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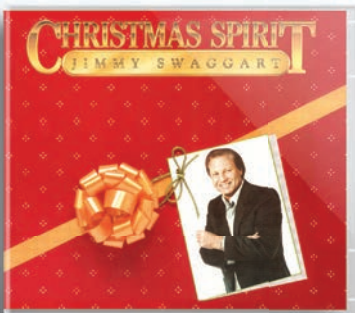
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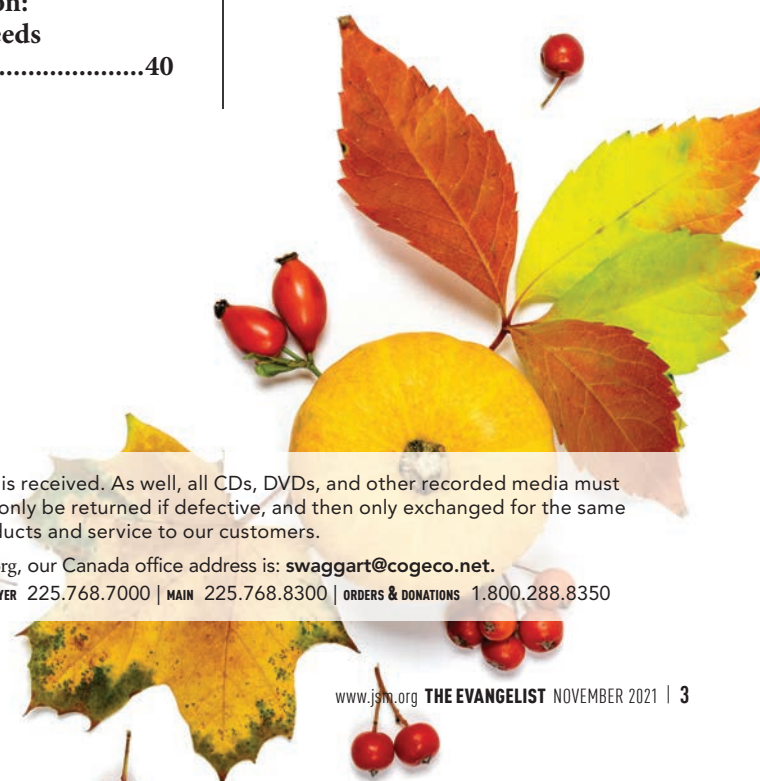
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NO REGARD FOR LIFE

PART IV

From *Rape Of A Nation*
By Jimmy Swaggart

THE NAZI PHILOSOPHY

The butchers in Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany, who slaughtered 6 million Jews in their gas ovens in Treblinka and Auschwitz and performed medical experiments on human beings, were a disgrace in the eyes of humanity.¹⁶ But the Supreme Court and the physicians who now practice abortion in our land are no better than those Nazi butchers. One day they will answer to God.

In the future, broad-scale genetic engineering will probably be introduced in the United States.¹⁷ Genetic engineering is the effort to “program” certain traits while “breeding out” undesirable ones. Naturally, the judgment of value or desirability is at the whim of the individual likes or dislikes. Genetic engineering, or genetic manipulation, will be one of the most dramatic ethical issues facing our generation.¹⁸ Scientists in the field have as their goal the ultimate control of man’s biological destiny.

Cloning, which means to create a genetic duplicate of an individual organism through asexual reproduction (as by stimulating a single cell to reproduce) is one aspect of genetic engineering. Consider the clonal man: “Bill has no genetic mother. Because there was no mixing of genes from two heredities at his conception, Bill is his father’s twin. He is truly a ‘chip off the old block.’ He not only looks like his father, in a hereditary sense, he is his father with no chance of substantial variation.”¹⁹

Sound like science fiction? Nevertheless, at this moment research is going forward

on human cloning, and many scientists believe it will be achieved within the next 20 years.

In addition to genetic engineering, “sperm banks” are becoming more acceptable.²⁰ It is no longer necessary to find Mister Right to get the “kind” of baby you desire; all you need to do is buy his sperm from the sperm bank.

Then there are the “test-tube babies” and those born as a result of “fetal adoption,” in which the human fetus of one woman is transplanted into the womb of another. We are told that this could become technologically feasible by the end of the 1980s.²¹

Strangely enough, at the same time scientists are searching for new ways to develop babies in test tubes and through fetal adoption and genetic engineering, millions of already formed babies are being murdered yearly. What type of thinking is this? What type of society can

accept this type of bizarre reasoning?

Is there any difference between modern scientific experiments, wholesale abortion, and Hitler’s crimes in World War II? I think not. The basic aims are identical. In each case, man attempts to play God.

In Genesis 11:5-8, we are told:

“And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let Us go down, and there confound their language ... So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth.”

I am concerned that men have once again reached the stage where “nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.” I also believe that God is about ready to come down and put a stop to it.



The Priceless Corner

We have set aside this corner of *The Evangelist* to show God's plan of salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

1. GOD LOVES YOU!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

2. MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ..." (1 Peter 3:18).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

4. YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR

Jesus calls this experience the new birth. He told Nicodemus: *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"* (John 3:3).

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. *"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name"* (John 1:12).

WE BELIEVE:

- The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Matt. 4:4; Luke 24:27).
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7).
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev. 19-20).
- In the blessed hope — the rapture of the church at Christ's coming (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9, 13-18).
- Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).
- The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24).
- The baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7).
- In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Rom. 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11).
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15).

PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Savior and Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen."

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Infanticide And what about those who have been born but aren't able to function fully in society? Once murder has been fully accepted as a public problem solver, won't the sick, the feeble, the aged, and the retarded be next? Why not? They are certainly a problem and an expense to society.

When a nation strays from God, human life (which He considers sacred) loses value. Right now the life of the unborn baby lacks value because the power to attribute worth based on relative and desirable qualities has been delegated to the state. With this occurrence, a precedent has been set, and the push for "quality control" will not stop with the fetus. (Isn't it amazing how controlled language can suppress the conscience?) By defining these precious lives as less than human and, therefore, devoid of value and respect, they set the stage for another holocaust.

Isn't it enough that millions of babies have been brutally and painfully murdered? Already on the horizon, we see the infanticide and euthanasia. Scores of the elderly, the handicapped, and others considered "less than human" will succumb to death at the hands of self-made gods claiming motives of mercy. One Nobel Prize-winning scientist has suggested that if a handicapped child "were not declared alive until three days after birth, then all parents could be allowed the choice that only a few are given under the present system. The doctor could allow the child to die if the parents so chose and save a lot of misery and suffering."²²

Doctor C. Everett Koop, famous pediatric surgeon and Christian author says, "This is infanticide. Infanticide in Great Britain usually means the killing of a newborn child by its mother, whereas infanticide in America means the killing of a born infant, whether that death follows the withholding of something essential to the child's sustenance or a direct act. Infanticide is being practiced widely in Great Britain and the United States, but it is not a public issue in the sense that abortion and euthanasia are. Infanticide is carried out behind the protective façade of a hospital. The number of abnormalities, physical or mental, which seem to provide motivation for infanticide grows by the month. There seems to be a new, unwritten right developing in the minds of many — the right to a perfect child."²³

It seems that everyone is clamoring for his rights. Some have gone so far as to promote "the right to die." Although different people use the phrase to mean different things, the bottom line is that death is not a right, but a fate we can't escape. Each of us expects to die, and we can desire to die with dignity. However, promoters of the "right-to-die" philosophy actually endorse three very different concepts under the heading of "euthanasia."

"Euthanasia," strictly defined, means "mercy killing." A rhetorical smoke screen surrounds this matter, however. Today, euthanasia has been expanded to include "death with dignity" and "death selection."

Death Selection Death with dignity essentially means allowing a terminally ill patient to die naturally rather than employing extraordinary means to preserve life. Mercy killing, on the other hand, not only allows the person to die but actually assists him in dying by inducing painless death. Euthanasia is sometimes referred to as "the good death," assuming that contributing to a person's death is actually an "act of mercy."

In the case of death selection, babies considered hopelessly handicapped are left to die. Death selection is most commonly practiced in cases of Down's

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syndrome and spina bifida. Babies born with spina bifida have no skin or tissue over the spinal cord and nerves — and often the spinal cord is incomplete. Eighty percent have some degree of paralysis and urinary tract disorders. The complications are so devastating that many doctors advise against treatment.

Doctor Koop says, “To take a child who has an easily correctable lesion and to declare that his life is not worth living, and withhold food, has to be called starvation. It’s homicide. I suppose it’s really infanticide in terms of the law.”²⁴

Doctor David G. McClone, neurosurgeon, has made Children’s Memorial Hospital Clinic on Chicago’s north side a national center for the surgery and care of spina bifida patients. He says, “Physicians by their code of ethics should not be dispensers of death. I’m appalled to hear a physician say that it may be justifiable under certain circumstances to deny a child food, water, and heat.”²⁵

There has recently been a heightened public concern about the adequacy of medical treatment for newborn infants with birth defects. It is becoming more common to allow infants to die than to treat their defects. The reported deaths of handicapped infants (such as those with Down’s syndrome), who have been deliberately allowed to die by withholding treatment, have begun to shock the American public.

Infant homicide occurs daily in America through the willful withholding of medical-surgical care (and in some cases, by withholding food and water). One study at Yale-New Haven Medical Center showed that 14 percent of all infant deaths were related to withholding treatment.²⁶

Even the most enthusiastic supporter of legalized abortion might not have pictured the quantum leap from abortion to infanticide. But then again, those who recommend abortion would probably use their same arguments to rationalize infanticide.

