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The Modern Divine Healing Racket — Part #2

The Divine Purpose of Bible Miracles

By Louis Entzminger

The external evidence that God has spoken to men is twofold: *prophecy* and *miracle*. “Prophecy is a miracle of utterance and prepares the way for coming events and persons and attests them in advance as forming part of the

divine plan reaching through the ages. Prophecy and providence are therefore twin sisters.” I quote from Dr. A.T. Pierson’s great work, **Many Infallible Proofs**, a book every Christian should read. Back of all changes and accidents

there is an omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent God. Nothing escapes His knowledge or evades His power. Back of all the changing scenes of life, throughout the history of the world, the rise and fall of kingdoms and empires,

wars on bloody battlefields, storms and cyclones and tides and changes in nature, and upheavals — back of all these things is an omnipotent God who moves mysteriously back

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The Law Not Done Away

By S. J. Prewett

There is much confusion among the children of God about the law being done away at Christ’s death. There were three parts of law, given to Moses while on the mount: national, typical, and moral.

The national law ceased when Israel lost her nationality; the typical law

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Wireless Is Not New, Nor Is It “Science”

By Ron Tottingham, Ph.D., Lit.D.

Wireless communication is the craze of the 21st century. It is the wave of the future. The young moderns even think it was created by science. They talk about who created the World Wide Web and computer technology.

Greatly to this world’s ignorance, wireless technology and the World Wide Web are not new, nor are

they science, per se. One would think that the Bible would have a doctrine on such a matter as this—and it does—even though it is “futuristic” of the Bible times.

Let’s build a case for wireless technology from the Bible. Psalm 19:6 says “His circuit unto the ends

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God At the Helm

(From the Internet)

Some boys at Miami, playing around a bulldozer, started up the engine and then fled in terror as it went on a rampage. Before it stopped, the machine had carried damage through four blocks, smashing fence, clothes lines, and fruit trees, and ripping up wa-

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Quiz The Pastor

Is There Any Scripture Which Says That the Believers Shall be Raptured Before the Tribulation Period?

By Austin Fields

Yes. There are many verses of Scripture which teach us that the rapture of the believers, both dead and alive, will take place before the tribulation.

“Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn” (Mt. 13:30).

To me this parable declares in no uncertain terms that the rapture must take place before the tribulation period starts. The sower is Jesus Christ, the

seed that He sews are the elect, which is referred to as wheat (See Lk. 22:31). The wheat was sown in the sower’s field (world). Satan sowed his followers in the same field that belonged to the sower of the good seed; therefore Satan and his followers are “squatters,” having no legal right in the field.

Now the sower (Jesus Christ) is going to clean up His field, but ere He starts to burn the tares, He gives the command to gather His wheat (elect) into His barn. The barn is a place where the wheat is taken so that no harm can come to it.

Surely then the barn can only represent heaven. Thus we have the owner of the field, gathering the wheat into a safe place ere He burns His field and rids it of every undesirable thing. To me nothing can be clearer than that the rapture must take place before the tribulation, for the tribulation as described in the book of Revelation is a time of burning, but the wheat is safely housed in the barn (heaven) before the burning starts.

John in Revelation 4 and 5 saw the enthroned elders, which denotes the church, ready to reign with Jesus Christ, but they could not reign until the Lamb had taken the book from out of the hand of God. This book contains the requirements that must be met ere the field (world) could be redeemed, which Satan had corrupted with tares. From these two chapters we learn that the saints were in heaven before the first seal was broken, and the breaking of the first seal is the beginning of the tribulation. Therefore, the saints must be raptured before the tribulation starts.

There are many verses of Scripture which warn the saint, and exhort him to watch for the coming of the Lord, but if the saints are not to be raptured before the tribulation, but are to go *through it*, then the warnings and the exhortations would be out of place, and they should instead read to watch for

the Antichrist, false prophet and the terrible day of the Lord. Nowhere is the saint exhorted to watch for the tribulation, but for the second coming of the Lord. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to meet the Lord in the air, not on the earth.

“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them (dead in Christ) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:17).

In the fifth chapter he speaks of the day of the Lord (tribulation) and how that it will come upon the world as a thief in the night. Then he makes a startling revelation that the day of the Lord would not overtake us as a thief. Therefore the day of darkness of the tribulation is not for the believer in Christ. Furthermore, Paul tells us that the wrath which God has appointed for the tribulation period is not for the saint.

“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:9).

The wrath spoken of here is the wrath of God which will come upon the world during the tribulation. The salvation spoken of in this verse is the escaping the terrible vengeance of God, as He cleans up His field, getting it ready for His saints to inherit. □

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God In Our Government



James Monroe

On March 4, 1817, James Monroe closed his first inaugural address with these words:

“Relying on the aid to be derived from the other departments of the Government, I enter on the trust to which I have been called by the suffrages of my fellow-citizens with my fervent prayers to the Almighty that He will be graciously pleased to continue to us that protection which He has already so conspicuously displayed in our favor.”

In his second inaugural address on March 5, 1821, he said:

“That these powerful

The Fourth President James Monroe

causes exist, and that they are permanent, is my fixed opinion; that they may produce a like accord in all questions touching, however remotely, the liberty prosperity and happiness of our country will always be the object of my most fervent prayers to the Supreme Author of All Good.”

Significantly, he closed this second inaugural address with these words:

“... with a firm reliance on the protection of Almighty God, I shall forthwith commence the duties of the high trust to which you have called me.” □

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ter pipe, before crashing through a new chicken house and into a dwelling, where it stopped. In all, it had done an estimated \$20,000 worth of damage, for it was never intended to operate without a driver

in the control seat.

Obviously, some One is at the Helm of the Universe: otherwise all would become chaos, wreckage and confusion.

Unless the Lord is in control of your life, the end will be as disastrous as the wreckage caused by the driverless bull-dozer.

How A Scientist Became A Christian

[The following is by our friend Shem Dharampaul of Alberta, Canada, MD (University of Alberta), FRCPC (Fellow of the College of Physicians of Canada), and trained in Nuclear Medicine. He is published in the Journal of Parasitology, Journal of Rehabilitation, Clinical & Experimental Immunology, Virchow’s Archives, and the Journal of Medical Entomology.]

I want to share with you the account of a day that began as the worst day in my life and ended as the best day in my life. I will tell you first how I got to that day, and then I will tell you what happened on that day.

I was born in a small country in South America, although my grandparents were from somewhere in the Indian Subcontinent. I often attended a Lutheran Church with my mother when I was a child. My parents divorced when I was eleven years old, and my mother, two brothers, and I, immigrated to Canada when I was fourteen years old. I did not go to Church for years after we moved to Canada.

By the time I finished High School, I was questioning the existence of God. I went to University, and by the time I finished my four year degree in Science, I was very much a secular humanist/atheist. That’s a person who does not believe that there is a God and believes that humans are the ultimate and

best product of evolution.

In University, I became more and more involved in a sinful way of life. During my four years of study in Science, I met a Christian in my class. I would ridicule her beliefs and try to show her the contradictions in her life and philosophy. She invited me to a meeting once where they showed a movie about Jesus, but I did not believe it then.

At the end of our third year in the Science Program, this classmate went to another part of the country to study Medicine. I finished the fourth year in Science and enrolled in Medical School at the University that I was already attending. At about this time, my brother became a Christian. I think he used to be worse than me at sinning, but he started to show a change in his life after he became a Christian. However, he would still do or say bad things sometimes, and then I would mock him. He also

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Where Is Your Treasure?

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“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” Lk. 12:34.

Jesus teaches us to train our hearts and minds to think more in terms of eternal things than earthly things. We are either laying up treasures on this earth, or we are laying up treasures in heaven. This is not the natural way for men to live, but it is a part of the transformation that is taking place in the sincere child of God. It only makes sense that we be thus minded.

This life is brief, and the older we get, the more real this becomes. However, we are going to live eternally in the place that God is preparing for us. Treasures that we lay up on this earth will remain here after we are gone and will one day perish. Treasures that we lay up in heaven will last forever. This important question: “Where is your treasure” should help guide us in our decisions and priorities.

Just prior to this verse,

Jesus told a parable about a man that was rich, whose farm was prospering abundantly. He had no room to store the harvest of his land, so his only solution was to build bigger barns. Jesus said this man’s reasoning was foolish, because he was going to die and leave it all behind. He then instructed His disciples to live more for the world to come than for this present world.

This does not mean that we are not to earn money or provide for our families, or even leave an inheritance to our descendants. These things are not wrong; they are indeed our responsibilities. However, this world is not our priority. Jesus told these followers that if all we do is live for material things, we are no different from the world. How is it then, that we lay up treasure in heaven?

Jesus instructed the listeners that by giving rather than hoarding, they would be laying up treasures in heaven. The more we invest our resources in eternal things, the more treasure we will have in heaven. Jesus instructed the listeners that by giving rather than hoarding, they

would be laying up treasures in heaven. The more we invest our resources in eternal things, the more treasure we will have in heaven.

What things are eternal? The first things we think of are the eternal souls of men, women, boys and girls. As we give to the work of God, as we pray for souls to be saved, as we teach and train others to serve the Lord, and sup-

port the work of missions and our local church, we are investing in eternity. And the more of our treasure we have in heaven, the more our hearts will be there. The reason our hearts are so fixed on this world and on temporal things is because that is where our treasures are: As we obey the Lord and invest in heavenly things, we will find our hearts will be there also. □

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ceased when Christ fulfilled it or died on the cross; the moral law is still in effect. It is the standard by which He declares every sinner condemned (1 Jn. 3:4; Rom. 3:9, 19). Also it is the standard by which children of God get their rewards.

If the ten commandments were done away with at Christ’s death, the weightier matters of the law were, too. Then again, if Christ did away with the law, or destroyed it, then built it all but one in the New Testament, He would make Himself a transgressor (Gal. 2:18).

The weightier matters of the law were and are judgment, mercy, and faith.

