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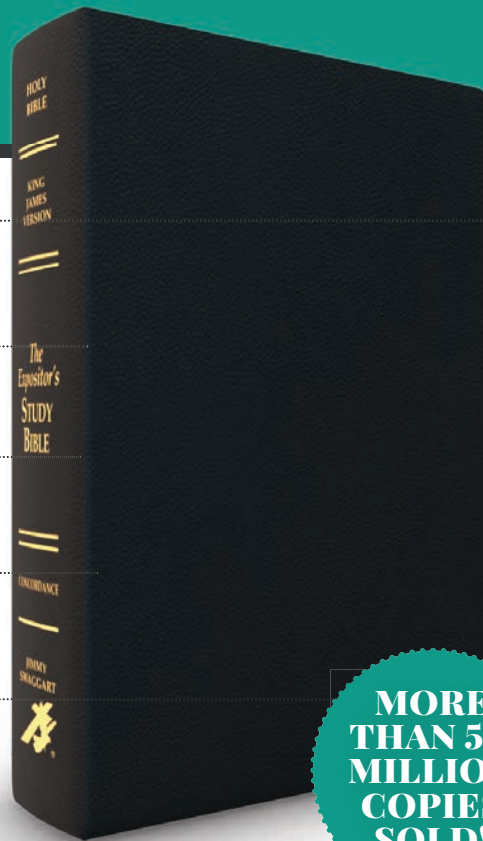
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The Power Of Anointed Music

BY JIMMY SWAGGART

THERE IS NO POWER in the world like music, other than the preaching of the gospel. In fact, music and singing that is anointed by the Holy Spirit is the most powerful form of praise and worship there is. How do I know that? The Holy Spirit delegated the longest book in the Bible to be music and singing, and, of course, I speak of the book of Psalms. All one hundred and fifty of the psalms are actually songs that were originally written by the Holy Spirit and given to David and others.

Other than the preaching of the gospel, nothing can touch the heart of individuals as anointed music and singing can. If you will notice, I included the musical instrumentation. The Lord anoints me to play the piano exactly as He anoints me to sing, and once again, I give Him all the praise and all the glory.

Let Me Give You An Example

My cousin, Jerry Lee Lewis, was brought up in the same church that I was, and he was saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit as a young boy. When he was making millions of dollars and

selling millions of records, something happened that would test my faith.

If I remember correctly, the year was 1958. While Frances and I had begun evangelistic work in 1955, we launched out full-time in 1958. However, I must quickly add that launching out created no headlines anywhere. At any rate, I was preaching a meeting at our home church in Ferriday, Louisiana. It was Sunday and, after the service, there was a dinner on the grounds which was somewhat common in those days. A table was set up at the back of the church, and the ladies of the church, what

few there were, brought the food. Frances and I were standing, eating, and enjoying the fellowship, when all of a sudden there turns off the main highway and onto the side road that led to the church, a brand-new Cadillac.

Of course, everyone's eyes were glued to this tremendous automobile, which was then the finest in the world. It drove up very close to where I was standing and stopped.

My Uncle Elmo, Jerry Lee's dad, quickly got out of the car and, of course, everyone was glad to see him. Uncle Elmo was a gregarious individual, with such a personality that everyone who met him liked him. That's the kind of person he was. I suspect that Jerry Lee got a lot of his singing talent from his dad because the man could sing. Be that as it may, as the people gathered around that beautiful car and were admiring it, my uncle walked over to me.

He said, "Jimmy, I have the greatest news." I wondered what he was about to say. He said, "I've just left Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee, and I've come to get you. You are going to join the Sun label. They're starting a gospel line, and you are to be the first artist. Sam Phillips has sent for you. I'm to have you in

Memphis in the morning"

At that time, Sun Records was at least one of the most powerful recording labels in the world, having started Elvis Presley, my cousin Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, and a host of others. To be sure, this was good news, and I opened my mouth to say, "I'm ready," when the Holy Spirit checked me.