Consider the well-publicized case of Baby Doe. In April 1982, an Indiana court allowed a six-day-old infant to be starved to death. The parents of the child refused surgery for their infant, a victim of Down’s syndrome, to repair his deformed esophagus. It was a case of infanticide. If Mr. and Mrs. Doe had known their child would have been deformed and retarded, it presumably would have been a case of abortion instead.

The irony in the “Doe” case was that the court not only allowed the parents to evade their responsibilities but also prevented anyone else from assuming them. At least 10 couples offered to adopt Baby Doe, but the court decreed that it was the right of the parents to let their baby die, and this outweighed any rights the child might have had.²⁷

John Whitehead declared, “Infanticide, once unthinkable, burst into the open and became thinkable — a reality!”²⁸ 🦋

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Q&A WITH SISTER SWAGGART

Q.

What is the difference between righteous anger and sinful anger?

A.

Not all anger is wrong. In the Bible, we see anger attributed to Jesus and to God. This strong feeling is also legitimate for Christians, but only in a limited way.

We all know there are different types of anger. In the New Testament, three Greek words are used to describe this powerful emotion.

The first one, *parorgismos*, is anger accompanied by irritation, exasperation, or embitterment. This word is translated as “wrath” in Ephesians 4:26 when Paul said, “let not the sun go down upon your wrath.” This type of anger is forbidden in Scripture.

The second word, *thumos*, is a hot, turbulent anger that erupts into sudden outbursts and quickly cools. Its explosive nature is the cause of much sin, including murder. This, too, is prohibited in Scripture.

The third one, *orge*, is an abiding, settled habit of the mind that is aroused under certain conditions. This type of anger is a righteous indignation and therefore permissible. This is the type of anger used in relationship to Christ.

Righteous Anger

During His earthly ministry, Jesus expressed anger. One time was in the synagogue at Capernaum. It was the Sabbath, and much to the displeasure of the scribes and Pharisees there, Jesus intended to heal a man with a withered hand. Mark 3:5 says, “*And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.*”

When you and I get angry, it shows—eyebrows knit together, eyelids narrow, jaws clench. All of us have a “look” of anger. While Mark does not describe Christ’s facial expression, His anger—a righteous zeal for the honor of God—was clearly obvious. But His anger was mingled with grief because, in their blindness and obstinacy, the scribes and Pharisees would not acknowledge Jesus as Messiah. Instead, they misrepresented His kindnesses toward a sick man on the Sabbath; they saw it as evil.

Like the Lord’s righteous zeal, there are times when godly men and women must also rise up in moral indignation at the sin and iniquity that threatens each generation. Not doing so portrays an apathy or ignorance of mankind’s true condition. However, righteous anger does not become evil just to oppose evil. Abortion, for example, is sinful and wicked, but a person who harms an abortionist is not acting out of righteous anger.

Wrong Anger

In a conversation with Evangelist Billy Sunday, a lady confessed, “I have a temper, but it’s over quick.” The evangelist answered, “Yes, ma’am, so is the blast of a shotgun, and it destroys everything it hits.”

While anger against sin is permissible and, at times, demanded, when it comes to the personal wants and desires of believers, anger is not to be part of their make-up. If we allow our feelings to boil over into a turbulent commotion (thumos), we sin. And anger accompanied by irritation and embitterment (parorgismos) is also off limits for the child of God.

Nothing seems to set off anger quicker than hateful, malicious, or sarcastic words. Self is the cause of such heated exchanges, and these can quickly escalate into stronger anger—wrath. The Bible says, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger” (Prov. 15:1).

Anger only stirs up more anger, which is why the apostle Paul wrote, “Be ye angry, and sin not” (Eph. 4:26) This verse doesn’t mean that believers will reach a spiritual place where anger is no longer a problem. The idea is for us not to sin. Anger, within itself, is not sin. It becomes sin when we either allow or will our anger to harm someone else. Sin is personal and divisive; by its very nature it disrupts and breaks personal relationships.

When a person’s anger has this intention, or when it results in dividing Christian brother from brother, it is sin.

Who is God angry at?

Psalm 7:11 says that God is angry with the wicked every day. Why is that? Bible scholar Albert Barnes says, “This is a fearful truth in regard to the sinner; and both aspects of the truth here stated should make the sinner tremble: (a) that God is angry with him—that all His character, and all the principles of His government and law, are and must be arrayed against him; and (b) that in this respect there is to be no change; that if he continues to be wicked, as he is now, he will every day and always—this side the grave and beyond—find all the attributes of God engaged against him, and pledged to punish him. God has no attribute that can take part with sin or the sinner.”

There are also times when God gets angry at those He loves.

I Kings 11:9 says, “And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which

had appeared unto him twice.”

There is no sadder picture in the Bible than that of Solomon’s fall. His extraordinary gift of wisdom did not save him from disobedience to the law of God. His neglect of that law and his loss of fellowship with God opened the door wide to every form of evil. Had he clung to the sacred Scriptures, how bright his life would have been. Instead, like so many in the church today, Solomon attempted to worship both the Lord, in some fashion, and idols.

Despite Solomon’s spiritual declension, the Lord, because of His nature, had to force Himself to be angry with Solomon. God loved him that much.

I Kings 11:10 goes on to say how God had told Solomon not to go after other gods, “but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.” So the anger of God followed by the judgment of God on Solomon’s life was not sudden. The Lord had dealt with him again and again regarding his sin. Countless believers have stood in Solomon’s shoes.

But praise God for Psalm 103:8, which says, “The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.” When our repeated failures should make Him angry, they do not.

No matter what has happened, if the believer will humble himself and confess his wrongdoing, the Lord will discontinue His admonishment and cool His anger. God does not hold grudges, and neither should His children.

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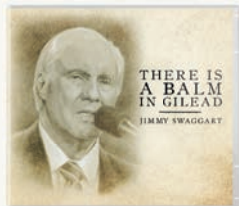
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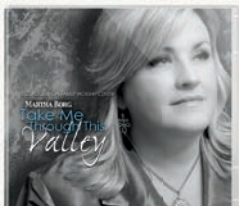
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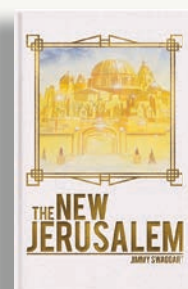
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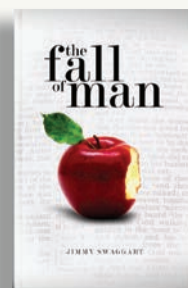
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ARTICLE BY **Donnie Swaggart**

Forgotten and Fruitful

“And unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On bare unto him. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, said he, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father’s house. And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.” —GENESIS 41:50-52

Over the years, we have gotten so many questions concerning the forgiveness and forgetting of past offences. The brain, of course, is the most powerful computer ever conceived, and forgetting is basically impossible. However, while we may not be able to forget past wrongs, with the help of the Lord, the sting and trauma of past hurts can be removed. We learn this from the Word of God concerning the life of Joseph. In his remarkable story, we see the grace of God at work, and what the Lord did for Joseph, He will also do for you.

The Coat Of Colors

Genesis 37 is the beginning of our story. Scripture tells us in 37:3, “*Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors.*”

The love Jacob had for Joseph had to do

with the will of God. There was fellowship with Joseph that was not possible with the other sons because they had no time for the things of God. Because Joseph had a heart for God, the Lord told Jacob that Joseph was to be granted the birthright that Reuben, as first born, was due. The coat represented the birthright and the fact that the wearer was to be the high priest of the family.

Hatred

When Joseph received the coat, the Bible plainly says, “*they hated him*” (Gen. 37:4).

Family hatred is the worst hatred that one can experience. To have your own flesh and blood hate you is a rejection that is hard to fathom. It’s one thing to be hated by those around you, but to be hated by one’s own siblings is a bitter pill to swallow. Actually, hatred that is from within

a family circle can be heartbreaking. This hatred was also spiritual rejection as well as family rejection. His brothers had no time or place for God, which inflamed their passions even more.

The Conspiracy

Their hatred reaches the place where now they want to kill Joseph. Once again, this is his family. Not outsiders but flesh and blood. Scripture tells us that they stripped him of his coat and, if not for Reuben, they would have killed him right then and there. Judah then stepped up with the idea to sell Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver. Though his life was spared, Joseph, just a teenager, would now to be separated from his home and his father and taken into a far country—Egypt—to be a slave.

Potiphar’s House

Now Joseph finds himself alone in a strange land and a slave all because of the hatred of his brothers. However, never overlook the fact that Scripture states “*and the Lord was with Joseph.*” This tells us that no matter the state we find ourselves in, the Lord can and will still bless us. For the Lord to bless in such trying times tells us that Joseph never blamed God and never stopped believing and loving the Lord. This must be our attitude as well. Joseph eventually became the steward over all in Potiphar’s house.

The False Accusation

Scripture tells us that Satan devises another plan to destroy Joseph. Gen. 39:7 says that Potiphar’s wife saw Joseph, and his beauty was such that her heart became inflamed by lust, and she said, “*lie with me.*” Joseph, of course, refused her advances and Joseph told her, “*My master has committed all that he has to my hand.*” What a testimony to be able to stand true and righteous in a strange land and in a strange home.

But Satan doesn't give up. Later the Scripture says, *"She caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment ... and fled."*

Feeling spurned, in anger Potiphar's wife falsely accuses Joseph of trying to rape her, and Joseph finds himself in prison. Let's look at the progression once again: Joseph is hated by his brothers, cast into a pit, sold into slavery, falsely accused of a crime, and thrown into prison.

Favor

In spite of his precarious situation, we see the godliness of Joseph, for he never wavered in his faith or his witness for God.