The action of God’s law is similar to ours. When a murderer is captured, tried, convicted, and sentenced, the only thing left for the murderer to do is to go to the justice department and plead for mercy, and receive it, if granted. The action of a sinner under God’s law is the same way. When the sinner is declared guilty by God’s standard (the law), he goes to God seeking mercy, and there stands a Crucified One in his stead, a merciful Savior.

The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, but when faith came we were no longer under a schoolmaster (Gal. 3:23, 25). The law acts the same way upon every sinner that comes to Christ for mercy. □

Recent Virginia Church Service — Stimulus Sermon

Genesis 47:13-27

[This is from the pastor of a predominately black church in Virginia. This guy is obvious a leader. Perhaps we should each decide who our real leader is ... it is amazing to see that very little has changed in 4,000 years. — Copied from the Internet.]

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Good morning, Brothers and Sisters. It's always a delight to see the pews crowded on Sunday morning, and so eager to get into God's Word.

Turn with me in your Bibles, if you will, to the 47th chapter of Genesis, we'll begin our reading at verse 13 and go through verse 27. Brother Ray, would you stand and read that great passage for us?

"And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought; and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And

when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses; and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year" (Gen. 17:13-17).

Thank you for that fine reading, Bro. Ray. So we see that economic hard times fell upon Egypt, and the people turned to the government of Pharaoh to deal with this for them. And Pharaoh nationalized the grain harvest, and placed the grain in great storehouses that he had built. So the people brought their money to Pharaoh, like a great tax increase, and gave it all to him willingly in return for grain. And this went on until their money ran out, and they were hungry again.

So when they went to

Pharaoh after that, they brought their livestock — their cattle, their horses, their sheep, and their donkeys — to barter for grain, and verse 17 says that only took them through the end of that year.

But the famine wasn't over, was it? So the next year, the people came before Pharaoh and admitted they had nothing left, except their land and their own lives. "There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our land. Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for food, and we with our land will be servants to Pharaoh." So they surrendered their homes, their land, and their real estate to Pharaoh's government, and then sold themselves into slavery to him, in return for grain.

What can we learn from this, brothers and sisters? That turning to the government instead of to God to be our provider in hard times only leads to slavery? Yes! That's the only reason government wants to be our provider is to also become our master? Yes!

But look how that passage ends, brothers and sisters! "Thus Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen. And they gained possessions in it, and were fruitful and multiplied greatly." God provided for His people, just as He always has! They didn't end up giving all their

possessions to government, no, it says they gained possessions! But I also tell you a great truth today, and an ominous one.

We see the same thing happening today — the government today wants to "share the wealth" once again, to take it from us and redistribute it back to us. It wants to take control of healthcare, just as it has taken control of education, and ration it back to us, and when government rations it, then government decides who gets it, and how much, and what kind. And if we go along with it, and do it willingly, then we will wind up no differently than the people of Egypt did four thousand years ago — as slaves to the government, and as slaves to our leaders.

What Mr. Obama's government is doing now is no different from what Pharaoh's government did then and it will end the same. And a lot of people like to call Mr. Obama a "Messiah," don't they? Is he a Messiah? A saviour? Didn't the Egyptians say, after Pharaoh made them his slaves, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be servants to Pharaoh?"

Well, I tell you this — I know the Messiah; the Messiah is a friend of mine; and Mr. Obama is no messiah! No, brothers and sisters, if Mr. Obama is a character from the Bible, then he is Pharaoh.

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The Ancient Society of the Thankless Nine

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

Ten men came to Jesus one day, ten men with little to be thankful for—they were lost in the pit of leprosy. With nothing further to lose but everything to gain they came, cried and claimed His care. Then in one glorious, blinding moment they had *everything* to be thankful for! Their leprosy had been cured and they had found a new life of restoration!

But there is a bitter tragedy in the very heart of this testimony of triumph. It is a tragedy which has been repeated over and over down the long corridor of years, upon the very part and from the very heart of those who profess Christ.

It is the tragedy of forgetting that an experience in the heart and life is always meant to exercise itself in the expression of the lips and the voice. A touch from the Lord is always meant to teach us to say, "Thank you, Lord!"

Only one of the ten men remembered and returned. The other nine just went away—happy but heedless; remembering to tell loved ones, no doubt, but forgetting to thank the One who healed them. They were like so many present-day Christians—so filled with the good things of the

Lord, but so empty in returning praise and thanksgiving.

Perhaps these nine never knew it—perhaps they would have been frightened or humbled if they had known, but in a solemn, spiritual sense, they went away to form the charter membership of one of the most Christ-wounding societies on the face of this earth, which since that time has tragically grown to cover the earth with a membership that is not even aware of its existence; and even less aware that they are an active part of it.

The Society? It can go under many names. I choose to call it, "The Ancient Society of the Thankless Nine."

There is only one mark for membership. Just forget to say "Thank you" to the Lord Jesus whenever He has done something for you.

Think back. Were there not times when He was so real, so dear, so near? when He so blessedly revealed Himself? when He had so lovingly? when He guided so graciously? when He protected so powerfully? when He supplied with such sufficiency? And perhaps you think back, now, with tears and a torn heart.

Think of today. Thanks-

giving is here, with so much to remind of the pause for the giving of thanks, for this should be a holy day rather than a holiday.

Think again of the blessed Lord Jesus. In the very gathering of the long shadows of Calvary, He paused, "and gave thanks" (Lk. 22:17). Say not that He who drained the cup for us in our stead, shall receive in return naught save the bitter dregs of thanklessness! Such a tragedy at Thanksgiving is a sign of a leprosy of the soul.

Or perhaps you never have reached out and accepted the free gift which God offers you in Christ Jesus. To all men, doomed because of sin to eternal separation from God, He has made available eternal salvation. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God ... The wages of sin is death ... But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 6:23; 5:8).

But He will not force His gift upon you—you must reach out by faith and accept Jesus Christ's substitutionary death as having been for you. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Pet. 2:24).

Then, having accepted this Gift, join the Lord's people at this Thanksgiving time in praise to Him who is the giver of every good gift

Selling His Right To Pray

While walking along the street one day, Charles H. Spurgeon, the famous London preacher overheard a young, robust workman swear like a Missouri catskiner. Mr. Spurgeon went up to him and touched his arm.

"Can you pray as well as you can swear?" he asked.

The young man laughed with a superior air. He declared he never indulged in anything so useless as that.

"Well, I'll give you this," Mr. Spurgeon said, offering him a coin of considerable size, "if you will promise me never to pray."

The young man pocketed the coin with a chuckle. By and by, however, as the day wore on, he felt uneasy. Never to pray? Never? Maybe he would want to pray some day. Maybe he had sold something very precious for very little. Coming home in the evening, he told his wife. She was horrified. "We don't pray," she worried, "but some day we may want to pray."

They found out who it was that had given the coin and sought him. Mr. Spurgeon was able to lead them both to Christ.

For how much would you forfeit the vast privilege of prayer? □

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told me about Jesus, but I didn't believe, and I hated my brother for telling me that I was a sinner on my way to Hell.

In Medical School, two things started to happen to me. First, I started hating myself for sinning, but I still kept on sinning. Then, I started to question my disbelief in God. I think that I was starting to realize that there was more to life than evolution. I was looking at what I learned in Medical School about how complex the human body was and thinking that this couldn't happen by chance. Then I realized that if humans were the ultimate in evolution, and were the only ones that could fix all the problems in the world, then there was no hope. Why? Because I was a human and was such a terrible person that I couldn't help myself, much less the world. These thoughts became more and more consuming in my mind. I started having doubts about a lot of things. I would try talking to God, saying in my mind, that "if you're there, then do something to let me know." I would look at the sky in the night, and say, "OK God, I am looking right at that star, make it go super nova, then I will know that there is a God." Of course, nothing like that happened, but with time, I became more and more convinced that there was a God.

I talked to many people in University of different religions, and was most impressed with Christians for their love for those that hated them. I felt that if there was a God, it must be the God of the Bible. However, I did not want to submit to God. I would say as if speaking to God, that "God, when I die, I don't want to go to heaven, or hell. I just want to die and disappear into nothingness."

At this time, I was in my second year of Medical School, and more steeped in sin than ever. I took a summer job setting up appointments for a savings plan representative. During that summer, things got worse, and I hated my sins so much, that I felt that I could live with them no longer. One day, I was alone in my bedroom, and no one else was at home. I could no longer bear the weight of my sins, and decided to take my life. I was about to, when I remembered one of the clients that I had met that week on the job seemed like a nice person. For some reason, I decided to phone her, and I did. She started telling me about how God had worked in her life to overcome some difficulties. While on that phone, for about five or ten minutes, I decided to bring my burdens to God. So, after I hung up the phone, I knelt down beside my bed and prayed to God. I said I now

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Bow with me in prayer, if you will ... Lord, You alone are worthy to be served, and we rely on You, and You alone. We confess that the government is not our deliverer, and never rightly will be. We read in the eighth chapter of First Samuel, when Samuel warned the people of what a ruler would do, where it says "And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have

chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day..." and Lord, we acknowledge that day has come. We cry out to you because of the ruler that we have chosen for ourselves as a nation. Lord, we pray for this nation. We pray for revival, and we pray for deliverance from those who would be our masters. Give us hearts to seek You and hands to serve You, and protect Your people from the atrocities of Pharaoh's government. In God we trust. □

Baptizing

Ye sons of men, who long have sought
The meaning of the word baptize,
Attend our practice, and be taught
In what His solemn meaning lies.

Behold these humble Christians go
Down, down beneath the yielding wave;
Jesus the Lord was buried so,
When He was covered in the grave.

This brings to view the ancient days, first
When the Gospel Church was raised,
No other mode was then devised —
Believing souls were thus baptized:

Baptized into the Saviour's death,
Arising, live the life of faith;
Giving to Christ, the Lord, the praise,
By walking in His humble ways.



