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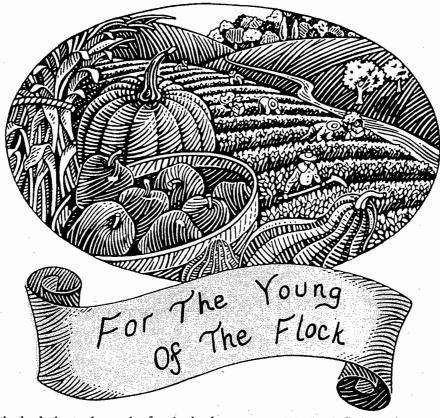
"... For the young of the flock..." Jeremiah 31:12

Fall 1991

"Hear ye the word of the Lord... He that scattereth Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd doth his flock." (Jeremiah 31:10) The prophet Jeremiah had the job of crying out against Israel's rejection of God's words. He foretold of the imminent captivity of the Israelites down in the land of Babylon where they would dwell for seventy years. He stood in the temple in Jeremiah 26:1-15 and rebuked them for their rebellious ways and implied that if they repented of their evil ways, God would turn His wrath away. As they sat and listened to this mighty prophet, they reacted to his words by deciding he should be put to death! What a stubborn and rebellious nation!! As the prophecy unfolded, Israel went into captivity for the stated 70 years and came out under the prophetic leadership of Daniel.

Jeremiah also prophesied of the time when the Lord would gather Israel back to her homeland after those years of Captivity. In Jeremiah 29:10-14, God promised He would visit them in Babylon, and said: Ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you saith the Lord and I will turn away your captivity...." In 1963, Bro. Branham used these five verses as a theme for the message called "Desperation." He taught that in this day, all the signs (the signs of Israel regathered, signs of His coming, signs of our modern times) should cause the Bride to enter into a state of desperation, or determination before God. He was drawing an unique parallel between the time of Israel's deliverance from Babylon and this present age.

What is most encouraging about all of this is found in Jeremiah 31, which is a beautiful chapter in its entirety. He begins in verse 1 by reinstating His love for Israel by saying, "At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel and they shall be my people.' He talked of the regathering and rebuilding



of the land, the tender work of a shepherd leading His flock to a land where the planters and watchmen worked with purpose and joy. It is in this same chapter he speaks of establishing a new covenant with His people, putting the law into their hearts instead of their hands and forgiving their iniquity instead of the covering of sins.

In verses 10-14, the Lord promises that when the Israelites come forth out of Babylon, they shall all benefit and prosper. He states that they will have everything they need and will throng toward the good things of Jehovah. There will be something for everyone; for the young of the flock, for the old; the young maidens shall dance and the souls of the priests shall receive of the

fatness of the Lord. God promises to supply everything for the returning seed of Israel. He said, "Their souls shall be as a watered garden."

On the front of this issue of "Youth Quake," we have incorporated a portion of the words of Jeremiah 31:12 as our theme. We believe that God, through the prophetic ministry of Bro. Branham, has gathered the Gentile Bride out of the world of organized religion and denominations. In this third and final exodus, He has faithfully supplied everything we have need of to make it to the end of the journey. In this time of "regathering" there is something for everyone. The young men and women; the old and very young; the priests

(ministry) and the whole assembly of the Bride are being satisfied with the goodness of the Lord through the Revealed Word.

The message of the hour is not different for each age group. It is one vindicated Message given by God for every member of His Bride. It is meant to instruct, teach, edify, correct and train us all in the way we must go. Rather than subdivide this precious body of truth, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation for the acknowledging of our God. As Bro. Branham prayed in 1963, "I pray, O God, that thou will come to the people and will interpret this Word, this message in the light that it should be, in that every man, woman, boy or girl might understand in the capacity that you have ordained for them to understand in."

The phrase used in Jeremiah 31:12, "...and their soul shall be as a watered garden...." creates a beautiful image for us. A garden, well watered, is like a miniparadise---green and lush; full and healthy. It speaks of beautiful sights and smells; of fruit waiting to be harvested and the natural beauty of God's creation in bountiful supply. We know that we surely live in a harvest time, and that according to Amos 8:11, there is a famine for the hearing of the words of the Lord. Yet, in this same hour, God's restorted Bride has been given the finest and most precious "water" to satisfy the growing and developing "inner man' of Ephesians 3:16.

May we learn from this important lesson of Jeremiah 31:12 that our Lord Jesus will have a Bride without blemish, spot or wrinkle. She'll not be weak or inferior but a reflection of Him in this earth. May each of you be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man and believe that He cares enough about you to have provided this glorious end-time Message to gather you with His Bride!

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Arizona By Philip Hatten - Mesa, AZ

"Ain't God Good!" Truly we serve a wonderful Lord and Savior young people. I can say this only because he has shown me and those around me in whom I see the great gift of God's grace.

I'd just like to share this camp report with you by way of a testimony. God has performed many miracles among the young people in the church of Mesa, Arizona where I attend under the ministry of Bro. Roy Carpenter.

I say miracles because the changing of lives young and old is the greatest miracle I know. Just this summer we (the young people) had the blessed opportunity to share our testimony of what God has done for so many of us with young people of other congregations.

Our first trip was to visit Sacremento, Calif. where Bro. Ector Sidhu and his precious fold fellowship around the word. The church there welcomed a group of about 30 of us into their homes with open and giving hearts. (May God bless them each one for it!) Our stay there was encouraging to us young people, and I believe I can say to the church there that we all enjoyed a blessed time in the Lord in all we did.

The second trip was in the opposite direction to Amarillo, Texas where Bro. Lewis Clark and the loving group of believers there welcomed us graciously. God once again was faithful in answering many needs and stirring the hearts of his people. We enjoyed the ministry of Bro. Steve Shelley. We had to leave the special meeting because our youth camp was to start the Sunday of the very next week, and planning travel time with our bus is like playing Russian roulet. It certainly takes a lot of faith. We're glad for it too. Ask us sometime?

Our camp, which is what this article is about by the way, was going to be a reuniting of our young people with those we met and others from both Sacramento, Calif. and Amarillo, Texas.

Camp was a great experience and those who needed God found him. Those who knew him, knew him in a greater measure. The Holy Ghost was given to those who needed it and in someway all who were there - young people, counselors helpers, cooks included—left at the end of the week with a charged battery and a deeper desire to serve God.

Special thanks to-

Bro. Paul LaFontaine of Toledo, Ohio for singing and his encouraging ministry.

Bro. Bob Willard of Sacramento, Calif. for the tremendous

preaching.
Bro. David Gadman of Amarillo, Texas for his inspiring preaching.

Bro. Eric Rieck of Amarillo, Texas for Sunday's blessing and counseling.

Bro. Larry Martin of Apache Junction, Arizona, youth leader, and to all who gave of themselves to make camp what it was - such a great success. Thanks to all who came!

Editorial

Hello everyone! Christian greetings from the "Youth Quake" to you. God is alive and well. For a person to say that God's not doing anything today just shows that they have chosen to close their eyes. There are so many wonderful things that have taken place this past summer. I wish I had the room in this letter to share what's going on. I'll just sum it all up by saying He's alive and well. There is a stirring in us young people like I've never seen before. God is raising up mighty warriors to close-out this gentile dispensation. The Bride will not go in as a weak, powcrless group of people. She will go in with victory in her hands.

I would like to send a special greeting to the youth that gathered Aug. 19-24 somewhere in Northern Arizona at a camp. I don't know exactly where I was except that I was in heavenly places. I've never preached to a group of youth that re-



Bro. Paul LaFontaine

sponded so much to the word. You guys preached me to death. Almost three hours one night, remember? May God bless you! You've inspired my life.

Hey, did you notice some changes? Do you like it? Recently we have received some very wholesome suggestions concerning the "Youth Quake News." The desire on my heart has been to make the "Youth

Quake" much more helpful to you, than it is already. A combination of these things has lead us to make some changes. Besides the changing of the banner, we're making some changes in content. We will still have testimonies of young people. That I'm sure has been a blessing to you. But we'll be digging a bit deeper into problems and issues that concern our lives as young people. Those things will be even more of a blessing, I'm sure. Please pray for us that God would guide our pen to just the right words to help you see more of our lovely savior as well as more of our public enemy #1.

We would like to again remind you that the "Youth Quake News" has no one church supporting its efforts. The finances to print this paper depend completely on the gifts from readers. We do not have any subscription cost, so help from believers would be appreciated greatly.

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Before I close, I want to ex- Lord bless them for their sincere tend personal gratitude to Melita efforts. and Rayelee Sheppard. These two sisters from Max Meadows, Virginia carry the responsibility of type setting, layout and printing of our paper. There are many hours spent that no one sees, but I know God does. May the

Please try to make plans to be in Lima, OH, Dec. 27-30 for a weekend of special youth meetings. May God fill you all with His grength.