In Genesis 39: 21, we read that *"The LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."* And in verse 23, it says, *"The LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper."*

In all of this, we see Joseph's inner strength shining through. He never once blamed God or his brothers for his circumstances. All of this tells us that Joseph took the attitude that, as a child of God, everything must be placed in the hands of God: "I don't know why this is happening; I don't know how long this will go on, but no matter what, I am going to let my light shine. I am going to be a witness to others that I am a follower of Jehovah." What a lesson for us to learn.

The Butler And The Baker

Once again, we see Joseph being tested. In Genesis 39, Satan uses Potiphar's wife; and in Genesis 40, he uses Pharaoh's chief butler. The former he used to put Joseph in prison, and the latter he used to keep Joseph there through the butler's negligence.

Joseph revealed the dreams of the butler and the baker with the butler being released from prison and restored to his previous position in the king's palace. When the baker was released, Joseph had asked that he remember him, but to add insult to injury, the butler forgot, which prolonged Joseph's imprisonment.

In all of this, the Holy Spirit was working on Joseph, perfecting his faith and developing his character.

Forgotten And Fruitful

To jump ahead, God uses Joseph to interpret the dreams of the Pharaoh, resulting in Joseph being placed in the second highest position of power.

Pharaoh gives Joseph a wife who will bear him two sons, and in their names we are given a great truth. The first son was named Manasseh, which means, "God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house." The second was named Ephraim meaning, "God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction." So, we have "forgotten" and "fruitful."

Here is the idea: forgotten means that the sting of what Joseph's brothers had done to him was no longer there. While he could never forget the evil done to him, the hurt and pain was gone. The Lord could bring this about because Joseph forgave his brothers. No matter what people may do to us, we must forgive them (Matt. 6:12-15). We must never forget that as the Lord has forgiven us, we are not to withhold forgiveness from others no matter what they have done to us. When we refuse to forgive, we are, in effect, withholding grace from them, and to withhold grace from others is to stop the flow of grace in our own lives. I know that some who have had great injustices done to them may find it hard to forgive. But don't forget, forgiveness does not mean fellowship or relationship. If the one who has hurt you has no remorse, then you are not required to develop a relationship with that person. Also, when we don't forgive, then the person who has hurt us owns us as we are consumed by them. When we forgive, we are literally turning that person over to the Lord. So, for Joseph, he could once again face his brothers because he had already forgiven them and turned them over to the Lord.

Not only did Joseph forget the sting, but the Lord also caused him to be fruitful in the midst of a land that caused him great affliction.

Only the Lord could do this for Joseph, and He can do the same for you. Just place your hurt into the hands of the Lord and watch Him cause you to *forget* and be *fruitful*. 🌿

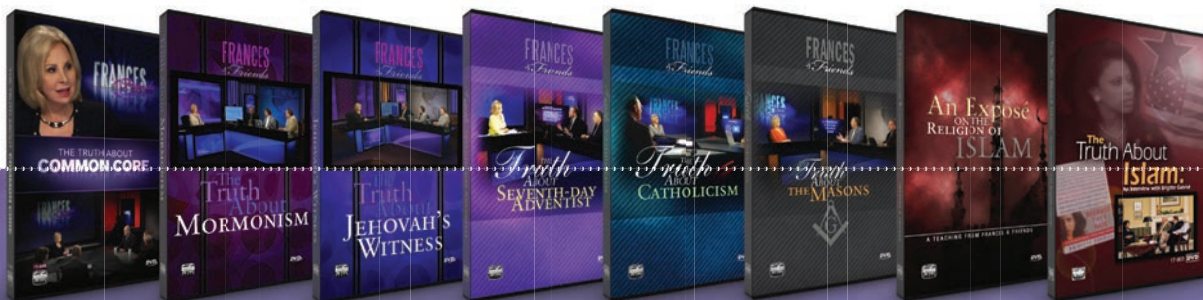


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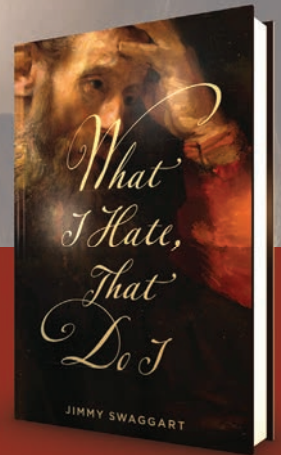
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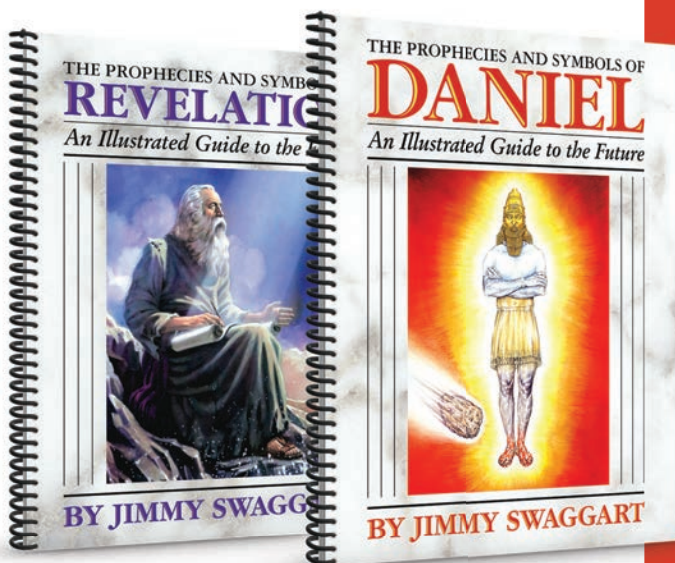
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ARTICLE BY **Gabriel Swaggart**

From Tragedy to Triumph

David is one of the most exciting and captivating figures in the entirety of Scripture, yet he is somewhat of a paradox. He was one of the world's godliest people, yet still committed some of the cruelest sins in Scripture. The results of one of those immoral acts led to one of the most heartbreaking moments in his life—an internal rebellion led by his son, Absalom.

AFTER RETURNING from exile, Absalom used his charisma and attractive features to turn the hearts of the people against David. He declared that he could rule the nation better than his father. The coup eventually caused David to leave the palace in disgrace and heartbroken, as well as the deaths of thousands of people.

However, instead of dealing with Absalom, I want to relate to you the attitude of David and what he did, which should bring encouragement to many of you today. God would turn David's tragedy into triumph, and if we believe Him, God can do the same for us.

The Attack

When David left the palace in shame, and his son, intent on usurping authority from him, David took his anguish and afflictions to the Lord. If we notice in Psalm 3:1-2, we find the terms *increased* and *many* three times, which tell us that David was outnumbered and outmatched. Not only was Absalom spearheading this revolt, but every one of David's internal enemies came out against him. They proclaimed God's hand was no longer on David and that God was judging him for his misdeeds and David was now out of favor with God. Abandoned and forsaken by his kingdom, David did

the only thing he could do, pray.

Every believer should note David's response to this horrific ordeal and apply it to his everyday life. We cannot handle life's problems on our own, and God does not expect us to try, but He desires that we turn to Him to meet and provide for our every need.

At the same time, we need to understand that if David was not immune to the enemy's attacks, then neither are we. Regardless of how long we have lived for God or if our faith is anchored in Christ and the cross, we are not exempt from trials. We are to expect the fiery trials that come our way (1 Pet. 4:12).

“Believe today that God is your shield and protector.”





These afflictions do not merely happen; they are designed with wisdom and love to grow our faith. As we have mentioned many times, every attack leveled against us by the enemy is not against us but rather against our faith. Satan desires to severely weaken or ultimately destroy your faith. The reason is that you are a threat to his kingdom, and he wants nothing more than to remove you from existence. Satan directs his most vicious onslaughts against those called by God, which God calls every believer. All faith must be tested, and God uses adversity at times to bring that test about to see how we will act and react to the present

problem. That is why it is necessary to bring every single issue, heartache, trial, pain, or anguish to Him. He is the only one who can help during the time of our trouble.

A Declaration Of Faith

However, the moment that David took this excruciating circumstance before the Lord, his outlook began to change, and it started with the word *but*. It is a simple yet powerful word that changes the entire ambiance of this psalm from hopelessness to hope, from weakness to power, and ultimately from tragedy to triumph. That one three-letter word catalogs a change in David's attitude, presents a declaration of faith, and signifies that what David experienced was not the end of his story. David cried unto God that He alone was his shield, his protector; God was his best confidence during those trying times. David knew that he could not rely upon his standing army or the lack thereof, and neither could he rely upon his skills as a warrior. Still, he relied upon his God to be his shield and protector.

Interestingly, there were two types of shields used by Hebrew warriors, a large one and a handheld one. The large shield was designed for the warrior to hide behind. In contrast, the warrior used the smaller one to stave off arrows and soften or absorb potentially fatal strikes from a sword. The type of shield David refers to is the latter, the smaller shield able to absorb and stave off deadly enemy strikes. In Psalm 3, David is saying that with the Lord as his shield, He would shield David from being struck by the enemy and that God would personally absorb the blows intended for David. David believed that God was all-sufficient protection in the appearance of distress.

God Is Your Best Confidence

Dear Christian, believe today that God is your shield and protector. He is your best confidence amid trial, and whatever might have happened in your life that caused you pain and heartache, realize that this is not the end of your story. When you call on the Lord of glory, He will be your shield and take the blows that you should have taken, and He will rise to absorb the impact that you should have felt. Our God will be our all-sufficient protection in times of adversity. We may not be fully aware of what is happening around us; we may not understand what the future holds, but when we turn our eyes toward our Creator, He will be our shield and the lifter of our heads. He will lift our heads out of the pit of despair and bring us into the victory that we desperately need.