Nurses Euthanizing Patients Without Consent. — In a study of nurses in Belgium who have participated in “assisted suicides,” half admitted to researchers that they euthanized patients “without request or consent” (“Warning to Britain as Almost Half of Belgium’s Euthanasia Nurses Admit to Killing without Consent,” Daily Mail, July 10, 2010). Since it was legalized in 2002, euthanasia now accounts for two percent of deaths in Belgium (around 2,000 a year), but that is only the reported “legal” killings. In the modern culture of death, doctors and nurses have become murderers. Dr. Peter Saunders, director of the Care Not Killing campaign in Britain, rightly observed: “We should take a warning from this that wherever you draw the line, people will go up to it and beyond it. Once you have legalized voluntary euthanasia, involuntary euthanasia comes. — FBIS

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Christian Evangelists Arrested at Arab Festival. — Police in the

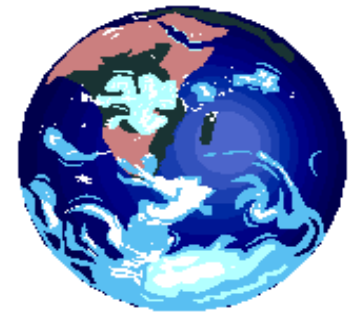
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heavily Arab Detroit suburb of Dearborn say they arrested four Christian missionaries for alleged disorderly conduct at an Arab cultural festival. Police Chief Ron Haddad says his department made the arrests Friday. The four, who are free on bond, insist they only spoke with people who wanted to speak with them. Christian proselytizing at the festival has been a matter of dispute for several years. Haddad told the *Detroit Free Press* he isn’t taking sides, but police have to keep peace at a festival that draws 300,000 people over three days. On Thursday, a federal appeals court said evangelist George Saieg could distribute information on the festival’s perimeter. He was not one of the four Christians arrested. — AP

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Sharia “The Root of the Problem.” — A critic of Islam is pleased that two Muslims in Canada will spend 25 years in prison for murdering a relative in an alleged “honor killing.” According to *The Globe and Mail*, 60-year-old Mohammed Parvez and his 29-year-old son Waqas Parvez recently plead guilty to second-degree murder for the December 10, 2007, slaying of 16-year-old Aqsa Parvez. The paper said the

teenager fought her parents for the right to wear Western clothing and to jettison the “hijab” (Islamic head covering) they wanted her to wear. Asqa wanted to apply for a part-time job against her father Mohammed’s wishes and she ran away from home twice, after which her father vowed he would kill her if she ever ran away again. While agreeing with the sentences imposed, Robert Spencer, director of Jihad Watch, says more needs to be done. “It’s a good thing that Aqsa Parvez’s father was convicted and will serve, along with her brother, a life sentence,” he remarks. “But it’s not enough because it is something that’s going to continue in Muslim communities in the United States and Canada until we confront the root of the problem.” And the root of the problem, he says, is Islamic Sharia law, which condones such honor killings. “This is something that the American press has gravely omitted in its coverage of such events in the United States and in Canada and elsewhere in the West,” says the Jihad Watch director. “But the unpleasant reality is that many Muslim countries— notably Syria and Jordan— actually have it on their books.” Spencer refutes the claims by the Canadian



Council on American-Islamic Relations that Aqsa’s murder was nothing more than an act of domestic violence that could have happened in any religion. — ONN

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Home Depot’s “Gay Pride” Support Spot-lighted. — Home Depot is under fire for supporting events that promote homosexuality. Home Depot has a history of supporting homosexual events, the most recent parades in Portland, Maine, and in Boston — that according to Randy Sharp of the American Family Association. “The worst offense is that Home Depot has set up kids’ workshops at these gay pride festivals,” explains AFA’s director of special projects. “These are events that have loud, boisterous homosexual activists making their voices heard — and Home Depot is putting money behind setting up kids’ booths at these kinds of events.” According to AFA, Home Depot has sponsored and participated in both the

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La Voz Del Desierto

La Biblia No Tiene Errores

A menudo nos encontramos con personas que nos dicen, *“eso que tú me dices ya no lo entiendo, y si leo la Biblia, mucho menos, por que tiene tantos errores.”* Por el contrario, nosotros los que hemos aceptado a Jesucristo como nuestro Dueño y Salvador, si la entendemos, y no porque sepamos más que nadie, sino por la gracia de nuestro Señor, que pone el Espíritu Santo para que podamos comprender su deseo y voluntad; de que todos los hombres sean salvos. Y además, todos los que hemos venido a Cristo, sabemos cuán necesaria es esa Palabra en nuestras vidas, pues es útil para instruirnos en toda buena obra (2da Tim. 3:16). Para muestra uno o dos botones bastan, y sí esos errores existieran, los encontraríamos desde el principio hasta el final de la Biblia. Como por ejemplo, cuando leemos acerca de las edades de los patriarcas desde Adán hasta Noé o Abraham (Gén. 5:1-32). Con la simple lectura de estos versículos, una persona que no es salva, podría intentar buscar

errores en los números o en las matemáticas, pero por más que lo intente, no podría encontrarlos. Y por el contrario, si los entendiera podría darse cuenta de la grandeza y veracidad de la Palabra de Dios, que es nuestra Biblia. Podría contestarse unas cuantas preguntas, como la que a menudo nos hacen, que de dónde salió la esposa de Caín, o los hijos que tuvo, de los cuales nos habla en Génesis 4:16-24). La contestación a estas interrogantes, se encuentra en Génesis 3:3-4. Cuando dice engendro hijos e hijas, la Palabra no nos menciona más detalles, pero por sentido común, podemos asumir que esos hijos e hijas, tuvieron que ser más de cien, porque una familia común y corriente, que sólo vive 70 u 80 años tiene hasta doce hijos, imaginen ustedes una familia que vive 800 o 900 años, cuántos no podrá tener. Dentro de esos hijos e hijas, se encuentra la esposa de Caín, porque no había nadie más, antes que él en la tierra, sólo estaban Adán y Eva y sus hijos por supuesto.

Otro de los personajes que nos habla la Biblia es Matusalén, el hombre que más tiempo vivió sobre la faz de la tierra, 969 años. Si hubiese alguno buscando errores podría intentarlo aquí, con la edad de Matusalén y la fecha en que ocurrió el diluvio, y buscaría algún error en las fechas, o en los años en que nos dice la Palabra, que ocurrieron los eventos. Pero como la Palabra es correcta, exacta y veraz, la fecha en que muere Matusalén, corresponde a la fecha en que ocurre el diluvio; pues si sumamos los 600 años que es la edad de Noé, cuando ocurre el diluvio, y los 187 que tenía Matusalén cuando nació su hijo Lamec, padre de Noé, dice la Palabra, que él vivió después de su nacimiento 782 años, y ese exactamente, fue el tiempo que transcurrió, desde el nacimiento de Lamec hasta el diluvio, ni un año más, ni un año menos. Por estos datos podemos concluir que Matusalén murió el año del diluvio, a los 969 años. Matusalén en hebreo significa “cuando muera será enviado.” Vivió más

tiempo que cualquier otro hombre, esto pudo haber sido una profecía de que el diluvio llegaría en el año de su muerte. Por el contrario, su hijo Lamec murió 5 años antes del diluvio, pues dice la Palabra que vivió 595 años después que nació Noé y como todos sabemos, el diluvio ocurrió a los 600 años de la vida de Noé (Gén. 5:25-32).

En los capítulos 10 y 11 nos narra la Palabra acerca de los descendientes y las generaciones de los hijos de Noé hasta Abraham. Allí podemos ver como Jehová nuestro Dios, acortó la vida del hombre, que antes vivía novecientos años, hasta los 400 en la vida de Heber. Luego el promedio de vida se mantuvo en los 200 años, hasta la vida de Abraham que fue de 175 años. Por lo que aquí leemos, nos podemos dar cuenta de que Nimrod, que fue poderoso en la tierra y constructor de la torre de Babel, era primo y contemporáneo de Sala hijo de Arzafad. Y los eventos de la torre de Babel ocurrieron de los 70 a los 100 años

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después del diluvio, y que hasta ese momento, en la vida de Ninrod y Sala todos en la tierra hablaban una sola lengua. De ahí en adelante se esparcieron sobre la faz de la tierra hablando diferentes lenguas.

Si Noé hubiese querido hablar o compartir con su 7 veces tataranieto Abraham, y si hablaran la misma lengua, lo habría logrado; pues Noé continuó viviendo sobre la tierra 350 años después del diluvio, y Abraham nació 176 años después del diluvio, y vivió 175 años, lo cual indica que fueron contemporáneo durante 174 años.

Por otro lado cuando leemos Génesis 6:12-16, a veces no nos damos cuenta de la magnitud de lo que allí se hizo, y de cómo el deseo de Dios es que todos los hombres sean salvos. Allí se manifestó Su deseo, en el tamaño del arca que ordenó construir a Noé. Las medidas que el Señor le dio a Noé fueron exactas y precisas. Según las medidas lineales en la Biblia, un codo equivale a 45 centímetros, y 45 centímetros equivalen a un pie y medio.

Si nos fijamos bien, podemos ver que había suficiente espacio, no sólo para los animales que estaban en el arca, sino que también había espacio para aquellos que hubiesen creído a las predicaciones de Noé. Además el tamaño y las dimensiones no sólo eran para albergar a los animales, sino también su alimento. Por otro lado, esas dimensiones del arca, soportarían las inclemencias del tiempo y las marejadas, que por más de 40 días, y luego meses, iba a soportar.

A través de la historia podemos ver también, que el hombre no fue capaz de construir durante 6,000 años una embarcación de tal tamaño, y que solamente con la tecnología moderna de comienzos del siglo 20, fue capaz de construirla.

Por todas estas razones hermanos, debemos de reconocer las grandes proezas y construcciones, pero más importante la exactitud, la veracidad y la ausencia de errores de la Palabra de Dios (2da Tim. 3:16-17; 2da Ped. 1:19, 21). A Dios sea la gloria siempre. Amén.