I must have looked a little strange, because my uncle said to me, "Jimmy, did you hear what I just said?"

I looked at him for a moment and said, "Yes, I heard you, and I am very, very grateful. But I can't do it."

Uncle Elmo said, "Son, I know you need the money. Your car is falling all to pieces. Every time I see you, you're wearing the same suit. As well, every time I see Frances, she has on the same dress." He then said, "A week from now, you could be driving a Cadillac exactly like the one I've got here."

A tremendous battle was raging in my mind. To be sure, this offer was very, very enticing. Besides that, how could it hurt, considering that it was gospel music? I didn't really know what to say to my uncle, except what I had already stated. I didn't understand it myself. Why could I not go, considering that it



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1. GOD LOVES YOU!

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

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

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

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

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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was gospel music?

I responded to him that he should thank Sam Phillips very profusely for the offer that was made. I tried to tell my uncle how much I appreciated it, because I didn't want to seem ungrateful.

Uncle Elmo, who really wasn't living for God, looked at me and said, "Jimmy, I think I understand." He hugged my neck, and I thanked him profusely and asked him again to thank Sam Phillips for the invitation. Then he got in that Cadillac and drove away.

I wish I had the vocabulary to properly express exactly how I felt at that moment. My uncle was right. Our car was falling to pieces, and we really did not know where the next dollar was coming from. I overheard one of the dear ladies nearby say, "Did you hear what he just did? He turned down that offer."

I walked away and went into the little church. There was a broom and mop closet there, and I stepped inside of it, to get alone with the Lord. For a few moments I poured out my heart to God, asking Him why I could not do this. It was gospel music, and, on the surface, it seemed like an answer to prayer, especially considering how much Frances and I needed the money. Yet the Holy Spirit had said no.

After a few minutes I sensed the presence of the Lord, and He spoke to me in answer to my questions. He did so with just two words. He said, "Trust Me." That was all, just the two words. No explanation was given, no reasons why, just two words: trust Me.

When I was an eight-year-old child, the Lord had given me this talent, and He had the right to order whatever was to be done. I stood there that day by myself and said, "Lord, I will do exactly what You want."

We must understand that, at times, the Lord will tell us to do things or not do certain things, which of themselves are not wrong; but the reason is, those things are not, whatever they might be, His will. The Lord wants to lead us; He wants to guide us, and we had better be careful that the offers which come from the world do not have strings attached, and they almost always do.

So what did the Lord mean when He said, "Trust Me"?

He did not explain it further then, but I was to learn through the years exactly what He meant. He meant that He had given me the talent, and He would do the promoting, would do the anointing, and would do the distribution, and He did not need help from anyone else. And that is exactly what has happened.

I've never signed with a company, even the Christian labels. I've always trusted the Lord, and He has helped us to sell multiple millions of recordings down through the years.

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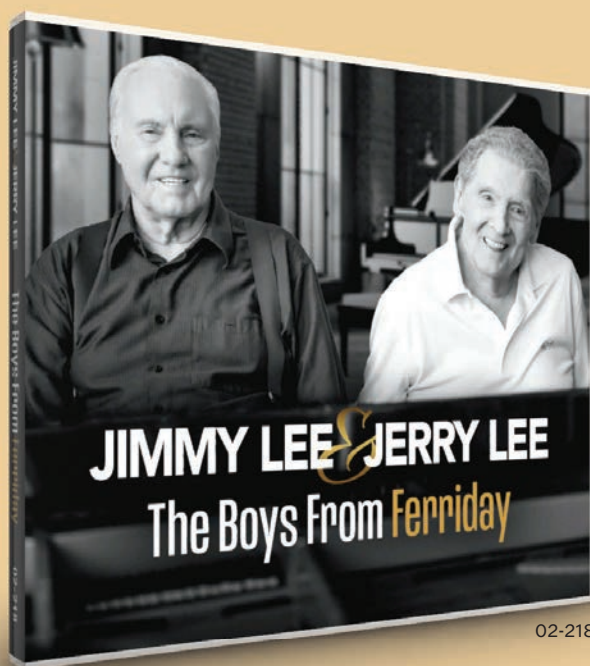
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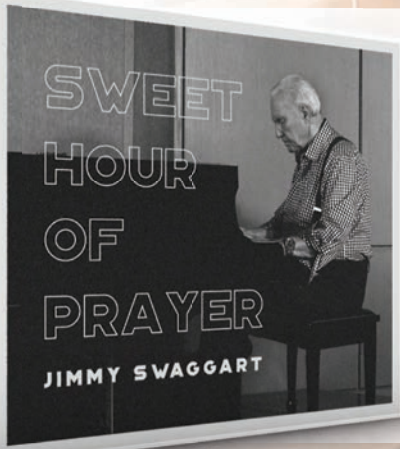
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Q & A