God has not changed His mind about you. If He has given you a promise of victory and blessing, then hold to that promise, for He will never neglect a promise.

As a result of bringing our needs before Him and making a faith declaration that God is our shield and protector and the lifter of our heads, we can do as David did and put forth a cry of confidence that God will deliver. While David looked and believed for God's protection, he also believed in God for victory.

When we face the Absaloms of life, and when we are experiencing our darkest moments, that is the time where we should look to our God who will provide peace. We can proceed with confidence, knowing that what God has done in the past, He can do in the present. Through simple faith in Christ and what He has done for us at Calvary's cross, He can turn our darkest tragedies into our greatest triumphs. ✚

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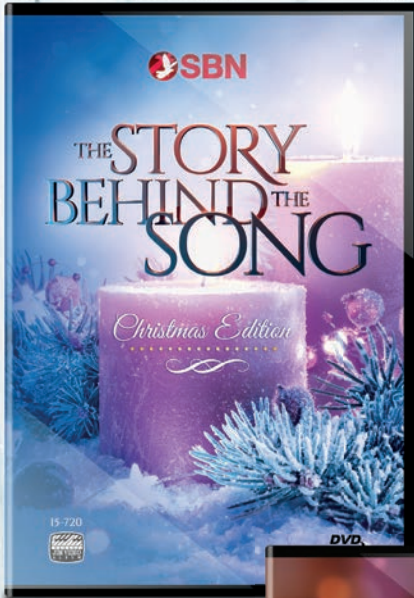
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12:30:00 AM			FWC Music	
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3:00:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
3:30:00 AM				
4:00:00 AM	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
4:30:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
5:00:00 AM	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)
5:30:00 AM				
6:00:00 AM	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
6:30:00 AM		Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)
7:00:00 AM	A Study In The Word	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)
7:30:00 AM				
8:00:00 AM	Family Worship Center Sunday Live Service	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
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10:00:00 AM	FWC Music	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast
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11:00:00 AM	Generation of The Cross E/I	FWC Music	FWC Music	The Story Behind The Song
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12:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics
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2:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Sunday Evening Live Service	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	FWC Music
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FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	3:00:00 AM
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FWC Music	FWC Music		4:00:00 AM
The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	4:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	5:00:00 AM
Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	The Story Behind The Song	5:30:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	6:00:00 AM
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A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Generation of The Cross E/I	7:00:00 AM
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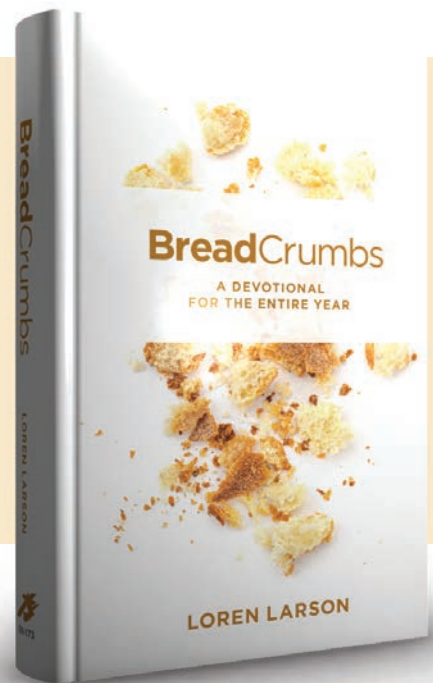
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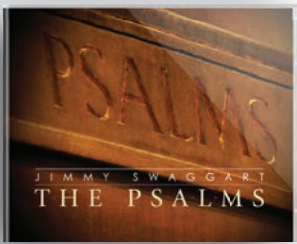
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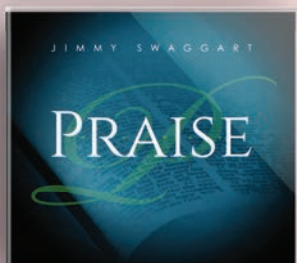
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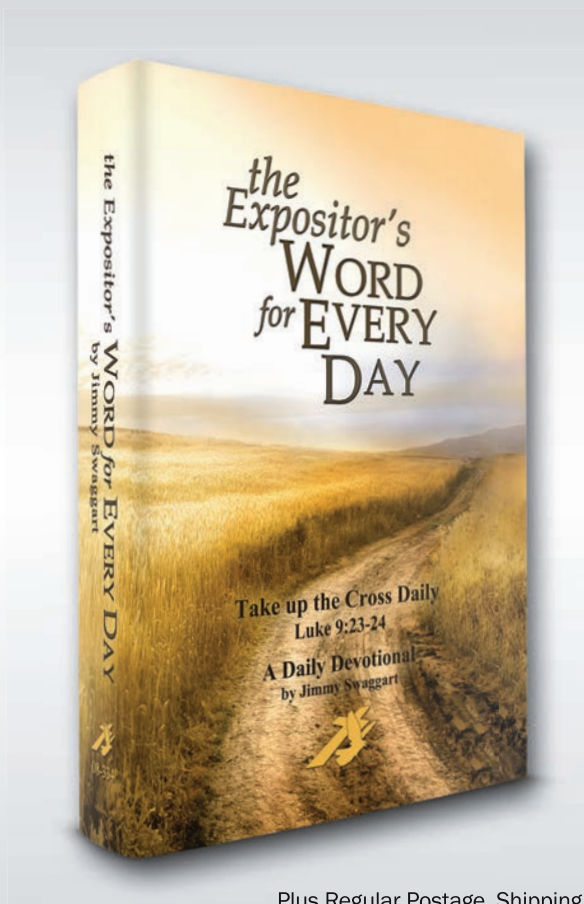
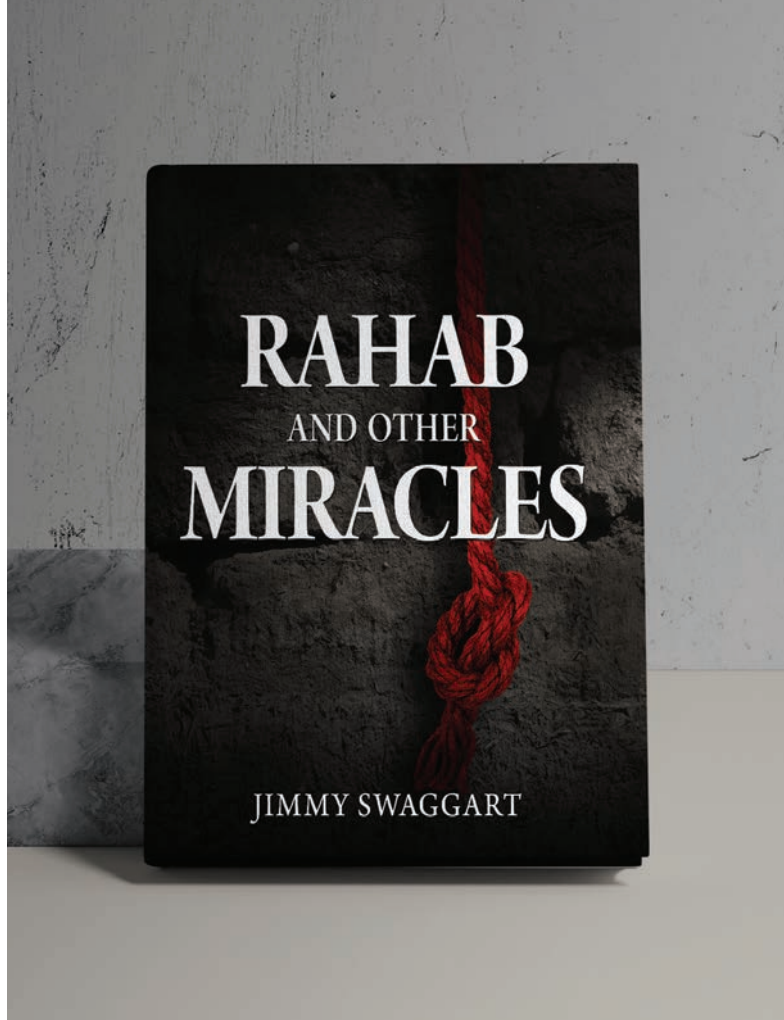
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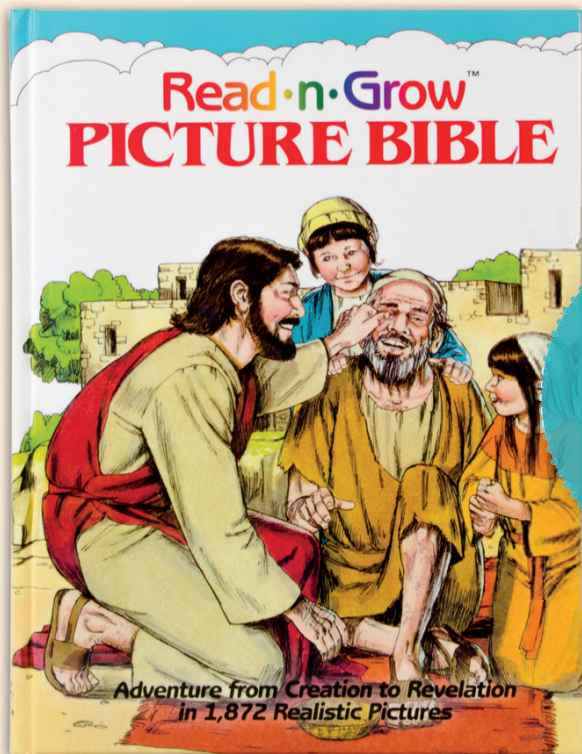
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8 While they were eating, the brothers saw a caravan of traders passing nearby. "Let's sell Joseph to these slave traders. We can be rid of him and make some money, too!" So Joseph was sold to the slave traders.