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Yo Pagaré Sus Deudas

Un caballero cristiano, queriendo dar una lección práctica acerca del asunto de la salvación por fe en la palabra de Cristo, puso en la puerta de su casa un letrero que decía: Mañana, día tal, pagaré las deudas de todo aquel que venga a exponérmelas, entre las ocho y las doce de la mañana.

Dieron las once del día sin que nadie hubiese acudido. Poco tiempo después llegó un pobre hombre, que con mucha timidez y con vergüenza, le dijo:

“Señor, ¿es cierto que usted ha prometido pagar las deudas de cualquier persona que venga a verle?”

“Sí, efectivamente, así es. ¿Cuánto debo a usted? El hombre mostró las facturas y el caballero extendió un cheque por el valor de la cantidad que debía, y le mandó que se sentase hasta que dieran las doce. Media hora más tarde llegó otro y fue tratado de la misma manera. Al dar las doce el noble despachó a los dos.

Al salir a la calle se hallaron con muchos, dispuestos a burlarse de ellos por haber sido tan

crédulos y haberse dejado engañar, según ellos creían; pero grande fue su sorpresa al ver los cheques que tenían en la mano.

Entonces corrieron a la puerta de la casa; mas, ¡ay!, ya era tarde, ya había pasado la hora y la puerta estaba cerrada. Tuvieron que volverse entristecidos por no haber creído.

Esta es una ilustración de las condiciones para obtener el perdón de pecados, que es el don gratuito de Dios. Hay un tiempo específico durante el cual se halla abierta la puerta de gracia. No siempre será así.

Puede llegar el tiempo cuando será demasiado tarde para poder alcanzar la salvación de Dios. El único tiempo que podemos considerar como nuestro es el de “Ahora”, el de “Hoy”.

La exhortación bíblica es: “... He aquí ahora el tiempo aceptables; he aquí ahora el día de salvación” (2da Corintios 6:2). “... Si oyereis hoy su voz, no endurezcáis vuestros corazones” (Hebreos 3:15).

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“Hay camino que el hombre parece derecho; Empero su fin son caminos de muerte”

-- Prov. 14:12

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of everything. It looks pretty bad sometimes, doesn't it?

“Right forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Standeth God amidst the shadows,
Keeping watch above His own.”

“For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

If you want to understand why God Almighty is not working the physical, outward miracles during this dispensation that He wrought in Bible times, you should read **The Silence of God** by Sir Robert Anderson (out of print).

Prophecies already fulfilled are a clear seal of God upon His Word. Prophecies are being fulfilled today. The headlines in almost every newspaper tell us prophecy is being fulfilled. This world is hastening to the reign of Antichrist. It is making the final preparation for it. He is the man this world wants.

I said sometime ago that sixty per cent of the world's population is now

under a dictatorship, and read the next day in the papers in an article by Roger Babson that eighty per cent of the earth's population is under dictators, or the equivalent of a dictator.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away.” We quote it, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away;” but that is not the way. This is the way to quote it, “Heaven and earth *shall* pass away; but my world *shall not* pass away.” I read that a good many times before I saw that, that is, that there is going to be a transformation on this earth during the Tribulation Period in the Millennium and final battle of Armageddon (Rev. 20), that it so thoroughly transforms every part of the whole universe of God, until there won't be a single spot or square inch where Satan's slimy hands have touched but will be cleansed and purified so much so that the Scriptures tell us it will be a new heaven and new earth.

God appeals through fulfilled prophecy. “And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him” (Dt.

41:21-23).

God is reasoning here. Come on now, “Put up, or shut up” — as we would say.

“The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him” (Jer. 28:9). That is fair, isn't it? God comes out in the open and says, here is the challenge. Let the world accept it, admit it is God.

Prophecy is a *miracle* of utterance. That is the reason I am talking about prophecy. It is a miracle in action (Dr. Pierson). It is a miracle, supernatural power in *word*.

Supernatural power in *work* is a miracle. Christ Himself appealed to prophecy as a basis of faith and the Word of God is filled with it, if you search for it. “And now I have told you before it is come to pass, that when it is come to pass ye might believe.”

What is He saying? Read the story of the resurrection. Why are the graves opened? That God's people may come out? Why will every grave be opened when the trumpet sounds and the dead in Christ rise? To let them out? No, they won't need the graves opened to let them out; but it is that the devils and demons and angels and principalities and powers and Christ-rejecting nations may look where death held God's people at one time.

Like these men and women, when they saw the stone rolled away and the angel said, “He is not here; he is risen.” Peter and John came. They look in and saw the grave clothes and the napkin folded to one side, but no dead body. “And then they remember *the word*,” says the Word of God — not the miracle. The miracle caused wonder! The Word caused faith!

When Simon Peter cursed and denied he had ever known the Lord, he saw the Lord and *remembered the words* that Christ had spoken, the prophecy He had made that came true, and it broke his heart and he went out and wept bitterly. It was the Word of God.

Prophecies fulfilled in Christ enabled the apostles to say boldly in support of their claims of the gospel, “To him give all the prophets witness.” Absolutely everything converged from Adam to Calvary in the coming, the living, the suffering, the dying, the burial, the resurrection, the ascension of Jesus Christ; and all were fulfilled in Him. He was the fulfillment of every bloody sacrifice from the bleeding lamb slain by the hands of Abel until the last Passover Supper when He sat with the disciples and ate with them and instituted the Lord's Supper.

Every bleeding sacrifice

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and smoking altar was the blazing finger of God pointing to Him as Jannes and Jambres told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." That which God had declared had been done, and they had the goods. So many prophecies have been fulfilled until the most unreasonable thing in the world is for a man to reject the Word of God. The most unreasonable thing in the face of all God's Book says that has been absolutely and literally fulfilled, — why a man has to be blind and dumb and deaf not to accept it.

This Book is a Miracle of God Almighty

We have a twofold witness, prophecy and miracles. Prophecy is a miracle in utterance.

What is the purpose of miracles? The first miracle ever performed by man ought to give us the clue according to *the law of first mention*. In it we should find the purpose of every miracle throughout. Turn to it, right where we were last night. I tell you nothing gives a man courage and faith like having and knowing the truth of God Almighty.

"And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee.

And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand; that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee" (Ex. 4:1-5).

Read verse five with me, everybody, "*that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.*" This is the seal and sign of God Almighty and it is recorded here for us. It is a fact. It is the *credentials* God gave Moses and Aaron to demonstrate to the children of Israel and Pharaoh and to make the Devil's ministers themselves confess, "This is the finger of God."

Now what about the law of first mention? This is the first miracle ever performed by a human being, and what was its purpose? It was Moses' credential that he was God's man; and so was every other miracle performed by man. It is prophecy miraculously wrought out, a miracle of

God. You and I can stand on it. I don't have to take a rod and make a serpent to demonstrate to the world I am God's man. I accept what God says and I preach it.

I believe the Spirit of God works with me, the same as He did with the apostles. "We are his witnesses of these things, and so also is the Holy Ghost whom God hath given to them (in power) that obey him." I am just as conscious of the fact, and nothing gives me so much confidence as I remember, when I get up I am going to preach Jesus Christ and I am certain the Holy Spirit of God is with me and will give power to my message. I am conscious of the fact my purpose and object is one thing, and that is not to glorify Entzminger, because there is nothing about me to glorify. I am humbled at my weaknesses and failures everyday, but I have a Savior, the God of the universe, who designed to clothe Himself in a garment of flesh and live a life of service and die on a cross of shame that I might be saved; and I hope and pray, and hope you will pray for me, that I will make always the supreme object of my witness the glorifying of Him.

Here is the evidence. In verses 6-12 we have the same thing. Does that satisfy your mind and give peace to your soul, that God is authenticating and

credentialling His servants and making a record of something that stands forever; and though heaven and earth pass away, it shall not pass away. We have a foundation on which to stand.

"How firm a foundation,
Ye Saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent Word.
What more can He say,
Than to you He hath said,
To you, who to Jesus,
For refuge have fled."

Does He need to say anything else? It is a complete revelation from A to Z, nothing to be added, and nothing to be taken from it. It is perfect. If you take one letter from it, it is imperfect. You need not add to it, because it is perfect.

Now then, we come to the New Testament. Listen to the apostle, "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know" (Acts 2:22). My word isn't worth any more than yours. Read Acts 2:22 again.

"Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, *a man approved of God among you by miracles* and wonders and signs, which God did by him

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in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.” Whom is he speaking about? Jesus of Nazareth, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When He came, He needed credentials. There were lots of good men before Him. There were lots of men who did good and preached good things. He needed special credentials, and what were they? “Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man *approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you,* as ye yourselves also know.”

Jesus Himself said, On the mountainside and seaside, in city and village and country, everywhere I have performed these miracles. These things were “not done in a corner.” I did not hide like Mohammed and Buddha.

Five thousand men, besides the women and children, were present when He fed them the loaves and fishes. They even came from Jerusalem, the scholars, to Bethany to see an empty grave and a man, Lazarus, walking about who had been in the grave four days until he smelled bad; and who the next day sat down to a feast without a thing wrong with his appetite although his stomach had been in the grave four days.

We have the record of the miracles performed by Jesus.

First, turning the water into wine (Jn. 2:1-11). Of what is wine made? Out of grapes. All right, I am not going to tell anybody about it, but how many of you ever made wine out of grapes? There are two or three honest people here. How long does it take to make it? You fix it up, squeeze the juice out, and it goes through a process of fermentation — I don’t know the exact process; but after a while even the wise man talked about how it “moved” and looked in the glass.

Now when Jesus was told there was no wine at the feast, He looked at that crowd. All the wine was gone. Everybody was in the dumps. They needed some cheer around that place. He looked at the empty pots and said, “Fill them up”. They were cold, dead vessels used for religious purposes. The Jews used them in purifying. There was nothing to them, just empty — like you and me — an old stone jar.

“Fill it up with water!” They did.

“Draw it out!” They drew it out.

