RUNNING FROM GOD

The text for the message is Jonah 1:1-4.

"Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise and go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken."

Jonah was a man of God. He was a prophet. He was a spokesman for the Lord. God commanded Jonah to go and preach to the people of Nineveh. For some reason Jonah didn't want to do what God had plainly told him to do. Instead of going to Nineveh, he decided to take a ship to Tarshish. Jonah started a race that he couldn't possibly win. He deliberately attempted to flee from the presence of the Lord. People are still trying to run from Him today. How pitiful our condition is when we don't want to be in the Lord's presence or we don't want to do the Lord's will.

Let us consider the following questions and seek to answer them according to God's word.

I. WHAT DO PEOPLE RUN FROM?
   They run from responsibility. Jonah was responsible for carrying God's word to the people of Nineveh. The Lord commanded Jonah to carry His word to those people. Jonah started running from responsibility.

   As saved people we are responsible and accountable to God. We are instructed to live unto Him who died for us. II Cor. 5:14,15. We are to seek God's kingdom and righteousness first. Matt. 6:33. We are to present our bodies a living sacrifice. Rom. 12:1. We are saved unto good works or a pattern and plan for life that the Lord has ordained. Eph. 2:10. Any time we refuse to accept and perform our duty and privilege, we will start to run from responsibility.

   They run from royalty. Who told Jonah to go and preach the word? Was it another man? Was it some friend or relative? Was it an angel? No. No. The Lord commanded Jonah to go and preach. The Lord is the Lord of lords and the King of kings. Rev. 19:16. He is the commander, conqueror, and creator of every man.

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John 1:3 Paul wrote of Jesus, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of the things in Heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:10,11

Jonah was running away from the Lord. We are so foolish as to start a race with the Lord that we can never win. You cannot escape the Lord's presence. Psalms 139:7-7

Any time you refuse to do the Lord's will, you will start running from the Lord. Even men who feel the call to
preach run from the Lord. All of the Lord's people can run from Him, but how foolish it is.

They run from right. The Lord is righteous. He moves His people to live righteously. He leads us in paths of righteousness. Psa. 23:1-3. The Lord's way is right. The Lord will always ask you to do what is right. It was right for Jonah to preach God's word.

It is never right to do wrong. Jonah was doing the wrong thing by disobeying God. Jonah was the cause for the storm at sea. He endangered the lives of the sailors. He spent 3 days at the university of whales. He suffered because he was doing the wrong thing.

They run from revelation. The Lord revealed His will to Jonah. Jonah was not in the dark. He wasn't ignorant. It wasn't that he didn't understand God's will. He knew what God wanted him to do and from Jonah 4:1,2 I gather that Jonah knew what the outcome would be. Jonah wanted Nineveh to be destroyed for some reason. When the people of Nineveh repented and God spared them, Jonah was displeased. When God's people start running from God, we run from God's revelation or revealed will.

II. WHY DO PEOPLE RUN FROM GOD?

They resist God's way. The Lord wanted Jonah to preach to Nineveh. The Lord's judgment was about to fall on 60,000 people. The Lord in mercy and grace wanted to warn them of the coming judgment. He wanted Jonah to be the one to warn them. Jonah resisted God's way and will. He started running from the Lord.

Stephen said of the Jews, "...Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost..." Acts 7:51. The Lord wants us to allow the Holy Spirit to fill or control us. Eph. 5:18 "Quench not the Spirit." 1 Thess. 5:19. When the Lord reveals His will to us and we are not willing to obey Him, we will start running from Him.

The Lord's way is always the best way. It is the tried and proven way. His way does not lead to a dead end path. If only we could realize the truth Jesus stated in John 14:6, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE..."

They refuse God's word. The word of the Lord is profitable and inspired by God. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. The Lord's word is a preventive of sin. Psa. 119:9-11 The Lord's word is a lamp and a light. Psa. 119:105 The Lord's word is a means for Christian growth. I Pet. 2:2; II Pet. 3:18 The Lord's word is truth. John 17:17 When the Lord speaks, men had better listen.