Yours and His, PAUL LAFONTAINE

Letters

to Youth Quake

Thornhill High School Zimbabwe, Africa Dear Sir/Madam:

I am an eighteen year old girl taking Lower-Sixth studies here in Zimbabwe.

Just a year ago, the Message of the Hour today was made known to me by a cousin of mine. As a youth I would like to receive issues of the "Youth Quake News" regularly.

I would really appreciate it, if I receive the publications for I believe that some of the problems that I come across as a Christian have been encountered before, and thus a lot of questions are answered in the pro-

I hope the Lord will continue to bless the publication of this very useful magazine.

> Yours sincerely, TINASHE **CHIPANDAMBIRA**

Cross River State, Nigeria Dear Brother in Christ,

I greet you all in that precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I just got this Youth Quake News and it has been a great blessing on the part of my spiritual growth.

All I have to say is may God bless you all for a wonderful and encouraging magazine like

Please brethren, I beg for my name to be added to your mailing list. Only one copy of this magazine I got from a brother far off from us who has been a help to our brothers and sisters over this part of the country Nigeria.

I thank God for sending to us a prophet of the age W. Marrion Branham. That helps to open our eyes to the Scripture. Also thanks be to you people that are putting more effort to help the younger ones like us.

God bless and bye for now. Your brother in Christ,

EMMA CHI ALOZIE

Many, Louisiana

Greetings in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus Christ. pray that all is well with everyone. I just wanted to send you a short note about how much I enjoyed Youth Quake News No. 12. Once again my soul was blessed and encouraged by everything from the front page to the last. It was wonderful to hear what God has done in the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Bride of Christ. From all the testimonies I have heard and the things that I have seen, I truly believe that the Bride is having Her revival that we were promised. I believe that even better blessings and experiences lay just ahead as we yield our lives more completely to Him. I can see the Bride uniting together under the pure Word and the love of God residing in our hearts that we might be servants one to another. I am so glad that I serve a God that is infinite and He can do much more than we could ever imagine. All we must do is believe every Word.

Well, I had better close before it becomes a long note. Just remember that your work is not in vain as long as you send me a copy of The News.

I will be praying for you that you will know the Lord's perfect will concerning the future issues. May God's richest blessings be poured out upon each

> Your Brother in Christ, **STEPHEN**

Senneterre, Quebec

Congratulations for your wonderful idea of a publication for the benefit of the young people. Could you please place my name on your mailing list.

In Christian fellowship, CLAUDE POMERLEAU,

Trustee Church of Jesus Christ

Trinidad, West Indies

Greetings in the name of our loving and merciful God who comforteth us in all our tribulation. Thanks for the last issue of YQN.

I certainly enjoyed the testimonies of what God has done for other young people, even young ministers.

You really did a good job on it. Keep up the good work till Jesus comes. Keep also them articles reaching unto the inner part of the young people. For who may not be young in age are in heart if they are believers.

Remember: Don't give up the fight. The battle is almost over.

God is truly wonderful and His ways past finding out. God bless you and the whole staff of YQN. Keep pressing the battle.

Your Brother in Christ, A. CUFFY

Crossriver State Nigeria

On Sunday morning our pastor made a remark on the Youth Quake News and handed it out.

Immediately after the service I grabbed the YQN and read. I was deeply impressed by the testimonies and the whole lot of its contents. The one that I was blessed by most was that one written by you. Which was captioned "The Allied Forces."

In fact I'm one that loves reading and inevitably I would like you to please include my name on your mailing list. God bless you.

Love, OKEREKE ANTIPAS

Talladega, Alabama 35160

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus. I am Sharon Hubbard, 16 years old, and live in Talladega, Alabama. I am so excited to get the YQN. More specifically something in this message of the hour. Please send me one. I would love to start getting them. I have been in the message almost two years and my mother has been in most of her life. I was 14 years old when I accepted Jesus. At 15 I backslid and the Lord drew me back to Him. That's when I realized I was His. My mother told me I needed to straighten

up because the Lord was coming. She told me how beautiful Heaven was and how awful the future was going to be without Christ. It made me scared so I straightened up and started living for Jesus.

> Sincerely, Your Sister in Christ, SHARON

Box 7, Gowanda, N.Y. 14070 Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the wonderful precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for the copies you have been sending me. I truly praise God for the blessing it has been done. My family is the only believers in the area where we live, but because of this, it has made me stronger. Praise God! I go to public school and that isn't very easy. But with His help I am doing good, taking encouragement from Phil. 4:13. In these closing days we must take and hold onto His wrod with all we got. His word is the only thing that well forever stand strong. Again thank you so much for the copies, and if anyone wants to write to me please do. I would appreciate hearing from other Brothers and Sisters. May God continue to bless you in the work you do for the Bride.

Love in Him Our Savior SARAH MAYBEE

P.S. So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Romans 10:17.

Parson Person

Prison Ministry

By Bro. Donald Furan



Bro. Donald Furan

My first inspiration for prison work came from attending a service with Prison Evangelist G.W. Besssette at the Iowa Men's Reformatory in Anamosa, Iowa. I met Brother Bessette at some special meetings in Lima, Ohio, and he asked if I would like to accompany him into Anamosa. Since he was coming, I thought I would advertise a Friday night service in our area and invite the general public out to hear a Prison Evangelist. Having expended several hundred advertising dollars, three visitors showed up. None proved to be interested.

At the prison we had Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon services. Although we spent no advertising money, 40 men showed up voluntarily Saturday night and thoroughly enjoyed the message and hearing about Brother Branham's ministry in our day. They acted like they were having a revival. I went away not able to believe what I had just seen. When we went back Sunday morning, there were now 60 men out and they enjoyed everything they saw and heard—pictures of the Cloud, the Pillar and Fire and the dead boy raised in Finland, also the church ages reviewed and some strong doctrine preached. They acted like this was what they had been waiting to hear. Well, by Sunday afternoon there were 80 men out besides some visitors from the outside that included a Catholic Priest, a Nazarene Minister, the Chaplain, some Full Gospel Businessmen, some Mennonites and a couple other ministers. By the time it was over some of the visitors were asking us for books and tapes too.

I thought, if they are interested at Anamosa, they must be interested in other prisons also. I got into a couple more prisons and found the men equally receptive to hearing the

Gospel and what God has done in our day.

After some trial and error I developed a letter of introduction for the books and tapes. I directed this to the Chaplains of the prisons. I included a flyer on two books - "William Branham, A Man Sent From God" and "A Prophet Visits South Africa," and I attached an order form for the books the William Branham Evangelistic Association has to offer. The order form also includes books and tapes offered by the Voice of God Recordings, Inc. When the order form is returned by the Chaplain, I send a check for the material to Brother Billy Paul or Brother David Branham to send directly into the prison.

At first I sent the books in myself and put my stamp inside, but I soon found out I could not come near handling all the correspondence that the books generated from the inmate population. Most correspondence is now handled by the Voice of God Recordings staff. The books are more readily received at the prison when sent direct to the publisher.

Clear "see through" tapes are being required by many prisons and the Voice of God Recordings supplies these now also.

The prison Chaplain may not be interested in this Message at all, but he is there to assist the men regardless of their preference for religious material. He is supposed to help them with get religious material of their choice.

The response has been overwhelming. I now have to be careful how many letters I send offering books. The demand is much greater than the resources I have to supply the need. In the three short years that we have been involved, we have sponsored over \$30,000 worth of books. Brother Pearry Green of the Tucson Tabernacle has been very helpful by sponsoring the "Revelation of the Seven Seals" books. Individuals from around the country have donated enough Spoken Word Books, so that we seldom have to request any but the Spanish ones from the Voice of God Record-

There is a great demand for Spanish especially in New York, Florida, Texas and California. We were able to sponsor several hundred Spanish "Solo Creed" publications through George Smith of Believers International in Tucson, Arizona.

We have placed books now into close to 300 prisons in the USA, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. We only sponsor Brother Branhams books and tapes and not those of other ministries. There are over 1,000 State and Federal prisons nationwide with populations of 400 or more.

Outside of the Foreign Mission Field, I have never seen a demand like this for the books and tapes. It seems strange that our religious world has rejected this Message and that it is well received in prison. I am reminded however, that the Word of God has always found its way into prison. Paul wrote much of the Word from prison and John the Baptist ended up there.

Matthew 11:2 "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

Matthew 11:3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Matthew 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

Matthew 11:5 The blind received their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are

raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them.

Through this Message in books and on tapes, they are able to see and hear today, the Super-natural things Jesus Christ has done again in our age and generation, to restore a people

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to faith in His Word and His Saving Grace. Don't forget the last place Jesus went was to prison and the last person to receive Him was the thief who came out of prison with Him to die on the cross.

It has been my privilege to have a part in getting this Message into prisons. A number of people have helped us, for which we are very grateful.

We have received many letters of thanks from Chaplains and a few from inmates who have found our name through the Chaplain. The following letter from a Chaplain at the Women's Prison in Pine Bluff reads: "Dear Brother Furan, Your contribution of books and newsletters has been received.

