GOD’S FORMULA FOR REVIVAL (2)

"AND THE LORD APPEARED TO SOLOMON BY NIGHT, AND SAID UNTO HIM, I HAVE HEARD THY PRAYER, AND HAVE CHOSEN THIS PLACE TO MYSELF FOR AN HOUSE OF SACRIFICE. IF I SHUT UP HEAVEN THAT THERE BE NO RAIN, OR IF I COMMAND THE LOCUSTS TO DEVOUR THE LAND, OR IF I SEND FESTILENCE AMONG MY PEOPLE; IF MY PEOPLE, WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, AND SEEK MY FACE, AND TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND. NOW THINE EYES SHALL BE OPEN, AND THINE EARS ATTENT UNTIL THE PRAYER THAT IS MADE IN THIS PLACE. FOR NOW HAVE I CHosen AND SANCTIFIED THIS HOUSE, THAT MY NAME MAY BE THERE FOR EVER: AND THINE EYES AND THINE HEART SHALL BE THERE PERFECTLY."  

11 Chronicles 7:12-16

V. THE PURSUIT

Seek the God of righteousness. The Lord is righteous and holy. "FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE IN THE SNE FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM." II Cor. 5:21 The Lord is perfect, righteous and holy in all of His being. The seraphims cried,"...HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,IS THE LORD OF HOSTS...." Isa.6:3 The Lord desires that we seek Him and His righteousness. Matt.6:33 This should be a priority in life. We are to worship the Lord in truth and spirit. John 4:24

Seek the God of Revelation. He reveals himself to those who seek him. Paul desired to "...KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS." Phil. 3:10 He seeks to reveal His word to us by His Holy Spirit. I Cor.2:14 He wants to show us His will and way. Jesus wants us to know He is the way, truth and the life...I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME." John 14:6 Seek the God of rewards. God promises to bless those who will hear and obey Him. Study this text again. Jesus wants to reward His servants in this life. "NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US... Eph.3:20 God is so good to His people as they obey Him. Jesus will reward His servants in eternity." AND, BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY; AND MY REWARD IS WITH ME, TO GIVE EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HIS WORK SHALL BE." Rev 22:12

VI. THE PROCEDURE

Turn from wicked ways daily. The text has to do primarily with a heart felt re-dedication to the Lord and His service. The fight between right and wrong is a daily struggle. Paul indicated it was a hourly conflict. Rom.7:14-25 We need to daily search our ways and seek the Lord’s will for our lives and resist any advance of the Devil. I Thess. 5:22 "ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCES OF EVIL." Turn from wicked ways diligently. We are to be sober and vigilant because of the Devil. We are to resist him steadfastly in the faith. I Pet.5:8,9 The Devil is so wise, deceitful and devilish, we must diligently examine our lives and be on guard against him. Read II Cor.11:13-15 to see how misleading he can be. God’s people are admonished to try the spirits to see if they are of God."BELIEVED,BELIEVE NOT EVERY SPIRIT,BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD.

