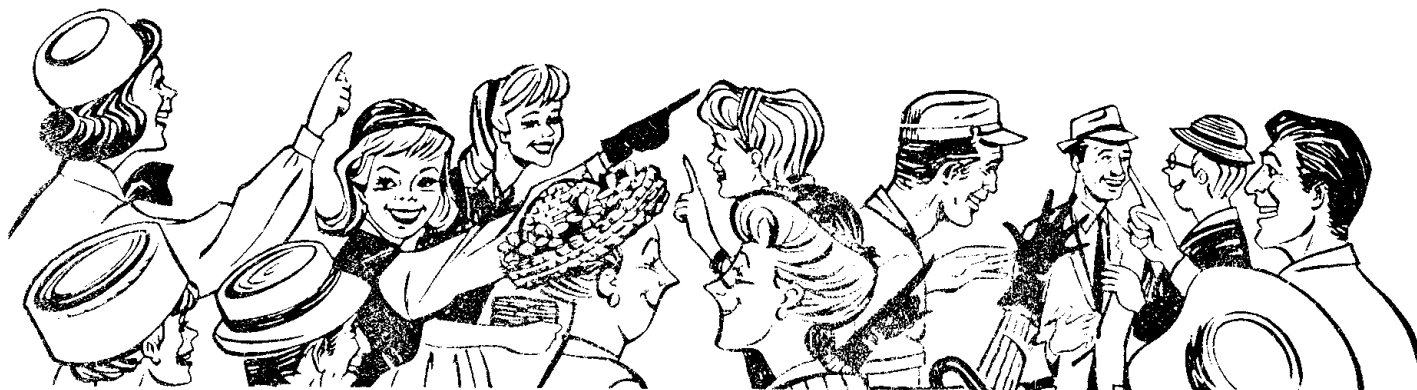


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"Preach the Word." (II Timothy 4:2)

"Feed the Flock." (I Peter 5:2)



Ways That Seem Right Unto Man

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PROVERBS 14:12 and 16:25 are identical verses; they sound the same warning, one that is much needed today. They read: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death."

Jeremiah the prophet writes: "The heart is DECEITFUL above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). This emphasizes the fact that we must be extremely careful lest we allow our hearts to deceive us and thus be led into wickedness.

As to who can know the heart, Jeremiah writes: "I the Lord search the HEART, I try the reins, even to give to every man according to his way, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jer. 17:10).

God told Solomon: "And thou Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy Father, and serve him with a PERFECT HEART and with a willing mind: For the Lord SEARCHES ALL HEARTS, and UNDERSTANDS all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou SEEK HIM, he will be found of thee, but

if thou forsake him, he will CAST thee off for ever" (I Chron. 28:9).

God through Jeremiah said: "I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophecy lies? yea, they are PROPHETS OF THE DECEIT OF THEIR OWN HEART" (Jer. 23:25, 26).

"And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit..." (Rom. 8:27).

The above Scriptures cited clearly

I expect to pass through this world but once; any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kind-ness that I can show to any fellow-man, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

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teach that the heart of man may be dangerous to him because it is deceitful and desperately wicked. They also show that God knows man's heart, that nothing escapes the notice of God. We must guard our hearts lest we allow ourselves to be deceived by them.

Many places in the Bible God warns "Be not deceived." We can keep from being deceived but it will take an all out effort on our part to get the job done.

To keep from being deceived we must study to understand the will of God and to divide rightly the word of truth. We must "pray without ceasing" and "always pray lest we faint." Read I Thess. 5:17 and Luke 18:1. We must surrender ourselves without reservation to the will of God. These precautions will keep us from being deceived by ways that seem right (and are not).

In this message let us consider some ways that seem right unto men.

I. THE WAY OF AN EASY, CONVENIENT RELIGION.

Jeroboam gives a striking example of one who advocated an easy convenient religion that appealed to thousands

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Proverbs of Today

None are so blind as they who WILL NOT see.

"If a care is too small for prayer, it is too small to be a burden."

Loose living will get you into tight places.

"Prayer and searching the Scriptures are to a Christian what the right and left wings are to a bird—you need both."

Killing time is murdering opportunities.

"Service is the rent we pay for the spot we occupy on this earth."

If you take care of your money when you are young, then your money will take care of you when you are old.