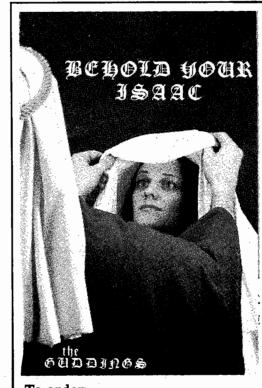
Thank you for this addition to our Chapel Library. The response has been good. Several of our residents check out five or six books at a time. Sincere good wishes in your Christian ministry."

A letter from a Chaplain at Baker Correctional in Florida reads: "Dear Christian Friends, After receiving the tapes and books on William Branham our Chaplains assistants were excited. Then after viewing the videos, they couldn't be contained. How can I adequately express my thankfulness to you for your fine gesture of giving to our ministry at Baker."

Thank you for any part you can play in helping with this work. You can pray. God bless you

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In 1974 we were in a rock band, performing in bars, etc. Gradually, we realized that this wasn't right for our lives and left the band. In 1976 we dedicated our lives fully to Jesus Christ. Being afraid we would mix the precious with the vile, we sold most of our equipment and totally gave up playing music, singing, etc. Although music was about the most important part of our lives we said "never again". After a short season, it was at this point that the Lord called us to (His) music ministry. Since then, He has been carefully tutoring us. And after having made this tape (His tape), we can say that we are not the same. Through the tears, travail, and death to-self that it took to birth this tape, God brought forth joy, peace, and life! It stands true-eternal life is living for others!



Meet The Youth of Macon, Georgia



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would like for you to meet the youth of Gospel Tabernacle of Macon, Georgia. Our pastor is Bro. Jack Palmer whom we sincerely love and appreciate. In recent months our youth group has grown much stronger spiritually. As the fight gets harder it seems to draw us closer together. Our pastor has really been an encouragement as he realizes the needs of the youth in this hour. He recently purchased a bus so that we can go to camps and plan more activities as a group. He is also sponsoring a youth meeting in Macon on October 18-20 to which we are really looking forward to be a blessing to all.

God bless you and please keep us in your prayers! THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL TABERNACLE YOUTH GROUP

Individual testmonies from some of the youths of the congregation are on page 5. Here we have a word from the Pastor Bro. Jack Palmer.

In Isaiah 6:1-8, we find a young king by the name of Uzziah, a shepherd boy who reigned in the time of Isaiah's prophecy. He did right (for awhile) as king for he had a Godly father and mother, the right atmosphere.

We find if a child is raised in the right environment, it's got 98% better chance to go right, than it has in the wrong environment.

And this young king Uzziah, being influenced by his dad, taught Israel the precepts of God.

Now our youth today are faced with many decisions, and we should first seek the Lord,

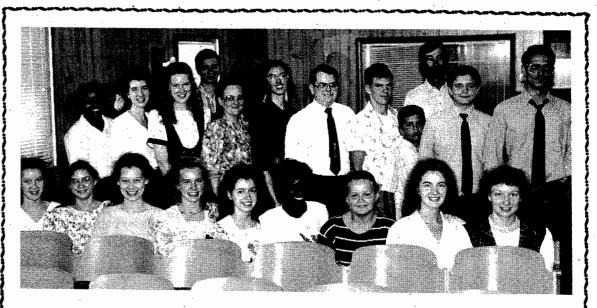
as this young king did, before making decisions. I believe that our youth today are confronted with more temptations than any youth in history, because we are here at the end where sin has piled up. Yet with all this temptation, God has provided a way of escape and that is by and through our Lord Jesus Christ. We must remember that we also have more word (the hidden mysteries of the seven seals) than we have ever had in history to combat the enemy with.

We find that God's requirement hasn't changed because he is the unchangeable God. And His requirement today is the same as it was in Eden, "Stay with the Word!"

Notice, Uzziah, in the first of his reign, stayed with God and God blessed him. God today will bless a man, woman, boy or girl that will "stay with the word." You may not be popular, but you'll be blessed. One has to take a choice, whether you want to act like the rest of the world or whether you want to be blessed of God.

Our youth do not need pulpit entertainers today but rather the cutting sword of the word to mold and shape them into sons and daughters of God. Christianity has the same requirements today as in the days of the Apostle Paul. You must die to the world and the things of the world that Christ might live in and through you.

Always remember that someone is watching your life—the way you walk, talk, act, dress, etc. We are either influencing someone or we are being influenced by someone. This is why we should be selective in our associates. The Bible says, "How can two walk to-



The Gospel Tabernacle Youth Group

Back row (left to right) LaSharn Moore, Renell Palmer, Laney Cobb, James Arnett, Susan Quick, Anna Hancox, Lee Fleming, James Fleenor, Jason Dawson, Orin Bennett, Joshua Johnson and William Johnson.

Front row (left to right) Sarah Whitehead, Tammy McCullough, Angie Cobb, Mary McCullough, Melinda Hancox, Tammy Milledge, Angel Dawson, Mary Elisabeth Palmer and Shelly Cobb.

Not shown: Rebecca Renew, Nathaniel Jones, Hope Jones, Robert Jones, Jill Berry, Stephani Berry, Sam Patton, Melissa O'Berry, Barney Watts, Daniel Reavis, Brandon Dawson, Billy McCullough, Phillip Bennett, David Urssery and Duane Buckner.

gether except they be agreed." Also, light cannot have fellow-ship with darkness. Our young believing men should look for believing girls to date and viceversa. By keeping the right company you will avoid many of the pitfalls and heartaches that come when marrying into opposing beliefs.

I believe that we have some of the finest young people in our assembly as there are anywhere. I have watched them grow up from infants to young men and women inasmuch as I have been pastoring the same assembly for almost 31 years.

Our youth here (and no doubt elsewhere) could spend some valuable time in helping others. We must remember that Bro. Branham taught us that "eternal life was serving others." It would do all of us good to put more of that in practice. I know that you young people like to play games; however you are not blessed of God for playing games, but you will be blest of God if you help others. If you would just stop and think, I'm sure that you could find plenty of ways to help others.

We need more entertainment of the word and an active dedicated prayer life in these troublesome times, so it behooves us to take inventory daily and see how we stand in regards to the message of the hour.

You don't want to end up the way Uzziah did, lifted up in pride, self-willed, self-centered, and a know-it-all. Rather, stay humble, stay with the word, and always put God first in your life. And last but not least, obey your parents that your life on earth might be long and fruitful.

W.J. PALMER Gospel Tabernacle Macon, Ga.

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Meet The Youth of Macon, Georgia



Hey everyone, my name is Laney Cobb, and I am part of the youth at Gospel Tabernacle in Macon, Georgia. My pastor is Bro. Jack Palmer, and I will always love and appreciate him.

Some of us went to Louisiana Spring Camp in a bus that Bro. Palmer got for us. This bus will always remain special to me because this is where the Lord took control of my life.

This is how it began. As we were making our way back home from camp, we started singing "I don't want to be a goat." This song led to more songs and then testimonies were given. In the process of giving testimonies, one person spoke up and told us he had been seeking the Holy Ghost but hadn't receive it yet. We joined hands and began to pray. Brothers and sisters, the Lord came onto that bus and began moving. He went from one side of that bus to the other side of the bus filling people with the Holy Ghost. I thank the Lord because I was one of those people on that bus that got filled with the Holy Spirit.

The devil has fought me ever since, but when I get so tired from fighting, I just remember that it won't be very long before we see King Jesus. Praise the Lord!

May God richly bless you.

Love,

LANEY COBB

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I've just read my first Youth Quake News. It's encouraging to know that the young people who follow the message of the hour have a means to hear what's going on. We're such a far-flung group, and it always makes me feel real good every time I hear of others who are standing for the truth.

I drive 140 miles one way on Sundays to fellowship with believers. It seems foolish that I would do so to some people who know me. However, it seems I always come back home a little stronger.

We as Christians need to put first things first, regardless of the sacrifice, or of family, or of public opinion—even if it means we're the only one at school who doesn't wear shorts in the physical education classes, the only one who doesn't listen to the wrong music, the only boy who has short hair, or the only girl who doesn't cut hers.

We must be totally surrendered to the word; then our Lord can fill us with His spirit, and our desires for all these things are gone. Oh our feelings may still get hurt when someone makes fun of us, but our desire to God is much greater. God's people have always been strange, but we must remember who always wound up on bottom-Abraham or Sodom?, Noah or the antediluvian world?, Moses or Pharoh at the Red Sea? None of the above would hardly even be remembered today if it were not for God's people, yet they were so mighty in their day.

When we realize our system too must meet the same fate, it's a little easier to put first things first

My advise to every young believer is build your hopes on things eternal, and hold to God's unchanging hand.

I hope to meet every one of you at that meeting in the air.
Until we meet,

ORIN BENNETT

Dear Believers,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My name is Lee Fleming and I live in Macon, Georgia, and would like to share a few words of encouragement with you.