“Serve it to the people!” They passed it around, and the man who was ruler of the feast send word back, “My friend, you have done something unusual. You have reversed the custom. It is customary for people to

serve the best wine first; and when they are drunken and don’t know the difference in good and bad wine serve the bad. But this is the best wine at the feast.”

How long did it take Jesus to make it? Just that quick!

How did He make it? By His Word. He didn’t touch a thing.

What is a miracle? It is supernatural. To you and me it is; but to the Man who made the grapes and the vine and water, who knows all about the thing, why is it anything unreasonable for Him? He just used water and made the wine without the usual process and gave in it an illustration of the work He does in the human hearts giving light and life and joy.

The first impulse of a man’s life when first he realizes his sins are forgiven — what was it? “Wine that cheereth both the heart of man and God” — joy and delight. That is it exactly. All right.

Walking on the water (Mt. 14:22-33; Mk. 6:45-53; Jn. 6:15-21). Why not? He made the water, didn’t He?

Stilling the storm (Mk. 4:35-41). Why not? He created the waves and the wind.

Multiplying food twice (Mt. 15:32-39; Mk. 8:1-10; 6:30-44; Mt. 14:13-21; Lk. 9:10-17; Jn. 6:1-14) to feed the four thousand, the five thousand. Is it a thing incredible that the Creator of the grain and the fish

should take a little bit and make plenty out of it? Certainly it is natural for Him, for He is God. This is His credential. If He created everything, why shouldn’t He have power over it?

The coin in the fish’s mouth (Mt. 17:24-27). Go catch him, Peter, and take it out to pay the tax. Why don’t “divine healers” pull a stunt like that? If they can do one miracle, they ought to do the others. They all stand or fall together.

Schooling the fishes into the net (Lk. 5:1-11; Jn. 21:1-16), when the disciples had fished all night and caught nothing. The most unlikely place to catch fish was where their nets were filled. These seven men had fished every nook and corner of that lake; there was not a hole they had not fished; they were born and reared there. When they had fished *all night* and caught nothing and saw there was no possibility of catching anything, they pulled into shallow water and started folding up their nets. The scriptures say they had fished all night and had not even caught a minnow. Nothing! Why that is almost incredible, that seven men who had fished that sea all their lives, night and day, in every condition, could not even catch one fish all night.

But at His word they threw the net into shallow water and all at once it is

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full of life, jerking! “*That is the Lord,*” said John.

“Give me my coat” said Peter, and when he walked up the bank, what was the first thing he saw? *A fire of coals*; and that was the last thing he had seen when he denied the Lord. To walk up to that bank and see that! Oh, oh! How do you reckon he felt when he saw that *fire of coals*? The only difference now is there is fish on it. The Lord Jesus Christ did everything to call Peters’ mind back to his lying and cussing. He is going to clean this thing up and give Peter a new commission.

They drug the fish to land and the net was *filled*.

The withered fig tree (Mt. 21:18-22; Mk. 11:12-14, 20-26).

If finding the saddled donkey all ready for the Master is a miracle, and I think it was, we have a total of nine miracles Christ performed over animate and inanimate nature. It is the Creator at work. For a man to do that is a different proposition.

Is it any wonder that when Nicodemus came to Him he said, “Thou art a teacher *come from* God for no man can do the miracles that thou doest except God be with him.” Nicodemus was one of the Sanhedrin, and he confessed Jesus Christ gave every evidence of speaking with the authority of God Almighty.

The Miracles of Healing Performed By Christ

1. **Eleven lepers cleansed** (Mt. 8:2-4; Mk. 1:40-45; Lk. 5:12-15; Lk. 17:11-19).

2. **Four blind received sight** (Mt. 9:27-31; Mk. 8:22-26; Jn. 9:1-7; Mt. 12:22; Mk. 10:46-52; Lk. 18:35-43).

3. **Demons cast out of four.** (Mk. 1:21-28; Mt. 8:28-34; Mk. 5:1-20; Lk. 8:26-39; Mt. 15:21-28; Mk. 7:24-30; Mt. 17:14-21; Mk. 9:14-29; Lk. 9:37-42).

4. Afflictions like **dropsy**, the **issue of blood**, and the **deformed body** made whole. (Mt. 8:16-17; Mk. 1:32-33; Lk. 4:40-41; Mt. 9:20-22; Mk. 5:25-34; Lk. 8:43-48; Lk. 13:10-17; Lk. 14:1-6).

5. **Two cured of fever.** (Jn. 4:43-54; Lk. 4:38-39; Mt. 8:14-15; Mk. 1:29-31).

6. **Two cured of palsy.** (Mt. 9:2-8; Mk. 2:1-12; Lk. 5:18-26; Mt. 8:5-13; Lk. 7:1-10).

7. **One impotent in the feet.** (Jn. 5:1-17).

8. **One deaf and dumb.** (Mk. 7:31-37; Mt. 9:32-33; Mt. 12:22-20).

9. **One withered hand.** (Mt. 12:9-12; Mk. 3:1-6; Lk. 6:6-11).

10. The healing of **Malchus’ ear.** (Lk. 22:50-51; Jn. 18:10-11; Mt. 26:51-56; Mk. 14:46-47). Why doesn’t some “divine healer” try that?

11. **Three dead raised.** (Lk. 7:11-16; Mt. 9:18-19, 23-36; Mk. 5:22-

42; Lk. 8:41-42, 49-56; Jn. 11:1-46.

Here the Creator of man demonstrated His perfect understanding and power over the human body. If this watch in my hand gets out of shape, the man who made it ought to know what to do with it and he can even make it run backwards, too, in reverse order. Why? He would not have known how to do that except that he made it. If it runs too fast, or too slow, he can regulate it. That is no marvel. He made it.

If God made this body of mine, why it ought to be an easy matter for Him to adjust it. If he made my hand, he ought to be able to fix it up if something goes wrong with it. If this foot of mine is crippled, He made it and knows about it and ought to be able to fix it up strong and well.

My stomach may get out of order; but He knows about my anatomy and He ought to be able to straighten out my stomach. He ought to know how to purify and cleanse me if the Devil gets in, and certainly I don’t know how. It is a hard thing for me. Is it a thing incredible that the God who made this machine can demonstrate to the world He made it and is Master of it?

He is the God who made the wind — is it incredible that the wind should obey Him? He certainly has as much power over what He has made as the man who

made a watch or automobile. If the God who made the water walks on it or changes it — why it is not at all incredible that the Creation should obey His voice.

He has perfect control over every phase of the Universe. *He made no failure.* He didn’t have somebody put the crutches aside and say, “Straighten that leg, straighten it! Now walk on it. It is all right now. You are well!” That is the biggest piece of mockery in the world. It is an insult to God Almighty.

There were thirty-three miracles of healing; nine on nature, making a total of 42, and *not one failure.* Every one was a marvel of success.

“Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.” “There isn’t one of you out of all the multitude that has not witnessed the things He did,” He says.

Turn to Mark 16 with me and let us do a little definite detail work for a few minutes. It is a peculiar fact the Great Commission in Matthew says not a word about miracles. When He commissioned the 12 and the 70 he commissioned them to perform miracles. When they came reporting their success, He said, “Don’t rejoice about that;

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it is a small matter. But rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Around this Pentecostal, Christian Science crowd all you hear is, “Praise the Lord, He healed my body and baptized me with the Spirit.” Jesus said, Don’t be boasting about miracles; “Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” How many of you knew that? You don’t say it like you know it. That is no figment of the mind; but it is (your name) actually written in heaven as definitely and certainly as the names of the twelve tribes were written on the breast and shoulders of the high priest — that certain are your names written in Heaven. If Jesus Christ, my High Priest, is there, my name is written there.

In the Great Commission He said, “Make disciples and baptize them and teach them,” because they were perfectly familiar with all His miracles. It is the gospel to the whole world.

Yet when He comes to Mark, generally acknowledge as written primarily to Gentiles, he includes miracles and signs. “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And

these signs shall follow them that believe.”

Not necessarily all or every one of them that believe; it does not necessarily mean every individual, “And I if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me.” We know He has not and we know it means something besides literally every individual one. It means all mankind, out of every nation, kindred, and tongue.

“And in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God.”

I talked to a Pentecostal woman, a bright and unusually intelligent woman, and that is the only passage of scripture she knew. I tried to carry her to some other part, but that was all she knew. She never had even read the 20th verse, “And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following.”

That is what we have in Acts, the fulfillment of these verses. The first *apostolic miracle* was the lame man at the Gate Beautiful (Acts 3:1-21). You know the story. When Peter preached after the man was healed, what did

he say? “Repent ye, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

Not a word about performing miracles. Not “you ought to heal lame men.” He further emphasized the truth, “Neither is there *salvation* [not healing] in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved [not healed] (Acts 4:12).

“Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must *be saved*.” Not a word about you and me performing these miracles today. *It is all about salvation.*

We are talking about the confirmation of the promise in Mark 16:20. We have the prayer of the Christians, “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus” (Acts 4:29-30).

It was answered in verses 32 and 33, “And *the multitude of them that believed* were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave

the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:32-33).

Read further, “*and believers* were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed *every one*” (Acts 4:14-16). *Not a failure.* The whole matter under discussion here is miracles as credentials of these preachers; but they are not given for you and me to duplicate today.

Another confirmation is given to Philip in Samaria (Acts 8:5-8).

Peter in Caesarea, “The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, *preaching peace by Jesus Christ*; (he is Lord of all;) that word, I say, ye know which was published throughout all Judea and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the

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devil, *for God was with him*. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they slew and hanged on a tree” (Acts 10:36-39).

This is confirmed in the coming of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, which was a sign gift; and Peter used this as authentication of the seal of God’s approval on his ministry to the Gentiles, “Forasmuch then as God gave them *the like gift* as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace and glorified God, saying, *Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life*” (Acts 11:17-18).

Another confirmation is Peter’s miraculous deliverance from prison in the 12th chapter.

