to be found within His Pure Word, so that those who are unsure could be made sure by the very strength of the words before them. Then, the second blessed blow would come from the faith fuelled song of the gathering. Those bonded together in Christ singing of the truths they have learned and singing their faith. This joyful, reverential, truth filled fellowship upholding what has been studied moments prior in the sermon.

This unison of teaching and praise, preacher and congregation, truth and love can lead many non-believers to faith in Christ Jesus. We must not lose that for the sake of trying to appease the blind of heart. If you want to lead a blind person through a building, you don't turn the lights off so that you can sympathise with their

plight. You use the light to lead them through safely! By the logic of Brandon Lake and many other worship artists like him, they are turning off the light of Christ in the hope that they can lead the blind on their own sensitivities. It's tragic madness.

Brandon Lake is not ignorant to the blindness of his thoughts. To fill in this pitfall of his own creation he has humbly offered his own expertise to bridge the gap between theology and the unbeliever. In defending his points, Lake offered that his song *Hard Fought Hallelujah* could help close this gap and allow people to "find themselves." Lake is playing with dangerous thoughts here; an insidious and devious spirit can be seen lurking in the shadows of such notions. The idea that man can understand and reach God by assisting Christ Jesus through his own abilities and understanding. I see a serpent nestled nearby in such assertions, and sadly I fear Brandon and many like him, are unaware of the danger they are leading themselves and others into.

Keith Getty, a hymn writer who uses traditional styles of hymn writing, warned in a 2019 interview with *The Christian Post*, that modern worship music is created for cultural relevance instead of spiritual truth. Keith stated:

"I believe that the modern worship movement is a movement for cultural relevance. It's a de-Christianising of God's people. It's utterly dangerous." From the mouth of someone within the industry, we have a warning of what is affecting more and more churches across the globe. We have a Christendom that is trying to appease the culture, rather than truly serve Christ Jesus. Compromised modern bible versions have compromised preaching, and now it is compromising the worship of God also. The great 'one-two spiritual punch' of yesteryears churches has been lost in many places. Those strong arms that once worked for Christ, allowed themselves to be tied up by the sensitivities of the masses. Now it is unable to defend itself against a society that wants to see it gone completely.

Pray for such churches. Pray for those gatherings that were once strong for the true, pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. Fellowships that once contended for the Word of God and gave the truest of praises in their worship, as it was all based on the very Word of God. Those of us who are in such faithful gatherings, praise the Lord that He has established them. Pray for His protection and provision so that their humble stand may be visible to many, and that the joy of their faith may lead others to join with them in thanksgiving unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

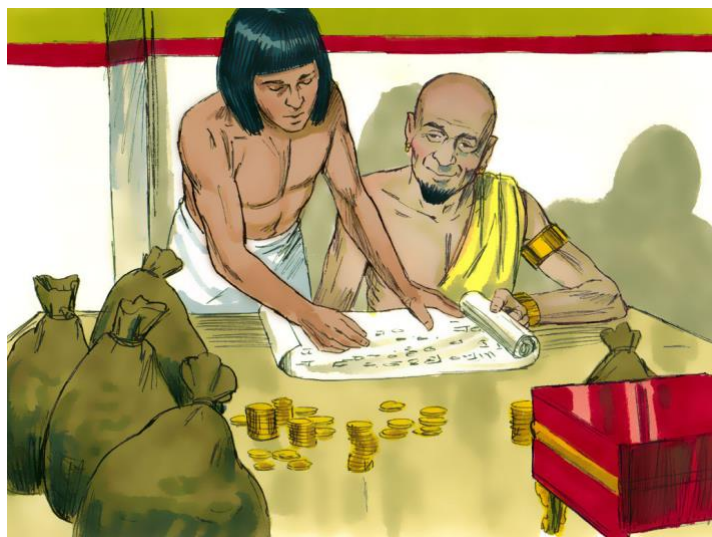
Economic Lessons From Joseph

In Genesis 39, we read of Joseph being sold as a slave to the Egyptian Potiphar, following the betrayal of Joseph at the hands of his brothers. Yet God was with Joseph and blessed him as he worked for Potiphar. Subsequently, Potiphar's household wealth grew significantly. This surge in material wealth came from the

providing hand of God, as He blessed faithful Joseph whilst he worked diligently for his master, but never forsook his faith for worldly gain.