Turn from wicked ways dependantly. It is only by the grace of God and His help that we can turn from our sins. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins and draws us to the light and right, but we must choose to follow Him. John 16:7-15 The Devil will try to blind us and...
hold us captive, but the truth will set you free. John 8:32
The Son of God can set you free and you will be free indeed.
John 8:36 The Lord can give us the strength and grace to turn from sin.
II Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:13; Heb. 4:15, 16
VII. THE PROMISE.
He would hear their prayers. "NOW MINE EYES SHALL BE OPEN, AND MINE EARS ATTEND UNTO THE PRAYER THAT IS MADE IN THIS PLACE." God promised He would hear the prayers of His people. Hearing the prayers involves being aware of what is said. It involves receiving and responding to the pleading and petitions that were made. It is a joy to pray and know that the Lord hears us. John said we could have this confidence. "AND THIS CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN HIM, THAT, IF WE ASK ANY THING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARETH US: " I John 5:14
Their prayers would be dear. The Lord wants His people to pray to Him. Jesus said, "ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU." Matt. 7:7 Our prayers move God. He does things because His children ask of Him. King Hezekiah prayed and wept before God when He was ill. The Lord added fifteen years to his life after this. II Kings 20:1-6
Their prayers would remove fear. God's punishment and chastisement can be awesome at times. When we confess our sins, God is pleased. He forgives us from our sins. He also restores the wonderful joy in His fellowship. Psa. 51:12 when we sin we should be fearful of the Lord's correction. Heb.12:6 A close walk with the Lord removes the fear.
VIII. THE PARDON.
He pardons compassionately. He understands and feels for us and is touched by our infirmities. Heb. 4:15 in love He forgave the woman caught in adultery. John 8:11 in love He forgave the thief on the cross. Luke 23:43 When we are at our worst, God's forgiveness is at its best. Paul wrote, "AND BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST Sake Hath Forgiven You." Eph. 4:32
He pardons completely. The Lord said," ...THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN." II Chr. 7:14
Our sins are removed from us as far as the east is from the west. Psa. 103:12 His wonderful forgiveness is full and complete. Guilt is exchanged for peace. Misery is exchanged for meaning. A weight is exchanged for light heartedness. Slavery is exchanged for freedom. The poet wrote,"Peace, peace, wonderful peace."
He pardons continually. He shows us His patience and love and longsuffering when He teaches us to forgive others 70x7. Matt. 18:21, 22 Repeatedly our Lord says," I FORGIVE." Daily we have need of going to Him and confessing our sins. Daily He forgives and cleanses us of our sins. The basis upon which He forgives us is our confession of sin."IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." I John 1:9
IX. THE PLENTY.
He blesses with peace. The Lord told Solomon," ...AND WILL HEAL THEIR LAND." Text. Returning to the Lord gives us peace that passes all understanding. He will give us the peace of mind and heart that is desperately needed. "AND LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE IN YOUR HEARTS, TO THE WHICH ALSO YE ARE CALLED IN ONE BODY; AND BE YE THANKFUL." Col. 3:15 Such peace calms the nerves, strengthens the mind, and steadies the heart. "THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE, WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE: BECAUSE HE TRUSTETH IN THEE." Isa. 26:3 The peace of God enables us to enjoy peace of heart and peace with our fellowman.
He blesses with plenty. The prodigal son went from the father full and lost all of his possessions. Luke 15:11-24 The father rejoiced over his son returning to him. When you turn from the Lord unto sin, you lose many blessings in life. Paul wrote," BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS." Phil. 4:19 The Lord made a promise to His people in Mal. 3:10. "BRING YE ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STORREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE MEAT IN MINE HOUSE, AND PROVE ME NOW HEREBY, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS, IF I WILL NOT OPEN YOU THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, AND FOURS OUT A BLESSING, THAT THERE SHALL NOT BE ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT."
He blesses with power. We are enabled to do all things in Christ. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME." Phil. 4:13 God enables us to stand, to bear up, to speak out, to be tested and tried. He enables us to be victors and overcomers. The keys to victory are faith in the Lord Jesus and confession of our weaknesses. I John 5:4; II Cor. 12:9
God's formula in 2 Chron. 7:14 contains the provision, people, pride, prayer, pursit, procedure, promise, pardon and plenty. If the Lord's people would heed these principles, we would be revived.

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

P.A. DuBose

TEXT: I Pet. 3:18

INTRO: When we read of the suffering and death of our Lord, the cross comes into our mind. The stated purpose of His suffering and death in this text is "That He might bring us to God." We may safely say the way to God is by the "Way of the Cross." There are three aspects in which one is brought to God by the way of the cross.

I. BY THE WAY OF THE CROSS ONE IS BROUGHT TO GOD IN THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL.

(ETERNAL LIFE)

A. The soul that sinneth it shall die.
   Ex. 18:20
   1. All have sinned. Rom. 3:23
   2. Since all have sinned, all are dead in sin. Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:1.