9 When Reuben returned hours later and discovered that the well was empty, he cried in great sadness, "Joseph is gone! How shall we face our father?"



10 To cover up their crime, the brothers tore Joseph's coat, dipped it in goat's blood, and took it to their father. "We found this in the field," they lied.



11 "A wild beast has eaten him!" Jacob cried, as he tore his clothes in sorrow. Jacob was so full of grief for Joseph that he could hardly stand to live.



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Dear Evangelist,

I am a 52-year-old Army veteran and in October I had a stroke. In November 2020, I was diagnosed with stage IV cancer. The cancer was everywhere—my liver, both lungs, and thirteen tumors in the brain. One night I turned on the TV and your channel, SBN, was on. I tried to change the channel, but the remote was not working. I was saved and baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit that night! I am not the same as before, praise God! I know it was Jesus Christ holding me up and telling me, “You will be healed.” I am saved! Thank you, Lord. From that day on, I have been up at 2 a.m. to pray, amen! I will tell you that by the grace of God I am nine months in and my cancer is down to one lesion in the brain. That’s also shrinking. I believe that cancer was a blessing. I became closer to God, I am saved and baptized all because of the love and grace of God’s healing in mercy. Your network is a blessing, and God is healing me! The truth of your preaching and teaching has changed my life forever. Thank you, God, for the day I couldn’t change that channel! Praise God! Amen. Please pray for me to continue to heal me please. Thank you, and God bless you and your ministry.

—OHIO

Dear Evangelist I am from South Sudan, and I love to watch all your programs and follow them. Am so glad I am learning more and more spiritual things through your channel on SBN. Thank you! —Sudan

Dear Evangelist I’m so thankful my nephew gave me an Expositor’s Study Bible; it has allowed me to have an understanding and foundation in my journey with our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for putting in those long hours to complete this epic read. My sister has been to many of your campmeetings, and her children always look forward to them. Thanks for all that y’all do for this world, it is really amazing how much you accomplish—“It’s beginning to rain!” God bless you and yours and all who are involved at JSM. Shout out to the singing and praise; it’s all so beautiful! Definitely going to make the trip down to experience this in person—soon, I hope. God has really blessed me; praise Jesus for an opportunity to be a better me! —Ohio

Dear Evangelist I hope this gets there in time for the upcoming Bible-thon so people will know the importance of giving towards the Bible-thon. It is so important we give into the wonderful missionary work! We just visited our daughter at a rehab program for adult women. Since being there, she has given her heart back to the Lord, and just a few days afterwards,



“I just want to encourage you all for your current ministry. Thank you for teaching the Word of God truthfully, with no compromise! You are well-loved and prayed for by us all.”

All letters are current and may have been edited for space.

Dear Evangelist, I would like to thank you, Pastor Swaggart, for the blessings we receive for watching your services on YouTube here in Cape Town, South Africa. I live for the presence of the Holy Spirit—so free to move in the services. Your anointed son and grandson. I’m in your services every time through the Spirit of God! I saw you in South Africa years ago when you came over for meetings. South Africa needs Jesus now more than ever. —**SOUTH AFRICA**



she received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. She is a totally changed woman! What I would like to stress is that she requested us to bring all The Expositor’s Study Bibles we had, just like the one we gave her when she went in. She is in love with the Bible and has told everyone about it while sharing with them what the study notes are saying. We took six, along with one Expositor’s New Testament Counselor’s Edition. She gave them out while we were there, and you could not believe the excitement on those women’s faces! I will be taking more with me on our next visit.

Thank you for your prayers for our daughter. Never ever give up on God and His marvelous, wonderful, matchless grace. His glory is from everlasting to everlasting! We love SBN and your ministry. We are media church members for the last eight years. —**Georgia**

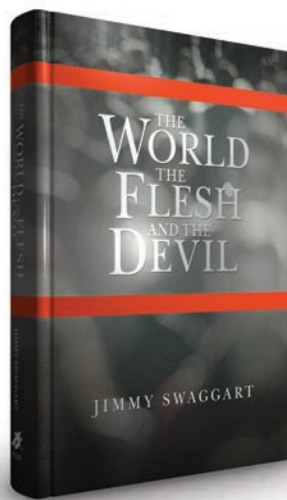
Dear Evangelist Hello, we are a family of Uruguayans who have lived in Brazil for eighteen years, more precisely in the city of Atibaia in the state of São Paulo. My wife and I watch the entire ministry schedule every day for at least three to four hours daily through the app. We

feel greatly blessed by the preaching and praise to our God. We always pray for you and ask you to pray for us. God bless you greatly! —**Brazil**

Dear Evangelist Dear *Frances & Friends*, as a Christian brother living in New Zealand, I just want to encourage you all for your current ministry. Thank you for teaching the Word of God truthfully, with no compromise! You are well-loved and prayed for by us all. God bless you! —**New Zealand**

Dear Evangelist I moved to Seattle, Washington, from Indonesia in 2010. When I came here, I longed for the presence of God like I experienced in my church in Indonesia. It was not until 2015 that I found SBN. Now, not only do I feel God’s presence, but I have also been learning the message of the cross. Praise God! I pray to God that He will use your network for many more years to come! Hallelujah! —**Washington**

Dear Evangelist, Almost done reading *The World, the Flesh, and the Devil*. What a wonderful blessing this book is! I will be reading it again and again—this time with a highlighter and taking notes. I have shared some of the revelations I have received with others and pray that God will bless them with opened eyes to see and ears to hear. Amen! —**WISCONSIN**





ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

A Father and Two Prodigal Sons

**“And he spake this parable unto them, saying...”
“And he said, A certain man had two sons.”**

—LUKE 15:3, 11

PART II

The father tells everyone, “The son who was lost has been found and is home.” The father wants it known far and wide that his lost son has come home, and he is fully welcomed and treated as honored family.

In Hosea 14:4, God said of Israel, “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.”

Isaiah 1:18 reads, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”

Ephesians 2:4 reads, “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.”

Romans 5:8 says, “But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

I Peter 5:5 says, “God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”

Every backslider and every wayward son or daughter should carefully study Hebrews 4:16, which says, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Our heavenly Father’s throne is one of mercy and grace, not punishment and suffering.

Finally, Paul says in Colossians 1:14, “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

The younger prodigal son experienced grace, mercy, and forgiveness because of his father’s great love.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world.” Our heavenly Father loves His sheep—even lost sheep.

There is a fourth important truth in

this parable. The Christian life should not be lived in bondage to legalism and the law.

The elder son had no compassion for his brother. Although the older son remained faithful to the task of helping his dad—running the farm and overseeing the work—he did not possess the heart of the father. He had no compassion for his brother. The father, upon hearing that his oldest son had refused to join the celebration leaves the celebration and goes to the field to reason with him.

The older son improperly reminds his father, “But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots” (Luke 15:30). He did not refer to him as his brother; he said, “thy son.” He did not acknowledge him as his brother. It seems to me that he had written him off. The elder brother did not ever want to see his brother again. His sins were too great. He was ashamed of him.

The older brother shows anger and refuses to attend the celebration. The father clarifies reality and says, “Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.”

The loving, forgiving father was saying, “Get perspective. He is your brother. Love him. He was lost and is found.”

The older son was living in law and not in grace. He did not have any compassion for his brother. He was into law: “Eye for eye, tooth for tooth” (Lev. 24:20).

In II Corinthians 5:18, Paul wrote, “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”

The elder brother had no desire for the younger son to come home and be



restored and reconciled. The church must constantly show forth the ministry of reconciliation.

So many legalistic church leaders and church members live in law and not grace.

Did not Paul admonish the church in Galatians 6:1: *“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness?”* This word *restore* means “to repair, mend, completely make perfect again.” Yes, there should be discipline and guidelines to assist in the process of restoration, but let’s not forget, our ministry to the fallen and broken does not conclude until they are fully restored and reconciled.

Friend, there is no record in this story that the elder brother repented for his lack of compassion and love for his fallen brother. In reality, the elder brother is

the prodigal that refused to demonstrate the father’s heart to a brother in need. So many church leaders respond this way to the broken and wounded of society.

Luke 4:18 quotes Christ when He read in the synagogue, *“Because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”*

Dear church leaders, this is the ministry of the church.

Do we remember the parable of the Good Samaritan? The religious leaders—the priest and Levite—refused to help the man in the ditch who was wounded and bleeding on the Jericho Road. But the Good Samaritan stopped his journey and crawled down into the ditch, which was a deep ravine. When visiting Israel, our tour guide showed us the ditch. It was a ravine about fifty feet deep on the side of the road. The Good Samaritan cleansed and bandaged the man’s wounds, took him to a house of healing, and paid the

expenses for his food and recovery. Wow, what mercy and grace!

I ask you, dear friend, are you living in law or grace? Someone once wrote: “Law curses; grace redeems. Law kills; grace gives life. Law shuts every mouth; grace opens every mouth to praise Him. Law condemns; grace justifies. Law puts you on probation; grace sets you free. Law declares, ‘Stone the adulteress’; grace says, ‘Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more.’ Under law, sheep die and are sacrificed for the shepherd; under grace, the Shepherd dies for the sheep.”

Let’s all strive to be like the father in this story and not like the young prodigal son or the elder prodigal son. The younger son received forgiveness and great grace. The elder brother showed no sign of repentance and could not enjoy the time of celebration. It was his great loss.