I suppose I should begin by saying that looking from the present into my past, I have clearly seen the Hand of God in all of my life. From the time I was born up through today, He has placed me, guided me and directed my footsteps in ways that seemed to be peculiar at first, but in the end, I've always been able to see how perfect His ways are.

Many times throughout my life, I have questioned the Lord regarding the testings and trials that He has allowed me to experience, of which I could probably write a small book. However, after much prayer to God and through listening to His Word which He has graciously revealed, I have been able with His help to find the answers that He has to those questions.

One important lesson that I've learned just in the past few years is how closely we are able to commune with God on a one-on-one basis through reading and studying His Word. I'm sure you see that yourself as we know that He is the Word. One particular chapter in

the Bible that I can very accurately relate to is the 40th Psalm. In it, I am reminded so much of what God has done, what He is doing and what He will do if I can just submit myself to Him and His Word more every day, especially as I see the end fast approaching.

The Lord is now, and I hope will always be, a prevailing influence in my life as I hope He is for you also. My prayer for all is that God will bless you as He has blessed me and that He will give you the desire to serve Him in a way that gives Him the glory and honor He deserves from all of us. May God bless you all.

Your Brother in Christ, LEE FLEMING

Dear Christian Friend:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can never thank Him enough for His mercy and grace. It seems that as time goes on it is becoming more of a battle every day to stay in close communion with God. Every time the devil tries to convince me that it's no use to keep trying, God comes back and assures me that I'm His own and there is nothing the devil can do to change that. It is such a blessing to look back through my life at how God has walked with me each step of the way. At times it seemed He was nowhere around, but I know those where the times He was carrying me.

I got to a point in my life where all my desires were put aside and I wanted nothing but the perfect will of God in my life. Since that day I have grown so much more spirutually and the Lord continues to bless me. It seems that He was there just waiting for me to totally surrender my whole life to Him. My daily prayer is to be in His perfect will.

Don't let the devil get you down with all of his tricks. Just remember that through Jesus we have already overcome.

God bless you all!
In Christian love,
RENELL PALMER
Hey everyone,

I live way down in Macon, Georgia, and attend church at Gospel Tabernacle. My pastor is Bro. Jack Palmer who I love and appreciate very much. I decided to share with ya'll a testimony that happened in my life when I was just a baby.

It all happened in the hospital just a day after I was born. The doctor was giving me an examination, and as he lifted up my leg, my hip cracked. The doctor then decided to Xray my legs, thinking that something was wrong with only one of my hips. The X-ray showed that the hip sockets had not formed in either one of my legs. I was then fitted with a special brace that I had to wear at all times. The report, later given to my parents, was that I would walk with a limp, or not walk at all.

Shortly after I was brought home, Bro. and Sis. Palmer came over and prayed for me. Bro. Palmer asked God to perform a miracle and correct my problem. I continued to wear the brace, and at six-weeks I was examined. The doctor found out that the sockets in my hips

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had started to form. I continued to wear the brace so that my hip bones would fit correctly into the sockets. When I was about five or six months old, the doctor gave my parents permission to take the brace off. When I was a year old, I started to walk like a normal baby.

Now, I am eighteen years old and by the grace of God I walk perfectly normal.

God bless ya'll, ANGIE COBB

Hi, my name is Mary McCullough. This is just a few brief words to let you know what God has done for me. Like many of you, I was raised in a Christian home. I received Christ in my heart when I was around six or seven. I remember praying and asking God in my heart. After I got saved I was baptized. I tried my best to serve God.

When I was eleven, my oldest brother was killed in a car accident. My family took it hard for a while but I trusted God and He was in control. Then I began to argue with my parents and I got bitter with God. I got in a lot of trouble at school and I was just all messed up.

God started working in my life before I went to the Louisiana camp this year, but I kept telling Him to stay away. Thank God He didn't give up on me. I went to the Louisiana Camp, and there I gave my life back to God. I thank God for my salvation. I pray that God will work in your life as He has done in mine.

God Bless Ya'll MARY MCULLOUGH



It was a wonderful time together for the youth that gathered in Macon, Georgia, October 18 - 20. Young people from Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and other states were there. The meetings started with a banquet on Friday night with a theme "Soldiers of the Cross". Bro. Paul LaFontaine spoke a message on "The Captain of the Soldiers" clearly showing us the selfless life that our Captain lived on earth. Saturday found everyone together playing volleyball and other games. In the evening service, Bro. John LaFontaine titled his message "Will The Real You Please Stand Up?" It was certainly a timely message and God really anointed it. Bro. LaFontaine continued the next morning with the

Sunday night Bro. Paul LaFontaine ended the meeting with a message "Built To Last". It was a wonderful time to be remembered. Special thanks go to Bro. Jack Palmer and his family for putting the meeting together. It was certainly a

blessing.

same message.



For those who might not know "What's going down?" is the new way to ask "What's Up?" Or in other words what's the latest thing going on?

The Lord layed it upon my heart to take some new things in certain styles of clothing, music, etc. and to trace their origins. Why? Because I believe we just accept things sometimes without checking out where it comes from, why it was developed or even what spirit is behind it. We're supposed to try the spirits.

As I researched my first current trend, slits in dresses, I couldn't believe all the things I found out about where certain styles came from and why they were designed. Maybe I'm surprised because I've never looked much into it. But I thought if I shared some of the things I read, you too would be surprised and maybe shaken a bit. Not only are many styles developed for the wrong motives, but many of the companies use their profits to support movements or industries that would shake us even more.

Recently Liz Claiborne, a well known and respected designer, was guest on the "Oprah Winfrey Show." Liz let it out that she was a supporter of Satanism and that 1/2 of her company's profits go to that movement. I didn't see the show but I'm quoting from someone who did. They said Oprah went backstage and changed from a Liz Claiborne outfit to something else. She then came out to tell Liz she would never buy her fashions again. Pretty shocking isn't it? I think there may be more things we don't know-especially about why a

style is developed.
You may say, "Is it important enough to write this much about it?" Well when I look at the word that came for our day and observe how much the prophet addresses the styles, I'd say it

WHAT'S GOING Down??

- Current Trends -

By Paul LaFontaine

was and still is an important issue to watch closely with a spiritual eye. There is hardly a message of Bro. Branham's that he doesn't mention something about clothing. To me that's significant.

Slits in dresses, "Oh Boy," I've really picked a sensitive issue with some girls. It seems like some sisters would rather not address the issue or look it over at all. But I believe a real Christian sister takes time to look everything over because she wants to make sure she's not blindly wearing something that has a wrong intent behind it. This also goes for the brothers' clothes.

My following comments will not work to be your Holy Ghost leadership. You must consider the facts and prayerfully make your own decision. My comments will be based on these three quotes from Bro. Branham

"But a genuine Holy Spirit will make a woman dress decently and look Holy."

Doors in Door Vol. 17 #3 Pg. 25

"...When that man has to answer for committing adultery, who is going to be the one that caused it? The way you dressed yourself and presented yourself! Now I don't mean to say you have to dress like something or other out of an antique box, but you can look more like a lady."

Serpent's Seed Vol. 2 #4 Pg. 30

"Jesus is coming after a Bride, a Woman, a Church that's separated from the things of the world or the cares of the world. She's separated from the fashions of this modern age that we live in...."

God's Word Calls For Total Separation Vol. 3 #7 Pg. 36

I did as much research as I could on the origin of a slit at the bottom of a dress. It is not a style that started in our time. It actually goes back to the early 1920's. Those years brought the changes of many styles in women's costume. Cut hair was more common, pants started to be seen more and accepted, and the skirts became very narrow. Also with the start of World War I, women were in the work force much more. All these things though were only outward expressions of the spirit that was taking ahold of women's attitudes. Historians call these years the "Beginning of the Emancipation of Women!" In other words the seeds of the women's rights movement. This liberation spirit that gripped the American women so strong made her more "loose" in her conduct. It also made her more loose in her clothing. Modesty was not considered anymore.

Please don't think it was only the American women that fell. The man also was falling in that he lusted after her more immodest dressing and okayed it.

The style for women's dresses now changed from the corset worn in the 1800's to skirts. Then the skirts narrowed very tight to a tubular look. I asked a costume historian at Toledo University why the skirts became tight during that time? She gave two reasons. She said one reason was that the beginning of the war found our country in hard times. There was a shortage of many items and one was fabric. Believe it or not the clothing manufacturers were restricted to a certain amount of fabric for each dress. (My what a devil.) Thus the skirts were narrowed. The other reason was to show more of the female figure for the purpose of attracting the opposite sex.

My next question to her of course was why then the splits? She gave two reasons also for them. Ease of movement is one reason. The skirts were so tight

the women couldn't move their legs. The split gave more room for walking. The bigger the split the easier the movement. Seems logical. Trying to get up a staircase in a tight skirt then tripping and falling head first and ruining

I Corinthians 7:31, "For the fashion of this world passeth away."