Jonah heard the word of the Lord. He knew what the Lord had said, but he rejected the Lord's word. He refused to accept it. He chose to ignore it. There is no hope or help for the person who will not listen and obey the Lord. Many are like Pharaoh who said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." Exod. 5:2

They resent the war. The Christian life is a constant struggle and fight. The Spirit and flesh are contrary one to another. Gal. 5:7 Paul described the struggle of right and wrong in our lives in Rom. 7:14-25. Paul wrote, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. II Tim. 2:3"

The war lasts a lifetime. Time has seen good men give up and quit the Lord's work. Demas forsook Paul because he loved the present world. II Tim. 4:10 We will get weary. That is why we are to pray. Luke 18:1 We can faint in our minds, that is why we are to think of Jesus. Heb. 12:3 The flesh is weak, but Jesus can make us strong. II Cor. 12:9 The Lord can give us the desire and will, and power to keep going for Him.

They rebel at the waiting. Much of your time is used in waiting. You wait for the doctor, cashier, the banker, freeways, and often, we need to wait on God. Moses told the Israelites to stand still and see God's salvation. Exod. 14:13 Israel was given this command with the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptians behind them. The psalmist said, "Be still and know that I am God..." Psa. 46:10

Jonah heard God's word and immediately started rebelling and running. He didn't want to reason with the Lord. He didn't allow the Lord to work on him. The Bible says, "He sought to flee from the presence of the Lord."

A lot of modern day activity in our churches is only motion and commotion because we are not waiting upon the Lord. The Lord's time table and our time table are not always alike. Patience is a prized trait for the redeemed. Many pray for the patience of Job. They do not realize tribulation worketh patience. Rom. 5:3 May the Lord give us the grace to wait upon Him.

III. HOW DO PEOPLE RUN FROM GOD?

They run with hard heads. Jonah had already made up his mind. He knew what he was going to do. Jonah was so set in his thinking, he immediately started running. No one could change his mind at that moment. Not even the Lord. Jonah wasn't going to listen.

Hard headed people will cause most of the trouble in the Lord's churches. This type of person can't be reasoned with. Hard headed people get it fixed in their minds that is the way it is going to be regardless. The Lord had to deal with Jonah severely before he got the message. The Lord knows what it will take to change us.

They run with a hammer head. Jonah made up his mind. He planned his course of action. He didn't care about others. He was going to show the Lord he didn't have to obey.

We are guilty of making up our minds as to what we want and trying to force our way upon others. The Lord told
Abraham and Sarah He would bless them with a child. Sarah wanted to speed up God's timetable. She wanted to help God out. She encouraged Abraham to have a child by Hagar, her handmaid. He did. He and the Jews have paid for it dearly. I have known of pastors without work call churches about becoming the pastor. God always seeks the man. Lord help me to be a patient servant and wait upon thee.

They run with a hollow head. If you can't run God or flee from Him, why run? When you are violating God's will, way, and word, it reflects you are not thinking. You are not exercising common sense.

Jonah decided he would challenge the Lord. The Lord is all powerful, all present, and all knowing. He is the almighty God. How in the world can the clay tell the potter, "I will not allow you to mold and fashion me?" Paul rightly described man when he wrote, "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." II Tim. 3:7 When Job's wife told him to curse God and die, Job said, "But he said unto her, thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh..." Job 2:10

They run with a hot head. A hot head is a person who refuses to reason and one who is rash in making decisions. Some will get their way even if they have to ruin the work or people to do so.

They get angry and express a lot of things that hurt deeply. Jonah made up his mind what he was going to do and marched off determined that he would not preach to the people of Nineveh.

May we heed the admonition of James 1:19. "Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." Much harm is done by people who get angry in the Lord's work. Words are spoken which hurt young converts and weak Christians.

IV. WHEN DO PEOPLE RUN FROM GOD?

When they have problems. Jonah had a problem. He wasn't ready to deal with it in light of God's word. Jonah started running because of a deeper spiritual problem. He wasn't willing to submit to the Lord. Running from a problem only creates more problems in life.

Job said man would experience problems in his life. Job 14:1 Problems must be dealt with in the home, on the job, in school, in church, and in your personal life. These problems can put us on the run. May we have the grace to run to the Lord with our problems like Ezekiel did. Isa. 38:1,2

When they have pressure. Jonah felt pressure in his life. The Lord wanted him to go to Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to go, so he started running.

Paul said the last days would be perilous times. Perilous means dangerous, grievous, and difficult times. We feel the pressure in every area of life. Pressure causes us to experience the stress and strain of daily life.