"The day the pessimist calls partly cloudy is partly clear to the optimist."

It takes strong preaching to make strong Christians.

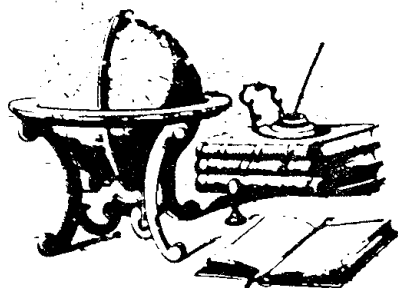
"He that plants thorns should never go barefooted."

One may think he is through with the Bible, and can disregard what it teaches, but the Bible is not through with him—he will face EVERY word of it in the day of Judgment.

"If you say nothing, no one will repeat it."

Your disposition, not your position, determines your happiness.

"Dissent and division are children of murmuring."



EDITORIAL

COMMENTS...

CHURCH BUILDINGS AND THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

WE BELIEVE THAT in modern times the church has become too "institutionalized" in simply being identified with church buildings. Rather than brothers and sisters in the family of God held together by strong personal ties in the Saviour, which have been spontaneously and unconsciously generated, there is more of a formal alliance and allegiance associated with a church building and an institution. Take away the building and you will take away the church (too many times you have a captive audience in the old established churches—it is not a matter of conviction that they are there). We have seen supposed N. T. Christians attend elsewhere (although it was not the Lord's church) because of the absence of the traditional and conventional concept of a church building. The psychology of a church-house religion bears heavily upon the modern mentality (and too many times the practice of religion is merely confined to the walls of a church building). We believe there is a basic error here. The building is not the church—the people are the church. Our allegiance is not to a building, but to Christ. Our fellowship is not with a building — but with brothers and sisters in the family of God.

In the first century, edifices especially erected and "sanctified" for church use were unknown as far as the Scriptures are concerned. There was no such thing as dedicating a building. The Lord's people were regarded as holy, not a building (I Cor. 3:16; 6:19, 20; I Peter 2:5). God does not dwell in buildings made by men's hands (Acts 7:48-50; 17:24.) Buildings are for man's convenience, not God's.

The early church primarily met in homes. Romans 16:5; I Cor. 16:9; Colossians 4:15; and Philemon 2 bear this out. Commenting on Romans 16:5, B. W. Johnson writes, "As the early Christians had no houses of worship, they met in the homes of prominent brethren. In the large cities there would be several such groups. One of these in Rome met in the house of Priscilla and Aquila." Evidently the house of the mother of John Mark is an example of this in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). No doubt their gatherings were more informal than most today, and there was more of a family atmosphere (not an institutional air). The magnetism that brought them together was a magnificent Saviour, not a magnificent building (which genders fleshly pride).

The nearest thing to what we think of as a church building is hinted at in James 2:2, where he speaks of one coming into their "assembly" (synagogue). This word synagogue can refer either to the PEOPLE who assemble or to the PLACE where they assemble (Luke 7:5; Acts 18:7). A synagogue of Jews being converted would

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of his subjects. After the death of Solomon the kingdom was divided into Judah and Israel. Jeroboam was the first king of Israel. His kingdom was located in the northern part of the promised land. To keep his new subjects away from Jerusalem where God had placed his name and had commanded the people to worship him, Jeroboam offered what he described as an easier and more convenient place of worship.

“Wherefore the king (Jeroboam) took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them (his subjects), it is TOO MUCH for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel (the southern part of the kingdom), and the other he put in Dan (the northern part of his kingdom).

Notice that Jeroboam took counsel (possibly the counsel of his own heart) and told the people “it is TOO MUCH for you to go up to Jerusalem.” He offered them an easier (?) more convenient (?) way. He failed to mention the fact that his plan of worship was contrary to the will of God. He appealed not to the right or wrongness of his plan but to its convenience. He appeared to have the welfare of his subjects in mind when in reality he was simply trying to make his kingdom secure and to save his own neck. His only real concern was himself.

Preachers and religious leaders are making the same appeals to their followers today. They are advocating an easy religion, one which will not interfere with their pleasures and plans. Witness the religious leaders who have begun having services only on Thursday or Friday nights to leave the weekends open to pleasure or to other things that man might desire to do. There is no mention made that the church from the beginning met upon the first day of the week for the “breaking of bread” (Acts 2:42; 20:7). There is no mention that the Lord desires that his people meet upon the Lord’s day, the first day of the week to proclaim the Lord’s death and to look forward to his soon return.