Many valuable lessons, both spiritually and materially, can be drawn from this Biblical event. These lessons are applicable to individuals, families, even entire nations. That lesson being that when we live to honour God, He will honour us (1 Samuel 2:30).

As Joseph's life proves in Genesis 39, one of the ways that God **may** (not always) honour a life that honours him, is through increased wealth. Let us be clear at this point, this is not the same as what is



preached by 'prosperity gospel' preachers. They wrongly teach that God wants you to be healthy, wealthy and prosperous in materialistic ways. What Genesis 39 teaches us, is that God has blessed with material prosperity those who have proven themselves able to possess such wealth and not have their walk with God tainted or corrupted by it. Joseph did not seek out wealth and use pious actions as the means of securing this goal (that is the way of 'prosperity gospel' preachers). Joseph lived in humble service of God, no matter the circumstance or situation, and did so with all his might. This led to God blessing Joseph and all those around him.

After that digression, we return to the point that Potiphar's house enjoyed the blessing of God because of the faithful living of Joseph. The message is simple and clear. When we live to serve God purely because we delight to, God blesses our lives. This truth was widely acknowledged in this land for generations. The nation was held together by a basic understanding that God existed, and we are accountable to Him for our actions. This land was fuelled by a rightful fear of God, and so because our nation honoured God, He honoured us.

The days of blessing were not always flowing with bountiful goods, blissful peace and rest from war. Far from it. Instead, the Devil did everything he could to crush the faith of the nation through the deprivations of two World Wars and the biggest economic crash the world has ever seen. However, the blessing of God, meant that our land was never overwhelmed, even when it stood alone against a vastly superior fighting force. The people throughout this dark time held onto God, and so He kept our land safe from invasion, and kept the people fed and clothed throughout.

Following this period of testing and trial, came the blessed days of post-war Britain. When Prime Minister Harold Macmillan famously said in 1957, Britain had never "had it so good". He was right. The nation was at peace; crime was extremely low; divorce was a great rarity; children were safe to play unattended outside in all hours; front doors were left unlocked; communities thrived; the local doctor could be seen easily and quickly; goods were plentiful once more and unemployment was very low as job security was the norm. None of that can be said today. Why? Because as a nation we are no longer living as Joseph did, in fearful service of God. We are no longer honouring God in our land, and so God is not honouring our land.

Our land today is socially and economically falling apart. Mosques are replacing former shop units. Gender ideology is affecting everyday life so deeply that using a changing room in a shop/gym or trying to use a public toilet can risk causing outrage from some lost soul. Job security is dying, and the rise of AI is rapidly eating into every industry. Crime is epidemic. Parents are frightened to take their children to many public spaces even in broad daylight. Communities are fading away as everyone is lost behind a screen. Divorce is the rule not the exception. Threats from numerous nations are driving panic through the government as they stare at the real prospect of national debt being 247% of the nation's GDP. Child poverty is predicted to return to 'Dickensian levels' within this government's term of office. The NHS is crippled so badly that trying to see a doctor is now a stampede every morning at 8am as the surgery phonelines open. The cost of the 'weekly shop' has ballooned and the value of our money has plummeted. We have an army too small to defend our nation from even a minor/moderate attack. Churches are led by ministers that don't even believe the Holy Bible is the inerrant Word of God, as they happily embrace all manner of perverted lifestyles. All because we turned our back on God.

Our nation's wealth has been stripped from us rightly because we no longer honour God. Of course there are some exceptions to these generalities. Like myself, you may have seen these or are blessed by these yourself. There are still some good and efficient doctors' surgeries/hospitals out there. There are still some good schools with teachers keen to teach Biblical lessons and morals. There are still some safe places where children can be children. There are still some communities that are bonded together through selfless help for one another. These exceptions ultimately prove the rule. That when these exceptions are looked at in detail, you often find them underpinned by quiet soldiers of Christ. Such souls are living as Joseph in Egypt. Surrounded by the worldly evils of that pagan land, but working diligently in joyful service of God as they shun the evils of the world. Such examples prove to us that God is no different today than He was with Joseph. When we live to honour Him, He will still honour us.