B. By the way of the cross one is brought to God in salvation because it was there that the sins of all mankind were laid on Christ.
   1. The Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53:6
   2. He hath made Him to be sin for us. II Cor. 5:21
   3. He bore our sins on the tree.
      I Pet. 2:24

C. By the way of the cross one is brought to God in salvation because it was there His blood was shed.
   1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. Heb. 9:22
   2. It is through the shed blood of Christ that those who are afar off can be made nigh to God.
      Eph. 2:13

D. To go by the way of the cross is to go by the way of Jesus.

II. BY THE WAY OF THE CROSS ONE IS BROUGHT TO GOD FOR SERVICE.

A. There are two crosses involved in service.
   1. The cross of Christ.
   2. The cross which the Lord asked His followers to carry. Lk. 9:23
   3. One may be saved, yet refuse to follow Christ with His own cross.

B. The cross of Christ is the way of service because it is the way through which the world is crucified to the Christian.
   Gal. 2:20
   1. The world in Gal. 2:20 means the world system ordered by satan, with satan, with fallen angels as his emissaries, together with purposes, practices and places where God is not wanted or His will and laws respected.
   2. That which Paul was dead to was the world he knew before he was saved. It could no longer influence his life.

C. The cross is the way through which one is crucified unto the world.
   1. One who is crucified to the world no longer lends his influence and support to that which is against God.
   2. One who is crucified to the world has no fellowship with the world, but is separated. II Cor. 6:17

D. One's own cross of Christian endeavour will be shouldered when he looks with the right attitude at the cross of Christ.

III. BY THE WAY OF THE CROSS ONE IS BROUGHT HOME TO GOD.

A. Home means a place of residence, habitat.

B. A spiritual home is a place of residence.
   1. On earth the Christian's spiritual home ought to be one of the Lord's churches. Acts 2:41; Eph. 3:21
   2. After death, for the Christian it will be the paradise of God.
      Luke 16:22; Phil. 1:23

C. Jesus said, "I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God." John 20:17b
   1. Christ promised to come again and receive His people unto Himself.
      John 14:3
   2. In His Father's house are many mansions, and every saved person has the promise of going there.
      John 14:2, 3

D. The way of the place prepared by Jesus is by the way of the cross.
   1. The thief who died beside Christ depended on Jesus to be taken to this place. Luke 23:42
   2. All who will go by the way of the cross may enter the eternal home prepared by Jesus. Jn. 14:1-6.

Conclusion: by the way of the cross of Christ one is brought to God in salvation, service, and after death, home to be with Him. The road that leads to the cross is repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
GIVE THEM A CHOICE

D.B. Wright

TEXT: Gen.18:19; Deut.30:15,16,19; Deut.6:6-7
Introduction:
A. We live in a SIN SICK WORLD! 1 JN 5:19
B. Solomon to the youth of his generation. 1 Cor.4:14-16
C. New Testament Prophesy teaches 2 Tim.3:13
D. Don't forget what we are by "nature!" Eph. 2:3c; 1 Cor.2:14; Rom.8:7
E. But LIGHT HAS COME!!! John 3:19-21
1. Jesus is LIGHT!...Which lights every man.
2. God's Word is a Light!
3. The Church is Light to the World.
4. Individual Christians in the HOME, on the JOB, at SCHOOL, are Divinely appointed lights!
F. All these are designed to GIVE LOST HUMANITY A CHOICE!