The Lord can use the pressure to refine us and burn away the impurities in our lives. Peter wrote, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you." I Pet. 5:10

When they are paralyzed. Sin and satan and self can cause a paralysis in our spiritual lives. Read Isa. 51:12, 13 We can become motionless as we are affected by them. You may feel like you have so messed things up in your life that it would be best to start over in another place or town.

Jonah's life started down hill after he started running from God. A terrible storm came up. The sailors found out that God was after Jonah. Jonah was torn into the sea. He was three days in a fish's stomach. He then was willing to preach to Nineveh after he wasted precious time.

The only cure for spiritual paralysis is confession of sins and cleansing by the Lord Jesus. I John 1:9; II Cor. 7:14

You can't win running from God.
I AM TIRED - AND HURTING

I am a pastor—whether a good one or not, I cannot judge. I am, at least, a conscientious one. I love the Lord and I love His people. I enjoy proclaiming His Word and ministering to the needs of those over whom God has placed me. I am truly thankful to God for the privilege of serving Him.

In my years of ministry, I have never deliberately turned from those who have needed me and let me know of those needs. I have shared in both joys and tragedies of my people.

I have cried in frustration because I lacked the words to soothe the hurt of a young couple who had just learned that their six-week old child had died of meningitis. My heart has broken for the plight of the family who had just learned that their thirteen year old son had been killed while he was riding his bicycle on an apartment parking lot. I felt the emptiness of the young husband who told me that his home was in danger of breaking up because of unfaithfulness. In each case, I ministered as best I could with the faith that God would do what I could not.

During my ministry, I have also had times of great rejoicing. I consider the young mother who announced one morning, "A---- was saved last night." Her face glowed with the knowledge that she had won her daughter to Christ. I rejoiced with her because I had encouraged her to try and then instructed her in the technique I use with young children.

I have had church-members-in-good-standing make professions of faith and become productive teachers, youth workers and soul-winners. I have been faced with louses who were fully set on divorcing their husbands. The Lord blessed tremendously in some of those cases. In other cases, I failed. I felt tears come to my eyes when one of the louses who had gone back to her husband told me, "I didn't know that marriage could be so good!"

I have also had the experience of counseling young men about the gospel ministry. Some later announced the call of God and have gone on to successful ministries. Others did not make that announcement, but did become involved in other work in the Lord's churches. In each of these, I credit God alone and praise Him for allowing me to be a channel of His wisdom.

Yet, in spite of tremendous blessings, I'm tired—and hurting!

It is not the demands of time that tire me. Nor the work. I often put in sixty to seventy hours a week in the Lord's work. I have been aroused out of a sound sleep at three o'clock in the morning many times. Frequently, I have just taken my place at the supper table with my family only to have my meal and digestion disturbed by a phone call. Perhaps someone just had to talk on the phone for a few minutes, or maybe my presence was needed to help with a spiritual problem. My family and I do not begrudge these times. We all have sacrificed in order for me to carry out the ministry God has called me to do. We gladly do this in order for God to be glorified.

It is not study, prayer, teaching or preaching, visitation, counseling or any other legitimate task of the ministry that is so tiring. God has given love and capacity for all of these.

But I am tired! I am tired of the cowardliness of "good Christians" who use a public forum to deliberately embarrass their pastors and undermine their ministries. I am tired of the hypocrisy of those who can teach a lesson on the sin of Korah and then whole heartedly join him in that sin.

I am tired of the nit-picking, mote-hunting, fault-finding and back-biting carried on by some in responsible positions. I am tired of broken promises, shattered confidences and betrayals by some who had been thought to be friends. I am tired of deliberate misunderstanding on the part of those who "loveth to have the preeminence."

Even worse is the hurt. Imagine seeing the pain in the eyes of your wife because of the attacks on her husband and her inability to help. Imagine knowing that she hurts because some who had been close to her had turned like snakes to harm her.

Imagine looking into the eyes of your children and seeing disillusionment, anger, bitterness and loss of faith because of the behaving of some "good Christians." How do you tell them that there are some who talk a good game, but don't play by the rules? How do you help them regain that lost faith in God and in fellow church members? How do you continue to encourage them to grow in the Lord when the examples they see of "mature Christians" are so bent on self-will and destroying God's man?

