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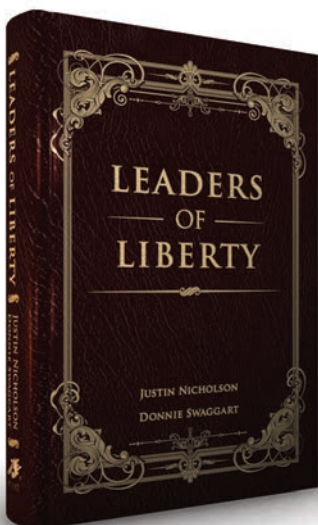
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# THE GREAT CONTEST

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BY JIMMY SWAGGART | PART I

**T**he water was a type of the Word of God. Everything here was saturated with water, even the trench around the altar was filled. This tells us that everything about the cross was and is according to the Word of God, and that the Word of God is the foundation and criterion for all that we do.

Again, it states that what Jesus did at the cross was all according to the Word of God, and according to the Word of God entirely.

Pouring the water three times over the sacrifice signifies to us that the Word of God is backed up by the entirety of the triune Godhead. It also tells us that the Word is incumbent upon each member of the Godhead, even as each member of the Godhead is incumbent upon the Word.

trayal, a picture if you will, of that which would be carried out by His Son when He died on the cross.

Elijah would have had no knowledge concerning a cross, nor would he have known that Jesus would die on the cross at the time of the evening sacrifice, but God most definitely did know all of this.

The idea is that the Lord was trying to bring Israel back to the altar, back to the cross. In effect, He has always been doing this, and He still is.

#### **God Of Abraham, Isaac, And Israel**

*Elijah said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel"* (I Ki. 18:36).

Why were these three individuals so special that their names would be linked with Jehovah? One word explains it—faith.

**“And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.”** —I KINGS 18:33-35

Jesus said, *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”* (Matt. 4:4).

#### **The Time Of The Evening Sacrifice**

*“And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice”* (I Ki. 18:36).

Two sacrifices were to be offered at the temple each day, the first at 9 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m., with the latter referred to as the evening sacrifice. This was to be done seven days a week.

On the Sabbath, which was Saturday, instead of one lamb being offered in the morning and one lamb in the afternoon, the number was doubled.

Jesus was put on the cross at about 9 a.m. He died at 3 p.m.—the time of the evening sacrifice.

So, all of this tells us that what the Lord did here was a por-

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—other than these three families at their respective times, the whole world lay in spiritual darkness. They alone knew God, and they alone believed God.

First, the Lord revealed Himself to Abraham. As to how this was done, the Scripture is silent. At that time, Shem, one of Noah’s sons, was still alive and may very well have been serving God. Some believe that Shem was actually Melchizedek, but there is no proof of that.

At that time, the only ones in the world who knew God were Abraham and Sarah, probably some of Abraham’s servants, which included Eliezer of Damascus (Gen. 14:17-20; 15:2), and a few others such as Melchizedek.

As the revelation had been given to Abraham, it was handed down to Isaac, the son of Abraham and Sarah, and then to Jacob, the son of Isaac and Rebekah.



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**Elijah's  
 sacrifice is  
 consumed  
 by fire from  
 Heaven.**

ern church are hypocritical and seek to punish those who have failed. They don't ever seem to realize that Jesus already suffered such punishment. For such to be enacted says, in essence, that what Jesus did at the cross was insufficient. This is a gross sin!

We must never forget that the fire of the Lord consumed everything — the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and even the dust, and “licked up the water that was in the trench.”

With all the water being licked up, this portrays the fact that the Word of God was fulfilled in totality. As stated, absolutely nothing was left owing. Such was and is the cross of Christ!

### **The Lord, He Is The God**

When the fire fell, the Scripture says, “*And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God*” (I Ki. 18:39).

These Israelites, who had been worshipping Baal for some years, were now made to realize in stark reality that Baal was not God, but rather “*the LORD, he is the God.*”

The fact that the name God has the definite article preceding it, making it read “the God,” tells us they were saying, in essence, that there was no other god. Jehovah alone was God!

But it must be understood that God, Jehovah, could only be recognized by and through the means of the cross—the altar.

The apostle Paul addressed this very thing, but in the New Testament sense, by stating that if the faith of believers is in anything other than Christ and the cross, then what they have is another Jesus, which fosters another spirit, and which plays out to another gospel (II Cor. 11:4).

This episode with Elijah and the people of Israel tells us that God could be understood only in the sense of the cross—the altar. It is no different now (John 3:16).

### **The Prophets Of Baal**

“*And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And*

At that time, they were the only people in the world who were monotheistic, meaning they worshipped one God—Jehovah. The balance of the world was polytheistic, meaning they worshipped many gods (in actuality, demon spirits).

So, it was faith that caused these individuals to stand out, and to be certain, faith is the same principle now (Rom. 5:1-2).

### **The Fire Of The Lord Fell**

At the beginning of this contest, Elijah had said to Ahab, plus all the false prophets of Baal, plus the entirety of Israel that was gathered at Mount Carmel that day: “*Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of*

*the LORD: and the God who answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken*” (I Ki. 18:23-24).

The fire was a type of the judgment of God that was poured out on the sacrifice instead of that judgment being poured out on Israel. This typified Christ and what He would suffer at the cross. The only thing that stands between mankind and the judgment of God is the cross of Christ.

I Kings 18:38 says, “*Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*”

When the fire fell, it consumed everything and left nothing. This tells us that Calvary paid it all. No sin was left owing. The judgment was total, meaning that Christ paid it all.

Unfortunately, far too many in the mod-

they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there” (I Ki. 18:40).

This is one of the reasons that the cross is so despised. It exposes false prophets. And not only exposes them but puts them out of business.

When the cross of Christ is held up as it should be held up, all false doctrine goes out the window, all false apostles will stop short, and all error is laid aside—the cross exposes it all. This is the greatest reason the message of the cross is not so very much appreciated, especially considering that the majority of the modern church is apostate. The light always exposes what the darkness covers. That which the light exposes must be exterminated, which the Holy Spirit, in one way or another, will definitely do, at least for those who truly want to follow the Lord.

### The Rain Of The Spirit

The people had been directed back to the cross, of which the altar was a type, and now the rain of the Spirit could fall. Before the Holy Spirit can work, the church must come back to the cross; there is no other way.

Seven is God’s number of perfection; in other words, the rain that was coming would be in proportion to God who was sending it. Even though the Lord had promised this, we find that Elijah had to persevere. This should be a lesson to us; if we ask and do not receive, we ought to keep asking (Luke 11:6-13).

### The Sound Of An Abundance Of Rain

“And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain” (I Kings 18:41).

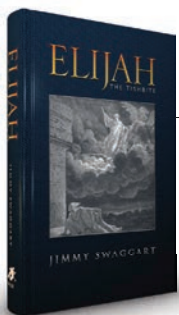
When the Word of God becomes preeminent, with Calvary once again becoming the center point of all that is done, then the spiritual drought will end, and there will be an abundance of rain.

Again, the great drought in Israel, which had lasted now for some three and a half years, was meant to be a portrayal of the spiritual condition of the nation. The rain falling in copious amounts was a type of the Spirit of God being poured out, which brought the thirsty land back to life again, as only the Spirit of God can do. There was not merely rain that fell, but an abundance of rain.

This meant that the earth soaked up the rain, which could once again grow grass with the trees doing the same regarding their leaves. The streams that had long since gone dry now gurgled with water flowing in copious amounts. The drought had broken, and the rain was falling—all a type of the Holy Spirit.

Again, this copious rain was made possible by the cross, and made possible only by the cross. As it was then, so it is now.

The church will not know revival until it comes back to the cross. In fact, the people, whomever they might be, will not know a touch of God in their lives until they come back to the cross. ✚



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## 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...” (I 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 (I 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 (I 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; I 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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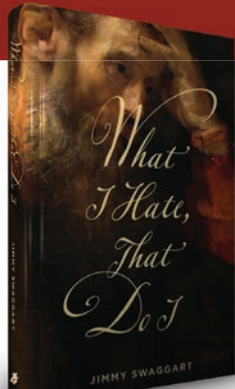
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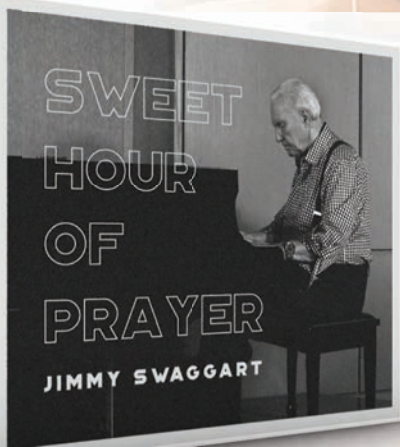


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## Q&A WITH SISTER SWAGGART

**Q.** My pastor says I should see a psychologist to help with my problem. Should I?

**A.** It doesn't shock us to hear that pastors are pushing their church members to psychologists for help. Larger churches are even hiring psychologists to be on staff to better align with today's social justice agenda, which stresses mental health.

But psychology is not what hurting believers need. In a thousand lifetimes, no amount of humanistic psychology could accomplish what Jesus Christ can do in a single moment.

When we were coming up in church, if a believer had a problem, he went to the pastor and received what the Word of God said about his situation. Then the pastor—and sometimes the whole church—prayed for him. The Lord was our help then, and He is our help now.

But most churches now consider faith in Christ and the cross a thing of the past. Psychiatry, psychology, and psychoanalysis are now the guiding lights of the modern church.

In his book, *The Psychological Society*, Martin Gross, said, "When educated man lost faith in formal religion, he required a substitute belief that would be as reputable

in the last half of the twentieth century as Christianity was in the first. Psychology and psychiatry have now assumed that special role."

Almost every major denomination promotes the world of psychology as the answer to the ills of man. While many of these preachers and religious leaders might claim to believe in the cross, the truth is, you cannot promote both causes at the same time. Jesus said, "*No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon*" (Luke 16:13).

With psychology's hold on the pulpit, Christians suffer. Those who desperately need divine deliverance and healing from addictions, anxieties, depression and oppression, suicidal thoughts, family troubles, and stress are being redirected from Jesus Christ to the "science of mind and behavior."

If pastors think psychology is the answer for sin, then they're only fooling themselves because it holds no answers, can cause extreme harm, and leads believers away from the true help available in Christ Jesus.

### **What Is Psychology?**

Psychology is not a viable science, and no true scientist will claim that it is. In fact,

there is no proof that it has ever helped anyone.

The trouble with psychology is that it declares neither the cause of man's problems nor the cure. Psychology centers on symptoms. A Christian goes to a psychologist and when his symptoms are identified, he grows confident that the psychologist also knows the cause and cure of his problem, but he doesn't.

The Bible is very clear on this subject—man's problem is sin. He fell in the garden of Eden through pride, deception, and unbelief, and these three maladies continue to plague humanity.