This land may be too far gone for true restoration. Yet let us remember how dire the situation was in the days of Wesley and Whitefield. The land was so close to revolution, as it watched on eagerly the events taking place across the channel during the French Revolution. The nation was given over to alcohol, violence, poverty,

immorality and lip service to God in most parish churches. Yet by the passionate, bold and truthful preaching of men such as Wesley and Whitefield, the nation was kept from destruction. Instead, by the grace of God, it returned unto Him and was blessed to become an empire upon which the 'sun never set'. This empire was not for the glory of Britain, but for the spread of the Gospel. God saw that this land was ready to wield its wealth to share the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with nations across the globe. So, as we honoured God, He honoured us.

Let us pray daily that if it be the Lord's will, He will move so graciously to our land once more. As we pray, let us live with a diligence and steadfastness of faith, being as Joseph was, so that our labours in Christ's name, will receive the blessings of God, but all for His glory. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

Hope In the Tears

Tragedy has befallen the state of Texas in the USA, as 107 lives, including dozens of children, have been lost in terrible floods. Many of those young lives lost were those of Christian girls who had been enjoying a Biblical Summer Camp. Such tragedy raises the painful question of, 'Why does God allow such things to happen?'

First, we are to remember that our Lord weeps with us over the death of His beloved children. As Christ Jesus showed as He approached the tomb of Lazarus, tears ran down His cheek. Those tears fell because the pain of loss incurred from the death of a dear friend, was not the desire of God. God's will was that mankind would live in wondrous communion with Him for all eternity in the bliss of Eden, and a perfect world made lovingly by God's Word. Mankind, through Adam's sin, rebelled against this desire and so sin and death entered Creation. And so, death comes to us all, and then the Judgment. So, the tears of the Saviour ran strong that day as He looked upon the tomb of Lazarus. They do so even today, at the death of all His beloved.



Death is always a tragedy. Its misery screams to our hearts that this is not how it should be. Many times, it is the intensity of the pain that shakes the cold and hard hearts of the lost before God. Such tragedies grab the heart and makes us stop for a moment from the vanity of modern life, to think on the fragility of it all. We are made to consider our own mortality and moved to act compassionately towards those suffering the tragic loss.

Such thoughts and realisations have often been the beginning of a pursuit of freedom from the weight of sin and death and led many hearts to

rebirth in Christ Jesus. The terrible events that affect this sin corrupted world, are used by the gracious hand of God to alert thousands, if not millions of souls to the peril they face. A peril of an eternity separated from the goodness of God in the fearful place that is Hell.

In times of great pain of loss, we are to remember that God does indeed weep with us. Yet He is good to us all, in that He did not allow Himself to become stuck in the pain and sadness. Instead, He moved with His unique power to enter this world in the flesh of man through His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, so that He might fulfil the Law perfectly. Then Christ Jesus offered up His sinless blood as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world. Thereby, the gates of Heaven were opened to all who would repent of their sins and believe on Him as their Saviour and Redeemer.

Thus, the Gospel is our comfort in times of great loss and confusing pain. Our God is a God of action. The Gospel is the message of God's actions in securing us an eternity where all the pain and loss we feel today, will be fully healed. An eternity where every tear of even the deepest sorrow, will be wiped away by His own nail pierced hands. Amen.

By Jonathan Badger

The Clever People Follow Christ

One of the most peddled arguments used by atheists and evolutionists against belief in God, is that only uneducated, dim-witted fools believe in the God of the Holy Bible. To make such a ridiculously arrogant and stupid comment is to ignore the work of many of the giants of science, such as Newton, Pasteur, Kepler, Faraday, Mendel, Kelvin and many other great names of the science world. All these Herculean names of scientific discovery (none of whom could ever be dismissed as ignorant, dim-witted, foolish or uneducated) believed in the existence of God, as all their great labours led them inescapably to the reality that there is very much a Creator God who sustains all things by the power of His Word.