I conclude this article series by quoting Christ in Luke 15:10: *“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”*

If angels are going to feel joy in heaven, I do declare, let the church also be overwhelmed with great joy as sinners repent and come home. ✨

“THE OLDER SON WAS LIVING IN LAW AND NOT IN GRACE. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY COMPASSION FOR HIS BROTHER. HE WAS INTO LAW: ‘EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH’” (LEVITICUS 24:20).



ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

His Voice Makes The Difference

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” —JOHN 10:27

IN A CONVERSATION with those who bitterly opposed Him, Jesus revealed why His enemies were unable to comprehend who He was or what He said. The unbelieving Jews had cornered Him in an area of the temple where He was walking alone. They demanded to know whether He was truly the Messiah. He declared to them that He had already told them who He was. He stated in no uncertain terms that they had not heard or understood what He said because they were not of His sheep.

God knows very well who belongs to Him. He knows the ones who have placed their faith in His Son and have thereby become members of the new covenant family. While many are called, few choose to answer the call of the Holy Spirit—the one drawing them to Christ.

The ability to see, hear, or comprehend spiritual truth depends on what a person does with his invitation to become one

with Christ. If he does not accept Him as Lord and Savior, he is not of His sheep and will miss being equipped to recognize or follow His voice. These who refuse will miss out on the greatest relationship known to man. These will stand bereft of the benefits of Christ’s wisdom, love, care, and compassion.

My Sheep Hear My Voice

Jesus declared that His sheep would hear His voice. This means that all believers have the capacity and the capability to hear the voice of the Lord. How is this possible? At the moment of regeneration (salvation) the Holy Spirit re-creates the soul and spirit of the believing sinner. This “new creation” man is given a new soul (the part of man that feels) and a new spirit (the part of man that knows).

The benefit of the new spirit is that the individual is then able to receive information from God through the Holy

Spirit. The Holy Spirit begins immediately to bear witness to this newly created spirit. As well, the Holy Spirit takes up residence within the heart of the new believer. This is the vital means of communication that allows God to speak to His people consistently. However, if we do not tune into or come to recognize the sound of His voice, we may miss what He is trying to reveal to us.

What voice are you listening to? Are you listening intently to the news media? Are you intent on listening to a tweet on Twitter? The latest rumor that appears on Facebook? Are you gravitating toward the voice of a preacher who is trying to draw people after himself? Who are you listening to?

As a believer (His sheep) you have the ability to hear from God yourself. You should always compare what you hear in your spirit to the writings of the Bible. This equips one to either confirm or reject what you feel you have received from God. Make no doubt about it, a believer can hear consistently from the Lord Jesus Christ, but he must develop both the sensitivity and the reliance (dependence) upon hearing from the Master. Are you taking advantage of the voice that has been made available to you, or are you letting other voices overwhelm the voice of Christ within you?

I Know Them

A believer should be comforted by the truth that Christ knows each and every one of His sheep personally. He never allocates their care to someone other than Himself. He is perfectly capable and willing to be personally involved in the life of each and every believer. He knows your



“A believer should be comforted by the truth that Christ knows each and every one of His sheep personally.”

name! He knows right where you are. He knows what each sheep is going through. He knows what their strengths are, and He certainly keeps in mind their weaknesses. Yet He loves me because I am one of His sheep. I have chosen Him as my shepherd and, in turn, He has promised to perfect those things which concern me.

Even when I don't see Him moving, He is involved in the circumstances of my life. Even when I don't understand the whys of life, I find that Jesus is still able to meet my needs. He always knows exactly what my need is and what is best for me. If I

truly understand how well acquainted my Jesus is with my circumstances, my person, my family, my finances, perhaps then I will be willing to lean in closely to hear Him speak, even if it is only a whisper! I need to tune in a little closer to the things that He is saying to me. I need to seek His advice more often than following my own designs and desires. He knows me, yet He loves me. How amazing is that? I am His and He is mine. He knows my name!

They Follow Me

Believers are expected to not only hear from Christ and trust Him to meet their every need, but we are also required to submit to the Lord's choices for our lives in totality. There can be no question about who is in charge of the believer's life; it must be Christ! He is the head of the church; therefore, He must be the head of my circumstances and situations. Whether I understand the marching

orders or not, obedience is a must! They are part of His master plan, which He alone knows from beginning to end. I must not falter. I must not hesitate to obey. I must not doubt, and I must not fear.

In John 21, Jesus spoke to Peter about his need to obey the directions and instructions that came his way. He even told him regarding the manner of his death. This was a point in time in which Jesus was restoring Peter to ministry after his failure of denying the Lord. It seems near the end of that conversation when Peter, perhaps embarrassed of the Lord's attention regarding his restoration and responsibilities, looked over at his fellow disciple John. He asked Jesus, "What should this man do?" Jesus said (paraphrased), "What I ask him to do is none of your business. Your responsibility is to follow Me."

We, as His sheep, have been called by God. We are honored to be a member of His new covenant community. Because we have answered the call to become one of His, we have been equipped to hear His voice. I am assured that He knows me inside and out, even better than I know myself. I am convinced that He will take care of me. My responsibility in knowing all of this is that I willingly get up every day and follow after the one who loved me and gave Himself for me. I hear. I trust. I obey. ✚

*His voice makes the difference!
When He speaks, He relieves my troubled mind.
It's the only voice I hear that makes the difference.
And I'll follow one day at a time.*



ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

CULTURAL REVOLUTION:

The Destructive Seeds of Psychology

PART IV

The cultural revolution seeks to justify humanism as the only path for mankind. One of the progressive movement's prominent blame for man's perils is against those who believe in a sovereign God, and especially those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians are characterized as stubborn and unmanageable with their traditional beliefs. Re-education and indoctrination are two of the strategies that progressives use to subtly instill their worldview. More particularly, the Christian worldview must be conformed to the precepts of their new society. With their new conscript, psychologists, psychiatrists, and Christian ministers are often called change agents. What is the progressive movement's process to meet their humanistic goals? Change the way people think. The effects of Darwinism and public education in progressivism opened the door for psychology to fill the void that religion historically supplied to people. Secular humanism now has a

pseudo-science to vindicate its teachings in opposition to faith in God.

However, to better understand any academic field, we must first look at its assumptions about reality. Too readily we yield to the idea that every scientist proceeds in an academically unbiased fashion and searches for truth wherever it may lie. In the field of psychology, biased beliefs shape the research goals, methods, and interpretations of the practitioner. Money may also act as a motivator for research. Couple money with cultural pressures, and the results can be astounding yet have no resemblance to the truth.

Worldview

A fundamental belief structure is called a worldview. To better describe worldview, we'll say it is a set of presumptions or beliefs about nature and the universe in which we live and our place in it. Worldview may also be referred to as a paradigm, or a set of control beliefs.

Thomas Kuhn, in his book, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, which published in the early 1960s, altered the way

we look at the philosophy behind science and introduced the phrase "paradigm shift." Kuhn's version of science differed greatly from the accepted Whig interpretation of scientific history in which past researchers and theorists had engaged in a long march—if not toward truth, than at least toward a greater understanding of the natural world. Where the Whig version saw steady, cumulative progress, Kuhn saw discontinuities—a set of alternating normal and revolutionary phases in which communities of specialists in particular fields are plunged into periods of turmoil, uncertainty, and angst. These revolutionary phases correspond to great conceptual breakthroughs and lay the basis for a succeeding phase of business as usual. I plan to discuss more on Kuhn's thoughts and teachings as they pertain to the modern church in future articles.

A person's worldview may act as a filter on his mind. It answers basic questions such as: What is the nature of a human being? Can I trust my senses? What is the origin of the universe? Does the universe follow laws of cause and effect? Is there a

God and what happens when I die?

How a change agent answers these types of questions affects his work. The efforts and findings of psychology are affected by worldviews. The study of psychology does not take place from the standpoint of just one worldview, but from at least three worldviews:

- *Naturalistic psychology.* Those holding this view see persons as biological machines.
- *Humanistic psychology.* In this view, strong emphasis is placed on human qualities of persons and the development of their self-potential.
- *Transpersonal psychology.* This view is concerned with the study of altered consciousness through meditation, hallucinogenic drugs, and other related methods.

Readers should understand these three worldviews to better comprehend how they are shaping modern psychology. Notwithstanding, these views determine what experiments psychologists and psychiatrists are willing to do, what problems they are to solve, and how these problems are to be solved.

If sin is not the starting place for man's problems, then man is not at fault for his behavior. Without sin, man no longer needs a Savior; he simply needs to be "coached" to live a better and fulfilling life. Man's problems are a result of a failed society, and he is therefore a victim of society. Instead of changing man and rectifying his sinful nature, humanists believe we must change society that has harmed mankind.

The types of counselors we go to with our problems, the fads dangled before us, the bold new plans of the psych engineers—all result from psychology's worldview—a worldview without the only true and living God who alone addressed the sinful fallen condition of man.

Christian Worldview

To the Christian, the universe contains both material and immaterial reality. There exists God who is a spirit person, eternal, transcendent (beyond nature), and immanent (present everywhere).