Nothing can be more opposed to the fundamental truth of the gospel than the theory of a gradual improvement in the sinner's condition, which completely blows to pieces the hypothesis of humanistic psychology. The sinner is born in a certain condition, and until he is born again, he cannot be in any other condition. He may try to improve, and he may resolve to turn over a new leaf and live a different sort of life. But all the while, he has not moved a single hair's breadth out of his real condition as a sinner. He may become religious, try to pray, or exhibit an appearance of moral reform, but none of these things can, in the smallest degree, affect his negative condition before God.

Psychology teaches that man is inherently





## The Lord Jesus is our Counselor.

good, and if he does something wrong, it's because of his outside environment, or events beyond his control. No person is ever guilty, so there can be no judgment because there is no culpability on the part of the individual. But if man is not guilty, as psychology claims, then why is he plagued with guilt?

The Bible teaches the very opposite: as a result of the fall, man is sinful and wicked, responsible for his actions, and will ultimately answer to God. Man's problem is a spiritual problem, and the only answer to his spiritual problem is the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Christian Counseling

The great struggle that goes on in the Christian is whether to trust man or God. A decision of whether a believer should seek "Christian counseling" is a perfect example of this struggle.

The problem with Christian counselors is that they don't view the Bible as sufficient to heal or get through the issue, so they grab humanistic psychology and try to intertwine the two. What they fail to understand is that problems in living—emotional, mental, relational, or behavioral—all of it has a spiritual core to it.

Sociologist William Kirk Kilpatrick said, "True Christianity does not mix well

with psychology. When you try to mix them, you often end up with a watered-down Christianity instead of a Christianized psychology. But the process is subtle and is rarely noticed. It is not a frontal attack on Christianity. It is not even a case of the wolf at the door. Actually, the wolf is already in the fold, dressed in sheep's clothing. From the way it was petted and fed by some of the shepherds, one would think it was the prize sheep."

We believe the Lord takes the same dim view of this Christianity-psychology mix as He did of King Asa and his heathenistic physicians.

### King Asa

At the beginning of his reign, the Bible says, "*And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God*" (II Chron. 14:2). But later on, Asa decides to ignore the Lord. He fails to remember all that the Lord had done for him and chooses to follow the way of the world.

Asa was drifting—spiritually drifting—as are so many Christians today. And, like King Asa, they no longer remember what the Lord did for them at Calvary's cross, so they turn—with the help of those leading them—to the ways of the world.

The Bible says, "*And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians*" (II Chron. 16:12).

To be clear, the Lord is not opposed to Christians seeing medical doctors. Luke, who wrote two of the great books of the Bible, was a physician. The physicians spoken of in this passage were probably Egyptian physicians who sought to bring about healing by charms, incantations, and mystic arts.

Asa had the privilege of seeking the Lord or demon spirits. He chose demon spirits and paid dearly for it. Are Christians today doing the same thing when they choose psychology over the counsel of God? The foray of the church into humanistic psychology presents a direction that is not of God. The Holy Spirit refers to this as human wisdom and says it is "*earthly, sensual, devilish*" (James 3:15).

The psychological way and the way of the cross are so diametrically opposed to each other that there is no way the two can be wedded. Preachers who claim these can work together are walking in terrible ignorance of the cross of Christ or gross unbelief.

### Christ the Counselor

The hurting child of God should turn to Christ for His counsel.

The Holy Spirit through Isaiah gives Christ five glorious names, "*Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*" (Isa. 9:6).

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Counselor, and His is the only true counsel there is. As Creator, He knows everything about us—our past, our present, and our future. Christ's counsel is the Word of God, and it contains everything that man needs (II Peter 1:3-4).

To entertain the idea that the Lord Jesus Christ—the Counselor—is not totally qualified to meet the needs of modern humanity and somehow needs the help of humanistic psychology is ignorance at best and blasphemy at worst.

Anything that lauds the psychological way is, at this same time, repudiating the cross. The church cannot have it both ways; it must return to Christ and the cross. If we attempt to address man's sin problem through psychology or any manner other than the cross, the result will be failure. ✚

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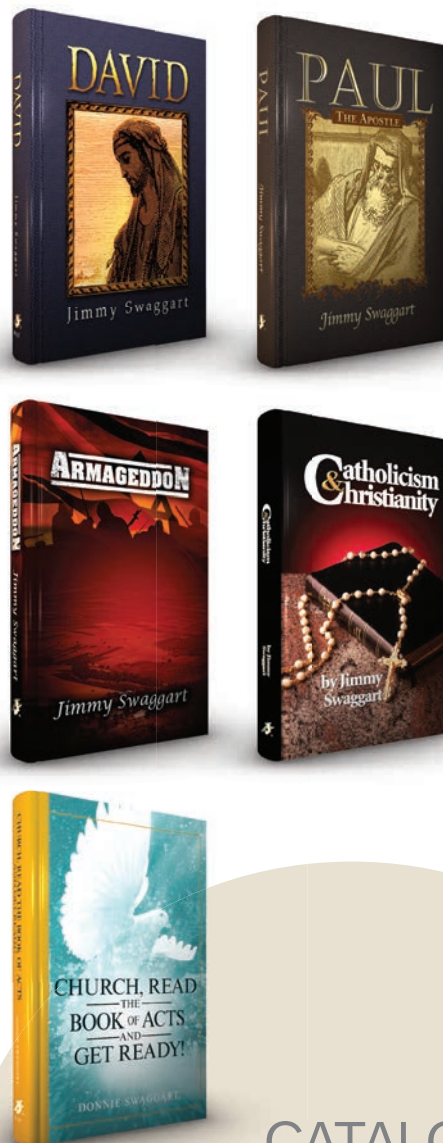
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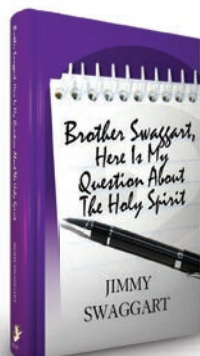
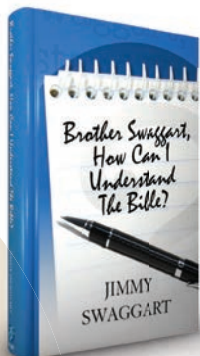
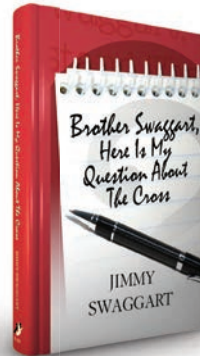
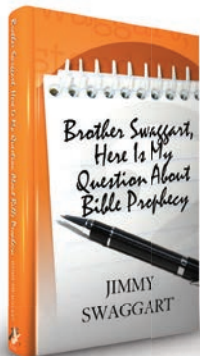
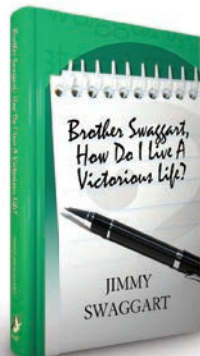
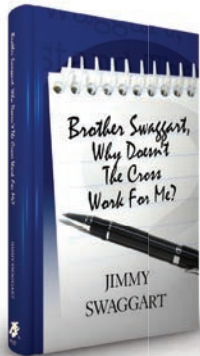
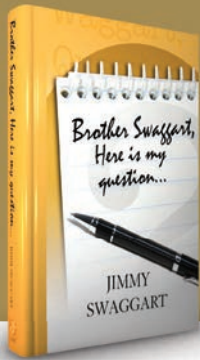
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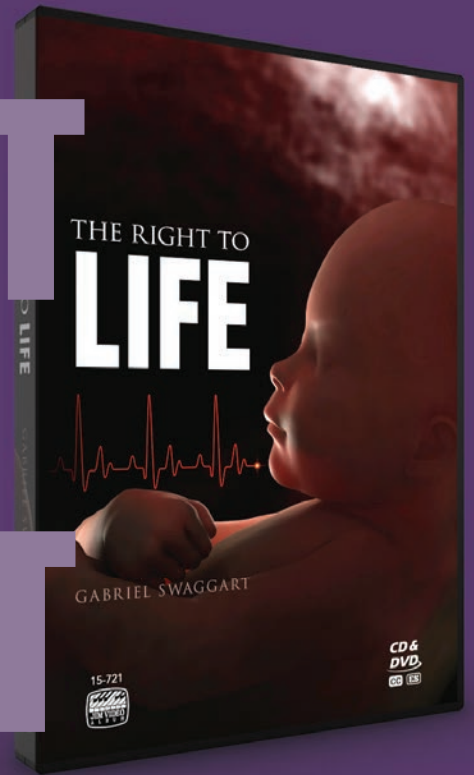
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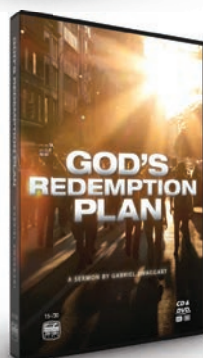
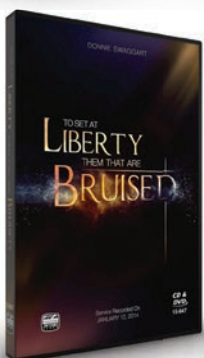
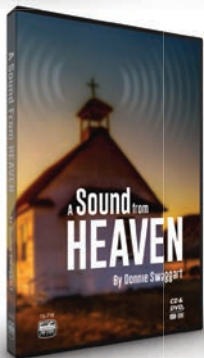
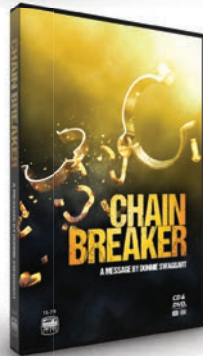
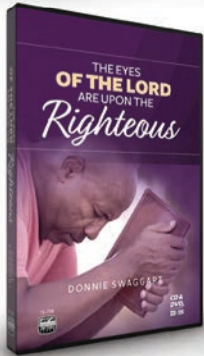
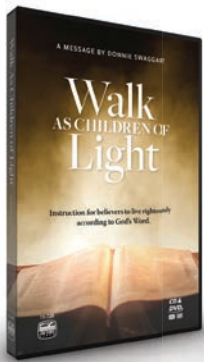
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“WHEN THOU ART come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.” —DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20

# Whom the Lord Thy God Shall Choose

THE HEBREW TITLE for this book is “The Words.” Deuteronomy is actually a repeating of the law to those who were a part of the new generation raised up in the wilderness, ready to occupy the land of promise. The name *Deuteronomy* means “second law,” or “this is the repetition of the law.”

The theme of the book is to “observe to do” what God commands.

My text has to do with God’s instructions to Israel regarding when they would have a king. The instructions and their meanings for us today are very important.

## The Lord’s Choice

From the text, it’s obvious that it was always the Lord’s will for Israel to have a king. What we learn is three-fold— God’s will, God’s time, and God’s choice. Israel was to have a king when God said it was time and that person was to be of God’s choosing.

In this timeline of the Bible, the people looking at the pagan nations around them desired a king. God had stated in the text that He was going to give them a king— when He desired and whom He desired. But the people rejected God’s time and selected Saul.