I. GIVE THEM AN EXAMPLE!
A. Jesus left us an example!
B. Paul told Timothy to "BE THOU AN EXAMPLE." (A Sample, a Model, a Pattern) worth of following:
C. Paul to Titus. Titus 2:7
D. Paul CHALLENGED young Timothy by the EXAMPLE of his Mother & Grandmother. II Tim.1:5
E. Adam did! His generation; His Children.
F. Joshua did! His Generation

II. GIVE THEM A "SPIRITUAL HERITAGE!"
A. God to Joshua-concerning Moses before him. Josh. 1:5,7
B. God to Solomon-concerning his father. 1:27
C. God to Isaac. Gen.26:3-5
D. God to Timothy:
1. II Tim. 3:15
2. You had a Grandmother & Mother of GENUINE FAITH before you and I want to see it in you!
E. WHOM DOES GOD HAVE TODAY TO POINT YOUR CHILDREN TO?
1. Jer. 31:30
2. Will our children be able to sing FAITH OF OUR FATHERS.
3. Eph. 6:1

III. GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO "TIE TO, CLING TO!"
A. Matt. 24:35
B. Psalm 19:7
C. Psalm 93:5

D. His Word is a SURE FOUNDATION upon which to build a life. Matt.7:24-25
E. God's word sown in the heart.
1. Serves as a Light in a sin-darkened world! Psm.119:130; 105
2. Serves as a Prevention against temptation! Psm. 119:11
II Cor. 9:8; I John 1:9
4. COMFORT in times of SUFFERING and LOSS. Rom.8:18; I Thes.4:16

IV. GIVE THEM A "HOPE" WHICH TRANSCENDS THIS LIFE!
A. God desires that one live a happy and prosperous life!
1. Psalm 1:1-3
2. Joshua 1:8
B. Life's Experiences can be exceedingly troublesome!
1. Job 14:1
C. We need a hope that goes beyond this life of temptation, test, trials, tears.
1. I Cor. 15:19
D. A SAD FACT—many are existing without any hope, now or in eternity. Eph.2:12
E. There is a hope which is anchored in Heaven. Heb. 6:19-20
F. This is that "BLESSED HOPE" of which God tells us. Titus 2:13-14
1. This hope is CHRIST IN YOU.
2. This "blessed hope" is a PURIFY HOPE! I John 3:3

CONCLUSION:
A. Beloved, things which we give that can be SEEN are only for a while!
1. II Cor 4:18
B. There is MORE!
1. John 10:10
2. I John 5:12
3. I Cor. 5:8

THE WORD OF GOD
Text: II Timothy 3:16-17 M.F. DOWNING

1. THE WORD OF GOD IS A LAMP AND A LIGHT.
A. Psa. 119:105

11. THE WORD OF GOD IS A HAMMER.
A. The word in hands of holy Spirit breaks hard hearts.

III. THE WORD OF GOD IS A FIRE.
B. Will bring a revival in our midst.

IV. THE WORD OF GOD IS A SWORD.
A. Heb. 4:12 - Sharp on both sides. In the Holy Spirit's hands it is sharp.
B. V. WORD OF GOD IS FOOD.
A. Matt. 4:4
B. I Cor. 3:1

VI. WORD OF GOD IS SEED.
A. Mark 4:14-20
WHERE DO "I" FIT IN?

BY RUTH PHILLIPS

Each woman sees herself in many everyday roles — as wife, mother, homemaker, sister, daughter, teacher, etc. What about in God's work? She might well ask herself "where do 'I' fit in?"

Is there a place for "I" in LEADER? JUDGE? MASTER? No,"I" has no place for these— but "I" does stand out in SIN, Pettiness, and NAUGHTINESS. But are these God's goals for me? Of course not. He gives us a character sketch of a Godly Woman — her roles, duties, and other attributes in Proverbs 31:10-31. Now — see what God esteems — how can I be that Godly woman? What does He want from me? Talents are no comparison, ability is no comparison. The criterion for God's approval is your availability and the development of your Christian character.

First of all "I" needs to be in the middle of Christ. A Godly Woman must have accepted Jesus as her personal Savior and crowned Him as her Lord and King.

Secondly, "I" needs to be Submissive. Eph. 5:20,21 states: "GIVING THANKS ALWAYS FOR ALL THINGS UNTO GOD AND THE FATHER IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST; SUBMITTING YOURSELVES ONE ANOTHER IN THE FEAR OF GOD." Ladies — submission is an attitude, but it's also the action! They go together.