While in Canada a few years back we saw signs advertizing an early morning fisherman’s mass. Again you see the appeal of convenience rather than of consideration for what the Lord may command or desire.

This same thing is seen in the practice of once-a-year communion rather than once each Lord’s day as seen in the example of the church in the beginning. The excuse for this neglect is that the LORD’S supper becomes too common if commemorated each Lord’s day. Again in this custom we see an appeal made to convenience rather than consideration of the will of God.

Among religious people who teach that baptism is for the remission of sins as the Bible teaches in Acts 2:38, there are some congregations who wait until a meeting is over before baptizing the converts. Here is another practice that is different from that of the primitive church which baptized converts the same day or the same hour of the night without exception. To put off baptism to the end of a meeting is to belie the fact that baptism is indeed for the remission of sins. At the least it is taking chances with the souls of the individuals who are forced to wait for baptism until it is convenient for the preacher and the church to do this God-commanded act. It also postpones the joy that follows baptism into Christ as experienced by the eunuch (Acts 8:39).

Many congregations have ceased to have Sunday and Wednesday night services for the simple reason that it isn’t convenient for the congregation (and perhaps her leaders) to assemble that often. Therefore they have only one assembly, Sunday mornings. More than one service is too much for the weak anemic professed followers of Christ today. The church benches may be too hard for many people to endure more than one service a week, but what about the saints of God who gave their very lives in the service of Christ. Will they not mock us at the judgment if we have manifested such an unspiritual attitude toward

the things of God?

Jeroboam made up his own religious system. “. . . He made an house of high places, and made priest of the lowest of the people which were not of the sons of Levi” (I Kings 12:31).

Do we not see a similar thing being done today even in churches that call themselves churches of Christ? Are not men appointed to the place of elders and deacons without reference to the requirements God has placed upon men who are to function in these positions in the church? The qualifications found in I Tim. 3:1-13 and Tit. 1:1-9 are ignored when men are appointed to these offices who do not measure up to the Scriptural requirements. Is it consistent to maintain that the MUST of John 3:5 is necessary, but the same word translated “MUST” in I Tim. 3:2 is not necessary? Is it just possible that men may be appointed to the place of elders and deacons, but not be made such by the Holy Spirit as were the elders of the church at Ephesus? Read Acts 20:28. Perhaps ordained of men but not of God.

Jeroboam ordained feasts like in Judah, but he offered sacrifices in Bethel and Dan to idols, and not in Jerusalem unto God. The month and day of his feasts he devised in his own heart. See I Kings 12:32,33.

Do these special days that Jeroboam instituted remind you of present practices in churches today? Have not men devised many special days such as Easter, Christmas, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Children’s Day, U.N. Day, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Day, 4-H Day, F.F.A. Day, Lent, etc., etc.? What has this done? In many cases it has caused men to forget that every Lord’s day is a special day upon which all true Christians should assemble around the Lord’s table to proclaim the Lord’s death until the Lord returns. In place of honoring men and organizations, Christ and God are the ones to be honored and praised. May we continue steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers, and thus honor and praise Christ and God, rather than being concerned about special days that men have devised in their own hearts.

Jeroboam’s way was the way of sin. It led to the downfall of Israel. “And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan” (I Kings 12:30). May we refuse to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebet who caused Israel to sin and lose favor with God. Let us follow the perfect example of Christ and the teachings of the apostles of

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Christ who were guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit of God. See John 16:13. Remember this that God's way is the ONLY right and safe way. Since this is the way, let us walk in it!

II. ANOTHER WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT IS "EVERYBODY'S DOING IT."

This is an appeal to numbers as the sole guide to the knowledge of right and wrong. What the MAJORITY thinks or practices in NOT always WRONG, but many times it is.

One great appeal to all ages (especially to the young) is the influence of social customs.