Saul reigned as king for forty years and then David, God’s choice, ascended to the throne. God’s will for Israel was to first occupy the land. Then, at a given point in time, David would be placed on the throne. Saul was



a work of the flesh; the choice of the people. Because they wouldn't wait on God's time and God's choice, they got a man whose reign as king would be summed up by one word—take (see I Sam. 8:11-18).

When man chooses, the outcome is always negative. When God chooses, the outcome is always positive. We must let God choose for us, meaning that we seek God for His will. We want God's choice for our lives, and we yield to God's timing.

Actually, God's timing is just as important as His will. Our problem is that man tends to get ahead of God's timing. Let the Lord set the timing in your life.

### Strength

Deuteronomy 17:16 says, *"But he shall not multiply horses to himself."* What the Lord is saying to Israel is, "I am going to make of you a great nation, a strong nation with a powerful army." But their faith was never to be in the strength of their horses, chariots, or fighting men. Their faith was to be in God and God alone.

The Lord delights in giving us things, but things are just things, and things cannot take the place of God. Psalm 37:39 says, *"But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD; he is their strength in time of trouble."*

The book of Psalms also tells us that the Lord is our rock, our hope, our refuge, our fortress, and our strong tower. All

of this speaks of strength, which is only found in Him.

### Silver And Gold

Deuteronomy 17:17 says, *"neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold."*

The Lord is not saying that it's wrong to be rich, but He is saying the riches can be sin if that's our only desire or if we trust in money instead of God. The Lord blesses and blesses abundantly, but we should never forget that it's all of God and not us.

### The Bible

Deuteronomy 17:18 says, *"And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites."*

Whoever the Lord put on the throne was to write, in his own hand, the Word of God. This speaks of diligence and devotion. The writing of God's Word was to help the king learn the Word.

Then in Deuteronomy 17:19 it says, *"And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them."*

It was not enough to write their own copy; they were to read it every day and obey it. The same is for us today. While we don't have to write our own copy, we are to read the Bible every day, study it, and obey it.

### Humility

Verse Deuteronomy 17:20 says, *"That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left."*

Proper study of the Word will always play out with the reader seeing the worthlessness of self and the worthiness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Proper study will always confirm to us that we are nothing, and He is everything.

### Blessing

The final part of Deuteronomy 17:20 says, *"to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel."*

This portion of the verse goes beyond life expectancy to the blessings of God coming upon us.

I encourage you to heed these verses. They were true then, and they are true today. ✚

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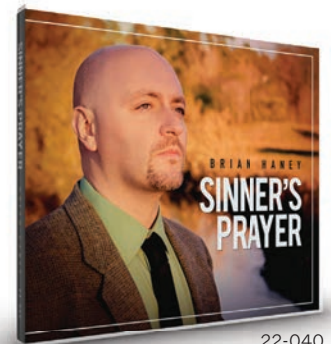
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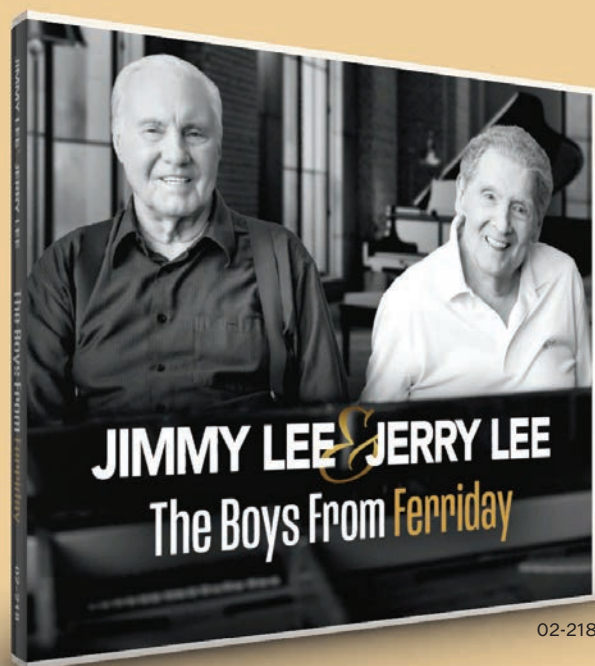
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# Lead Us Not Into Temptation

**“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”**

—MATTHEW 6:13

GOD NEVER LEADS anyone into temptation, but Satan does. God never tempts His children; He tests them. Satan tempts us for destruction while God tests us for victory.

Everything that Satan does against us is against our faith. Every attack leveled against us is designed to weaken or destroy our faith, and those attacks can be powerful.

So there will be attacks from the enemy, but God designs boundaries. We see that in Job 1. Satan can only do what God allows him to do; he cannot go beyond

the boundaries set by God. Satan will bluster at those boundaries and say things to cause us doubt, but he cannot break through God’s boundaries.

Satan is a master at proclaiming our demise, and at times, we believe him. If Satan could do those things, he would have done them a long time ago, but he can’t—you’re still here, and God is still on the throne.

Satan sets his sights on the child of God not only to weaken his faith, but also move the Christian’s faith away from the finished work of Christ. His greatest attacks are leveled against those whose faith is anchored in Christ and Him crucified.

Satan doesn’t really care about your faith if it’s not anchored in the cross. When a person understands and engages the message of the cross, that’s when the true battle begins. Satan knows where your victory lies, and he knows that you have now found the secret to victory. He will stop at nothing to see that your faith is moved from the cross to something else, anything else.

Paul told Timothy to “*fight the good*

*fight of [the] faith,*” (I Tim. 6:12). Timothy was instructed by Paul that no matter what happened in life, he was to never look away from the cross of Christ relative to his sanctification.

This will be a fight, but Paul said it’s a good fight because it’s a fight already fought and won by Christ. There is nothing that Satan fights harder than the truth of the gospel—Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Satan does everything within his power to diminish the spread of the gospel. While Satan levels attacks against us for our destruction, God tests us to bring about victory in our lives. Such tests are for our spiritual growth. “Faith must be tested, and great faith must be tested greatly,” is a statement I’ve heard most of my adult life, and it’s so true.

Every child of God who has ever lived has had his faith tested at some point. In fact, the word *temptation* really means “testing.”

The Holy Spirit must bring us to a place where the cross of Christ is the sole object of our faith. This often comes through varied trials in our lives. During those trials, and some are difficult, remember this: everything that happens to the child of God is either caused by God or allowed by God.

Trials show us that our faith is, at times, imperfect; we must keep our faith anchored in the finished work of Christ.

## **Deliver Us From Evil**

Christ said, “*but deliver us from evil.*” The word *deliver* refers to a pitfall designed by Satan from which we cannot free ourselves. These pitfalls are meant to destroy us and our faith. When faced with this, remember that the only means of deliverance comes through the power of God.

When it comes to deliverance, many believers have no experience with how it takes place, so they look to other methods that will never work.

When Jesus began His earthly ministry, He started by proclaiming what His ministry was all about. He began by reading from Isaiah 61: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, 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, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord”* (Luke 4:18-19).

Notice that when He spoke of deliverance, He said, *“to preach deliverance to the captives.”* He didn’t say, *“to deliver the captives,”* but *“to preach deliverance to the captives.”* Christ was saying that so many are bound by sin and held captive by Satan that the only means of deliverance is through the preaching of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

That means when someone preaches the message of the cross, he is preaching

deliverance.

It takes a greater power to bring a person out of darkness, and that power is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit desires to bring about the victory we so desperately need, but He can only do that if our faith is anchored in Christ and the cross. The Holy Spirit works exclusively through the guidelines

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of the cross (Rom. 8:2).

Evil is all around us, and the only way that we can be delivered is by placing our faith completely in Christ and Him crucified.

### **The Kingdom, And The Power, And The Glory**

In closing the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus said, *“For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.”* He instructed His disciples to pray this.

Satan attempted to take control of the kingdom away from God and wrestle away the power and the glory for himself. But the kingdom does not belong to Satan, and it never will. The kingdom belongs to God, forever. The power and the glory also belong to God, and there is nothing that Satan can do about it. Matthew 6:13 closes with *“Amen,”* which means that in the mind of God, Satan’s defeat is inevitable. ✚

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**So there will be attacks from the enemy, but God designs boundaries.**



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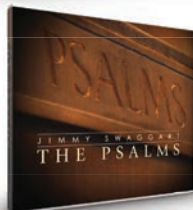


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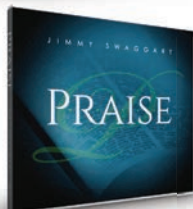
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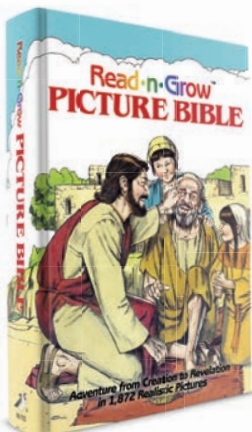
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12:30:00 AM				
1:00:00 AM	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast
1:30:00 AM				
2:00:00 AM			FWC Music	
2:30:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music		FWC Music
3:00:00 AM				
3:30:00 AM				
4:00:00 AM	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics
4:30:00 AM				
5:00:00 AM				
5:30:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
6:00:00 AM				
6:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
7:00:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
7:30:00 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)
8:00:00 AM				
8:30:00 AM	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
9:00:00 AM		Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)
9:30:00 AM	A Study In The Word	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)
10:00:00 AM				
10:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center Sunday Live Service			
11:00:00 AM				
11:30:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
12:00:00 PM		A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
12:30:00 PM	FWC Music		Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	
1:00:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast
1:30:00 PM	Generation of The Cross E/I			
2:00:00 PM			FWC Music	
2:30:00 PM		FWC Music		The Story Behind The Song
3:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)			FWC Music
3:30:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics
4:00:00 PM				
4:30:00 PM	FWC Music			
5:00:00 PM				
5:30:00 PM	Crossfire Service E/I	Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)
6:00:00 PM		A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
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7:00:00 PM		Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	
7:30:00 PM				Family Worship Center Live Service
8:00:00 PM	FWC Music			
8:30:00 PM	The Story Behind The Song	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	FWC Music
9:00:00 PM				
9:30:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)
10:00:00 PM		Donnie Swaggart Broadcast		
10:30:00 PM				
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FWC Music			FWC Music
Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	2:00:00 AM
			FWC Music
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	3:00:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	3:30:00 AM
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
FWC Music	FWC Music		6:30:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Generation of The Cross E/I	7:00:00 AM
Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		7:30:00 AM
FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	FWC Music	8:00:00 AM
Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	8:30:00 AM
			Insight (Re-Air)
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	9:30:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	10:00:00 AM
The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	10:30:00 AM
Crossfire Service E/I	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Family Worship Center Wednesday Night Service (repeat)	11:00:00 AM
FWC Music		FWC Music	11:30:00 AM
	FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	12:00:00 AM
			12:30:00 AM