Today, another very impressive intellect through his considerable mind behind the unavoidable conclusion that God exists, and that He has revealed Himself through His only Begotten Son Jesus Christ. Younghoon Kim, the possessor of the world's highest IQ, has consistently voiced his view that based upon all the wealth of evidence for the truth of Christianity, that there is no other explanation for life than through the work of a personal Creator God.

Below are some of Younghoon Kim's observations of this all-important matter, along with some clear insights on issues such as a gender ideology and the usage of updated, modern Bibles.



‘As the world’s highest IQ record holder, I trust this logical conclusion: 1) The Bible is the ultimate truth. 2) The Bible declares that God created only two genders. 3) Therefore, every other gender is a human invention or sci-concept.’

‘As the world’s highest IQ record holder, I believe the Bible is the perfect, eternal, and final Word of God. Therefore, the Bible doesn’t need to be updated. The world needs to catch up.’

‘As the world’s highest IQ record holder, I trust that Christianity offers the clearest way to understand and experience God. Through the teachings of Jesus, we can find the most complete and true knowledge of God, who is love and salvation.’

‘As the world’s highest IQ record holder, I believe that Jesus Christ is God, the way and the truth and the life.’

Never let arrogant, blind fools tell you that only ignorant, uneducated fools believe in God and the Holy Bible. Some of the sharpest and greatest minds to have ever walked this earth have believed in the truth of the Holy Bible and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world. What gracious glory of God it is that such understanding is not the reserve of the high intellect. It is revealed to the hearts of the lowly and humble of heart, so that none are cut adrift of the offer of salvation through repentance of sin and faith in the Risen Lord Jesus as our Saviour and Redeemer.

By Jonathan Badger

The Man That Time Forgot - Part 2

Tiahuanaco was built of cyclopean boulders by a race who shaped them to fit perfectly so that it is difficult to place a knife blade between the mortarless joints. Tradition says it was built by giants and skeletons of giants are said to have been found in rock tombs near Cuzco. Colonel Fawcett writes, 'In my opinion Tiahuanaco which covers an area of about a square league, was built on an island in a lake. Much of it is still buried beneath the present level of Titicaca, and the remains scattered and tumbled over the surface of the ground are not necessarily the ruins of the original city. Excavations may disclose several cities built one upon another. It was destroyed by frightful seismic upheavals which are so evident all over the continent. The lake was bodily lifted thousands of feet with the Andes and burst its barriers. Tiahuanaco was undoubtedly submerged for a long time.'

Colonel Fawcett saw Tiahuanaco as once being a city on an island then. He argued that it could not have originally existed where he found it in relation to the level of the lake, because although it was drying up at the rate of a foot every ten years, the lake was still higher than the ruins. The actual building of the city attributed to giants, are also said to have been bearded and white-skinned. The Indians' also claim it was built long ago before the Incas.

Continuing with Colonel Fawcett's overview of the larger area, he noted that while the cities of the interior were badly damaged it was not to the extent of Tiahuanaco. Between them lay a vast area of land newly emerged from the bed of a sea or lake. Huge masses of high coarse grass, swamp and waters infested with huge creatures lay in the way. These animals were said to be massive reptiles of a terribly ferocious nature. What communities existed around there had traditions that they were the only survivors left in the world after a great disaster.

Sometime after this cataclysm, there is no way of knowing how long, it is said peoples from Polynesia arrived on the coastal area of Chile. These were known as the Tupis. 'Tupi' evidently means 'parent or original stock'. They are said to have settled and multiplied and from them came Araucanians, Aymaras and Antis peoples. The art of tattooing, certainly known to the Polynesians and Melanesians is said to have been brought by them to the Continent and used by all the Tupi tribes. It is said that the Patagonians and Tierra Fuegians could have been a branch off from the Tupis also because the Tierra del Fuegians carve their wooden deities in the style of the Easter Island images. As the influx from Polynesia continued so peoples flowed into the northern Continent by the Behring Straits and Aleutian Islands, the last arrivals being the Kitans in about 600 A.D.