"A real Christian sister takes time to look everything over . . . to make sure she's not blindly wearing something that has a wrong intent . . ."

the beauty of ones face permanently is much more embarrasing then wearing a split. Excuse the sarcasm. That's the logical reason.

The other reason for the cut is to again attract attention of the opposite sex. The attention is drawn to the legs. The purpose is to show more of the legs but, of course not all. This reason for the split is just as true as the other.

That was the purpose behind the splits back then. What about today? I can say that we certainly don't have a shortage of fabric today, so a narrow dress would be worn for the sole purpose of showing the form of the body. I know I'm making enemies but let's face the music. The prophet doesn't mention splits in dresses anywhere. He' does rebuke a certain "scandal skirt" in Conduct Order, and Doctrine pg. 108. It was a skirt cut high that when a step was taken it would show more of the lacy slip underneath. His comment was "What is in a woman that would make her want to show her underneath clothes to some man? What business has a christian girl got doing a thing like that?" showing the petticoat was addressed so clearly, how about showing more of the leg? The prophet didn't say hardly anything about splits, but the message is full of comments addressing "skin tight dresses." He spoke very straight against them. The tight skirt is the reason you need the split. Isn't that the truth? So here's the conclusion. If the dresses were not tight, there would be no need for a split.

Again, I can't be the Holy Ghost for you. You pray and make your own decision. I Timothy 2:9 speaks of "modest apparel." Modest means dressing decent or in a way that's proper or moral. Showing more of the legs or even a skin-tight dress is not decent. It's in the love of our Lord that I write these things to you. Pray about it, and of course, write if you have a response. What's Going Down? Splits are, but are they pleasing to God?

BRO. PAUL LAFONTAINE

The Prodigal Wife

A certain man had a wife and three children. The wife becoming dissatisfied with being a mother and doing housework and coveting the money and material belongings of her neighbors, said to her husband: "Secure for me the social security number that falleth to me, divide unto me thy wardrobe of trousers, and I will go out into the world and seek a man's job." With reluctant heart the husband granted her desire and divided his wardrobe.

Not many days later the wife donned slacks and with a tool box took her journey far across town and secured a man's job. She made big wages but she associated with the wicked and listened to the vulgar stories that they told. There was a mighty spiritual famine in the land, and she grew lean in her soul.

The children turned loose at the mercy of the neighbors, soon forgot they had a mother. But the husband fondly remembered how it was in

the home when the wife had been there and wished that she would return. He dined on cold lunch meat while the wife tried in vain to fill her stomach with the husks of the cheese crackers that fell from the vending machine. And no man gave unto her the respect due to a lady. One day at rest period as she sat engulfed in cigarette smoke and smutty stories, she came to herself. She said to herself with remorse, "Here I sit surrounded by vulgarity having sacrificed the respect due to a lady. At home is my deserted husband, and roaming the streets unrestrained are my children. The money I make seems so small when compared to the peace of mind and soul that was mine before I left home."

In vain she did try to smother her conscience with thoughts that she was contributing to the family's economic welfare. However, it was in vain. Because she said to herself, "I will arise and go to my husband and will say to him, 'Husband I have sinned against Heaven in neglecting you and the children in this way. I am no more worthy to be called thy wife nor mother to thy children; make me thy hired housekeeper.' "So, she gathered her tools and started home. While she was still a long way off, the husband saw her and ran and clasped her in his arms. And his wife said, "Husband, I am no more worthy to be called thy wife, nor the mother of thy children." But the husband said to the children: 'Run and bring hither a dress and the best apron. Rush to the market and get a steak off the fatted calf, and let us have a hot meal once more. For this thy mother was lost but is found, so rejoice and be

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." (Proverbs 31:10, 28).

A Work For You To Do

By Bro. Elijah Gibbs

How well we know the story of Bro. Branham. As a boy of seven when God first called him, he was carrying water in some buckets to his father's moonshine still in the woods. Halfway between the water pump and the house where he lived, he stopped to rest under a poplar tree. Suddenly, out of a whirlwind in the tree, he heard the voice of God speaking to him saying, "Never smoke, nor drink, nor defile your body in any way, for I have a work for you to do when you get older."

. My, it just about scared him o death. He went running into he house crying for his mother who thought he had been bitten by a snake. Then she thought hat perhaps he was just having a nervous spell. It's easy to inderstand young William Branham's reaction to such a nysterious occurence.

There was a young boy in he Bible who had a similar xperience. His name was Sanuel. God had called to him hree times just before he went bed one night and he thought t was the priest, Eli, who was leeping in the next room. Fially Eli told Samuel that it was the Lord and that the next me He called Samuel was to ay, "Speak, Lord; for thy serant heareth."

There were others in the Bible tho God had called at very oung ages. David was a youth hen he was anointed to be ing by Samuel the prophet. ohn the Baptist was 9 years f age when he was called into ne wilderness. The Angel labriel visited Mary when she as about 14. And we find sus at age 12 already 'about is father's business.' Why did od call all of these people at ich young ages? Very simple. ecause "there was a work for em to do when they got der.'

Now, what about you? Has od been calling you? Have ou been hearing the voice of od through the ministers of is message, not only saying, ion't smoke or drink, or defile our body," but also, "there's work for you to do, NOW!" nce a child you have been ught how to dress right, act ght, think right and speak right, it what good would all this eparation be if there wasn't mething for you to do later

If you were born in this mesge, it wasn't by chance. If u have recently come into it, that wasn't by chance either. You may have been raised in a message church all your life and still this did not happen because of circumstance and it had nothing to do with your choice. Neither did the voice speaking out of the poplar tree have anything to do with Bro. Branham's choice. It was all done by the sovereign grace of

"What about you? Has God been calling you?"

God and by His choosing. After all, any one of us could have been born and raised for the rest of our lives in a nominal Christian or worldly home, never to know that God sent us a prophet; never to hear this beloved voice on tape; never to listen to the inspired preaching of this revival message by the five fold ministry of today. But by God's grace, we know that He sent us a true prophet. We have heard his voice on the tapes, and we have enjoyed the ministers today who have stayed faithful to the message of the hour. However, the question still remains, "Why has God been so gracious to us young people in so many ways?" And the answer still remains the same, "Because, there is a work for us to do, now that we're older."

The rich young ruler had come to a place in his life where he knew there was something more in life. He had been raised with a great abundance of wealth all around him, not just materially but also emotionally and spiritually. He was brought up in a caring home with believing parents who had taught him well how to live a clean life according to the word. But there was still something missing in his heart. Though he could not put his finger on it, somehow he knew Jesus would have the answer. So he asked the master, "What must I do to inherit Eternal Life." Jesus began listing the commandments, to which the young man responded, "All these have I kept from my youth up." (Lk.

Let's read Jesus' next statement in Mark 10:21, and keep in mind that this youth has had something pulling at him all his life and is about to hear how he can have his hunger satisfied. Listen close to what Jesus says. "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said, 'one thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give

to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow me."

What was the young ruler's reaction to these words of the Lord? You would think he would have said, "finally, I know what I need to do, I have a purpose in life, there's something special for me to do!" But instead, Mark 10:22 says, "And he was sad at the saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions."

Some of us young people are doing a good job of ruling our own lives. We have good health, plenty of time, extra energy, fine friends, etc... We go to a wonderful message church, and are able to attend exciting camp meetings throughout the year. But what good does all this do if we don't give it all over to the Master, by completely selling out to self, taking up the cross, and following Him?

You may be able to say, "I was born and raised in this message, and have kept all these things, from my youth up." But it's all vain if you do not hearken unto the voice of God that's been drawing you to Jesus Christ and calling you for a work that you're to do now that you're older. If you have not felt that drawing or hunger in your heart for God, you had better fall on your face before Him, now and plead for it, because the Bible says, "Only those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled."

But if you are being drawn to the Lord Jesus in this late hour, then you cannot put that voice off any longer. You must make a decision. You are forced to decide whether you're going to follow Christ the narrow way or take your own path through the wide gate and down the broad way. We're all old enough to choose this day whom we will serve. This may sound rough and abrupt, but my precious young brother and sister it's time for us to face the facts if we have not already done so. The rapture is at hand! We have no more time to waste, for this is the work of God that Paul said, shall be cut short in righteousness. (Rom. 9:28)

This work started in 1963, when Brother Branham was caught up in the constellation of seven might Angels. Since then many have been caught up into Heavenly places in Christ. We read about this in Psalm 27:5.

"For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock."

This work will be cut short and come to a speedy completion at the time of the resurrection and then the Holy Spirit will not deal with the hearts of the Gentiles any more, though they might seek out repentance with tears and sorrow. The resurrection is about to take place. It's not hundreds of years away. Bro. Branham said he would see it if he lived to be an old man. He would be eighty-two years old this year.

Let's not be like the rich young ruler who, when the work of God was set before him, turned away in distress, because he could not bear to part with the things which he had gained by his own working. Neither let us stand any longer in the doorway of decision with one foot in the message and the other one in our own life, for we can't get the best of both worlds but we certainly will reap a harvest of both sin and judgment. (Matt. 25:24-30) But rather, let us work while it is day; for the night is coming, when no man can work.