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24/7	Check Local Listings

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<i>Anniston</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Berry</i>	487
<i>Birmingham</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	24
<i>Fayette</i>	
OTA	15.4
<i>Mobile</i>	
OTA	48.2
<i>Montgomery, Selma</i>	
OTA	5 / 29.2
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 776
<b>ALASKA</b>	
<i>Anchorage</i>	
OTA	31
<b>ARIZONA</b>	
<i>Phoenix</i>	
OTA	22.3 / 50.3

<i>Safford, Show Low</i>	
Cable One	91
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
<i>Ft. Smith, Fayetteville</i>	
<i>Springdale, Rogers</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Little Rock</i>	
OTA	14.2 / 49.3

### C Channel

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
<i>Bakersfield</i>	
Spectrum	499 / 1499 HD
OTA	34.6
<i>Beaumont</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Burlington</i>	
VolPPTV	115
<i>Fresno</i>	
OTA	7.2 / 35.3
<i>Los Angeles</i>	
Cox	483
Spectrum	470
OTA	20.1
Verizon	297
<i>Palm Desert, San Diego</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Redding/Chico</i>	
OTA	41.2
<i>Sacramento</i>	
OTA	9.1 / 49.6
<i>Salinas</i>	
OTA	27.4
<i>San Rafael</i>	
Lucas Valley Cable	487
<i>San Francisco/San Jose</i>	
Comcast	103 / 1099
Wave Division	15
San Bruno Cable	23
Google Fiber	42
Charter Communications	23
OTA	38.3
DirecTV/DISH/AT&T Inc.	42
<i>Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara</i>	
OTA	40.2

<b>COLORADO</b>	
<i>Denver</i>	
Comcast	91
OTA	5.1 / 16.3
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	
<i>Hartford, New Haven, Manchester</i>	
Spectrum	129 / 854
Comcast	1096
OTA	43.2

### D Channel

<b>DELAWARE</b>	
<i>Wilmington</i>	
Comcast	487
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	
<i>Washington DC</i>	
RCN	55

Cox	28
Comcast	Check local listings
OTA	49.5

### F Channel

<b>FLORIDA</b>	
<i>Astor, Astatulosa, Lakes of Mt. Dora, Magnolia Point</i>	
Florida Cable Inc.	168
<i>Fort Myers-Naples</i>	
OTA	22.3
<i>Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach</i>	
OTA	48.2
<i>Gainesville</i>	
OTA	2
<i>Jacksonville</i>	
OTA	24
<i>Miami</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Orlando</i>	
Spectrum	231 / 1116 HD
OTA	55.4
<i>Tallahassee</i>	
OTA	4
<i>Tampa (Hillsborough, Manatee, St. Petersburg)</i>	
Spectrum	199 / 1116 HD
OTA	43.1
<i>West Palm Beach</i>	
OTA	57.3

### G Channel

<b>GEORGIA</b>	
<i>Atlanta</i>	
Comcast	28
OTA	16.2
<i>Milledgeville</i>	
Bulldog	112
<i>Savannah</i>	
OTA	34.5
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 782

### H Channel

<b>HAWAII</b>	
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	406 / 1406 HD

### I Channel

<b>IDAHO</b>	
<i>Boise</i>	
OTA	41.3
<i>Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls</i>	
Cable One	91
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
<i>Champaign</i>	
OTA	46
<i>Chicago</i>	
RCN	270
WOW (Wide Open West)	194
Comcast	115 / 365

OTA	35.2
<i>Hamilton County, Dahlgren</i>	
Hamilton County Communications Inc.	16
<b>Highland</b>	
Hamilton Communications Services	161
<i>Metamora</i>	
MTCO	201
<i>Peoria</i>	
Comcast	74
<i>Rockford</i>	
Comcast	103
<b>INDIANA</b>	
<i>Indianapolis</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	30.5
Comcast	90
<i>South Bend</i>	
Comcast	111
<i>Terre Haute</i>	
Spectrum	TBA
<b>IOWA</b>	
<i>Des Moines, Ames</i>	
OTA	14 / 19.2 / 36.2
<i>Sioux City</i>	
Cable One	91

### K Channel

<b>KANSAS</b>	
<i>Dodge City</i>	
United Telecom	162
<i>Emporia</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Wichita, Hutchinson Plus</i>	
OTA	40.4
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	
<i>Bowling Green</i>	
OTA	39.4
<i>Independence</i>	
Cincinnati Bell	265
<i>London, Owensboro</i>	
Spectrum	TBA
<i>Louisville</i>	
OTA	21 / 25.6 / 50.1
<i>Paducah</i>	
OTA	27.2

### L Channel

<b>LOUISIANA</b>	
<i>Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette</i>	
Cox Cable	273
<i>Baton Rouge</i>	
OTA	14.1, 47.4
<i>Monroe</i>	
OTA	39.4
<i>Plaquemine</i>	
Clear Choice Cable	225
<i>Prairieville, Gonzales</i>	
Cox Cable	389
<i>Shreveport</i>	
OTA	14

**M** Channel

**MAINE**  
*Augusta, Bangor, Portland, York, Saco*  
 Spectrum ..... 489

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Boston**  
 OTA6..... 2.2  
 Comcast ..... 1096  
 Spectrum ..... 129 / 854  
 Beld Broadband ..... 20 / 520  
 Shrewsbury  
 Community ..... 24 / 1231  
**Worcester**  
 Spectrum ..... 129 / 854

**MICHIGAN**  
**Detroit**  
 Comcast ..... 389  
 Spectrum ..... 158  
 WOW (Wide Open West)..... 194  
 OTA ..... 14.5 / 19.2 / 47.3  
*Flint, Saginaw, Bay City*  
 OTA ..... 49.2  
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 OTA ..... 54.2  
*Oakland County, Livonia*  
 Spectrum ..... 179 / 379

**MINNESOTA**  
*Duluth, Superior*  
 OTA ..... 27.2  
*Minneapolis*  
 Comcast ..... 191  
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 OTA ..... 25.2  
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*Auburn, Columbus, Fremont, Lincoln*  
 Spectrum ..... 470  
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*Las Vegas*  
 OTA ..... 30.3  
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**Region-wide**  
 Spectrum ..... 470

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*Audubon, Burlington, Central Gloucester, Jersey City, Meadowlands, Monmouth, Ocean County, Plainfield, Pleasantville, Princeton, Somerset, Hillborough, Trenton, Union, Vineland*  
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 Comcast ..... 19

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**Rio Rancho**  
 Cable One..... 91

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 OTA ..... 26.2 / 56.6  
 Spectrum ..... 470  
**Cobleskill**  
 OTA ..... 41.4  
**Carmel**  
 Comcast ..... 191  
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 Cablevision ..... 15  
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 Comcast ..... 19 / 27 / 15  
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 Spectrum ..... 470

**NORTH CAROLINA**

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 OTA ..... 15.3  
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**Raleigh-Durham**  
 OTA ..... 16.3  
**Wilmington**  
 OTA ..... 43.2

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**OHIO**  
**Akron**  
 OTA ..... 27.3 / 41.3  
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 OTA ..... 25.6  
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**Ponca City**  
 Cable One..... 91  
**Tulsa**  
 OTA ..... 48.2

**OREGON**  
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 Comcast ..... 99 / 1099

**P** Channel

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 Comcast ..... 193 / 1095  
 OTA ..... 25.2 / 51.3

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OTA.....	47.5
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Spectrum.....	470
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Spectrum.....	6 / 749 HD
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Charter.....	13 / 749 HD
<b>Ennis</b>	
Spectrum.....	12 / 750 HD
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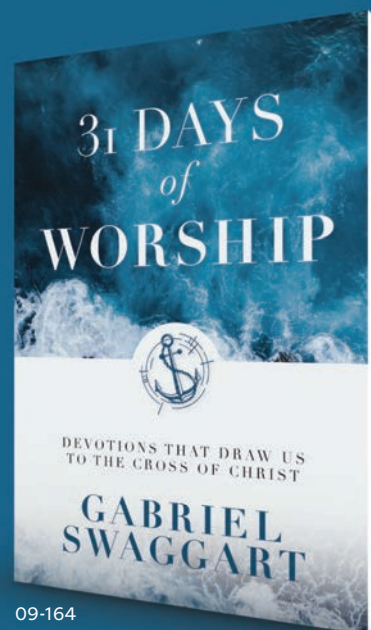
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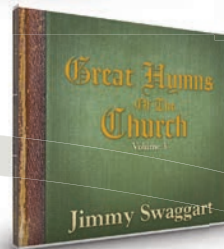
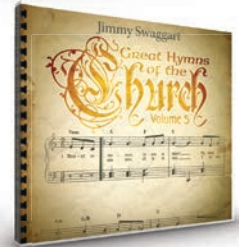
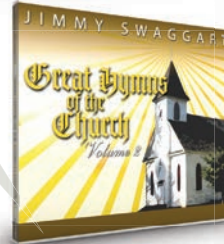
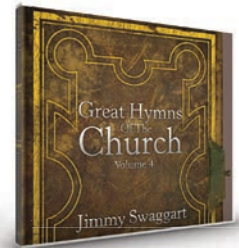


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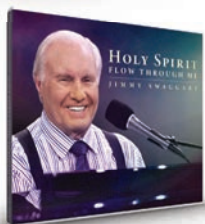
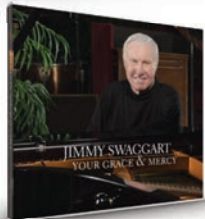
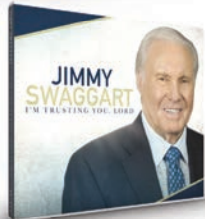
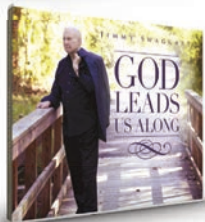
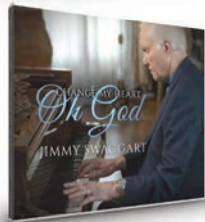
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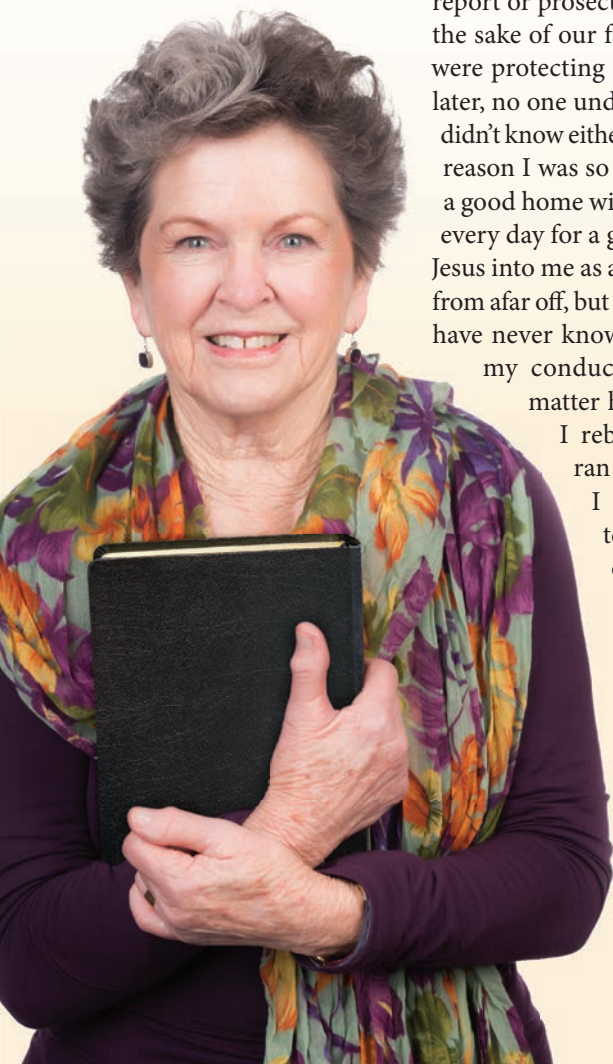
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LETTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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**Dear Evangelist** From my youth I studied, wanting to learn the reasons and causes for man's behavior. I was a happy child until I was assaulted in the late 1950s; I became filled with rage. My uncle and aunt (a doctor and nurse), both advised my mother to not ever mention it so I would just "forget it." No report or prosecution; best to keep this quiet for the sake of our family name. They thought they were protecting me from public scrutiny. Years later, no one understood why I was so difficult. I didn't know either, but I wanted to understand the reason I was so angry all the time. I came from a good home with a loving mother. I thank God every day for a godly grandmother who poured Jesus into me as a child. I always believed in God from afar off, but you would have never known it from my conduct. But no matter how much I rebelled and ran from God,