How do you tell a son that he will not be able to graduate with honors because his school system requires that he attend his last two years at one school, and now you must leave the community? How do you tell a daughter that, once again, she must leave her close friends? And how do you respond when she says, "I understand Daddy"? What do you say to them when, after telling them the bad news, they smile, kiss you and say, "I love you, Daddy."

And how do you handle the hurt when you realize you have failed to meet the needs of the very ones who have hurt you? You may have tried and tried, but still they have rejected you and the help and friendship you have offered.

Yes, I am hurting. I am hurting for young Christians who leave our churches and attend false churches because in them they see the love they are searching for. I am hurting for young Christians who drop out because of the hatred, division, self-seeking and rebellion evident in so many churches. I am hurting for young men who reject the call to the ministry because they have seen pastors hurt by "good Christians" and
become embittered, hate-filled, self-seeking. And I am hurting because sincere, well-meaning believers sit back and allow such things to occur in our churches.

In just the past week, I have talked to two men who were once pastors. One said he left because of stress and pressure. He did not elaborate. The other attributed his leaving to divisions and fights in the church. One of them is not even active in a church now. Before you judge him, maybe you should feel some of his hurt. Maybe you should have the love he had for his flock and then experience the pain as the very ones he loved turned violently on him.

I read recently that the average length of stay for a pastor in this country is eighteen months. If this is true, I can understand why. And I can understand why so many pastors are leaving the ministry. As bad as the world is, it is not so vicious as "good Christians" who are out of God’s will.

Yes, I am tired—and hurting. It is to your advantage to pray for me.

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THE DUTY OF THE WIFE

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Text: Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22-24
Intro: Only 7% of the people in America live in what we know as a normal family. Many psychologists believe that the causes of male and female homosexuality is the reversal of the authority figure in the home. Thus we see the danger and sinfulness of not obeying God’s Word.

I. THE DENIAL OF SUBMISSION.
A. The point of attack.
1. The Gay Community—When two men are married there is no female involved therefore these verses cannot apply.
2. The Woman’s liberation movement. They say Paul is commenting on tradition and this portion of scripture is not part of the inspired Word of God. These words are only the personal opinion of the apostle Paul they claim. They say these words are to be inter-

B. The proper defence – THE BIBLE.
1. When people with their special interest start trying to decide which verses are true in the Bible, WE’VE GOT REAL PROBLEMS!
2. All efforts of integrating Woman’s Lib into Christianity still can’t change God’s Word!!
I Tim. 2:11-14; Titus 2:5; I Peter 3:1-6

II. THE DEFINITION OF SUBMISSION
CR "Hupotassas" means "To line up underneath functionally."
A. The Matter of Submission.
1. Submission does not imply inferiority. Jesus submitted to the Father. Was He inferior to Him? Phil. 2:5-11
2. Submission is not absolute if it is against God’s Word. Acts 5:29
No one has the right to demand you do something that is against the law of God.
3. Submission is in Love. If Christ is the head of their home and their heart submission will be based on mutual love for each other as husband and wife and not on fear or force.

B. The manner of submission. How does a wife submit to her husband in a Biblical way? Prov. 31:10-31
1. Her husband can trust her 100% with the checkbook. V. 12
2. She is enterprising at home and saving extra money. v. 13, 19, and 24.
3. She cares more about her own comfort. v. 15
4. Her submission and humility make her strong. v.17 & 23
5. She cares for the needy and her family giving them the best. If there is any money left over she dresses herself, but is never selfish. v. 20-22
6. Her husband and children adore her. v. 26-28

III. THE DESIGN OF SUBMISSION.
God intended it to be this way. Col. 3:18
A. God intended it to give stability to the family.
B. God intended it to give security to the family.
C. God intended it to give satisfaction to the wife.

Conclusion: We've tried it our way and destroyed the family. Now let's try God's Way.

JESUS LOVES YOU
WATCH OUT FOR THE DEVIL

The lesson for our observation and consideration in this article deals with the subtle ways of Satan. We certainly need to realize that Satan is a very sly, wicked, crafty, and evil foe. The scriptures present him in a two fold way as to his appearance. He comes a roaring lion to devour (I Pet. 5:8); and as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14) to deceive. He's easy to detect when he comes as a roaring lion, but quite difficult when he appears as an angel of light. We need to also realize that he uses others to accomplish his purposes. Yes, he can even use each of us if we're not careful. He works through the purposes and circumstances surrounding us in our environment to accomplish his evil desire. That's why we should let all of our successes, struggles, and strains in life bring us closer to the Lord. As long as sin lasts, we can expect conflicts.