"I" also needs to be Willing. II Cor. 8:12—"FOR IF THERE BE FIRST A WILLING MIND, IT IS ACCEPTED ACCORDING TO THAT A MAN HATH, AND NOT ACCORDING OF THAT HE HATH NOT." Eccl. 9:10—"WHATEVER THY HAND FINDETH TO DO, DO IT WITH THY MIGHT; FOR THERE IS NO WORK, NOR DEVICE, NOR KNOWLEDGE, NOR WISDOM, IN THE GRAVE, WHITHER THOU GOEST." Our motto should be — "HERE AM I LORD; USE ME."

Add to that Studious. Proverbs 15:28 says, "THE HEART OF THE RIGHTEOUS STUDIETH TO ANSWER: BUT THE MOUTH OF THE WICKED POURETH OUT EVIL THINGS." We could hardly build a sturdy house without following the blueprint; we can not serve God well if we are ignorant of His plans, either.

A Godly Woman is a Listener. James 1:19—"WHEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, LET EVERY MAN BE SWIFT TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO WRATH:" Eccl. 5:1—"KEEP THY FOOT WHEN THOU GOEST TO THE HOUSE OF GOD, AND BE MORE READY TO HEAR, THAN TO GIVE THE SACRIFICE OF FOOLS: FOR THEY CONSIDER NOT THAT THEY DO EVIL." Our world needs listeners to God's Word; listeners to the burdened and the lonely; listeners to husbands' concerns, and to children's prattle.

"I" also should be an Arbitrator — a Peacemaker. James 3:18 says, "AND THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SOWN IN PEACE OF THEM THAT MAKE PEACE." Matt. 5:9 states, BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED THE CHILDREN OF GOD." Do you see this need in our homes, neighborhoods and churches?

"I" is in the middle of Loving, too. I John 4:7 "BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER: FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH IS BORN OF GOD, AND KNOWETH GOD." Love should be your motive and you method, ladies, the reason why and the how to.

A Godly Woman is also Wise. Matt. 10:16, BEHOLD, I SEND YOU FORTH AS SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES: BE YE THEREFORE WISE AS SERPENTS, AND HARMLESS AS DOVES." We need to be spiritually discerning and, as in Daniel 12:3 we need to be concerned about winning lost souls, "AND THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE AS THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FIRMAMENT; AND THEY TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS AS THE STARS FOR EVER AND EVER." Read Matt. 25:1-13. These verses tell us that we need to be ready for Christ's return.

And, as a Godly Woman,"I" need to be Forgiving. Eph. 4:32 states, "AND BE YE KIND ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE FORGIVEN YOU." Why should we be forgiving? Why should we seek to develop and encourage these characteristics in our lives?

II Cor. 2:11 says, "LEST SATAN SHOULD GET ADVANTAGE OF US: FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES." Lest Satan get the advantage. If we aren't striving, to live for God then we are, in fact, supporting Satan. If we don't daily seek God's will then we are furthering Satan's will. "That's fine!" you might agree, "But how do I know what God's will for me is?" Read Eph. 1:17-23. God's will is Salvation, Serving in a blood bought New Testament Church and studying with the Holy Spirit's enlightenment. I Thess. 5:18, "IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU." God's will is to Rejoice, give thanks; see God's hand in each happening in your life! Read Matt. 6:9,10. Pray and ask God to reveal His will and help you accomplish it.

When you see where "I" fit in, you have God's will revealed. Be the best you can be for God; don't let life be a puzzle, snuggle down to your very own place of service — in God's Will.

FIT INTO GOD'S PLAN
YOUR LOT IN LIFE

The material for this lesson today is taken from Joshua 12:1-24 and Joshua 13:1-13. It would be well for you to take time, at this point, to read this material since we'll not print it here in order to conserve space. A casual reading of this section might cause one to desire to pass over this material, thinking that there's no pertinent information here that is profitable for us. However, the Apostle Paul said in Rom. 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Therefore, we must conclude that there's something here for us if we are properly positioned in our intimate fellowship with the Lord. May the Lord, through His Spirit, illuminate our minds and hearts and cause us to grasp what he has for us in this section.