Drinking of alcoholic beverages in public and private has become increasingly popular in the past twenty years. It has become accepted in many circles. And one is considered odd who well oppose drinking, especially social drinking. The fact that drink destroys marriages and homes by the thousands each year doesn't seem to have any visible effect upon the social drinkers. The fact that some 25,000 people lose their lives on public highways each year as a result of drinking drivers doesn't seem to bother those who continue to drink. With "legal" liquor available many people seem to think that removes all the harmful effects of drinking. Thousands each year begin to drink because of social pressures and customs. But whatever may be said in favor of drinking, the Bible warns in two different passages of Scriptures that the drunkard shall not inherit the kingdom of God. See I Cor. 6:9,10 and Gal. 5:19-21.

Customs of dress have a great influence upon society. Styles of dress worn by men today are quite different from the past, and seem to show a trend toward weakness in man, a surrender to a feminine role.

The immodest dress of women has reached the worst level of any period that I can remember in my fifty four years of life. It isn't at all surprising that women of the world go to extremes of lewdness and seduction in dress, but it is heart breaking to see girls and women who profess to be Christians go to the same extremes, simply because of the pressures of custom. Or, are some dressing as they are for the same reason that worldly women dress as they do? We cannot judge motives of the heart, but regardless of motives, ungodly dress may have the same evil influence upon men, even good men, who abhor that which is evil and strive to cling to that which is good. Even Christian

men still have to contend with the lusts of the flesh. Immodest dress on the part of women makes this battle all the harder to win. Is a woman innocent who causes a man to sin in his heart or in his life by her evil influence.

What does the Bible say about dress? "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (I Tim. 2:9,10). Modest means "well-arranged, seemly, modest or decent." Much of the dress of American women today is contrary to modesty; it is neither well-arranged, seemly, modest or decent. Some non-Christian women put the professing Christian women to shame by their manner of dress. My plea is that all women who profess to follow Christ will be careful to conform to the will of Christ rather than to the god of custom with

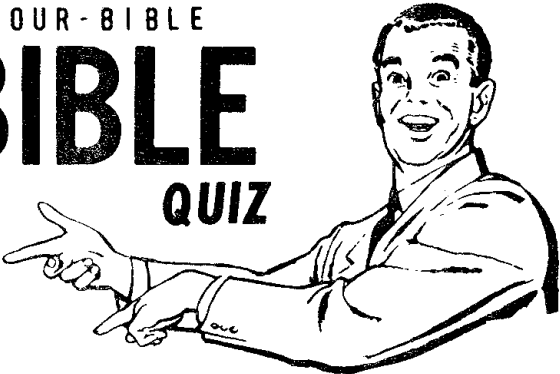
reference to dress.

Moral standard of men seem to sink lower and lower as the days go by. More and more is being written and said about marriage, "free love," divorce, pre-marital sex, unfaithfulness to marriage, etc., that seeks to justify evil and discourage righteousness. Recently I read an article that glorified second marriages and came the point of intimating that there were practically no happy first marriages. Christians must not allow themselves to be influenced by the advocates of moral looseness of this age. We must remember that when God gives men up to "uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts" they "dishonor their own bodies between themselves"—they become guilty of "vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature; and likewise the men, leaving the natural use of the woman burned in their lust

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KNOW-YOUR-BIBLE

BIBLE QUIZ



1. How long, broad and high did God command Noah to build the ark?
2. Which one of the twelve tribes of Israel seemed to have quite a few left-handed men in their number?
3. What were the names of Naomi's two daughters in law?
4. What was the name of Samuel's mother?
5. How many years was David king over Judah before he was recognized as king over all Israel?
6. Why was Jesus baptized?
7. Why must repenting sinners be baptized today?
8. Why did Jesus teach in parables?
9. What man was compelled to bear the cross of Jesus as he was taken away to be crucified?
10. Why was Paul glad that he hadn't baptized very many people at Corinth?

(Answers found elsewhere in this issue)

The Lesson Learned in A Cave



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ELIJAH HAD SUMMONED the Israelites and the prophets of Baal to Mt. Carmel (I Kings 18). The altars were erected and the prophets of Baal begged their god for a demonstration of power, but none came. With Elijah's taunts ringing in their ears they lacerated themselves in a vain attempt to arouse Baal to action. Following their silly sham, Elijah prepared God's sacrifice, and with the simplest of prayers besought and obtained a tremendous demonstration of the power of the Almighty. The event was a clear victory for God: the prophets of Baal were slain; surely now Israel would no longer limp in spiritual uncertainty. The land, parched by the three year drouth was deluged with rain; everyone was happy again! Well, not quite everyone! Jezebel was more than a little displeased with the treatment her favored prophets of Baal had received at the instigation of Elijah; and with a threat as terse and simple as his prayer had been, she turned the hero into a craven coward who fled for his life (I Kings 19). When his journey finally ended, we find him in a cave on Mt. Horeb, a distance of two hundred or more miles from Jezreel where he had gone following his prayer for rain.