I could not escape Grandma's teachings. In college, I tried to dispel grandma's teachings, so I studied psychology intensely, making the dean's list each semester. I remember once explaining to my grandma what I was learning. She said it was "pure foolishness." I loved her dearly, so I attributed her statement to her sixth-grade education, and here I was, a graduate student. Years later, my mom said her greatest regret was allowing me to study

psychology. I was angry and hurt beyond words, and I rebelled even more. Then, one day I heard Brother Swaggart condemn psychology, and I was outraged. He was insulting me personally. He was as ignorant as my grandmother. But I watched whenever I could. When SBN started, I watched whenever I could. I ordered The Expositor's Study Bible, but I seldom opened it. A few years ago, Brother Donnie said you could not be "a liberal and be a Christian." How dare him! I thought just because I believed there was a God, I was a Christian. I supported abortion, gay rights—you name it. A horrific car accident then happened, and it left me severely disabled, and it took three years of intense physical therapy

**"I thought I was a 'liberal Christian.' Now I know there is no such thing."**

to recover. I thank God for my accident because I began to spend my days and evenings in The Expositor's Study Bible and listening to SBN. It took years to unlearn my studies. I thought I was a "liberal Christian." Now I know there is no such thing. Psychology teachings are powerful and difficult to unlearn. I struggled. Praise God, I finally abandoned everything I learned. My comment is to say thank you! And thank you for The Expositor's Study Bible. I don't believe that I would be a blood-bought, blood-washed child of God today were it not for your ministry. I have been a faith partner for eight years now. God has blessed me beyond words!

**—Mississippi**

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“I am Brazilian and in July I was on vacation. During all these days, I watched Brother Swaggart’s programming all day long. It was a blessing in my life! **I don’t watch anything outside of this programming now.**”

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

**Dear Evangelist** Thank you for The Expositor’s Study Bible. It has changed my life. When the quarantine began in 2020, I ordered the large print edition, since I wear bifocals. I was determined to read the Bible from cover to cover again. It’s not an easy task! I am sixty-nine years old, and I was born-again, and Holy Spirit filled, and attended a Bible college at age nineteen. I have loved and served the Lord Jesus Christ all these years, yet now I have an even deeper understanding of the Word of God thanks to this Bible! I am constantly learning new truths! I look forward to reading it and studying it every day and end with prayer. I am thankful for all of you and love you all deeply. Thank you, Brother Swaggart, for the hard work to make this Bible possible. What a labor of love! —**Arizona**

**Dear Evangelist** I would like to meet Brother Jimmy and thank him personally. The reason is that I received one of his songs on a tape back in Africa, Ivory Coast in 1989, which, by the power of the Holy Ghost, kept me in the presence of God until I came to the USA in 1991. Then I went through fifteen years of desert, and again, it was the CDs of Brother Jimmy that kept me going until God set me free and called me to start my own ministry. Now I serve as pastor and have it in my heart to come and thank Brother Jimmy for his worship ministry which never stopped strengthening me! —**New York**

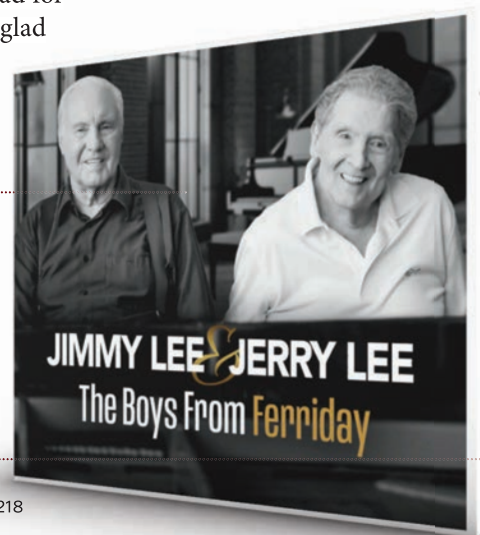
**Dear Evangelist** Hello *Frances & Friends!* Thank you so much for your show! It has brought my spiritual growth to another level—off the charts level—thank you so much! I am also enjoying and growing from the Bible study you all are doing in the beginning of the show now as well. One morning Brother Dave Smith filled in for Brother Donnie. I always get something out of it, but this day it really resonated with me. It was about Peter in prison and how he was delivered. Someone on the panel mentioned that he, Peter, could have gone back; kind of the way we do when God delivers us, and we go back to sin. Well, Brother Dave said we have to keep going, renewing ourselves in Christ daily. It made so much sense! Thank you so much! —**California**

**Dear Evangelist** *Jimmy Lee and Jerry Lee: The Boys From Ferriday*—I played their CD after service this morning, and I truly felt the Lord was in the making of this CD. I could not stop crying. I am so glad for Jimmy Swaggart Ministries and so glad to be a media member. God Bless JSM. —**Email**

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**Dear Evangelist** Thank you for the music of the FWC singers that is aired on SBN. We have a ten-year-old autistic son (with other challenges) who has been consistently watching and enjoying your singing programs for a few years. In fact, I’ve had to set up a playlist with many of your songs, of which he plays daily on his iPad. Our family enjoys watching and singing along with many of the songs by Tara, Grace, and Brian, as well as the other singers. May God continue to bless your ministry. —**Email**

**Dear Evangelist** The peace of the Lord Jesus. I am Brazilian and in July I was on vacation. During all these days, I watched Brother Swaggart’s programming all day long. It was a blessing in my life! I don’t watch anything outside of this programming now. Brother Swaggart and his son’s current and classic preaching, worship, and Word study help me a lot. God bless you all greatly! —**Brazil**



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## THE VALLEY OF BACA

# The Doctrine of Suffering

**“Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.” —PSALM 84:5-7**

### PART I

WHY DOES GOD require or allow some Christians to go through great tribulation, sickness, and trials and others are healed and delivered?

On Thanksgiving weekend in November of 1999, I received a very emotional phone call from one of our dear former members who lived in Mobile, Alabama. At that time, we were pastoring in the Dallas area. It was Sister Margie Maples. With much sadness and heartache, she told me that her teenage son, Tom, had been in a swimming accident at their river camp on the Tombigbee River. Quickly, she told me what had happened. On Thanksgiving Day, while relaxing at their river camp, Tom and his friends saw that his boat had detached from the shoreline and was floating down river. Without much thought, Tom dove into the river to reach

the boat before the current took it away. When he did that, Tom’s head slammed into an underwater ledge, and his neck snapped. His friends pulled his body from the river, and Tom was care-flighted to USA Hospital in Mobile.

Tom survived the accident but had no physical feeling from his neck down. He had experienced a serious cervical spinal injury involving the C4 and C5 vertebrae. The Maples got the best doctors in Alabama to do everything they knew to help restore the use of Tom’s hands and legs, but to no avail. Down through the years, Donna and I have visited several times to pray for Tom. Many other pastors and anointed, Spirit-filled believers have prayed for Tom, but he is still not healed.

Gerald and Margie Maples and their son were allowed or required by God to suffer much these past twenty-two years. They

experienced great tribulation and trial. I prayed for them often as they had to live—not walk—through the valley of Baca.

Gerald and Margie Maples are now passed on and in heaven, but Tom still lives in Mobile. And he is still living in the valley of Baca—the place of weeping and suffering. I continue to pray for Tom, and I believe that someday he will be healed.

### Job Experienced Great Pain And Suffering

In the Old Testament, the story of Job stands out as a story of a dear man of God who experienced much pain, much loss, and much suffering. Scripture declares that Job *“was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.”* (Job 1:1) It also says that Job *“offered burnt offerings”* continually to cover the sins of his sons (Job 1:5).

In this incredible story, God allows Satan to assault Job so that he loses sons, daughters, servants, and much livestock.

In Job 2:9, we read where Job’s wife barks at him and says, *“Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.”* Despite his suffering, Job refused to do it.

In Job 3:3, Job regrets his birth and declares, *“Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.”* In this same chapter, Job reveals his misery and bitterness of soul. Yet, in the midst of his suffering, Job declares, *“For I know that my redeemer liveth”* (Job 19:25).

Job was required by God to experience Satan’s attack involving the death of his children and great loss of his livestock and wealth.

But, in Job 42:10, we read, *“And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.”*

Job 42:13 tells us that God gave him

seven sons and three daughters. Eventually, God restored all that Job lost and added much, much more. Job survived the valley of Baca. He went through it to a place of great victory.

### Understanding What The Valley Of Baca Really Means

The valley of Baca is only mentioned once in the Old Testament, in Psalm 84:6. The Hebrew word *baca* translates to mean “weeping,” which refers to a literal place in Israel called the “valley of the balsam trees,” or the “valley of weeping.”

Some Bible scholars believe that the valley of Baca is the same area referred to in II Samuel 5:22 as the valley of Rephaim—a literal dry desert place located many miles southwest of Jerusalem.

This area was designated as the valley of Baca due to the dryness of the land and

the forest of balsam trees. The balsam tree, called the mulberry tree (II Sam. 5:23; I Chron. 14:14), would distill or drip a resin or gum-like substance. These were called weeping trees or trees with tears.

It seems to me that Psalm 84:4-7 refers to a particular man, a blessed man; likely, a man of God who is strong, determined, and committed to visit a place called Mount Zion.

Some believe that this is in reference to Jerusalem or to heaven. On this awesome journey, this man of God who strongly trusts in God is required to pass through a particular place called the valley of Baca, also known as the valley of the weeping trees. His experience in the valley of Baca is, in many ways, life-changing.

The larger picture I get is of a tired, thirsty traveler who is traveling perhaps with an entourage on his way to Jerusalem

and arrives at this place called the valley of Baca. After searching diligently for water, he determines that there is none nearby, and this is a huge problem. The people with him need water, as do their animals.