The material for our consideration today can be divided into 2 main areas. These are:

I. THE SCRIPTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST.

II. THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF INSIGHT.

I. THE SCRIPTURAL POINTS OF INTEREST.

The first thing that you notice in this section is that there's a reflection on the past conquests under Moses' leadership on the east side of Jordan. Joshua 12:1-6.

Next, in verses 7-28 you see a list of the conquests of Joshua in the land. There were 31 kings which had been subdued.

In Joshua 13:1-33 God informs Joshua that there is still much work to be done. They are to:

1. Survey the rest of the land.
2. Appoint different portions to the tribes.
3. Instruct the tribes to possess their possessions.

II. THE SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES OF INSIGHT.

It is good to count our blessings or reflect back on the past concerning what has been conquered by the grace of God. To many times God's people count their bruises instead of their blessings. (Read Phil. 4:8-9)

It is also good to follow God all the way. The two and 1/2 tribes took little part in the national life of Israel and soon completely lost their inheritance because they had chosen the wilderness side. Many people blame God and others, a lot of the times, for their failure to enjoy the riches that God has available for them, when in reality, it's their fault. They have refused to go all the way with God. In their life they have made their own calculations and choices without considering or consulting God's will. Many times they do this because they feel that it's God's will for them. The truth of the matter is that it will cost you to enjoy these riches. God allows this to transpire to weed out those who do not mean business for him but are just using him to gain what they can get for themselves. Remember, the way up is down in God's economy. There is a price to pay to get God's choicest blessings. Many are too short sighted and thus in the final analysis, they lose. It's this group that usually stand back and become envious and jealous of those who are enjoying God's riches. Also, if you're not careful they will be the ones who will seek to hurt you! They are living in defeat and despair and they resent others who are being blessed both spiritually and materially.

You'll note also in this passage that they still had much work to be done. We cannot just rest on past achievements. We must press on if we desire God's best for our life. Thank God for the past blessings, successes, and victories and then press on to greater mountains of spiritual significance. This was Paul's consuming compassion as noted in Phil. 3:7-14. Yes, we need to experience the molding of our life into the image of Jesus Christ.

Also, another spiritual profitable truth for us is seen in the word "lot." This word occurs 22 times in the second half of this book. We need to accept God's portion or lot for our life. If we'll do this we'll find ultimate happiness and contentment. Give your best where you are! Accept God's will for your life now. Go with what you've got-not with what you wish you had. Too much of the time we allow the thinking of the world and their philosophies dictate to us our desires and ambitions, and thus we become frustrated if we do not measure up to their standards of success. We become dissatisfied with "our lot" and want someone else's. The person who is always wanting someone else's lot in life will never develop to his or her full potential and accomplish much themselves.

Our inheritance in Christ should mean that we are called to:

1. A life of WORSHIP.
2. A life of WORK.
3. A life of WITNESS.
4. A life of WARFARE.

Yes, we have the glorious privilege of being Ambassadors or representatives of heaven and taking care of our lot in life. (II Cor. 5:20) "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ,
as though God did beseech you by us: We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

Find God's "lot" for you in your life and give your best, acquiring all that God has for you and stop worrying about the other "lots."

THE INFLUENCE OF ONE GENERATION UPON ANOTHER

BY ELVIN CROCKER

Text: Psalm 48:9-14

INTRODUCTION:
A. This Psalm magnifies the greatness of God.
B. It contains instructions for God's people.
C. The influence of one generation upon another is suggested. VS. 13
D. There are some things which we should be careful to tell the next generation.