With the existence of the Americas forgotten by the nations of Europe, it does not seem to have been forgotten in either China or Japan. Certainly, the Chinese termination Tsin occurs frequently in place names around Mexico. Further, the so-called mythical voyage of Hoei-Chin to 'Fon Sang', 20,000li to the east, is put around 458 A.D. It is of further note that in the ruins of Yucatan and Guatemala figurines have been excavated with Mongolian features.

In the year 1920, the Chinese Minister to Mexico identified characters on the base of the pyramid of Teotihuacan with ancient Chinese words. Also, of importance along this line is that Quechua Indians' can understand Chinese and the Inca art of recording events by knotted cords, was common in China and Tibet.

As migratory movements continued on that Continent, there seems to have been growing degeneration and while there can still be found stone built settlements connected with paved roads, they do not demonstrate the craftsmanship of earlier periods. One of the questions they do raise though is fascinating. The windowless houses have interiors free from the grime associated with every cooking or illuminating agency known at the time of Colonel Fawcett except electricity. This was not the only time that Colonel Fawcett had been confronted with this mystery for the Indians' spoke of houses with 'stars to light them, which never went out.' Colonel Fawcett states, 'There was some secret means of illumination known to the ancients that remains to be rediscovered, some method of harnessing forces unknown to us.' A further

note states, 'In view of recent developments in atomic research there is no reason to dismiss the 'lamps that never go out' as a myth. The world was plunged into a state of barbarism by terrible cataclysms. Continents subsided into the oceans, and others emerged. Peoples were destroyed, and the few who escaped were able to exist only in a state of savagery. The ancient arts were all but forgotten, and it is not for us in our ignorance to say that the science of antediluvial days had not advanced beyond the level we have now reached.'

On many occasions the early explorers of the interior, reported glimpses caught here and there of clothed natives of European appearance. Many of the peoples referred to descent from white men. The Molopaques found in the Minas Geras in the seventeenth century were fair complexioned and bearded, their manners were elegant and refined and their women are said to have been 'fair as the English, with golden, white or auburn hair.'

Colonel Fawcett relates that it was difficult in his day in the 1920's for people to realise how mixed and dense were the indigenous populations. Even in the sixteenth century more than half the total area of Peru, Brazil and Bolivia was occupied by Tupi tribes in thousands of villages. The Jesuits calculated no less than 700 different 'nations' in the Amazon basin - and their knowledge was by no means complete. Sadly, the contagious diseases of the white man killed many.

Turning our thought again to some of the huge buildings and the joining of huge boulders in a most precise way, Colonel Fawcett's expeditions brought back some unique information. A man had once said to Percy Fawcett, 'I have heard it said that they fitted their stones together by means of a liquid that softened the surface to be joined to the consistency of clay.'

At this point certain observations and a strange story bear on the above statement. All through the Peruvian and Bolivian Montana was to be found a small bird like a kingfisher, which was seen to make its nests in neat round holes in the rock face. Colonel Fawcett had once expressed surprise that these birds were lucky enough to find nesting holes so conveniently placed. The holes it is said were so exact and neat it looked as though they were hollowed out with a drill. After commenting on this the gentlemen replied to Fawcett, 'They make the holes themselves.'

It so happened that this man had twenty-five years experience in the jungles, but Fawcett could not see how birds could drill holes in rock. The man obviously noting Fawcett's puzzled look explained, 'They come to the cliff with leaves of some sort in their beak and rub in a circular motion. They then start to peck, and this would amazingly open a hole in the stone, they then repeat the process with the leaves and continue for several days.' The man had evidently been so intrigued that he had climbed the rock face to examine the holes and claimed, 'You couldn't drill a better hole', further adding, 'There is something in the leaf juice that can soften rock until it is like clay.'

Colonel Fawcett later in his accounts tells a further story in relation to this mystery. An Englishman, whose reliability Fawcett wouldn't doubt, told a story of how one day his nephew, travelling through the jungle, came to an area he had never seen before. He was wearing high riding boots with Mexican spurs four inches long, with rowels bigger than half-crown pieces, and it happened they were almost new.