In order to be equipped when the stresses and strains come, it is necessary to do some things daily. These are listed again to help you:

(1) Daily call upon the Lord. Psa. 86:3
(2) Daily search the scriptures. Acts. 17:10-11
(4) Daily die to self. I Cor. 15:31

Now as we turn our attention to Joshua Chapter 9 we see this great chapter divided into two areas:

I. The Great Craftiness of the enemy.
II. The Cullibility of God's people.

I. THE GREAT CRAFTINESS OF THE ENEMY.

In the last lesson we noticed where God's people finally gained the victory over the inhabitants of Ai. Now in this chapter we are instructed in one of the ways in which Satan works to hinder the work of the Lord. Briefly this way can be summarized as follows.

If he can't defeat you openly, he'll try to join you and in a very crafty way get into your life.

First, let's notice the ENEMIES. Joshua 9:1-4. "And it came to pass when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof. That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and Israel, with one accord. And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, they did work wilfully, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old and rent, and bound up;"

The first part of this section deals with the nations who were the enemies of God that joined together to openly war against God's people. This presents to us the devil coming as a roaring lion. You can see how he worked by using the circumstances to motivate and manipulate these nations. They were uneasy because of what they heard. Now they became united. They forgot their differences.

Next, in reference to the inhabitants of Gibeon, we see the devil coming as an angel of light.

This brings us now to the second part, in this section, that deals with the Great Craftiness of the Enemy as we notice the EVILNESS of sin. In this section we see the deceit of sin, the diligence of sin, the dishonesty of sin, and finally the disgrace of sin.

The DECEIT of sin is seen in Joshua 9:4-5. "And they did work wilfully, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old and rent, and bound up, and old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them, and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy." It may be well to point out here that more than likely these people in all their work to disguise themselves really did not know that the devil was manipulating them in this venture to hinder the work of God. They were being used by him and did not even know it. The same is true today.

The DISHONESTY of sin is noted in Joshua 9:6. "And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto Him, and to the men of Israel, we have come from a far country; Now therefore make ye a league with us." Can't you see in this verse how persevering and careful they are in this sinful endeavor.

The DISGRACE of sin is seen in Joshua 9:7-12. The devil really knows how to use people doesn't he? Friend, he is still working today. Beware of him.

Thus far, in this section we noticed the enemies and the evilness of sin, so now let's note the ENLIGHTMENT concerning the craftiness of the enemy. If the devil can't defeat God's people, as a whole by his attacks from without, he'll attempt to get in on the inside of the assembly. How
does he work on the inside? First, he tries to DEFEAT THE MESSAGE. He'll do this by motivating people to openly express disagreement to the message. If the messenger is properly equipped, he can with the Word of God, defeat the devil. There is power in the Word. But the devil doesn't stop here. He will then try to DESTROY THE MESSENGER. How does he do this? He will raise someone to oppose God's man or to talk about him in order to sow seeds of disrespect toward him. (Sometimes the person doing this does not even recognize that he is being manipulated by the devil.) This is done to discourage the messenger and to destroy him. If the messenger will allow the Lord to help him, he can overcome. By the way, sometimes the man of God or messenger becomes so broken hearted because of the people that the devil used to try to do this, that it takes a while with the help of God to overcome feelings of hurt, anger, and resentment. But again, we notice that the devil doesn't stop here. If the messenger overcomes, then the devil seeks to use others to DISTURB THE MEMBERSHIP. This is done to get our attention off of our main goal. This 3-fold cycle is constantly being seen in the Lord's work. Don't let the devil win. If he has won maybe one or two rounds, don't stay down, but rather learn a valuable lesson, and then get up and go again.

Remember, every time a child of God or church steps into an experience of blessing they are on the verge of having another assault by the enemy. (II Tim. 3:12) The Gibeonites have crept into church life - personal Christian life - and home life. They are sapping away our strength. Next, let's notice: II. THE GULLIBILITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

According to verse 14 they took them in. Notice also in this verse their failure to pray. Neglect of prayer always leads to trouble because it destroys the spirit of discernment and suggests pride in our own judgement. These alliances hurt. How many Christians have discovered that the things which seemed not to matter at the time have ruined their lives. Never trust your judgment in anything. Go to God in prayer and wait on him.