After much thought, the traveler decides that water must be hidden somewhere underground. With much tenacity, he digs deep into the sand and dirt near the balsam trees until he finds the hidden source of water. After much labor and perseverance, he digs and forms a well of spring water now flowing into a larger pool of water.

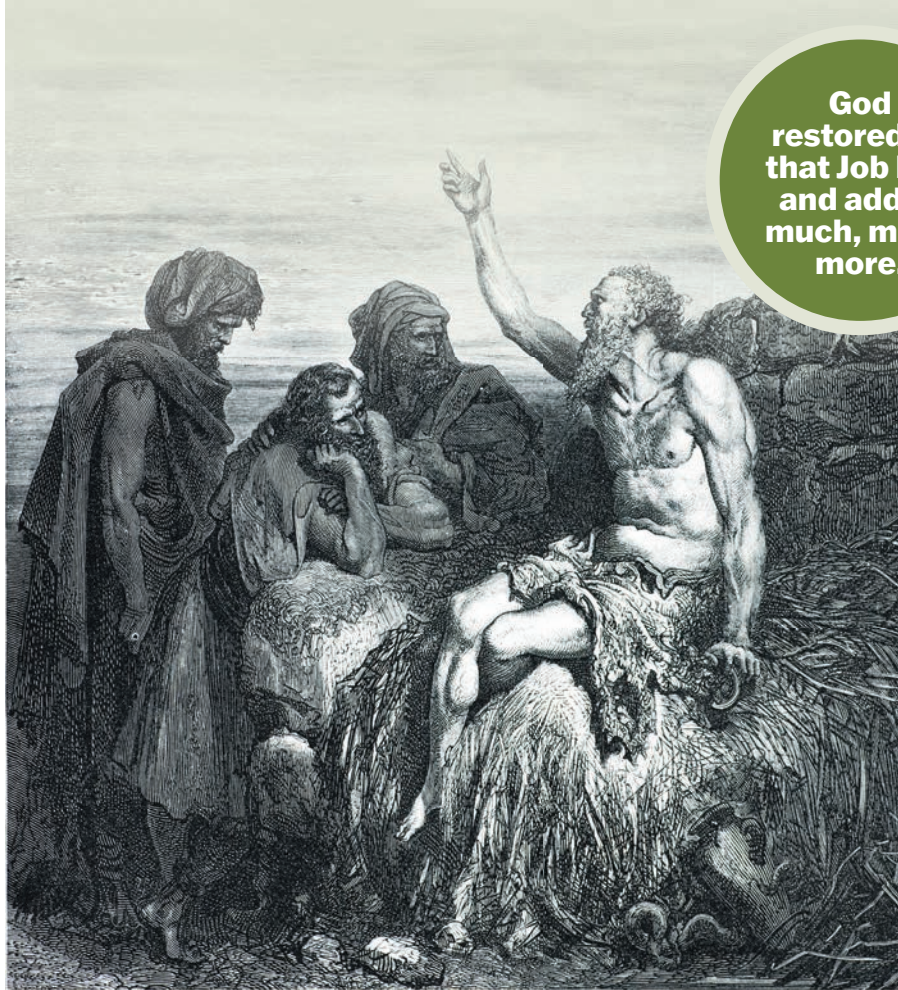
According to this psalm, this blessed man of God on his pilgrimage to Mount Zion is being led by God to visit this place called the valley of Baca, the valley of weeping. By the grace of God, not only does he survive this valley, but also leaves it as springs of living water with pools of refreshment and strength for those who will come later.

Many believers are allowed or required by God to go through the valley of Baca, the valley of tears, and experience much suffering and pain due to various situations and circumstances. It does happen to many people—to many godly and good people. My question is, what will you do when you are forced to visit and stay for a period of time in the valley of Baca? Will you die there? Will you grow mean and bitter? Or will you turn your tears into wells of living water for others who need to drink and live?

The great apostle Peter wrote, “*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ*” (1 Peter 1:7). ✚

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God restored all that Job lost and added much, much more.





ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

# THE SERVANTS OF CHRIST

**“And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.”**

—MATTHEW 20:27

## **Defining Ambition**

What is the true motive behind what you do as a believer? Are you seeking out a position, recognition, a platform, or prestige? Do you desire to be great at what you do? Is it wrong to want to do the best for the Lord? The definition of ambition is a strong desire to do or to achieve something that typically requires determination and hard work. Ambition might indicate that a person has strong drive, determination, enterprise, initiative, enthusiasm, zeal, or a real sense of purpose—all commendable attributes. But ambition to accomplish something for Christ can easily turn to ambition for personal glory.

Again, the question must be asked, what is the true motive behind your ambition? Is it to promote yourself or Christ?

## **Do You Know What You Are Asking For?**

In this narrative, which begins in Matthew 20:20 and runs through verse 28, we find James and John accompanied by their mother asking Jesus for a favor. They asked the Lord to give them the highest of seats in His kingdom. In other words, “We want to be seen as those who are just below You in a position and importance.”

Before we address their request, let’s acknowledge that it is proper to approach Christ in an attitude of worship, even an attitude of praise. The text says that they approached Him with worship and then requested a certain thing from Him. He is deserving of our adoration. However, the motive behind our worship must be the knowledge of who He is and what He has done for us. God is not a man who is moved by the placating

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of His emotions through faulty praise. He knows why we ask what we ask and why we are approaching Him the way we do. Be sure you approach Him with the respect and honor He deserves. I fear that not enough Christians are approaching or requesting things from God at all. I certainly do not want to hinder us from bringing every need to the Lord.

Jesus told His disciples that they didn't know what they were asking for. Do you know what a request such as this demands?

### **The True Cost Of Ministry**

There is no way that James and John understood what ministry would cost them. They did not truly understand what greatness in the kingdom of God would require. Jesus asks them if they could be baptized with the baptism that He was baptized with. Could they follow in the footsteps of the Master?

When we begin our efforts for the Lord, there is truly no way that we can see or understand what God will ask of us to complete or fulfill the ministry that He has given us. However, there are common elements in every ministry situation, and the most common is the requirement of death to self. This is evidenced in Christ's example in the most profound and striking way in the garden of Gethsemane. It is here where He surrenders to the complete will of God despite the fact that there is satanic opposition as well as opposition from his own flesh. He understood fully the price that He was about to pay for the redemption of mankind. He understood the physical pain, the spiritual battle, the separation from His heavenly Father that would occur—He understood it all. He asked His Father if there were any other way to accomplish this redemption plan. He then submitted entirely and completely to the plan established before the foundation of the world—the plan of having a Lamb slain. And He was the Lamb. Ministry demands death to self, and God will present you with the opportunity to die. If you truly want to be considered for a high position in God's kingdom, then death to self is a prerequisite.

Jesus then exposed the request that John and James made to all the other disciples, and when they heard of the request, they were angry.

I suppose the anger was in their hearts because they had

desired the same thing but neglected to ask. The disciples often disputed among themselves as to who might be the greatest. Jesus was about to reveal what it took to be great in the kingdom of God.

### **Greatness Defined In The Kingdom Of God**

Jesus now takes the opportunity to teach His disciples what true greatness looks like. He tells them the world believes that greatness includes the ability to be over others and to tell others what to do. In the world system, those who are great exercise dominion over others, telling them what to do and how to do it. But Jesus said that was not greatness as defined by the kingdom of God. He said whoever would be greatest needs to be a minister. The word used by Christ indicates the position of a deacon or one who handled physical matters for another. The whole idea is that the greatest would be those who would serve one another not those who would be in charge. He then restated this idea when He said whoever will be chief or first must be a bondsman or a servant.

In the Old Testament Scriptures found in Exodus 21:2-6, the instructions we're given in regard to a Hebrew bondsman. If one fell on hard times financially, he could indenture himself to another Hebrew brother. After six years of service, he would be set free to return to his own inheritance. But if that individual desired to remain a servant of this other man, he could choose to do so. If he loved his master, he could make a lifetime commitment of service.

Some servants, while indentured, had married. At the end of six years, these servants were free to go, but those they had married and any children they may have had stayed with the master. A man could choose the life of a bondsman because of his love for his master as well as a love for other people. This is a bondsman. It is one of the apostle Paul's most frequent descriptions of himself. Jesus told His disciples, "If you want to be first, you have to be a bondsman and give your life as a ransom for many."

Are we ready to be great in the kingdom of God? Can we receive grace to follow the rule of the servant even as Christ Himself? Still want to be great? Then become a bondsman for Christ! ✚

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ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

# The Unique, Authentic, and Inspired Word of God

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I



THE BIBLE WAS written over a time span of fifteen hundred years. It was written over forty generations by more than forty authors from every walk of life including kings, peasants, philosophers, fisherman, poets, statesman, and scholars.

The Bible was written in different places: in the wilderness (Moses), in a dungeon (Jeremiah), in a palace (Daniel), inside prison walls (Paul), while traveling (Luke), and on the Isle of Patmos (John).

The Bible was written at different times—David in times of war and Solomon in times of peace.

The Bible was written during different moods. Some wrote from heights of joy and others from the depths of sorrow

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“But they wrote under  
the control and guidance  
of the Holy Spirit...”

and despair.

The Bible’s subject matter includes hundreds of controversial topics. The Bible authors spoke with harmony and continuity from Genesis to Revelation. There is one unfolding story in the Bible—God’s redemption plan for man.

## The Word Of The Lord

There are nearly four thousand declarations in the Old Testament by the prophets, which were introduced by statements such as, “*Thus says the LORD,*” and “*The Word of the LORD that came unto me,*” as in these two examples:

- “*And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel*” (Ex. 34:27).

- “*And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day*” (Jer. 36:1-2).

Each writer explained what God had revealed to him, expressing it in the same terms in which he received it from God. However, God did not dictate to the prophets as though they were secretaries. God revealed His truth to them and showed them how they should present it. In so doing, they expressed His Word in terms of their own outlook, interests, literary habits, and peculiarities of style.

Theology professor B.B. Warfield said it this way: “The church, then, has held from the beginning that the Bible is the Word of God in such a sense that its words, though written by men and



bearing indelibly impressed upon them the marks of their human origin, were written nevertheless, under such an influence of the Holy Ghost as to be also the words of God, the adequate expression of His mind and will. It has always recognized that this conception of co-authorship implies that the Spirit's superintendence extends to the choice of words by the human authors (verbal inspiration), [but not mechanical dictation] and preserves its product from everything inconsistent with a divine authorship—thus securing, among other things, that entire truthfulness which is everywhere presupposed in and asserted for Scripture by the Biblical writers (inerrancy).”

### Plenary Inspiration

The doctrine of plenary inspiration holds that the original documents of the Bible were written by men, though permitted to exercise their own personalities and literary talents. But they wrote under the control and guidance of the Holy Spirit, the result being in every Word of the original documents a perfect and errorless recording of the exact message that God desired to give man.