My pastor preaches on Sunday mornings in cargo shorts and a T-shirt. Is this OK?

IT'S INTERESTING, of all the questions we take on *Frances & Friends*, this one about what preachers should wear in church drew more anger and argument than any other.

Our answer to this question is no, it's not OK. We believe that pastors and church leaders have a responsibility to set the example, and that includes dress. Our ministers at Family Worship Center—and that includes the singers and musicians—dress in a manner that shows honor and respect to the Lord.

Unfortunately, most church pastors today do not share this belief.

I addressed this issue on my Facebook page and said: “There is a trend in the modern church that is just not right, and that is the lowering of standards for the church, especially in terms of dress. We’re talking about those in leadership positions in the church who purposely attempt to dress in what seems to be as sloppy as possible. Across the country, we have men standing behind pulpits on Sunday mornings wearing T-shirts and shorts with shirt tails

hanging out. Folks, that’s wrong.”

Oh my, what a firestorm that started! Thousands commented strongly for or strongly against these statements—there was no middle ground.

Those against were quick to defend their pastors wearing casual clothes. They said this line of thinking was hypocrisy at its best, the reason why so many people avoid church, out of touch with modern times, and legalistic.

Those in agreement said church leaders should be held to a higher standard in all things including dress and that both ministers and church goers should show God respect, and dress was part of that.

Most of the commenters assumed that we were also demanding those in the congregation to dress a certain way, but we’re not. We want people to come to church and to come as they are. In no way are we saying that people attending church are required to dress above their means. When we were coming up in church, there was an expression, “wear your Sunday best,” and we

knew exactly what that meant—*wear the best clothes that you had*. Your Sunday best may not have been a new dress or a suit and tie—in those times, it usually wasn’t anything new—but we made sure the clothes we wore to church were clean, mended, and pressed because we were going to the house of the Lord, and that meant something to us.

But when it comes to those who are called to stand behind the sacred desk and preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, we do hold them to a higher standard of dress. Why? Because God always has, and we believe He still does.

In the Old Testament, consider all the designs of the priestly garments. They were given to Moses by the Lord, and he was to adhere strictly to that design because every bit of it pictured Christ in some manner. Apart from the garments of skins provided for Adam and Eve immediately after the fall, these were the only garments in history designed by the Holy Spirit, and they would be as beautiful as they were meaningful.

God told Moses, “*And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty*” (Exodus 28:2).

Colors in the garments represented not only who Christ was—God and King (gold and purple)—but also the manner in which He would redeem humanity—the shedding of His blood (scarlet). The linen represented His righteousness (white), while

the blue emphasized the fact that all of this originated in heaven.

According to The Expositor's Bible Commentary, "The garments of the high priest were 'to give him dignity and honor,' i.e., they were to exalt the office and function of the high priest as well as beautify the worship of God."

Other than the high priest, it seems that the attire of the priests was a dress of pure white without anything ornamental, such as the colors on Aaron's garments. Still, these snow-white garments, which signified the righteousness of Christ, were still looked at as garments "for glory and for beauty."