I. WE SHOULD TELL THEM THAT GOD'S WORD IS TRUE. JOHN 17:17
A. Without it man would be left in a state of complete confusion.
B. As truth it endures forever.
C. As truth it is the Standard of judgment. John 12:48

II. WE SHOULD TELL THEM THAT SALVATION IS IN JESUS ONLY.
A. We know it—but do they? Acts 8:31
B. We need to emphasize the contrast of the two ways: Prov. 14:12; John 14:6 Acts 4:12

III. WE SHOULD TELL THEM THAT THE SERVICE OF LORD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT.
A. More important than any worldly business. Matt. 6:33

IV. WE SHOULD TELL THEM THAT A GOOD NAME IS RATHER TO BE CHOSEN THAN GREAT RICHES.
Prov. 22:1
A. There is just no substitute for honesty and right.
B. The Lord wants us to follow His example. 1 Peter 2:21

SOME THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE

Julius Copeland


INTRODUCTION:
There is a sign in a G.M. plant that reads, According to the theory of aerodynamics and as can readily be proven by wind experiments the Bumble Bee is unable to fly. This is because of its wings in relation to the size of its body makes flying hard and flies anyway and gathers a little honey every day. The Scriptures plainly teach that all things are possible with God. Yet according to His divine will some things are impossible.

I. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO SAVE HIMSELF
A. Job said, "I know it is so of truth, but how should man be just with God?"
B. Paul answers the question, "Being justified freely by His grace through the redeeming that is in Christ Jesus."
C. Jer. 13:23

II. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SIN AND GET BY
A. Gal. 6:7-8
B. Num. 32:23
C. Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5:1-11
D. Jonah, David

III. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A BACKSLIDER TO BE HAPPY.
A. Someone said a devoted Christian today would have been considered a backslider thirty years ago.
B. What causes God's people to backslide?
C. Neglect of prayer
D. Lack of Bible Study
E. Failure to attend church services
F. Known duties undone
G. Known sins committed

IV. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SERVE TWO MASTERS
A. Matt. 6:24
B. Phil. 3:7

V. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE HELL
 WITHOUT BEING SAVED
A. Psalm 9:17
B. Rev. 20:15
D. Luke 16:23

DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WANT THEM TO DO UNTO YOU

CALL upon people,
You may need to be called on.

CARE for people,
You may need to be cared for.

CHEER others up,
You may need to be cheered up.

COMFORT others,
You may need to be comforted.

CALM others down,
You may need to be calmed down.

COMMUNE with others,
You may need their communion.

CONSIDER others,
You may need their consideration.

CO-OPERATE with others,
You may need their co-operation.
LIBERTY IN CHRIST

Text: Galatians 5:1-4

I. WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO CHOOSE.
   Tit. 3:12-18
   A. Choose this day whom you will serve
   B. Cannot serve two masters
   C. Cannot choose light and live in darkness.

II. WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO LOVE. Gal. 5:13
   A. To love God
   B. To love the faith and protection of the Lord's church.
   C. To love souls and missions
   D. To love one another

III. WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO DO. LUKE 4:18;
     James 2:25
     A. We are at liberty with the faith we have in God.
     1. Faith is a gift
     2. Grain of a mustard seed
     B. To do for Christ
     C. To do greater works
     D. To do what we think we cannot do

IV. WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO SUFFER. ROM. 8:14-21
    A. Suffer for His sake.
    B. Suffer for His Glory and Honor.
    C. Suffering brings patience and growth

V. WE ARE AT LIBERTY TO BE SERVANTS.
   1 Peter 2:16
   A. Most cases- we are what we want to be
   B. To whatever you yield your life to that is what you are a servant to.
   C. What's a servant-one under obligation

VI. LOST PERSON, YOU ARE AT LIBERTY TO BE SAVED RIGHT NOW.
   A. John 6:44
   B. John 3:16
   C. Romans 10:9

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PROVEN PASSAGES FOR THE PASTOR

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I. Divine Proction in Pastoring
   Psa. 105:15; 1 Chron. 16:22

II. Divine Preeminence in Preaching
    Col. 1:18

III. Divine Power in Predicaments
    Ex. 14:14

IV. Divine Procedures in Practice
    Eph 4:15

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