Paul and Barnabas’ ministry to the Gentiles was confirmed according to the promise of Mark 16:20. “Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished *at the doctrine of the Lord*” (Acts 13:6-13). It was a miracle of wonder and amazement that led him to meditate on the doctrine these preachers preached, and to believe it. The miracle caused wonder, the doctrine faith —

The confirmation in Cilicia (Acts 14:8-10). The heathen there wanted to worship Paul and Barnabas because of the miracle they performed.

Notice the results in Philippi, where Paul cast an evil spirit out of the girl and freed her from slavery and bondage. Paul and Barnabas were caught and put in prison with their feet fast in the stocks; and God brought an earthquake that shook up the jail and the jailer and all the prisoners, and converted the jailer (Acts 16:16-18).

Paul’s apostleship is approved in Acts 19:1-7. There he laid his hands upon twelve disciples of John who did not even know anything about the Holy Ghost. He preached the truth to them. They were saved, and he baptized them, laid his hands on them, and the Holy Spirits came upon them and they spoke with tongues. That was the first time he had that experience — imparting the gift of the Holy Ghost.

“Special miracles” were performed in the establishment of that great work, “And many that believed came and confessed” (Acts 19:18-20). Further confirmation of Mark 16:17-20 was given on the Island of Miletus among the Barbarians, where Paul was unhurt by the viper, and he healed Publius (Acts 28:3-6).

Reinforcement of all this is given in 1 Corin-

thians 10:6, 11. Notice especially “It all happened to them by way of warning to others and it is written down for the purpose of instructing us whose lot has been cast in the closing hours of the world” (Moffat). What? All these miracles and signs, from the first when Moses threw down his rod and it became a serpent and the sun stood still, making its bow to the deliverance of God Almighty in the Land of Promise. Did these things all happen that we might read and try to duplicate them?

According to His Will

No, they are written to teach us something. Lots of folks don’t seem to have sense enough to be taught some things. “*According to His own will,*” says the Hebrew epistle, chapter 2:2-4. “For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was *confirmed unto us by them that heard him*; God also bearing them witness, *both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will.*”

These miracles were all done as convincing and confirming evidence of the apostolic work. It is recorded for us. This con-

firmation is declared by Paul, “For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, *to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God*; so that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ” (Rom. 15:18-19).

Signs and wonders were his credentials. They were for a season, and when their purpose was served, like the sign of tongues they ceased. Paul declares definitely, “If there be tongues, *they shall cease,*” and that ought to settle it with everybody one for all (1 Cor. 13:8).

When a man jabbars in tongues, it is the Devil’s tongue, not God’s; I am willing to stake my Christianity and faith on that. There is no such thing, and I don’t mean to limit God’s power. I mean that God has a plan He is following, and He is not gratifying the whims of the flesh that wants to feel good and have a thrill. The greatest thrill Christ had was in doing the will of God (Jn. 4:34).

Notice also, “*Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds*” (2 Cor. 12:12)

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Signs were for a season. Since the establishment of Christianity, how does faith come? By seeing miracles? You would think so to hear these folks talk who are running “divine healing” shows.

But “*Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God*” (Rom. 10:17). It is to hear God’s message. That is the reason you have to send a preacher out on the mission fields, that they may hear the Word. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that *heareth my words* and believeth on him that sent me, shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life” (Jn. 5:24). And when you do, you will be like that jailer who had an earthquake in his soul. The Word of God shook down the walls of Jericho, and parted the waters of Jordan, and commanded the sun to stand still, brought supernatural darkness over the earth and stilled the storm and raised the dead and turned water into wine. The Word of God saves men. It is sharp and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. “My words, they are Spirit and they are life.”

The Sword of the Spirit is not miracles, but the Word of God. Every man saved today is saved because the water (Word)

and the Spirit are at work. The Spirit takes the Word and applies it to the heart and makes a new creature (Jn. 3:5).

“Of his own will begat he us with” — miracles? “The word of truth.” Lots of disciples followed Jesus, and when He talked about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, meaning spiritually, for life and sustenance, many turned away and walked with Him no more.

What did Simon answer when He said, “Will you go away, too?” He said, “Lord you have the words of life. To whom shall we go?”

Read Luke 16:27-31, “Then he said, I pray thee therefore, Father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house; for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have *Moses and the prophets*; (OT Scriptures) let them hear them. And he said, Nay, Father Abraham; but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, if *they hear not Moses and the prophets*, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.”

If men will not believe the written Word of God, neither would they believe if a man went to them from the dead to preach to them. If a man won’t believe the Word of God, since faith cometh by hearing, all the miracles God or Satan

could work would not convert him. He is just a doubter and is doomed.

Men converted by miracles are like this crowd that turned away from Jesus. The Bible is the authentic record of miracles, and it is a miracle itself. Turn with me to 2 Timothy, the third chapter. Read it as it should be read to see exactly what it says. “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee *wise unto salvation*,” (and you don’t need any miracles), “*through faith which is in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 3:15-16).

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, *thoroughly furnished* unto all good works.”

I don’t need anything else but the Word of God, for the Word and promise of God is just as good as His very presence. The Word of Jesus Christ is just as good tonight as if He stood here in person Himself to say, “You are preaching the truth.”

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fully believe in Him and all that I had heard about how

Jesus died for me. I remembered a verse in the Bible that my Christian friend from the Science Program wrote to me a while before, Matthew 11:28 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” And when I finished praying, I was no longer crying, and I felt a peace in my heart that I had never felt before. The burden of my sins had been lifted! My sins were forgiven. I was washed clean by the pure, sinless blood of Jesus Christ, by placing my faith and trust in Him.

I went to the window and raised the blind and the sun came into my bedroom, and I heard a bird singing. And I said aloud, that from that time forth, I wanted to live for the things of God, and not the things of man, because all that man touched was spoilt.

Later that week, I faced many temptations to sin again, and the Lord my God and Savior delivered me from them. I also tried to find that client that I had phoned, but never saw her again. There was no one at the townhouse where I had met her. I tracked down the Christian classmate from the Science Program and phoned her to tell her that I had gotten saved. She replied that of all the people she ever knew, she thought that I would be the last to get saved! Well she was

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of it.” There are energy circuits throughout the universe. John 3:8 says, “and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth.” There are invisible energy circuits throughout the universe. Genesis 1:2 reads, “And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.” The first energy was the Spirit of God moving (vibrating) in the newly created universe. Light (energy) has pathways throughout the universe. Job 38:19 reads, “Where is the way where light dwelleth?” Job 38:24-25 says, “By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth? Who hath divided ... a way for the lightning of thunder.” Job 28:26 reads, “When he made a decree for ... the lightning (energy) of the thunder.” Energy also pulses, it has sound. “And even things without life giving sound” (1 Cor. 14:7). Things not even living make sounds, or give off energy. Psalm 77:17 says, “The skies sent out a sound.”

Wireless energy flow (circuits) is a creation of God and merely a discovery of man, not man created! Such is not science but science (knowledge) is necessary to understand God’s wireless currents in His creation. Are we then fascinated by wireless

energy? Are we fascinated by the fabrications which harness wireless energy like computers, cellular phones, global positioning systems, etc., or are we truly fascinated by God and His intelligence which created the energy and put in its global currents? We should be fascinated by the God who created this energy circuitry and its connecting channels.

In His timing and according to His eternal purpose God has given man the wisdom to discover and harness these paths through the universe in the last days to fulfill His eternal purpose. The first civilization was destroyed because they discovered something that met God’s disapproval. Genesis 11:4 says, “And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven: [perhaps into the sky, but not the third heaven where God dwells] and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. [A device to connect to each other?] And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language: and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.” This was not such as “ ... a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven:

and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it” (Gen. 28:12). Perhaps it was a mere tower reaching into the sky that would make them a name to displace God’s name among them?

Wireless communications via computers are helping man now to re-establish that which God once destroyed. Today there are really no new inventions; just the taking of things already invented, and coming up with new dimensions. Even the Tower of Babel is speculated to be an electromagnetic type of a force field rather than an actual tower staircase up to heaven. The tower fits as a center of a magnetic field that in the esoteric mind-science, were lines like a force field. The Tower of Babel was a natural center controlling the force field, and not a tower to get to Heaven. The tower was to become their own “heaven,” absent of God, because they would have had their own energy force control apparatus to harness these esoteric energy-waves in their own “tower.” They could draw the whole world together through this method of manipulated communication and control [See the author’s book, Pre-Flood Technology, chapter 12 for a fuller discussion on this]. The earth’s “Gauss,” the measurement of magnetic energy, once was 4.0. Now we are told it is .04. Healthy magnetism

is required for healthy growth of any organism. Laboratories have proved the magnetic potential of growth by placing magnets under wet straw and a kernel of grain on top and soon they had a plant. When they removed the magnetism the kernel died. Earth’s magnetism is essential to life. When it is low it allows growth of degenerative cells to develop. Speculation it may sound like, but we know the folks in Genesis 6 didn’t build a tower to Heaven. And if we have discovered the electronic currents and components to operate computers and telephones, and can communicate “wirelessly” through the airwaves with radio, television, and fax with energy transportation, I somehow wonder why those folks before the great flood would not have discovered it also.

God created energy to travel in defined paths throughout the universe. Job 38:19-20 says, “Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof. That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?” Romans 1:20 reads, “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal

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power and Godhead.” John 3:8-10 says, “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence cometh, and whither it goeth: ... Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?” You would think we too would know some visible things that are signs of invisible powers. Colossians 1:16 reads, “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.” Invisible things have existed since creation.

Job 15:8 tells us God has secrets: “Hast thou heard the secret of God?” Is wireless communication but “futuristic” revelation? There is no new revelation as far as God’s Word is concerned; however, we’ve witnessed new revelations in automobile science, television science, and rocket science. They are called inventions or discoveries, but they were most certainly new revelations of things kept secret until the time of discovery which powers did exist even before being discovered. Deuteronomy 29:29 reads, “The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those

things which are revealed.” Secret things are only revealed as it pleases the Lord in His timing and to fulfill His eternal purpose. Galatians 4:4 says, “But when the fulness of the time was come.” Luke 21:24 says, “until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.” Romans 11:25 says, “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery ... until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.”