To better explain plenary, which means “full, complete extending to all parts,” we’ll look at II Timothy 3:16: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

And in I Thessalonians 2:13 the apostle Paul said, “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.”

Another Scripture that describes inspiration is I Corinthians 2:13: “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.” ✚

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ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

# WHEN SHEEP HAVE NO SHEPHERDS

**Nothing is more vulnerable than a solitary lamb wandering aimlessly in the wilderness. Unlike most animals, a lamb does not have the means to properly defend itself. As a truly domesticated animal, it relies totally upon its shepherd. It trusts that the shepherd will vanquish the enemy, but what happens when sheep have no shepherd?**

## **The Pastor Is A Shepherd**

The Greek word for a pastor is *poimēn*, which Thayer's defines as "a herdsman, especially a shepherd; metaphorically—the presiding officer, manager, or director, of any assembly."

Pastors are shepherds to their congregations, but here is where the analogy breaks down: Whereas sheep are completely reliant on shepherds, a child of God is not totally reliant on the local pastor for his or her spiritual well-being. Each and every member of the congregation has access to Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd.

## **The Role Of The Shepherd**

The shepherd's assignment is simply to take care of the sheep. We see the perfect shepherd portrayed in the Psalm 23. The writer sees himself as a vulnerable lamb and acknowledges the Lord as his shepherd. So completely competent and proficient is the shepherd that the writer

says, "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want*" (Ps. 23:1). There is no lack. All of his needs were met in and through his shepherd. He is at rest.

## **Role Of The Pastor**

The pastor is to concern himself with the spiritual well-being of the congregation: feeding the flock the Word of God, warning them of false doctrine that is infiltrating the church, and ministering to the overall welfare of the members. Added to these responsibilities is the call of God to reach out to the lost and hurting.

## **What About Sheep Without A Shepherd?**

There are "lone sheep." These solitary sheep do not have a shepherd, or their shepherd is not fulfilling the God-given duties of a shepherd. In most of these cases, the lack is seen most keenly in the area of preaching. These negligent pastors are not preaching the Word of God under



the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit, or they refuse to preach the full council of God. You could be in a congregation that has a pastor but feel that you do not have a true shepherd. In reality, you do have a shepherd.

### A Shepherd To The Solitary

Just as God is the father to the fatherless and the husband to the widow, He is the shepherd to the solitary. He will shepherd the lamb who has no shepherd. He will lead the lamb whose shepherd is not Spirit-led. Through Calvary, we have all that we need. The cross grants us immediate access to the throne of God. We can, through the blood, approach our heavenly Father and make our requests known in

the name of Jesus Christ our Shepherd. We can humbly petition Him to intervene in the affairs of our lives. We can petition His protection based solely on the victory that Christ won for us upon the cross.

### Moved With Compassion

Matthew tells us that Jesus “*was moved with compassion on them, because they*

*fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd*” (Matt. 9:36). He is touched by what His sheep are going through. He endured the cross for you and me. Won’t you come into His fold? Won’t you allow Jesus Christ to be your Great Shepherd? Won’t you rest in the completed work of Calvary? You do not have to be without a shepherd. ✚

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# SAY THE WORD

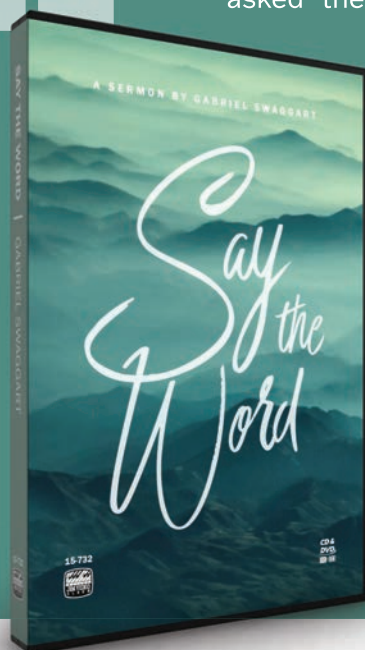
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ARTICLE BY **Jonathan Steele**

**There is never enough time in the day to get everything done. We rush from one place to another and hope there is no traffic, or that the drive-through line is not outrageous, or that the preacher on Sunday morning doesn't go past noon so we can get to our favorite restaurant before the lunch rush.**

# THE GOOD PART

## Prioritizing the Christian Life

WE LIVE IN a world where we need things done quickly and efficiently so we can move on to the next task. This is the life that a lot of people are living, but it doesn't show balance. This life might excel at work, school, or other areas of life, but it is devoid of the one thing that matters—Christ.

In Luke 10, we see Jesus come to the town of Bethany. Jesus would visit this town many times throughout His ministry, especially in the last week of His life.

In this account, He would come to Bethany and be welcomed by Martha into her home. As Jesus comes inside, we are given a scene that sets the tone of this entire story: Jesus sits down and Mary, Martha's sister, sits at his feet and "heard His word." Where is Martha? She is "cumbered about much serving."

That word *cumbered* in the Greek means to be distracted. So while Mary was sitting and listening to Jesus, Martha was distracted. Sound familiar?

In the church, especially in America, there are many Marthas. They're not necessarily doing anything wrong. They are running around serving: Getting their kids to school and practice, getting to church or Bible Study, maybe volunteering for outreaches.

A child, teenager, or young adult might be working hard at school and feeling like they're drowning in homework assignments with no end in sight. If any of this is you, then you are a Martha—distracted by life with no room for Christ.

What we need to realize is that while Martha was distracted, Mary was sitting and listening. Martha was on her feet, running around, and getting tired while Mary was sitting down, resting, and listening to the words of Jesus Christ.

Martha might have thought, "This isn't fair. Why does she get to sit while I do all the work? Why do I have to pick up her slack? I am doing all of the work while she does nothing. Tell her to quit being

lazy and come work. Tell her to become distracted just like me." The Bible does not say these exact words, but this is what Martha meant when she looked at Jesus and said, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me" (Luke 10:40).

Only Martha did not get the response from Jesus that she thought she would: "And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

While Martha complains about Mary, Jesus applauds her. Martha was anxious, troubled, and distracted. She was so worried about serving that she had no time for Jesus Christ, the guest in her own house.

Mary, on the other hand, was not worried about serving. She was sitting at the feet of Jesus and soaking it all in. Jesus said that Mary was doing what was

needful or necessary. In fact, He said that “one thing” is needful. He even called it the “good part” or the good portion, and He was not going to take it from her.

While the church has a bunch of Marthas running around, we have too few Marys willing to leave everything to the side and just sit at the feet of Jesus.

We hear over and over again that Jesus comes first. Since Sunday school, we’ve had the commandment memorized, “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*” In our minds Jesus does come first, but we think serving is putting Jesus first. We think running around is doing the work of God. The thing is, we are distracted.

Priorities should be part of every

believer’s life, but when setting those priorities, Christians tend to fall into three groups. The first group is to have no priorities at all. These believers do whatever pops up in the moment, and they bounce from one event to the next. For a Christian, this is one of the most dangerous ways to live. A relationship with Christ must be cultivated and cared for, so without any priorities, that relationship will go to the wayside as they continue doing whatever pops up in the moment only to realize that what never pops up is Christ.

**The only thing that is needful is Him.**

The second group is the one Martha was in. She had priorities in place, just not in the correct order. Martha serving her guests was not a bad thing. She was being hospitable and trying to make sure that her guest had everything that He needed. However, she placed that above the relationship with her special guest. Martha was so busy serving that she had no time for sitting.

This is where a lot of Christians find themselves—they have Christ as a priority, He is just not the top priority. He’s there, a relationship is being cultivated, and they love God, but they are distracted with life.

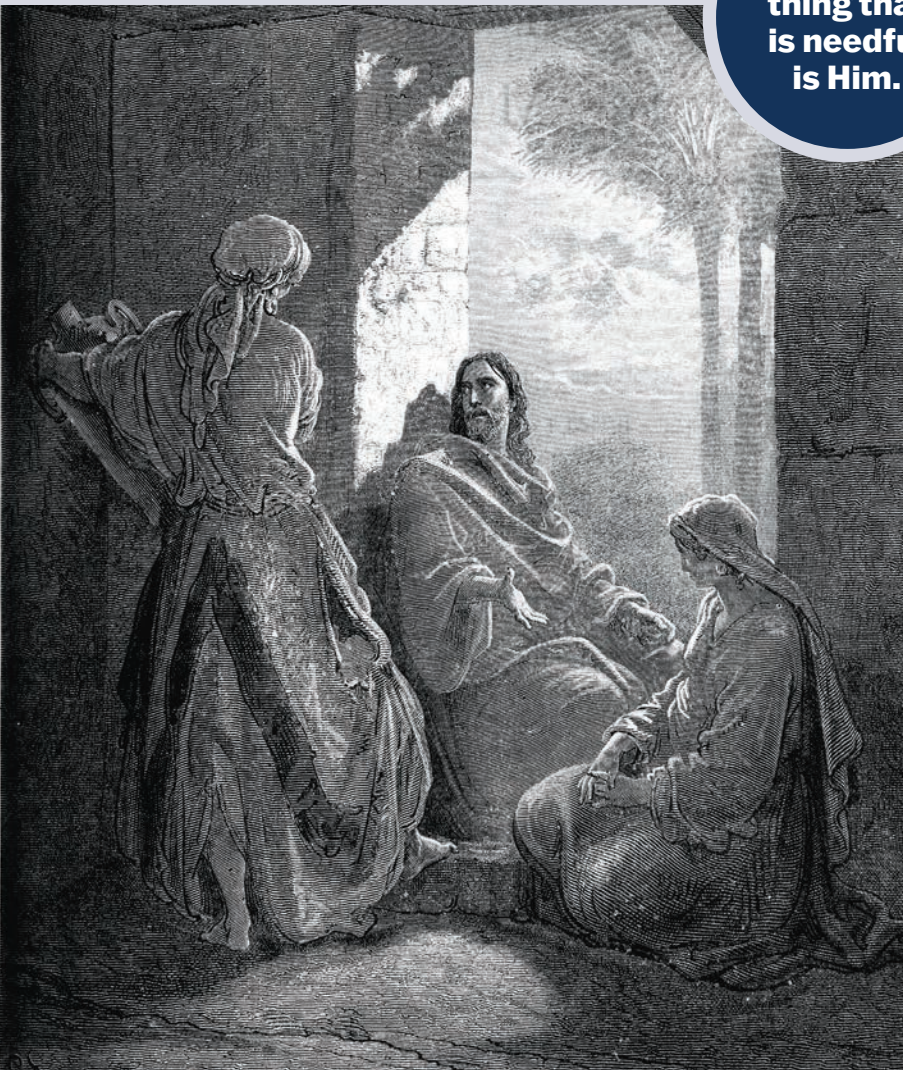
The last group is the one that Mary falls into. This is someone who has her priorities in the right place. Mary was not neglecting serving. She just knew what needed to happen first, which was to sit at Jesus’ feet, listen to His words, and not be distracted or worried about what Martha was saying about her. Mary was focused on Jesus.