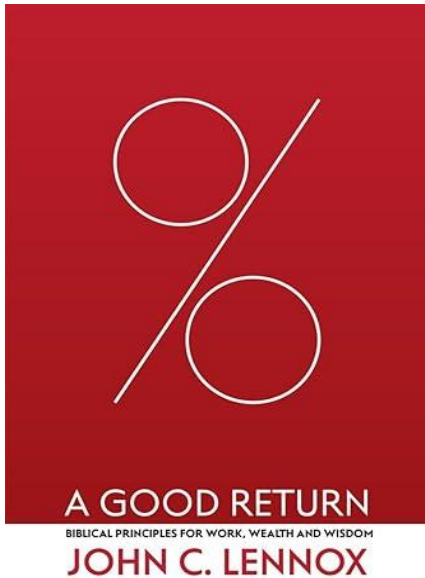
When the man got back to camp his beautiful spurs were gone - eaten away somehow, there was nothing left but black spikes projecting an eighth of an inch. A local asked him if he had walked through a certain plant about a foot high with dark reddish leaves. He remembered them at once, saying he had passed through a wide area that was thickly covered by such a plant. The local replied, 'That is what ate your spurs away, that is the plant the Incas used for shaping stones, the juice will soften rock till it is like paste.'

Read on in the next edition of Truth To Wonder magazine for more fascinating facts from Colonel Fawcett's expeditions.

By Dr David Badger

Resource Corner

A Good Return: Biblical Principles for Work, Wealth and Wisdom

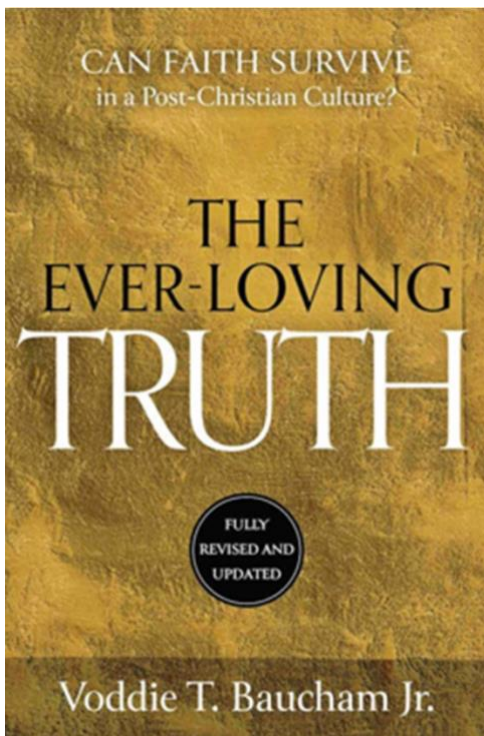


The world of work is expanding. New technologies, industries and means of meeting apart-and-still-together, have presided in the transition of the workplace into a fast, digital and busier-than-ever era. In whichever sector you care to name, work is increasing exponentially, for reducing rewards and benefits. It is more than easy to complain, drag one's feet while getting out of the door, and face daily tasks with an apathetic attitude.

A Good Return does not provide maxims to get you through the day. Instead, it is a book that encourages Christians to view their workspace, be it field, car, classroom or office, as an avenue of worship.

John C. Lennox has crafted a book with thoughtful, biblical and evangelical deliberation on our behaviour in, and towards, our work. With his trademark clarity, faithfulness and wisdom, Lennox curates room for a wider discussion on Christian approaches toward salaries, time management, motivation and attitudes amidst a workspace environment.

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The Ever-Loving Truth: Can Faith Thrive in a Post-Christian Culture?