In these last days God has given the world understanding to make things that could catch, read, notice, and register the invisible things made by His power since the Creation—and make it clearly seen. We have discovered the wireless currents, we have developed harness technology and made machinery to read and register that which is invisible and has been within the creation since Creation. Deuteronomy 28:64 says, “and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.” New things. Yes! New things as gods? Possibly. Think on this. “But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things” (Dan. 11:38). Psalm 81:7 reads, “in the secret place of thunder” (Energy?). Ezekiel 28:3 says, “Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide

from thee.” Yes, God has revealed secrets to men. “I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them” (Isa. 48:6). Things stay hidden until God chooses to reveal them to man. “And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light” (Job 28:11). That we are in the end of this age is most certain and sure. In fact our world is insanely running to the end at top speed. Are we ready to be raptured? Are we effectively alerting souls to Christ’s salvation before it is truly too late? □

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2010 Southern Maine Pride Festival and the 2010 Boston Gay Pride parade. The home improvement chain has provided vehicles in the parades and personnel wearing aprons with company identification. In an Action Alert to its supporters on Monday, AFA charged that children at the events are exposed to an “unhealthy and risky environment.” Sharp offers this advice: “You know, it’s very simple,” Sharp offers. “Home Depot should be like a lot of Fortune 500 companies and simply remain neutral in the culture war — don’t give money, don’t give vehicles, don’t lend employee support to homosexual activities on Main Street USA. “While homosexuals, who make up

about two percent of the population, might applaud Home Depot for its actions, AFA contends the corporation is taking the risk of offending and losing business from the other 98 percent of the public.

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America, 2010: Christians Hauled To Jail For Preaching Jesus/ Apparently the Constitution Carries Little Weight In Dearborn. —

One of the nation’s top legal teams regarding civil and religious rights has stepped into a dispute stemming from last weekend’s Arab Festival in Dearborn, Mich., where police are accused of enforcing Islamic law. “Officers arrested four Christian missionaries and illegally confiscated their video cameras which were recording the events surrounding their arrests,” said a statement today from the Thomas More Law Center of Ann Arbor, Mich. Officials in the police department with the city of Dearborn declined to comment to WND. *Be a champion for the absolute truth of Scripture, and learn your spectacular destiny direct from your Bible that’s hardly ever mentioned in church: Get “Shocked by the Bible: The Most Astonishing Facts You’ve Never Been Told” — autographed!* But the law center an-

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nouncement said the incident has been described as “police enforcement of Shariah law.” The organization said it would represent the Christians. “These Christian missionaries were exercising their constitutional rights to free speech and the free exercise of religion, but apparently the Constitution carries little weight in Dearborn, where the Muslim population seems to dominate the political apparatus,” said Richard Thompson, president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Law Center. “It’s apparent that these arrests were a retaliatory action over the embarrassing video of the strong arm tactics used last year by festival security guards. This time, the first thing police officers did before making the arrests was to confiscate the video cameras in order to prevent a recording of what was actually happening,” Thompson said. Arrested on charges of breach of the peace were Negeen Mayel, Dr. Nabeel Qureshi, Paul Rezkalla and David Wood, the legal team said. Mayel, an 18-year-old woman whose parents emigrated from Afghanistan and a recent convert from Islam to Christianity, also was charged with failure to obey a police officer’s orders. She was approximately 100 feet away and videotaping

a discussion with Muslims when her camera was seized, the law firm said. “Contrary to the comments made by Police Chief Ron Haddad, our Constitution does not allow police to ban the right of free speech just because there are some hecklers. Not all police officers approve of the way their department treated these Christians,” said Thompson. The Christian missionaries reported police told them they would have to be five blocks away from the festival to give away copies of the Gospel of John. The law center also is representing Pastor George Saeig, who was prohibited by the festival and police authorities from distributing religious material at last year’s festival. That case is ongoing and a federal appeals court ruled prior to the 2010 event that handing out Christian literature in the proximity of the festival was allowed. WND reported earlier that at least two people claim a crowd was cheering “Allahu Akbar!” while the Christians were led away in handcuffs for doing nothing more than engaging in peaceful dialogue and videotaping the event.

The Arab event was June 18 in Dearborn, where an estimated 30,000 of the city’s 98,000 residents are Muslim. The American Arab Chamber of Commerce announced the event was expected to draw “over 300,000 people from across the country, Canada

and the Middle East.” The festival covers 14 blocks and is free and open to the public.

All the Christian missionaries are from a Christian group called Acts 17 Apologetics. Qureshi said people at the festival recognized his group from its visit in 2009. Last year, the Acts 17 Apologetics team was escorted from the grounds while being allegedly assaulted by security personnel and several attendees. The following is the group’s footage of the incident: This year, Qureshi said some attendees who recognized them “would come up to us, accusing us, threatening us, saying we were racists, saying they were going to hurt us and yelling curses and insults at us.” However, he said his group was able to engage in civil conversations with many people who initiated discussion. But then the group was arrested by local police. Each of the four are now free on bond.

“Paul, David, Negeen, and I went to the festival to see and comment on the situation,” Qureshi wrote on his blog. “Thankfully, we recorded every second of our activity at the festival.” In Saieg’s case, WND reported, a federal appeals court granted an emergency motion allowing him to hand out information about his faith at the same festival. A three-judge panel from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, citing the precedent that even a minimal

loss of a fundamental right is irreparable, granted the motion requested by the Thomas More Law Center on behalf of the Sudanese Christian. — WND

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Obama’s “Two Fathers” Reference Inappropriate. — Pro-family organizations are outraged over President Obama’s Father’s Day proclamation that they claim pushes his homosexual agenda. In his official June 18 proclamation honoring fathers, the president acknowledged that “nurturing families come in many forms” — and in that list he included “two fathers.” Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council (FRC), tells OneNewsNow the president should have used the proclamation to celebrate the existence of fathers in the lives of their children rather than promote a controversial political and social agenda. “If he’s going to mention the partner of a father at all, it should be to note that children do best with their own married mother and father, and the best thing that a father can do for his child is to marry the mother of that child,” says the FRC spokesman. Tim Wildmon, president of the American Family Association, also takes issue with Obama’s reference to same-sex parents, calling it

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a “sad day for the American family” when the president of the country uses the occasion as an excuse to promote what he describes as the “radical homosexual agenda.” — ONN

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The Bible’s Candor Proves That It is the Word of God. —

When men write biographies of their heroes, they commonly omit or whitewash their faults; but the Bible exhibits its divine quality by showing men as they are. Even the best of men in the Bible are described with all their faults. We are told plainly of Adam’s rebellion, Noah’s drunkenness, David’s adultery, Solomon’s apostasy, Jonah’s pity party, Peter’s disavowal of his Master, Paul and Barnabas’ strife, the disciples’ unbelief in the face of Christ’s resurrection, and the sins and errors of the early churches. The Bible was written by Jews, yet it candidly describes the faults of the Jewish people: their stubbornness and unbelief that caused them to have to wander in the wilderness for 40 years, their idolatry during the period of the judges, their rebellion that caused them to be evicted from the land and scattered throughout the earth for two millennia. Indeed, the Bible’s candor

proves that it is the Word of the Living God. — FBIS

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Can’t Convict Scouts, Federal Jury Says. —

The city of Philadelphia cannot evict a Boy Scouts chapter from a city-owned building for refusing to admit homosexuals, a federal jury said. The city had insisted that nonprofits given free use of its property must abide by local anti-discrimination laws, which include equal protection for gays. But the jury found the city’s reason violated the scout council’s First Amendment rights. In their lawsuit, the scouts had sought an injunction barring the city from evicting them, or charging \$200,000 a year in rent, on their headquarters building. While the jury’s verdict gives weight to their request, the judge did not immediately issue the ban. Instead, U.S. District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter told jurors the city’s anti-discrimination policy is “principled” and said he hoped the two “honorable institutions” could work something out.

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No Regrets” for Killing People, Regrets Birth. —

“Assisted suicide crusader Jack Kevorkian recently told CNN in a news interview that he has no regrets about killing

more than 100 people in assisted suicides,” according to a LifeNews report by Steven Ertelt. “He also told medical correspondent and physician Sanjay Gupta that ‘the single worst moment of my life ... was the moment I was born ...’ It says here that in at least five (of the supposedly incurably ill patients Kevorkian killed) there was no evidence of any disease on autopsy,” Dr. Gupta told Dr. Kevorkian. After a long pause, Kevorkian responded, ‘Recently, I had three former CEO’s of companies (perfectly healthy) who called me up and told me they wish to die ... I didn’t do anything, but people have their rights.’ — CNN

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Comedy Would “Blaspheme Two-thirds of Trinity.” —

According to a report by OneMillionMoms.com, “Comedy central is currently making plans for the program ‘JC’ portraying Jesus as a ‘regular guy,’ as opposed to the Son of God. The show depicts him moving to New York to ‘escape his father’s enormous shadow. The Father is characterized as an apathetic dad, virtually addicted to video games and totally uninterested in his son’s life. Comedy Central is set, unless we intervene, to blaspheme two-thirds of the Trinity on a weekly basis,’ said the report. ‘ ... (And

Comedy Central is also showing favoritism for one religion over another (because they) bowed to pressure from Islamic groups and heavily censored an episode of ‘South Park’ that showed Mohammed in a bear costume. The hypocrisy here is staggering.”