I'll sum up this point with something the Canadian Old Testament scholar Cornelis van Dam said: "If God was concerned how the priests approached Him in the Old Testament, would He be any less concerned today when the priestly privileges of drawing near to God in the Most Holy Place are open to all believers? Our God is still the same. He is holy and majestic. He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords who

comes to judge this world. He expects us, who by nature are but miserable sinners, to approach Him with awe, reverence, and in our best attire, reflecting the principle of the priestly dress that our clothes are for "dignity and beauty" in God's presence."¹

Those in favor of their pastors wearing shorts and T-shirts might say, "Well, that was the Old Testament. We live in a different time and culture where people need to feel comfortable in church.

OK, let's look at the entire blood-bought church of the future—preachers and all. Revelation 7:9 says, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."

In the Greek, "with white robes" could be paraphrased to mean "dressed in richest wedding garments of purest, dazzling white." These are God's blood-bought, who are washed clean and pure and are worthy to stand without blemish in the presence of almighty God Himself.

Jesus talked about wedding garments in Matthew 22. He said, "And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" (Matt. 22:11-12).

In those times, regardless of who the guests were, they were not allowed to wear their own wedding garments, as beautiful as they may have been. They had to wear the wedding garment supplied by the king. So the meaning is clear. The ones who had on the wedding garments supplied by the King are those who have accepted Christ's

salvation and not dependent on their own works.

Isaiah also connects salvation to wedding garments: "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels" (Isaiah 61:10).

Christ alone has the garment of salvation—salvation only He can give, and Christ alone is covered with the robe of righteousness—righteousness He freely gives to all who will believe Him.

When the prodigal son returned, Luke 15:22 says, "the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him," to which Bible scholar George Williams said, "Righteousness hastened to dress him in its robe; for he could not sit in his rags at the Father's board."

The righteousness of Christ is what Christianity is all about. Whenever the righteousness of Christ is addressed, it is not actually speaking of His righteousness as deity, but rather as *the Man*, Jesus Christ.

So when Paul said, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 13:14), he was talking about clothing the soul in the moral disposition and habits of Christ. Paul was saying that the Lord Jesus Christ should so cover the Christian that Christ alone is seen.

Holy garments for glory and beauty, wedding garments provided by the King, robes of righteousness, garments of salvation—yes, the Lord cares very much about what His children wear, especially those called to ministry. ✎