Jesus tells us in John 6:27, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the son of man shall give unto you."

To labour for meats that perish means to employ our time, talents and energies to those things which have no eternal value. However the meat that endureth unto Eternal Life is

"It's all in vain if you do not hearken unto the voice of God."

the message of the hour. And the message of the hour is Christ

Christ is calling to us to separate ourselves from unbelief, pick up our cross, and follow Him. If we'll do these things, we'll enter into His work which He has called us to do.

To separate ourselves from unbelief is not properly done if only partially done. We must have a total separation from unbelief. Total separation means that we must be separated from unbelievers also. We read in the Bible, "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers." This doesn't mean that we have no more contact with them, rather



it states that we do not compromise with them nor do we conform to their ways. We are in the world but not of the world.

Picking up our cross daily means that we are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It means we are not ashamed of Him nor of His people. Jesus said, "If you are ashamed of me before men, I'll be ashamed of you before my Father and His holy angels." Peter reminds us, however, in his first epistle, the fourth chapter and 16th verse, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." If someone questions you about your long hair or about why you don't have a TV do you get embarrassed while scrambling for an answer. Peter, again says that we should "be ready always to give an answer to every one who asks us a reason of the hope that's within us.'

Following Christ is not something we can do halfheartedly. We know that we'll not enter into His Majesty's kingdom on a flowery bed of ease. In 2 Peter 1:10-11, we read, "Whetherfore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." The phrase "give diligence," comes from the greek word 'spoude' from which we get our word 'speed.' The literal interpretation is to "earnestly labour," or to "urgently endeavour."

We must urgently endeavour or earnestly labour to make our calling and election sure. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. For there is a work for you to

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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Know Thyself. By Bro. Barry Coffey



Bro. Barry Coffey

An ancient Greek proverb simply states: "Know thyself." A not-so-ancient German poet named Goethe once said about that proverb: "Know thyself? If I knew myself I'd run away!" Don't run away. Every member of the body of Christ is as unique as they are essential. Bro. Branham said the Bride of Christ will be perfect and complete, "...not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such ting; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5.27

It is likely that there are many young people who struggle with their opinions about themselves and in reality, coming to see yourself as you really are may be a "challenging" experience. Yet Bro. Branham often encouraged us to "look in the mirror of God's Word" and check ourselves by the Book.

In Luke 15, Jesus provides three parables to respond to the critical murmuring of the Pharisees and Scribes. They mumbled about how he received sinners and publicans and ate with them. The third and most

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familiar parable is about the Prodigal son and his experiences. This young man felt strongly about leaving his father's world and had a badly twisted idea about "enjoying life." Riotous living soon stripped him of his money and a famine quickly taught him about a new feeling of being in want. His situation grew so bad, that the husks that filled the swine became his only food. And Jesus said, "...no man gave unto him." What he had forgotten was that, in his father's house, there was not even the lowest of servants who lived under such wretched conditions. He had a father who could supply him with his every need. And he had an important experience in verse 17 when he "come to himself" and saw himself as he really was. The father in this parable types our Heavenly Father who graciously received his son back into the family while assuring the elder brother that all the father had was his to enjoy.

This younger brother made a typical mistake. He stepped carelessly out of his father's house and into a world which was radically different. One he was not prepared to handle. Rather than having his values and convictions firmly in place, he allowed his riotous peers to draw him into their corrupt way of life. How subtly the nightmare of sin and death is masked by a cloak of "good times."

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Unfortunately, the younger brother would look back and see many months, possibly years, of wasted time and money, a lack of self-control, and squandered opportunities. Since it's true that every man must live with the man he makes for himself, it's important to use this time of your life wisely before it slips away.

Many young people, having survived the early teen years, soon realize they are faced with a new set of challenges. It is a time spent evaluating your faith, looking for meaning and drawing more fully from the "wells of salvation." It is a time to reflect seriously on the purpose that God has for your life since we know He has an eternal purpose for every member of His Bride. It is a time to formulate sound values and principles; values which will be severely tested in the time ahead. It is important to be aware of your weaknesses and limitations and prayerfully seek the Lord's help in strengthening the inner man who, in turn, controls the outer man. It is essential to your experience to understand that your Heavenly Father has everything you need and that we must trust Him to supply what we have need of when we love Him first and foremost. (Matthew 22:34-40) Before you find yourself in any kind of compromising situation, it is important to have your boundaries firmly established by the word and your heart, soul and mind rooted in the love of God.

Let's discuss three important principles to guide us along the way.

IDENTITY

Bro. Branham taught us to find a Bible character we could identify with, or relate to. Studying the experiences of this character provides a role model to steer by. Bro. Branham chose to model the servant Eliezer, who was chosen by Abraham to seek out a wife for his son Isaac (Genesis 24). Bro. Branham had an unique Twentieth Century role to play as an "Eliezer," so his ministry reflected the same sincerity and faithfulness as Eliezer.



Start asking some basic questions for yourself:

Is this what God wants me to do?

Is this His perfect will for my life?

Can I improve?

What's unique about me? Where do I fit in or contribute to the Body of Christ?

Over a period of time and through the process of growing in grace and knowledge, the identity or the mental picture of who you are begins to come clear

VALUES

Something an individual believes in, lives by and is willing to express publicly, even sacrifice for, constitutes values. Values and character are very similar and the Word teaches us that character is formed by whatever nature is on the inside. Just as a ship without an anchor tends to drift and a building without a firm foundation tends to sink, a person without any values lacks any definition in life.

Bro. Branham says "Our character molds us to the image of what we are, our character

of life that is in us. So what you are inside always shows up on the outside." We all "wear" our beliefs. How we think (even how we daydream) and dress, what we read, who our friends and associates are, and how we spend our free time and money are all governed by our spiritual values. Bro. Branham said, "The Christ in your heart ought to be growing daily, getting bigger, more powerful, understanding things better, forgiving, walking on as God would, till Christ be formed in you...." Now is the right time to put what you believe into practice. Rather than viewing "spiritual skills" as work, invite the Holy Spirit near to open up His Word and live it through your life. Even the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him to teach them to pray!

RELATIONSHIPS

A top proprity for any Christian is a sound relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our leader, not a follower, and He wants to be both Saviour and Lord. To allow Him to be your Lord, means He exercises His leadership through your yielded vessel. The key is to learn to submit entirely to Him.

Any good relationship requires two people able to commit themselves to each other and to have the strength to abide by that commitment. Ruth and Naomi, David and Jonathon, Paul and Timothy, Martin Luther and Melchanton. Our relationship with God is most important, but much of the New Testament provides guidelines for our fellowship with other Believers as well. A true communion with Christ will help you deal horizontally with brothers and sis-

ters of like precious faith. One man stated, "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly becomes any of us to talk about the rest of us!"

Until they learn to build good and profitable relationships, many young people experience

"It is a time to reflect seriously on the purpose that God has for your life."

loneliness. (Remember the Prodigal son). Loneliness becomes a problem when we build walls around ourselves instead of bridges. Paul in Romans 15:1-7 actually encourages the Believers in Rome to bear the infirmities of the weak and place the needs of others ahead of their own after the example of Christ. That's a far cry from the self-oriented, humanistic teaching of our modern times. Learning how to live for God and for others will greatly strengthen you and yield a bountiful harvest in your own spiritual life. It's called "oneanothering"; love one another, bear ye one anothers burdens, rejoice with one another and weep with one another.

Hindsight has perfect rearview vision. By looking back we can all see what could have been done, or should have been applied. The Prodigal son had much to look back upon and wonder about. Perhaps it may have helped him if someone had encouraged him to "know thyself" before he took the first step out of his father's house

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Testimony of a Youth



Bro. Arnold Hoffman

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. Romans 10:1

I am brother Arnold Hoffman. I pray this look back to how the Lord Jesus came after me glorifies Him, for I owe my life to Him.

I sometimes feel like one born out of due time. In the dispensation that's properly called "the fullness of the Gentiles." why would Jesus save a Jewish man like me? I had nothing good to offer in exchange for my soul. My entire life from teenage up had been a rebellion against God. Born in 1951. I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, where a large and active Jewish community exists. As is customary, my parents sent me from age five for formal Hebrew education at our local synagogue. For those of you acquainted with these things, we were in the Conservative ranks of Judaism, rather than the Orthodox. For the next seven years they taught us as children the stories, the history, the language, and the faith of the Jewish people. But the attraction of the world was stronger. By my thirteenth birthday, the time of Bar Mitzvah for all Jewish boys, I found religion, the Bible. and the things of God were all boring. Going to synagogue on Saturdays was no way to spend a weekend morning. Neither was Hebrew class after public school any way to spend my free time. I look back now and realize that I never knew anyone to whom God was real. Did any of my friends show their faith to be the center of their lives? Not really. Even from my teachers I didn't really see a vibrancy coming from their walk with God. Not criticizing

The time of my Bar Mitzvah came. The word means "son of the commandment." Brother

them -- I just didn't.