In conclusion, it's good to point out that we certainly need to be thankful to God because, in many instances, he overrules our mistakes and turns them into blessings. Notice verse 21.

What became of these Gibeonites? Joshua 9:21-27, gives the answer. In this section you see the CONDEMNATION, the CONFIRMATION, and the CONSIDERATION.

May God help all of us to BEWARE of the subtle ways of satan. Read James 4:7.

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ANOTHER LOOK

AT JESUS

D.B. Wright

Text: John 1:1-12

Intro:

A. Jesus was the beginning! v. 1 John 17:5
B. Jesus was God the Word made flesh. v. 1, v. 14
C. Jesus made all things! v. 3, Col. 1:16
D. Jesus is also sustainer of all things. Col. 1:17, Hebs. 1:3
E. This chapter presents Jesus as LIFE, LIGHT, LAMB. Chapter ten adds, LEADER!

I. BEHOLD JESUS, THE "LAMB OF GOD!"

A. First pictured in Gen. 3:12, II Cor. 5:21
B. Then to Cain, the "rejected" in Gen. 4:7

C. Isaac's Substitute: Gen 22:7-8; 13. Remember Isaiah 53:6
D. The "Passover Lamb" in Egypt: Exodus 12:6-7; 13;
E. The "Lamb of God" sent to earth to taste death for every man.

II. BEHOLD JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

A. John 1:9
B. John 8:12
C. John 3:19-21
D. The "LIGHT" that satan is afraid of and seeks to intercept. II Cor. 4:3-4

III. BEHOLD JESUS, THE "LIFTER" OF SIN'S GUILT

A. Psalm 40:1-3
B. Mark 2:10
C. His invitation to the lost soul: Matt. 11:28
D. Example: Luke 7:48
E. Also of "Burdens" I Peter 5:7

IV. BEHOLD JESUS, THE "LIFE FROM GOD!"

A. v. 4
B. John 10:10
C. John 14:6
D. I John 5:11-13
E. John 10:28
F. Romans 6:23
G. Gal. 2:20
V. BEHOLD JESUS, THE "LEADER" OF THE SAVED
   A. John 10:4
   B. He leads in paths of light and right. John 8:12, Psalm 23:3b
   C. He leads to peace and tranquility.
      1. Isaiah 26:3-4
      2. Psalm 23:2
   D. He leads to fishing for souls. Matt. 4:19
   E. He leads "through" dark and trying times.

VI. BEHOLD JESUS, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH.
   A. In life He was:
      1. An innocent babe.
      2. An obedient child.
      3. A sinless son.
      4. One who "went about doing good".
      5. The seeker and saviour of the lost!
   B. He will come again in a different role.
      1. Executing vengeance. II Thes. 1:7-10
      2. Ruling the world with a rod of iron. Rev. 19:15
   C. He will return as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Rev. 5:5
   D. He will put down all rule and authority and bring peace to this troubled world.
      1. Luke 19:12
      2. Rev. 11:15
      3. I Cor. 15:24-25
      4. Isaiah 11:9
      5. Rev. 20:6

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(1) Sound Out The Gospel with a prayer that someone, somewhere may hear and be saved.
(2) Sound Out The Word to help Christians intake Spiritual Food which is so vital in their Growth Process in Christ.
(3) Serve as a helper in helping others find a Missionary Baptist Church of like faith and order in their area so that they can give God glory in and through her.

The Program
Mission Ministry
Support various Missionaries, 2 Seminaries, and 1 Youth Camp.

Radio Ministry
KGOL ... 9:30 PM Each Sunday... Houston, Texas ... 1071 FM
KPBC ... 2:30 PM Each Sunday ... Dallas, Texas ... 1060 AM
KHYM ... 4:00 PM Each Sunday ... Gilmer, Texas ... 1060 AM

Publication Ministry
We print a monthly Religious Paper which contains sermon and study outlines to help you better understand the Scriptures. In addition to our paper we have printed six outline books and desire to print others in the near future. All publications are for free distribution. Write for further information.

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