Elijah did not travel alone. God's angel traveled with him and sustained him; and now, as Elijah cowers in the darkness of the cave, God asks, "What are you doing here Elijah?" A good question: one that we would do well to ask ourselves frequently. What am I doing in the city where I live? What am I doing for God? Am I just passing time, performing lip service, playing church? Am I hiding from responsibility, from possible persecution; from the often unglamorous labor of building the kingdom (beating the sidewalks, searching for honest hearts who can be taught is not likely to make you famous, but it must be done)?

Elijah's answer, with little revision, could easily come from the lips of the disgruntled Christian: "Everybody else is backslidden or a compromiser; I'm the only faithful Christian left and nobody likes me." How easy it is for our minds to be filled with suspicions concerning the faithfulness of others. It comes to the point where we don't merely wonder about the wisdom of another's actions, but we find ourselves questioning motives: this fellow is a cheat, that one is immoral; another is proud. Tom is covetous, Dick is a compromiser and Harry is hen-pecked; and so it goes.

Now, it's true that men often reveal their motives by word or deed; but until that time none of us is so equipped as to scrutinize another's heart.

Perhaps we, like Elijah, need to have a refresher course in faith. A tremendous wind roared by Elijah's cave, tearing at the mountain and breaking the rocks; but God wasn't in the wind. Next there was a bone-jarring earthquake, but God wasn't in the earthquake. After that there was a raging fire—but God wasn't in the fire. Finally a small voice was heard; so small that Elijah had to leave the dark corner of the cave to hear it. It was God's voice, again asking, "What are you doing here Elijah?"

Often men will read the blaring headlines, "Thousands respond to invitation during Evangelist Blank's crusade." Or, "Capacity crowd jammed Madison Square Garden to hear Evangelist Blank." And as they read they think, "Surely God is with that man." At times even Christians tend to stand in awe at the reported accomplishments of some denominations. They will cite the "conversions" in some denomination and ask, "Why can't we do that?" We can brethren—if we wish to resort to the totally unscriptural techniques of the denominations; but why should we aid and abet the enemy?

Some apparently feel that God can only work in that which jars, that which creates impact. Like Elijah, we need to be reminded that God does not always use a great demonstration of power as he did on Carmel. He preferred an army of 300 for Gideon over an army of 32,000. Later in Israelite history God used an inexperienced lad with a shepherd's sling and five smooth stones to defeat Philistia. Sometimes he works like a grain of mustard seed, or like leaven (Matt. 13:31-33). Sometimes his message is delivered in a still, small voice in a hospital room or the living room of a home.

We also need to be reminded that Satan uses the spectacular, the awe inspiring demonstration to deceive the very elect. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders insomuch that if possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24:24).

The fact that a man's name appears frequently in print or is on the lips of men does not prove that God is with him; he may be working for Satan. See II Tim. 4:3, 4.

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one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly... being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful; who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Rom. 1:24-32). All who practice "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness... shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21).

In this age when homosexuals (sodomites) are counted as innocent of sin, just remember this: God hasn't changed his mind. These practices are still sin in his sight and all who are guilty of these sins will not inherit the kingdom of God. And all who give comfort to such people in their sins are guilty of fighting against God.

While men and customs change, let us not forget that God and Christ do not change (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8), and "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

Remember that ways that seem right may be wrong. Two men and a boy who planned to visit the famous old El Capitan mine, apparently by mistake, wandered up an abandoned road into the barren Saline Valley, where their car broke down. They tried to walk back to a ranch house they had passed twenty miles previously. Sixty-five year old Arnold Dobson made it seven miles from the stalled car. Harold Mast, Jr., a 16 year old youth, made it ten miles before he fell. The lad's forty year old father was found 13 miles from the automobile.

The irony was, according to searchers who found the bodies, that a spring-fed oasis in a willow grove was only one mile from the spot where the car broke down. The three walked the wrong direction to their death. The direction the three traveled seemed right but it led to their deaths.