Branham tells us of the ancient adoption ceremony; this may be a modernized form. After this I persuaded my folks to halt my further attendance at Hebrew school classes. School activities. weekends, television became the most important part of my life. Wrong priorities started to rule my life, and turn me farther away from God. I'm sorry that there were no Bibles read in our home, no times of family prayer...but there weren't. So instead, my interests and desires were drawn from TV and rock stars, movies and Marvel comics. These, along with unsaved friends, were practically my whole influence. Parental discipline kept me in check throughout my high school years. I then had the opportunity to go to college. While there I learned high scholarship, and it was there that I also learned first-hand about drugs and immorality.

Would you want God to be on your list of "people to avoid?" I'm sorry to say, He quickly went there on mine. How? College friends introduced me first to pot; drugs like acid and mescaline soon followed. I began living with my girlfriend. My grades were good, and I was having fun almost all the time. My future looked great, and I thought I'd live a hundred years young and strong. It was about the time of my junior year, around 1970, that God began to stop my selfish journey through life. It was selfish - I lived first and last for my ego and my pleasure. But God began moving, and this is what He did. One night I had a taste of another dimension, one that we normally cannot contact with our five senses. In that night a mysterious and most incredible peace engulfed me, and it made me totally content. It was a supernatural kind of encounter...and there it was happening, totally unexpected, to me. Looking back, I now believe it was God's mercy to a stubborn son, so that I'd eventually get turned around because I wasn't a person readily influenced by tracts or street witnessing. I was smart and thought I knew as much ABOUT God as anyone else. But of course I did not KNOW HIM either.

Soon after I read a book that convinced me what I experienced that night had something to do with God. That idea was a real turnaround for me. To that point I thought that anything

to do with God was a lot of "Thou shalt not do this" and "Thou shalt not do that." It took all the fun out of living. Now I was hearing that the most intensely satisfying experience of my life involved God. I hadn't been pointed yet in a particular spiritual direction. but now I began searching. My first path--yoga! A two year's journey that turned out to be a dead end. I grew discouraged after that, for I had been very sincere in it, hoping to really meet God there. Then an opportunity for further schooling opened up, so I put my spiritual dreams on a shelf. I tried to find purpose by concentrating on a professional career. But God was determined. He is not going to lose a single one of His children. I resisted, though, and so had to come a harder

I had heard about Jesus of Nazareth through my teachers of yoga. In their view, He is a spiritual master of the highest order. But then so are Buddha, Krishna, Confucius and a number of others too. "Any of these men can teach you the way to God," they told me. So I didn't try to avoid any mention of Jesus, though avoiding Him is a common practice among the Jewish people still. Shortly after I arrived at my new school, I heard about Jesus in a brand new way. I turned on a radio station that featured Christian preaching, testimonies and music. The spiritual dreams again awakened, so I started listening. I heard these men say Jesus' words. "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father BUT BY ME." If the teachers of yoga paid Jesus a compliment, saying He was a great Spiritual master, He certainly didn't say the same about them! This impressed me. And now I heard that He was not simply a man - He was the Son of God! Since it was God I rebelled against, only God could forgive me of my rebellion. I heard people tell how Jesus gave them new lives, filled with peace and living for others, as well as close friendship with God. I wanted that very much. And I heard them declare Jesus to be the Messiah of Israel. That awakened strange stirrings within my heart. I guess all Jewish people, no matter how far we stray, have some sort of inner yearning for the promised One, the Messiah. As I listened day after day, I began to agree in my mind that these words

were true. I read, for my first time, a copy of the New Testament borrowed from my school library. Actually it contained just the four Gospels in a modern translation, but I didn't know there was more. I consumed that book. I began to see that Jesus did fulfill the Hebrew prophets' words for that age. But now I faced a new problem. Though I accepted with my mind the truth of Jesus and His message, I wasn't willing to turn around, to repent, and give my whole life into His control.

The thoughts of "giving up all your fun if you follow Jesus" warred within me. While I could see that my desire for those "fun things" was actually separating me from God, it was so hard to think of turning away from them. But you know what they are? "The pleasures of sin for a season," the Bible calls them. Then God moved again. He turned on more pressure. My own plans for a career and comfortable future started crumbling. I became so loaded down. I strained under the weight of my separation from God. Then I was ready to accept Jesus' invitation to "Come to Me, all you that labor and are heavy loaded down--and I will give you rest." His grace gave me a spirit of repentance, and I received HIM.

Things now began to change--of course for the good. I wanted to go to services, where I could learn more about my new-found Lord. After a couple of false starts, I became acquainted with Pentecostal churches. I wanted to be baptized to acknowledge my Lord. They did it wrong, but God corrected this later on, when I was rebaptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. But my Lord was not going to strand me there. Within a few years, He made my path cross one of His true believers. This brother gave me a book called An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages." That did it! 'While Brother Branham yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the Word." Through that message I heard God's Voice calling to me in a way far greater than I had ever known before. Something in my heart awoke at that call, for in it was everything that I ever wanted and sought for. The hoping and searching--even through my early Christian walk - it was all settled then for I looked up and I realized that something in me came from God. I came from Him, and my destiny was to be like Him. The revelation struck that I actually was a son of God. That's when I was born again.

I thank my Lord Jesus for how He's handled my life. A settled peace has come into my heart. Can you understand what that means to a fellow who was always running here and there, longing to discover something that would genuinely satisfy? I have new goals now. Even as the Bible says,

"Let no man despise your youth; but be an example of the believers - in words, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (I Timothy 4:12).

God's prophet, Brother Branham, made this statement I like to think on. He said the early Bride consisted mostly of Jewish people, with a few Gentiles scattered in. At the end of time, he said, the Bride would be mostly Gentiles, but there would still be a few Jewish believers found in her. Amazing grace and Jesus' love to me!

Since the time when He baptized me into His body by the Holy Spirit, I've had the greatest Friend of my entire life. I can talk with Him, and He hears. When He speaks to me, I'm learning how to listen. I have a solid assembly, the Apostolic CHRISTian Fellowship, to worship in, where I'm fed sound sheep food. I'm blessed with a real shepherd, brother Earl Heist, whose first care is for God's sheep. And I have brothers and sisters like you all to pray with me, to encourage me, and to stand with me while I'm growing up in Jesus.

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the subject up? This is supposed to be an encouraging paper that takes your mind off school, right? Yeah, but hear me out.

Most of you already started school over a month ago. Some have made the scary transition from junior high to high school. Many are taking on the quest of college classes. My prayers are with all of you. The pressure of getting good grades is enough in it self. Worse than that though is the atmosphere at school. The pressure of getting good grades is nothing compared to the pressures of conforming to the influences around you. I realize some of you receive your schooling at home, and that is a blessing. If you've decided to serve God you also will receive invitations from the same enemy that all of us face. Invitations to do things that look as innocent as a cute baby cub but turn out one day to be a bear.

It's amazing how many young people still don't recognize that the devil works through people. He uses people to carry out His plan just as God does. Satan wants to speak to you, so he ises the human voice of another o speak directly to you. We've to to learn to recognize that me who's against us. That guy or girl that you see as just another uy or girl may be influenced y some other realm and many mes they can't help it. That's thy we need to tell of this ving Christ we serve. He is

their only escape from the force that controls them. You may even have non-Christians that are very nice people and perhaps even call them your friends. Watch out! If they don't know the overcomer Himself, they're capable at any time of being overtaken by another spirit for the purpose of leading you away from your path. Your friends should only be ones that lead you closer to Christ. I'm not saying you shouldn't be friendly to them, but can you really call them your friends? Be careful.

How do we deal with this pressure and strong atmosphere of temptation? Cursing, crack cocaine, flirting guys or girls, alcohol, new age ideas, clothing styles, rap, rock or pop music

"That is the real pressure to be accepted."

and parties are all things that we see and are tempted by almost every day. I believe they are pressures but why are they pressures? At the core of all of these is a much stronger pressure. Let's face it. Along with all these things there is a disguised line of thought and that is to be accepted you have to do these things. To be "in," you have to do what the "in" people are doing. That is the real pressure-to be accepted. Now let's be honest. We all like to be liked. We all like to be accepted.

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By Bro. Paul LaFontaine

It's in our nature. So what is the real issue here? What is the real preassure? Most of the time we end up doing those things, not because we want to, but just so we can be liked. That pressure is so strong it causes many, in just a moments time, to deny everything that's in their hearts and everything they've been taught.