To address mankind's sinful condition, God's son, Jesus Christ, would become man and die as the perfect sacrifice for sin, and thereby redeem mankind from sin's ultimate consequence—eternal separation from God. God is now able to communicate to His redeemed children by the Holy Spirit and His Word, the Bible. In this universe, mankind can discover truth and knowledge three ways, and these three should be considered a hierarchy of knowledge in terms of their dependability and scope:

1. Divine revelation is a Christian's highest and only form of divine truth. It will always glorify Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. This is God speaking to men and women in the Bible and all believers today through the person of Jesus Christ, about reality (Heb. 1:1-2).
2. We can also learn by experiment and the scientific method because the physical universe follows laws of cause and effect and our minds are capable of understanding much of the order in reality.
3. Experience is also a source of

knowledge. We are conscience beings and can touch reality in our experience. However, experience needs a lot of guidance most of the time.

We know that the nature of spiritual truth is available only in revelation, since through experiment and experience people are limited in what they can investigate. The scientist cannot study people's spiritual nature of needs. He cannot study any event of importance to human nature, such as the Creation or the fall since history is beyond replication in laboratories. Unaided by revelation, the scientist must make broad assumptions about man's condition. Through experience we can tell that the spiritual reality is there, but we cannot interpret its nature, meaning, and reasons people do not normally partake in it.

Neither science nor experience can reveal the future of mankind and what lies beyond the grave. Only spiritual revelation can supply those needs. The Bible teaches us in II Peter 1:3: "*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.*"

In future articles in this series on cultural revolution, I will delve into how psychology came into the church and how its leaven has permeated the lump. 🐛

“INSTEAD OF CHANGING MAN AND RECTIFYING HIS SINFUL NATURE, HUMANISTS BELIEVE WE MUST CHANGE SOCIETY THAT HAS HARMED MANKIND.”



ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

THANKSGIVING—a time for family gatherings, a time to be thankful for what we have, and a time when we reflect over the past year and look for things that we can be grateful for. It can also be a difficult time. Many have experienced the loss of loved ones, financial difficulties, sickness, and emotional stress. And yet we are commanded in God’s Word to give thanks unto God regardless of the circumstances. Can we really give thanks at all times?

Give Thanks at All Times

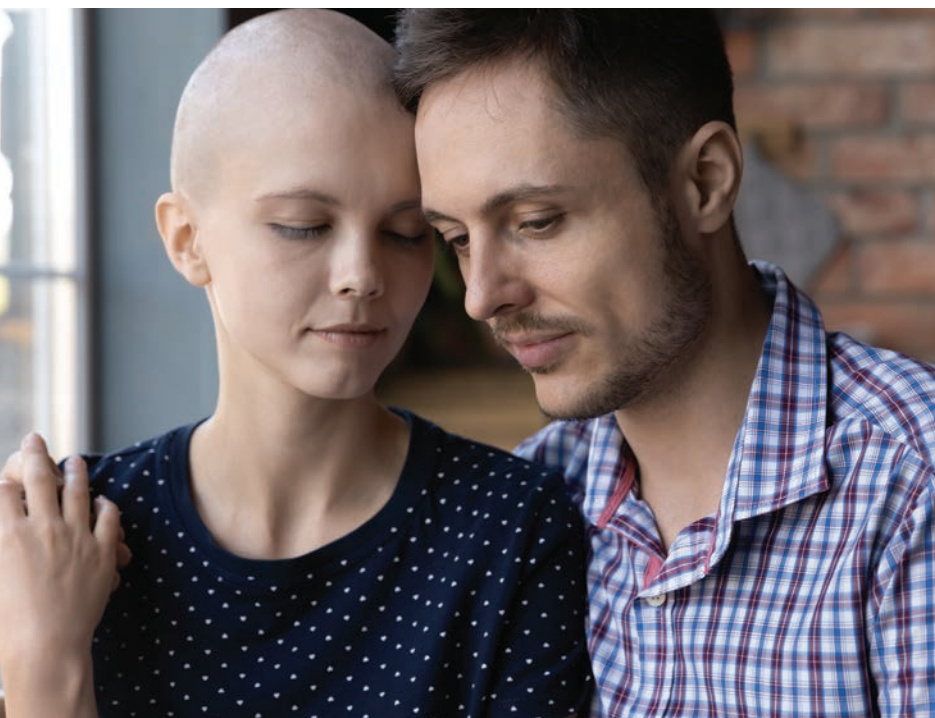
It Is The Will Of God

The apostle Paul instructed the saints in Thessalonica to give thanks in all circumstances: *“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”* (I Thess. 5:18). The Thessalonians had experienced persecution at the hand of Jews. They were upset that Gentiles could receive the blessings of God without circumcision and the strict obedience of the law. Although the persecution was intense, they were commanded to give thanks in all circumstances.

Give Thanks In Good Times

The euphoria of success, prosperity, and God’s blessings makes it easier to give thanks unto God. David said, *“I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High”* (Psalm 9:1-2).

If there was anyone in the Old Testament who knew how to praise God, it was certainly King David. Here, David rejoiced over the reality that God was



on his side. And yet, he also gave thanks when circumstances were not so pleasant.

I Will Sing Unto The Lord

"I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me" (Psalm 13:6). Although this is a statement of praise and thanksgiving, the previous verses paint a gloomy picture: *"How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?"* (Psalm 13:1). Feeling forgotten, David prayed that God would notice him and deliver him from his enemies. In the midst of listing his troubles, he remembered to praise God.

Walking Upon The High Places

The prophet Habakkuk said, *"The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me*

to walk upon mine high places" (Habakkuk 3:19).

Habakkuk expressed praise and thanksgiving, yet two verses prior to this we see the difficulties the prophet was experiencing: *"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*

Have you experienced financial loss this year? Have things been less than ideal? Have you felt like you have been through the wringer? Are you able to give thanks in the midst of your trials?

Why?

Why should we praise Him? Because of

who He is, what He has done, and what He has promised to do.

Apart from what He has done or will do for us, He deserves praise and thanksgiving just because of who He is. He is the Lord God Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Lord of lords and King of kings.

He deserves our praise and thanksgiving for revealing His Son to us, for demonstrating His love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8).

Even though we have gone through rough times, we are still here. He has not forsaken us. We need to give thanks and focus on God. *"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (1 Thess. 5:18).

Will you give thanks at all times? ✚



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Self-Will

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life [or loves it less] in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me.” —JOHN 12:24-26

THERE IS ONLY one way that a seed can fulfill its purpose and potential of being fruitful: by falling into the ground and dying. Then, and only then, can it germinate, grow, and produce fruit. The same was true with Jesus and it is also true for every person who ever has or ever will live.

This was what Jesus was facing when Peter rebuked Him (Matt. 16:22; Mark 8:32); in the temptations (Matt. 4:1-11, Mark 1:13, Luke 4:2-13); praying in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46); when He emptied, or humbled Himself (Phil. 2:5-8); and His death on the cross (Matt. 27:38-44, Mark 15:29-32, Luke 23:35-39).

When Jesus told His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and be killed (Matt. 16:21, Mark 8:31), Peter rebuked Him (Matt. 16:22, Mark 8:32) because he thought Jesus could not set Israel free from Roman control and re-establish the

kingdom of Israel if He was going to be killed. But Jesus rebuked Peter and said his thoughts were of Satan and not of God (Matt. 16:23, Mark 8:33) since the only way He could pay the penalty for sin was for Him to die.

In the temptations (Matt. 4:1-11, Mark. 1:13, Luke 4:2-13), Satan tried to get Jesus to save Himself by providing His physical needs (Matt. 4:2-3, Luke 4:2-3), to protect his life if He did a dangerous stunt to prove His deity (Matt. 4:5-6, Luke 4:9), and by gaining power over people by worshipping Satan (Matt. 4:8-9, Luke 4:5-7).

In Gethsemane, Jesus preferred any other way to provide salvation than His physical death on the cross and His separation from God when He became the sin offering, but ultimately He submitted to God's will and not His own (Matt. 26:39, 42, 44; Mark 14:35-36, 39; Luke 22:42).



Jesus emptied Himself when He chose to give up His form of deity, took on the mortal and corruptible form of a human servant, and submitted to God's will when He died on the cross (Phil. 2:5-8).

Similarly, on the cross, Jesus refused to save His life even though He had the power to do so; He would not have fulfilled God's plan and purpose for His life to provide salvation for mankind (Matt. 27:38-44, Mark 15:29-32, Luke 23:35-39).

If Jesus had not submitted to God's will in each of these situations, He would not have paid the penalty for sin, provided the power to overcome sin, or made a way to stop the presence of sin by dying on the cross.

If anyone is going to follow Jesus and be used of God, then they must do the same as Christ, as exemplified by Esther, John the Baptist, the disciples, and Paul.

Mordecai told Esther she needed to go before the king to plead for the lives of



**“...but if it die,
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much fruit.”**

the Jewish people even if it meant risking her life (Est. 4:7-16).

Even though John the Baptist had introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God (John 1:29), he realized and accepted the fact that he must decrease so Jesus could increase (John 3:30).

Jesus told His disciples that the only way they could follow Him was to continually deny their self-will, keep their faith in the cross, and follow Him because of how important the gospel was

(Mark 8:34). If, instead, they tried to save their own self-interests, they would lose their spiritual lives (Mark 8:35).

Paul finally realized that all his religious zeal and effort were a useless waste to be gladly thrown away in comparison to knowing Christ through faith in the cross. This resulted in sharing in His righteousness, the power of His resurrection, the fellowship resulting from His suffering, being conformed to His death, and having hope of resurrection.

So, to produce spiritual fruit, the Christian must also begin and continue to “Deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me [Christ]” (Luke 9:23). ✨

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FROM ME TO YOU

Jimmy Swaggart



It was some twenty or twenty-five years ago at the morning prayer meeting, and there were probably only about ten of us there that day.

As I went to prayer, I sensed a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit in my heart. I began to pray for Family Worship Center. But the Lord began to impress upon me the need of the church, as a whole. He said to me, “I will take care of Family Worship Center, but My church, as a whole, is in pitiful condition.”