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Court: Christian Group Can’t Bar Homosexuals Get Funding. —

An ideologically split Supreme Court ruled Monday that a law school can legally deny recognition to a Christian student group that won’t let homosexuals join. The court turned away an appeal from the Christian Legal Society, which sued to get funding and recognition from the University of California’s Hastings College of the Law. The CLS requires that voting members sign a statement of faith and regards “unrepentant participation in or advocacy of a sexually immoral lifestyle” as being inconsistent with that faith. But Hastings said no recognized campus groups may exclude people due to religious belief or sexual orientation. The court on a 5-4 judgment upheld the lower court rulings saying the Christian group’s First Amendment rights of association, free speech, and free exercise were not

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violated by the college's decision. "In requiring CLS — in common with all other student organizations — to choose between welcoming all students and forgoing the benefits of official recognition, we hold, Hastings did not transgress constitutional limitations," said Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who wrote the 5-4 majority opinion for the court's liberals and moderate Anthony Kennedy. "CLS, it bears emphasis, seeks not parity with other organizations, but a preferential exemption from Hastings' policy." Justice Samuel Alito wrote a strong dissent for the court's conservatives, saying the opinion was "a serious setback for freedom of expression in this country." — ONN

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Abortion Budget Cuts Upset NJ Dems.

— Because of a tight budget, New Jersey Republican Governor Chris Christie has taken action on state spending for abortion facilities by eliminating their funding. While that has prompted objections from the pro-abortion community, Len Deo, president of the New Jersey Family Policy Council (NJFPC), points out that pro-life pregnancy centers have not received a dime. "Planned Parenthood, if they believe that their programs are so

valuable, they should go out and raise their own funding, just like most non-profits have to do," Deo contends. "And for them to be government-subsidized, we think, frankly is disingenuous. "Democrats are introducing legislation to reinstate those eliminated funds, but the NJFPC president does not believe that will settle well with many voters. "I think that's obviously something that's going to be a battle, and this legislature is heavily controlled by the Democrats," he notes. "But I also think that whatever they do, they do so at their peril, because they're all up for re-election in 2011. "Deo further thinks it unlikely that there will be sufficient votes to override a veto, should the legislature pass such a bill. — ONN

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Wisconsin Supreme Court Upholds Ban On Same-sex "Marriage."

— The Wisconsin Supreme Court has upheld the state's constitutional ban on same-sex "marriage" and civil unions. In a 7-0 ruling, the court on Wednesday ruled that the 2006 constitutional amendment was properly put to voters in a statewide referendum. The court rejected a lawsuit that claimed the amendment violated a rule that limits referendum questions to a single subject. The lawsuit, filed by a voter opposed to the amendment, argued that

homosexual marriage and civil unions were two different subjects. Justice Michael Gableman says both sentences "carry out the same general purpose of preserving the legal status of marriage in Wisconsin as between only one man and one woman." — ONN

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Grad's Grievance Goes to Higher Court

— A high school valedictorian in Montana who was told to either delete references to God from her commencement speech or not speak at all at graduation is taking her complaint to the state Supreme Court. Renee Griffith was co-valedictorian in 2008 at

Butte High School, so she and the other honoree were asked to speak together about the lessons they learned in high school. Griffith wanted to express that standing up for her religious convictions taught her to persevere and not fear, but school officials gave her an ultimatum: replace the references to God with more neutral phrases, or be forbidden to speak at all at graduation. In response to the incident, The Rutherford Institute filed a suit in district court on behalf of Griffith, but the court ruled in favor of school officials. "What many courts are saying, and the schools as well, is that they have a right to censor

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To be alive in such an age!
With every year's a lightning page
Turned in the world's great wonder book
Whereon the leaning nations look.

When men speak strong for brotherhood,
For peace and universal good,
When miracles are everywhere
And every inch of common air.

Throbs a tremendous prophecy
Of greater marvels yet to be.
Oh thrilling age, Oh willing age!
Seeing beneath the world's unrest
Creation's huge untiring quest.

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anything that they feel is inappropriate, and we're back to the issue of political correctness again," explains John Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute. According to the legal group, Griffith's comments were to include the following: "I learned to persevere these past four years, even through failure or discouragement, when I had to stand for my convictions. I can say that my regrets are few and far between. I didn't let fear keep me from sharing Christ and His joy with those around me. I learned to impart hope, to encourage people to treat each day as a gift. I learned not to be known for my grades or for what I did during school, but for being committed to my faith and morals and being someone who lived with a purpose from God with a passionate love for Him." Whitehead goes on to report that the school argues that because Griffith would have been standing on a state platform when she spoke those words, that would have been indoctrinating religion. But The Rutherford Institute contends that because she was invited to speak, "she has a right to stay within the perimeters of what they gave her, and that was to speak on what was important to her — and what was important to her was her faith." "So we're

saying she's being discriminated against, because other students spoke on what was important to them," the attorney adds, also noting the free-speech issue. Just prior to the graduation ceremony, says The Rutherford Institute, Griffith was ordered to remove the words "Christ" and "God" from her speech, and to replace them with "sharing my faith" and "lived with a purpose, a purpose derived from my faith and based on a love of mankind." She refused to do so and was forbidden from speaking. Whitehead concludes that "this is a case of pure censorship," and that is why his firm is appealing to the Montana Supreme Court. — ONN

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Child Leads Arkansas "Gay Pride" Parade.

— Despite strong opposition from several fronts, including the American Family Association, 10-year-old Will Phillips served as the grand marshal and featured speaker at the Northwest Arkansas Gay Pride Parade in Fayetteville. The boy first gained notoriety last year when he refused to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at West Fork Elementary School where he was a fifth grader. He said he particularly opposed saying the phrase "liberty and justice for all" until "LGBT people have full equality." Since then he has spoken to thousands of

people on the subject. "He's obviously just parroting the nonsense he's been told by manipulative adults," said AFA President Tim Wildmon. "For gay activists to trot this child out and make him the poster child for promoting unnatural sexual expression is a form of child abuse."

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Presbyterians To Consider Redefining Marriage.

— This week's General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will consider redefining marriage to include same-sex couples and allowing ministers to perform same-sex weddings. Carmen Fowler, president of the Presbyterian Lay Committee, believes those sorts of initiatives are to blame for the denomination's declining membership. Her group supports upholding the church's traditional definition of marriage. The PCUSA's newly-elected moderator, Cynthia Bolbach, supports gay marriage but told the assembly on Saturday that the denomination has become paralyzed. Fowler says that's what happens when a church body becomes disconnected from its head — Jesus Christ. — ONN

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California School District Adopts Bible Course.

— A California

school district has decided in a 5-0 vote to adopt a Bible course that will be available to students in the upcoming school year. Beginning this fall, high school seniors of the Chino Valley School District will have the chance to enroll in a new course called "Bible as/in Literature and History." Envisioned by the board's Vice President James Na, the class will focus on giving students an understanding of the Bible's influence in history, literature, religion and politics. It will offer a survey of the Bible, beginning with the historical context of the Old Testament, and then will focus on the New Testament later in the semester. It will also provide students with a historical knowledge of the Middle East. Students may take the course as an elective, fulfilling the general requirement for admission into California State University and the University of California. Fred Youngblood, president of the Board of Education, believes the course will better equip students in life, and he hopes other school districts will offer a similar class. "It is my belief that better understanding the Bible will help all students with their decision-making process," he explains. The class stems from parents in the district who showed an interest in having the Bible taught in the public school system. The committee con-

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Fellowships And Conferences

SIoux FALLS, SD

October 3-6, 2010, Empire Baptist Temple, 412 S. Hawthorne Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104, Erich P. McCandless, Pastor.

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sidered the comments and began to research how the district could meet the request. The Chino Valley Board of Education must make sure that the course will adhere to the state education code and to California state laws, so it will remain neutral in its religious teachings and will portray the Bible as a monumental piece of literature. Youngblood is in the process of securing a textbook that will provide the basis of the course's curriculum. "The preface of the textbook...states, 'The Bible has been and still is one of the most influential books ever published. Its influence is seen in literature, art, music, culture, public policy and public debate.'" the board president reports. He believes the Bible will make a helpful impact in the lives of the students. "The Bible has been a part of my life ever since I could remember. It has had a very

positive influence on me and my family," Youngblood shares. "It is my hope that our students will have a better understanding of the impact the Bible has had on all that surrounds us." — ONN

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wrong, because there have been countless others saved after me, a few whom I shared the gospel with. Indeed, God's mercy is great, and He is still saving people from their sins today.

It is now fourteen years later. I am practicing Medicine. God has blessed me with a faithful Christian wife and two children. We serve God in our local church. I want all who hear my testimony to know that I serve the living God who created heaven and earth and all that is in them. It is this same God, who took on the form of man as Jesus Christ so that He can experience life as a man in order to take on Himself the penalty of man's sins, yet He Himself was without sin. And it is this same God, who in the form of Jesus Christ, died on the cross and shed His sinless blood to atone for the sins of this world. And all sinners can find salvation in Him, by repenting of their sins and placing their faith in Him to save them from their sins. Won't you please do that today? □

AFA makes it official: Don't Shop at The Home Depot

For several years, The Home Depot has given its financial and corporate support to open displays of homosexual activism on main streets in America's towns. **And, it says it will continue to do so!**

"At the end of the day here, we're not going to...forbid our associates to be involved in these pride festivals in any way." — Stephen Holmes, company spokesman. (Note: The associates participating in these parades were clearly doing so as representatives of the company.)

Rejecting several requests by AFA to remain neutral in the culture war, The Home Depot has chosen to sponsor and participate in numerous gay pride parades and festivals.

Most grievous is The Home Depot's deliberately exposing small children to lascivious displays of sexual conduct by homosexuals and cross-dressers, which are a common occurrence at these events.

The goal of every homosexual organization supported by The Home Depot is to get homosexual marriage legalized. **Boycott The Home Depot** provides just a glimpse of how broad its support for the homosexual movement is. The Home Depot says it is committed to furthering the homosexual agenda.

"The bottom line is, it (remaining neutral) just runs counter to our inclusive culture...and that's where we stand. — **Stephen Holmes, company spokesman. -- AFA** □

I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me,
Can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it.
Didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it.
Give account if I abuse it;
Just a tiny little minute —
But eternity is in it.