We must be careful that our hearts do not deceive us and lead us away from the way that leads to life. Ways that seem right may be dead wrong. We must refuse all ways that merely seem right. Remember that the reli-

gion of convenience is often the way of death. All religions and ways made up by men are ways of death to be avoided. Even if most of the people of the world accept false standards, customs or practices, that does not make it right. We are not to be deceived by such standards. Christ is "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). His word when received and obeyed is the only sure foundation for a life that is secure. Read Matt. 7:24-27. "Be not deceived" for "God is not mocked." Let us determine to follow Christ and walk in his steps all the way through life. No matter how attractive and alluring a way may appear, if Christ is not walking that way, it is a way that seems right but will result in death. Examine yourself. What way are you traveling? □

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God had work for Elijah to do and he sent him back to do it. There was no time for cowardice or self pity. The situation is similar today: sin flourishes and souls languish for want of laborers in the harvest field. This is no time for preachers to turn soft afraid to confront the sin and sinners both within and without the church. This is no time for Christian's to sulk in self pity. "Wherefore, lift up the hands that hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way: but let it rather be healed" (Heb. 12:12, 13). □

Kiss Lost Its Place In '60s, Doctor Says

LONDON (AP) — Making love has replaced the good night kiss of the postwar days, a leading London doctor told a medical congress Thursday.

"The kiss of the '40s and '50s," said Dr. John Slomb, "has become the sexual intercourse of the '60s and '70s."

Slome, in a paper to the third international Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynecology, disclosed a survey showed that unmarried mothers in Britain account for 61 per cent of all abortion patients.

"This," he said, "illustrates the changed pattern of behavior during the last 20 years."

"Divers Diseases"

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THEN THERE WAS this backwoods preacher who was smarter than you think. His text was: "They brought to Jesus all sick people that were taken with divers diseases." He said, "Now doctors can scrutinize, analyze, and sometimes cure your ills. But when you have divers diseases, only the Lord can cure you. And don't you know we have a regular epidemic among us! Some dive for the doorright after the preaching service; some dive for the TV during evening service; some dive right into a bag of excuses whenever there is work to do for the Lord; some dive for the car for a trip over the weekend; and some just dive. Brethren, if you have divers diseases you are in a bad way. Only the Lord and love of his church can cure you."

A YOUNG WOMAN boarded a crowded bus. A little tired old man arose and gave her his seat. After an embarrassing silence, he said, "I beg your pardon?"

"I didn't say anything," she answered.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said the oldster, "I thought I heard you say, 'Thank you'."