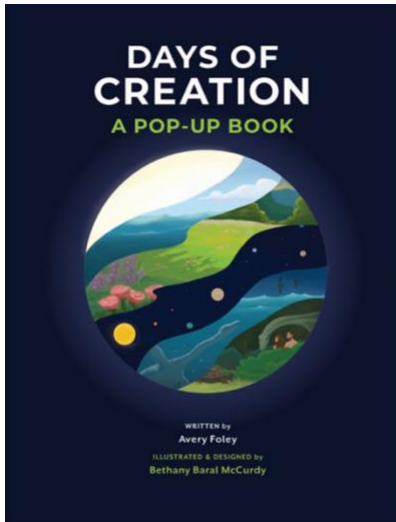
Truth is under attack. The gospel is under attack. We must be aware and equipped if we are going to respond. Voddie Baucham has a message for Christians in today's culture—it's time to take a stand for the truth.

In The Ever-Loving Truth, this powerful preacher and teacher addresses the cost of being a twenty-first-century Christian and helps readers apply the unchanging truth of God's Word to contemporary life issues. The book draws parallels between committed Christians in our society and the New Testament writers, Peter and John, as followers of Christ who proclaimed and stood for truth in their non-Christian environment. You will find this compelling study leads you to evaluate what it means to be a Christian today and how to apply God's

unchanging truth to a variety of circumstances.

“This book asks and answers a critical question, ‘Can faith thrive in a post-Christian culture?’ There is no doubt that our culture is post-Christian. We have run far and fast from our Christian roots. There is also no doubt that faith can and will survive, nonetheless. This is our great hope.” —Voddie Baucham, Author

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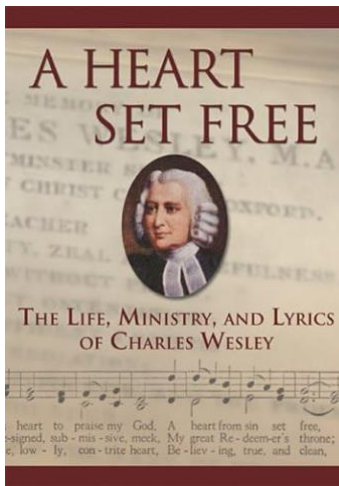
Publishers are removing things from new Bibles!

Publishers of modern Bible versions have been removing words, phrases, and even whole verses, but their readers are often unaware of it. Few people know the Bible well enough to notice when something has been taken out.

But the results are hard to believe. The removal of one tiny word turns Jesus into a liar. Callers into Christian talk shows have even used this to say that it's okay for a Christian to lie. After all, they say, Jesus did it. A verse that's completely missing from some of the most popular Bibles available today completely removes one of the basic doctrines found in every evangelical church. When David Daniels shows this one to people they just stand with their mouths open and say, "I can't believe it!" In another case, Jesus' own words are removed, taking out a famous phrase in which Jesus explains why He came to earth. People react with: "They took out Jesus words! How can they do that?"

This information has been right under our noses for years, but no one has ever taken the time to cull through this many Bible versions and find the missing parts. Author David Daniels did the research and now releases his results for the Christian world to see what is really missing. How about your Bible? Is it on the list of Bibles with pieces taken out? You might be surprised when you look at what's missing.

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A Heart Set Free: The Life, Ministry And Lyrics Of Charles Wesley [DVD]

The story of Charles Wesley is often overshadowed by that of his more famous older brother John. These founding fathers of Methodism travelled the same path, yet their lives and talents were often remarkably separate.

From a tenuous birth to blazing field preacher, this film explores the facets of the man known as The Sweet Bard of Methodism. Discover the poet, husband, and hymn writer who penned Hark, The Herald Angels Sing, and O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing. Follow Charles as a failed missionary to America, then back home, depressed and dejected till he encounters the mighty conversion in May

1738 that placed within him the desire to convert others with such intensity that, through his verse, we feel it today.

Shot on location in England and the United States, this feature-length documentary by T.N. Mohan, producer and director of the award-winning documentary Hanged on a Twisted Cross, brings detailed and well-researched perspective to Charles Wesley's history through many never-before seen archival letters, manuscripts and other documents, besides interviews with leading experts from the UK and US.