Most Christians today are Marthas. They have priorities, and Christ is one of them, but they are distracted with life. But this is not where we should be. We should have Christ as our number one priority. The one thing that is needful is Him.

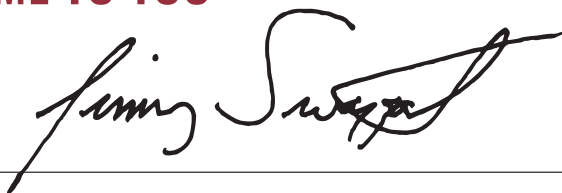
The choice is yours. Martha chose distraction while Mary chose the good part. What will you choose today? If you find yourself as a Martha, it’s time to sit. Stop serving, stop being distracted, and sit at the feet of Jesus.

If you find yourself as a Mary, then continue to put God first. Matthew 6:33 says, “*But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*”

Whatever you need, and whatever you are working for, God will give it and provide it. All we need to do is rest and listen. Be a Mary and choose that good part. ✚



## FROM ME TO YOU



## OCTOBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH FOR US



**FIRST OF ALL, on October 10, Frances and I will celebrate our seventieth wedding anniversary. I remember the day that my kid sister told me, “There’s a girl that just joined the choir, and you’ve got to meet her.” I brushed my sister aside and said I wasn’t interested. But on Sunday morning, I was there. I looked up and saw the prettiest girl I’d ever seen and immediately—*immediately*—everything changed. I found out what her name was, asked her for a date, and, she was reluctant, but she went. And it’s been nothing but heaven ever since. Happy anniversary, Sweetheart!**

October is also the month that Frances and I started out in full-time ministry some sixty-seven years ago—an event absent of notice or fanfare. It wasn’t long ago that the Lord spoke to my heart and said, “Back in 1955, you were asking Me for meetings wherever the door would open, no matter how small the church was, and now you are asking Me for the entirety of the world.” That is still my prayer—for the Lord to open doors all over the world for the programming of SonLife Broadcasting, which He has done and continues to do. Praise God.

### America

Like most in this country, I’m appalled, but not surprised, at what I see happening to the United States of America and to its citizens, especially to our former president. The greatest nation on the face of the earth is now being likened to a Third World country, a banana republic, and the current administration as a regime. That’s why I cannot stress enough how important it is for every Christian to vote, and to vote for those who stand for biblical values—life, religious freedom, marriage between a man and a woman, parental rights to raise godly children, and the like.

To put things in perspective, it’s important to understand that most of the governments of the world have always been, and presently are, guided by demon spirits, which steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

The reason for the great blessings upon America, Canada, England, and Australia, as well as several other countries in the world, is because of biblical influence. Tragically, that influence is weakening and dying.

### The Church

Such is happening because the churches are dying. No, they are not dying economically or numerically. In fact, they have never been better off regarding money and numbers. However, the true body of Christ is to be a vehicle through which the Spirit of God can flow, which, of course, is anchored in the Word of God. It is to preach the cross, in effect, holding up Christ and the cross as the sole answer to humanity and the problems of humanity. That is its sole purpose.

While money or numbers may or may

not come, the church will be a positive influence only by the degree of its spirituality, and not by the degree of its finances or number of people on its rolls.

Tragically, the church has never been weaker in the spiritual sense, but it is deceived because of the money and the numbers, claiming such to be the blessings of the Lord. Israel was prosperous in an economic sense up to her destruction by Nebuchadnezzar; however, she had long since ceased to be prosperous in a spiritual sense, hence her doom.

### Reformation And Revival

We talk about the church needing revival, and that is certainly true. However, in truth, the church really cannot have revival until the church first has a reformation.

What do we mean by revival? As someone has well said, revival is not going down

the street beating big drums or leading parades. And, believe it or not, revival is not really sinners coming to Christ. The latter is the result of revival, but not revival itself.

Revival is the church coming back to the cross, and, thereby, all that the cross entails, which refers to a relationship with Christ, which the cross alone can provide.

Jesus said, *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it"* (Luke 9:23-24).

For revival to happen, the church must first come to the place that it believes that the cross is the answer to this dilemma. That is the reformation of which we speak.

This means that the church must forsake its erroneous doctrines, its wrong paths, its wrong direction, its wrong thinking, and do

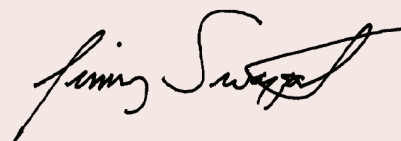
exactly what Christ demanded.

When we see reformation in the church and thereby revival, I believe we will also see our country revive.

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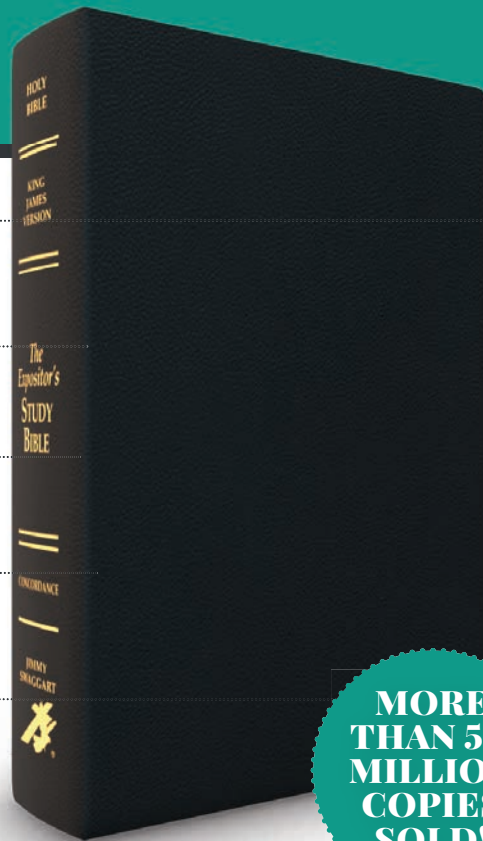
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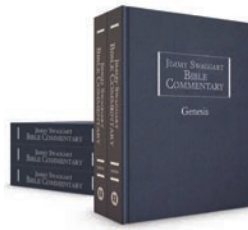
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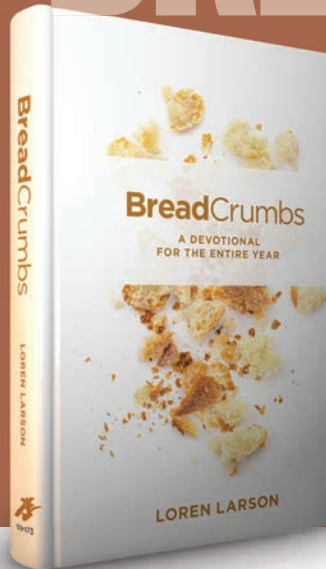
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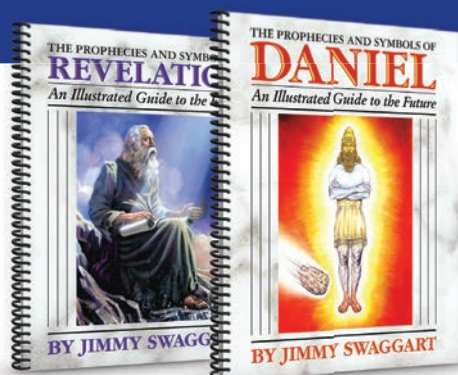
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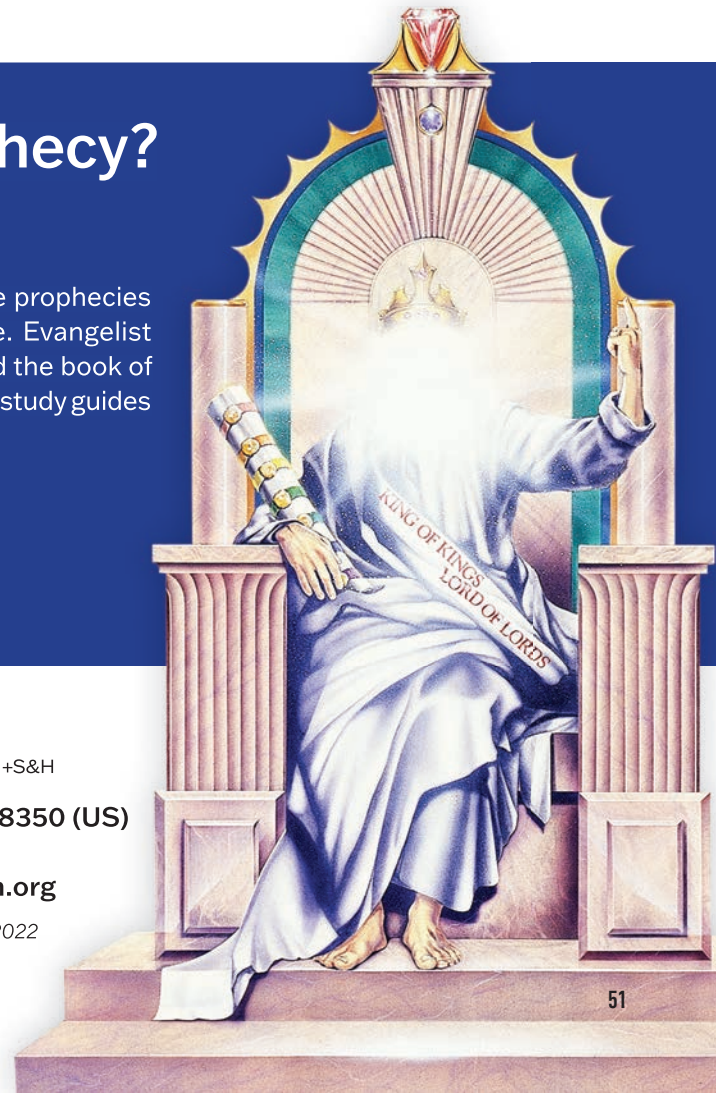
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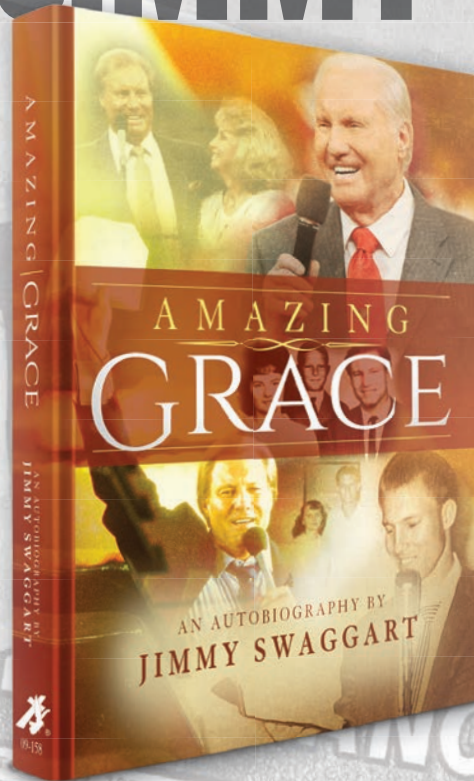
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