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WHAT SIN IS

*Sin is black;
Sin is gruesome,
And the grave is its goal.*

*Sin is real;
Sin is trouble
As it torments the soul.*

*Sin is wrong;
Sin is failure
That makes us miss our goal.*

*Sin is hell;
Sin is Satan
Who seeks to sear the soul.*

By A. BROTHER

ANSWERS TO "Know-Your-Bible" BIBLE QUIZ

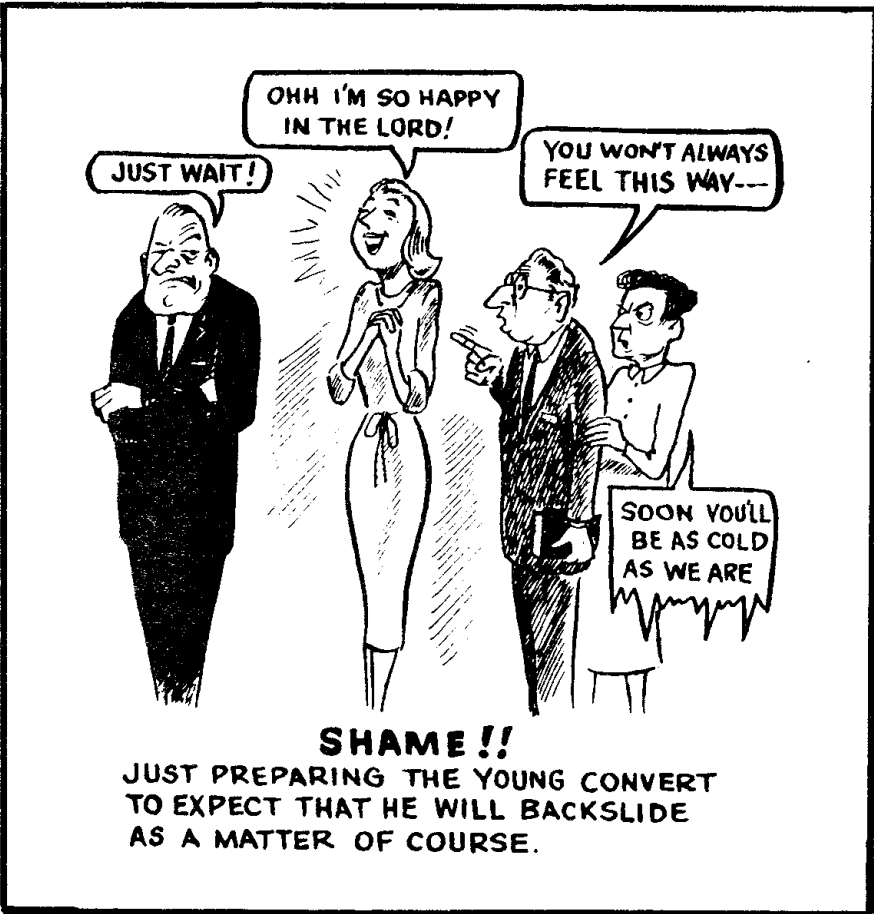
1. Genesis 6:15; 2. Judges 3:15; 20:15, 16; 1 Chronicles 12:2; 3. Ruth 1:1-4; 4. 1 Samuel 1:20; 5. 11 Samuel 5:5; 6. Matthew 3:13-15; 7. Acts 2:38, 39; 22:16; 8. Matthew 13:10-17; 9. Mark 15:21; 10. 1 Cor. 1:12-15.

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naturally retain their meeting place, the synagogue. Evidently this is the implication in James 2:2.

Perhaps these words we are writing will be unwelcomed in this era of prosperity and beautiful church buildings. We thank the Lord that we can have nice buildings (they should equal our homes, but not be excessive) to impliment fulfilling such Scriptures as Hebrews 10:25, but let us keep them in their proper prospective. We know of many small groups meeting in their homes about the land as the church—and that they are. We need to disorient Christians from always associating the church with formal buildings. It will make it much easier for them to be faithful to the Lord. Should some unpredicted circumstances suddenly remove a family of Christians away from a “formal” assembly, they immediately become the church in the city where they live (for they are Christians). Let them not join up with some apostate group. They are the church if they never erect a formal building, and they should let their light shine. They are the church if they never win a single soul to Christ (Remember Noah). And, this proper perspective of the church will help people with convictions make their exit from a compromising, watered-down situation (which is the church falsely so-called)—the church is not the building. Should overt persecution come, and the church have to go underground (abandoning the formal meeting place), a realization of the truth that we have been trying to get across will be most helpful. — J. GIBBONS



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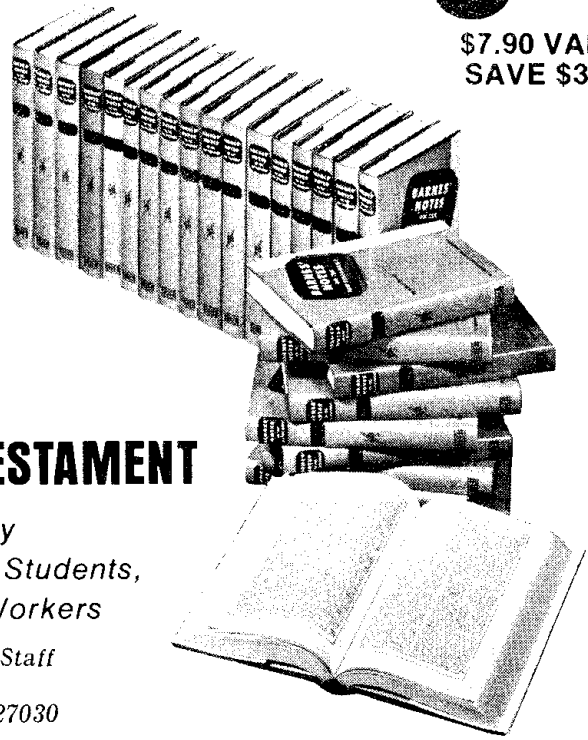
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