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10 Verses For Correction and Comfort

Proverbs 12:1 - Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 Timothy 3:16 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Proverbs 15:32 - He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

John 14:15 - If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

John 16:33 - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Philippians 4:6 - Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Isaiah 26:3 - Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

1 Peter 5:7 - Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Isaiah 12:2 - Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

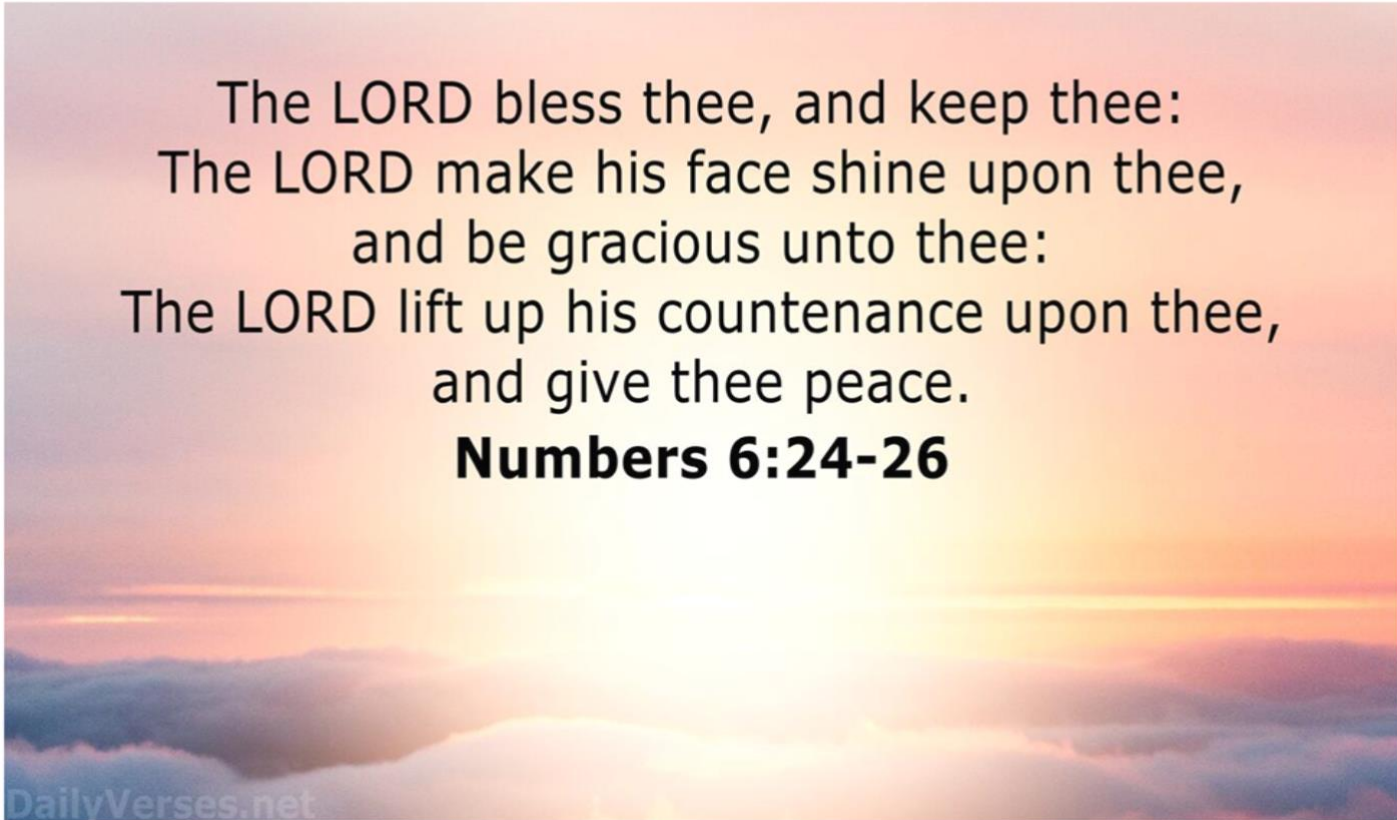
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I pray that the Lord is with you in the coming days and strengthens you so that your walk with Him is a living testimony of His eternal love. God bless.

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The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

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