He then said, “The whole head is sick, and the body is full of sores, which no medicine can mollify.”

This was taken directly from (Isaiah 1:5-6).

Then He said to me, “But I’m going to start a move at Family Worship Center that is going to girdle the globe.”

I knew the Lord had spoken to me, of that there was no doubt; however, I did not see how that this could be done regarding Family Worship Center. But that morning, as I bowed my heart before the Lord, I knew that He had spoken to me, and I knew it was real. In other words, what He said He was going to do, that He would do.

“I believe the Lord is presently trying to bring the church back to the cross. I believe He has raised up this ministry for this very purpose—**that we come back to the cross.**”

I Am Now Seeing That Beginning To Come To Pass

What the Lord is doing now is really just a touch of what He is going to do, I believe, in the near future. In fact, I believe we're going to see a harvest of souls as we've never seen before. I feel that in my spirit; I see it in my spirit. And please understand, when I say the Lord spoke to me, to be sure that is exactly what He did.

We were on television in those days one hour a week. Now we are on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, as most all of you know. I can see now how the Lord can do what He said He was going to do. And to be sure, I am anticipating the greatest move of God that I have ever known. I believe it is just ahead; we are on the very verge of this great move of God.

As many of you know, at times, when the Spirit of God moves in the programming over television, I will stop and pray the sinner's prayer with whoever is out there. Thank God for the letters that we are receiving telling us that they prayed with us; in other words, they accepted Christ. I believe what few we are now receiving is just the beginning of what is going to take place. I believe it's going to be a harvest unparalleled.

America is in terrible shape, spiritually, because the church is in terrible condition, spiritually. The Bible still says: “*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” (II Chron. 7:14). That word still holds true.

The Cross

I believe the Lord is presently trying to bring the church back to the cross. I believe He has raised up this ministry (Jimmy Swaggart Ministries) for this very purpose—that we come back to the cross. This is the solution—and the only solution—and I continue to speak of the cross of Christ.

I believe that the cross of Christ is the single most important aspect of the work of God. This means that the object of our faith must be the cross of Christ. Nothing else will do. It must be the cross.

In the Master's service, yours,



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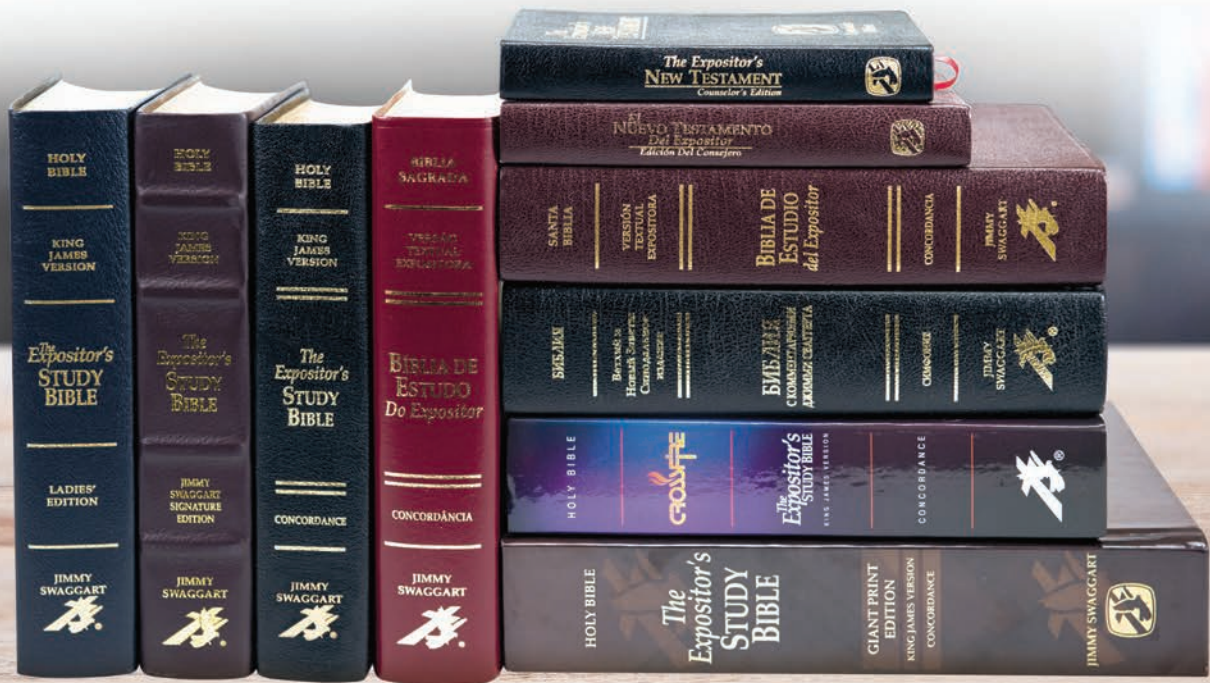
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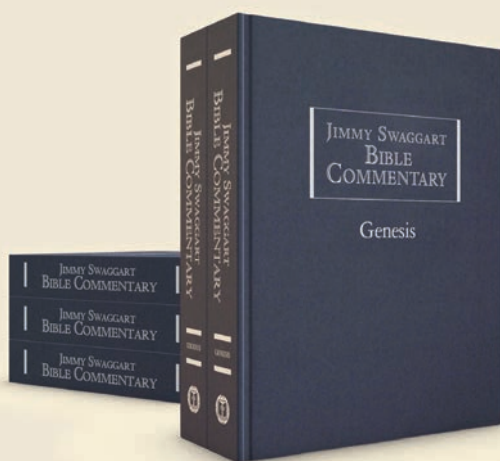
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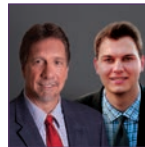
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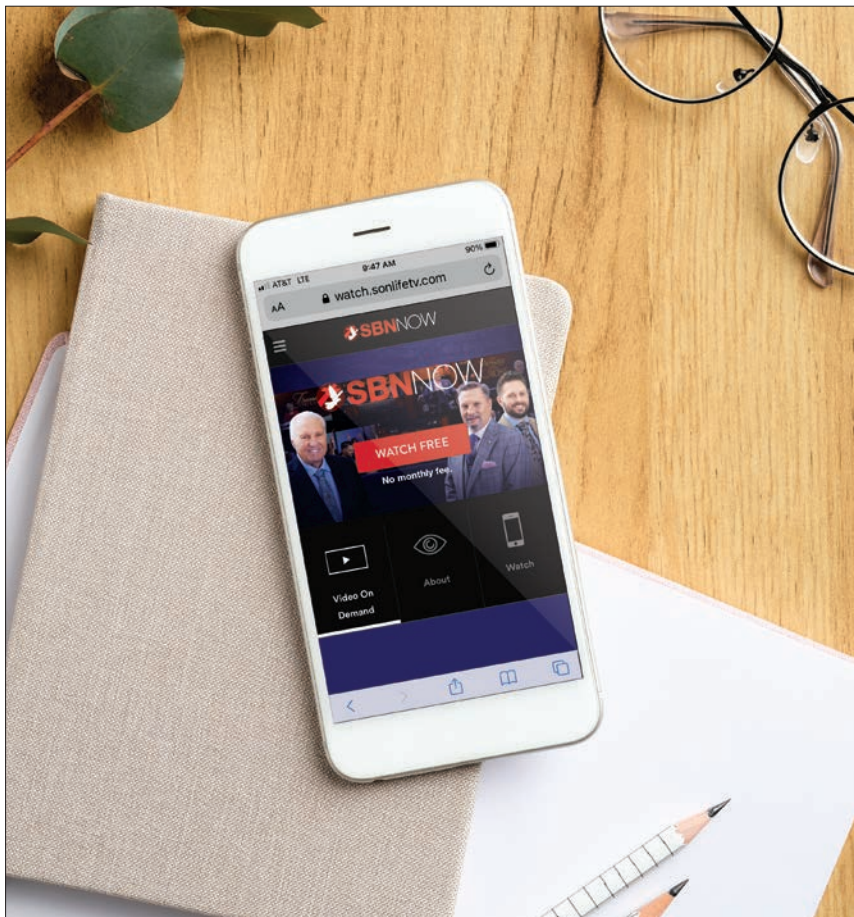
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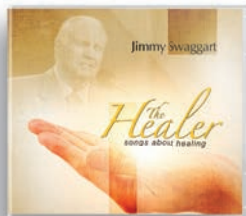
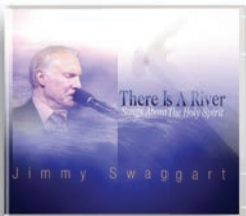
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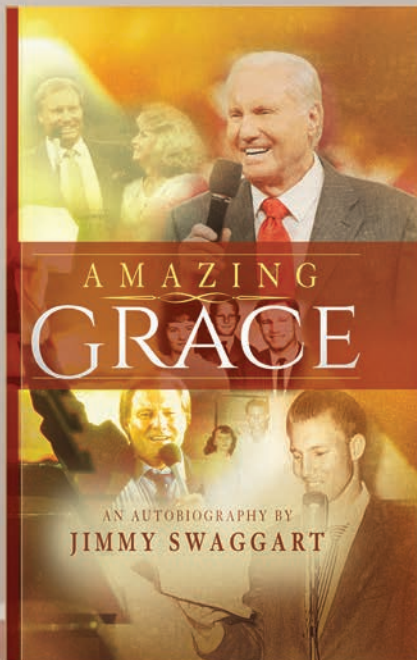
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