The pressure gets so strong that many lose a very important little word in their vocabulary. It's little but it's powerful. That word is NO. It's simple, it's small, but it's potent against the devil. He can hardly do anything with a flat "NO." He can work with "maybe," or "I'll think about it," but "NO" binds him up so bad he can hardly stand

The prophet of this hour told us in "The Greatest Battle Ever Fought" message, that the battle is in our minds. Why? He said, "because decisions are made in the mind." Before a person ever does anything wrong, he's decided to do it first in their mind. Likewise before a person ever overcomes anything, he makes a decision first in their mind. Verbally expressing a simple "No" leads then to a victorious

life in Christ.
"Just Say No" became a popular saying a few years back, and we see it plastered everywhere. Our country came up with it to help the youth fight against the drug problem; as well as many other problems. I like the saying. I even used it for a diet plan of my own. Ha! Even though it may help youths in this country muster-up enough courage to say "No," it will take much more than just our own will power to continue saying no to satan's temptations. The pressure to be accepted is too great. You can't handle it on your own. If you could, we never would have needed a Holy Ghost.

Satan has not changed much. In the beginning he put pressure on Eve. What was he doing with her mind? If you'll read it in Gen. 3:1-17, you'll find him enticing her to partake of his idea of God's word. He was trying to destroy the value of what she had and pressure her to the new way. It's still satan's ambition. The prophet said in the message "Satan's Eden," "He (Satan) has certainly had a marvelous sucaway, in every age, the value

". . . It will take much more than our own will power to continue saying no to satan's temptations."

of God's promised word to that age. That is exactly how he done it. In every age he explained it away." What a pressure. He destroys the value of what you have and tells you that it's not the thing for the day. Gen. 3:5. For he doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. "Knowing Good and Evil"—listen to that. He tried to get her to partake of knowledge, worldly knowledge. She was walking by faith in a kingdom of innocence. She didn't know what evil was all about. That's the way God wants his children to stay. Innocent. He doesn't want them to experience the world, to know what it's

cess in carrying out his threats, like. Satan pressures us to know by the people letting him explain about the unknown. He says that we'll be "something" then, that we'll be accepted then, that "we'll be as God's."

You say, "I've been kept all my life. I haven't went out in the world very much." That's not a curse, that's a blessing. God does not want us to experience the world He wants us to be innocent, just walking by faith, protected by His word.

Eve felt so much pressure by this serpent that she forgot who she was and lost a valuable word out of her vocabulary. The whole thing would have been different if she would have simply said, "No," to this temptation.

I want everyone to know that it's okay to say "No." You're an individual, with God living inside you, and it's okay to say "no." No matter how weak it may sound coming from your vocal chords, say no with the conviction that God is on your side and will see you through. "NO" to the enemy is the greatest key to victory in Christ Jesus.
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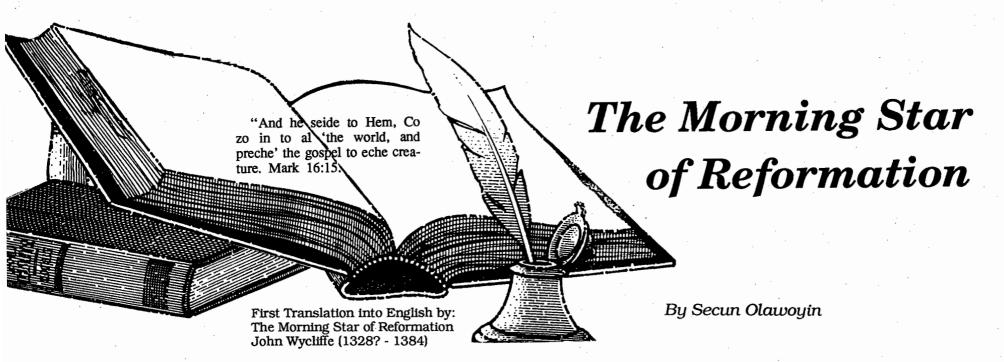
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Few Scriptures were available efore the Reformation. In diferent countries, men were loved to search the truth in the Scriptures to satisfy their ungry souls. Those that were redestinated to come to life scept the light that the scriptures give at the cost of their ves.

Only among the Waldenses as the Word of God not scarce. was locked up in language nown only to the learned. But the time had come for the scripres to bring light, and the eds of God in common people ould spring to life as they cognized the written work anifested.

It was in England that the forning Star of Reformation, hn Wycliffe arose. Been in e age of man (Rev. 4:7, Esek. 10, Rev. 6:5). He schooled in xford. He was a brilliant theogian and Philosopher (a realt). He sought for satisfaction r his soul in every branch of arning he could. Unfortunate-, nothing satisfied his soul unhe got acquainted with the riptures. As a scholar, he was lowed to find his way to the ord of God, an opportunity osed to the uneducated classes. the Bible, he found what all s learnings could not satisfy. saw the plan of salvation d Christ as the only advocate r man. He then determined proclaim the truth he had scovered.

At the beginning, he did not tend to oppose Rome. But the ore he read the Bible, the ore he saw the error of Papacy. eing that they had forsake Bible for tradition of the nurch, he demanded that the ble be restored to the people, d its authority be restored to Church. While acting as aplain for the King of Engid, he showed that the Pope no authority over regular ers; it is uninspirational. His

teachings influenced the rulers and they united in denying the Pope's claim to temporal authority.

Wycliffe was strongly against the Mendicant Friars, which were the idle monks that were destroying the people's properties and resources. These monks caused demoralisation and corruption among youths, and many of the youth were influenced to enter monastery even without their parents' knowledge. Those monks claimed that they were following the Saviours' example, saying that Jesus and his disciples had been supported by the charities of the people. Wycliffe wrote and published tracts against these Friars.

He was sent by the king of England to defend the rights of the English Crown against the enroachment of Rome. As an ambassador, he spent two years in Netherhlands, with the Commissioners of Hope; who were from France, Italy and Spain. Here he has more understanding of Romanism and so returned to England, more determined to preach the Truth. With greater coal, he started declaring that covetousness, pride and deception were the gods of Rome.

Soon after his return to England, he was appointed as the rector of Lutterworth. This action showed the backings of the England Monarchs.

The Pope soon became enraged at him. Three bulls were dispatched to England against him, to the university, to the King, and to the prelates. All demanded that Wycliffe be silenced. Some historians wrote that it was five bulls dispatched against him, ordering his arrest and examination. It seemed he would die, and be burnt at stake. But it was the pontiff that dispatched the bull, Gregory XI that died; and the Ecclesiastics

who had assembled for Wy-cliffe's trial, dispersed.

God then gave the chance for the Reformation to grow. The death of Gregory was followed by the election of two rival Popes. Two conflicting powers, each professing infallibility, now claimed obedience. Each called upon the faithful to assist him in making war upon the other, enforcing his demands by terrible curses against his adversaries and promises of rewards in Heaven to his supporters. This incident weakened the Power of the Papacy greatly. Pope was cursing Pope and torrents of blood were poured out to support their conflicting claims. Crimes and scandals flooded the church like

The Schism with its results, strife and corruption prepared the way for the Reformation by enabling people to see the real nature of Papacy. Wycliffe then determined not to let the spreading of the light be in Lutterworth only, but in England as a whole. So he organized a group of "poor priests" and sent them out to preach the truth. They were called Lollards. But the greatest achievement he made was to be the translation of the Scriptures into the English Language. In "The Truth and Meaning of Scriptures" he expressed his intention to translate the Bible, so that every man in England might read in the language in which he was born, the wonderful works of God.

In the process, he was stopped by a dangerous illness. The news of it made the Friars happy and they thought he would recant his doctrines. But No! He did not, and he recovered. He lived to place in the hands of his countrymen the most powerful of all weapons against Rome, the Bible translated from Vulgate. Copies were multiplied by wearisome copying.

The appearance of the scriptures brought dismay to the authorities of the church. However, before the priests could influence the government to probit its circulation, the Bible has circulated for awhile. The Priest then plotted to silence his voice. He was summoned before the tribunals, successively, for trial. Yet they failed. In the last trial, he threw on them the charge of heresy they threw on him. He said finally in the trial, "With whom do you think you are contending? With an old man on the brink of the grave? - No! With truth, - truth which is stronger than you, and will overcome you." After saying this, he departed from the tribunal, and none of his adversaries dared stop him.

Later, he was again summoned to Rome for trial before the papal tribunal, which had shed much blood of the saints. He was not blind to this, yet he wanted to go, but a shock of palsy made it impossible for him. However, he wrote a letter.

When they were sure of dealing with him, he died peaceably. He was a strong man that men hesitated to cross intellectual swords with.

The Papists had failed to work their will with Wycliffe, during his life and their hatred could not be satisfied while his body rested quietly in the grave. By the decree of the Council of Constance, more than 40 years after his death, his bones were exhumed and publicly burnt, and the ashes were thrown into a neighboring brook. An old writer said "The brook did convey his ashes into Avon, Avon into Severn, Severn into the narrow seas, and they into the main ocean; and thus the ashes of Wycliffe are the emblem of his doctrine, which now is spread all the world over."

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The whole week was a great time for fellowshipping around the word of God, singing and praising. One special song for the week was "...This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, SHINE ALL OVER NOR-WAY!"

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