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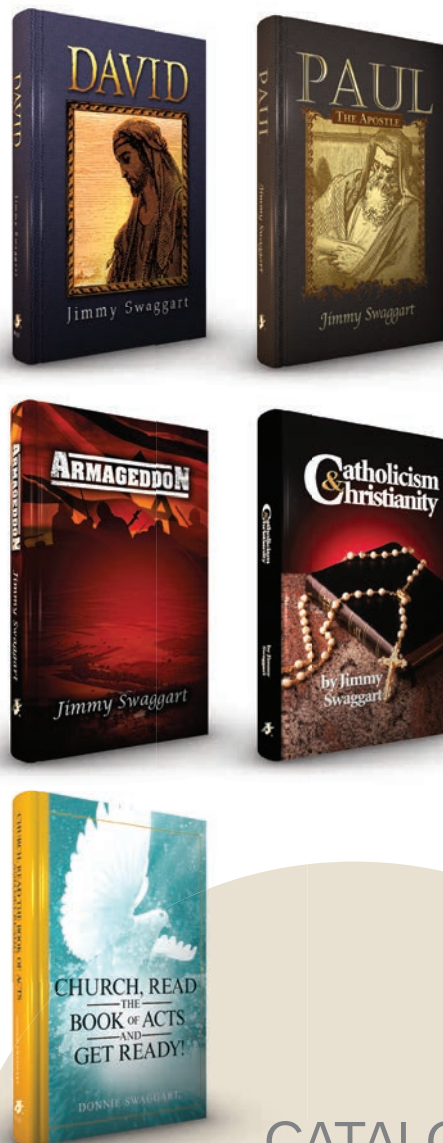
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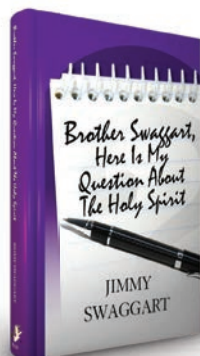
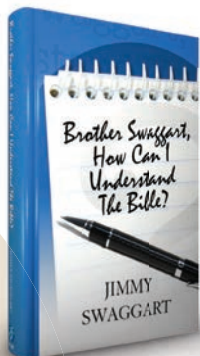
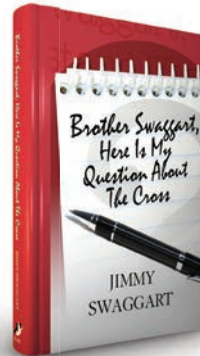
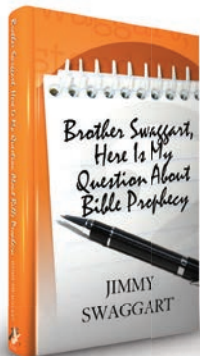
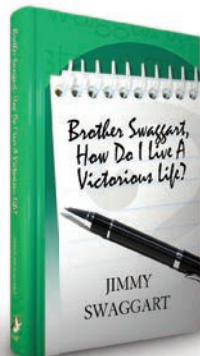
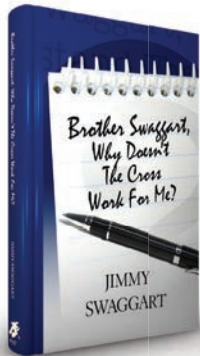
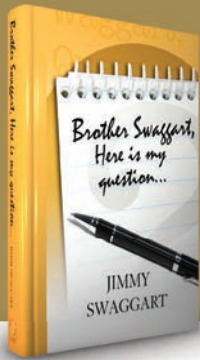
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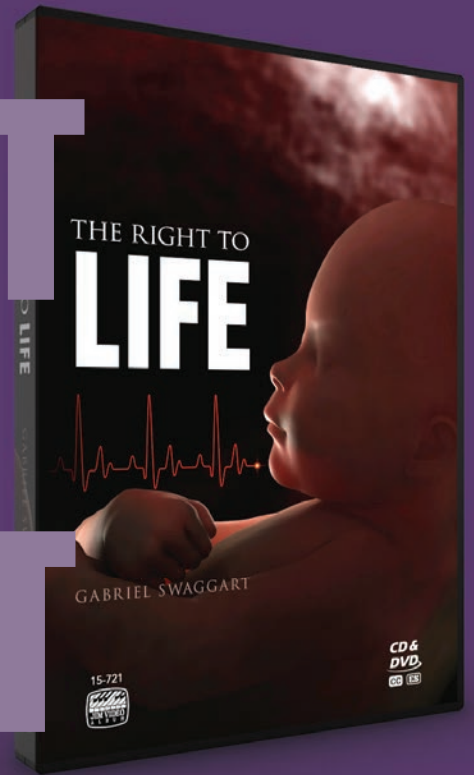
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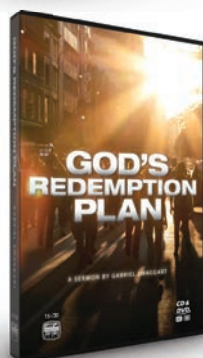
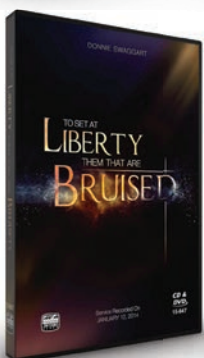
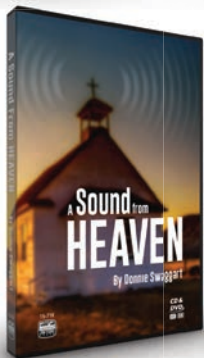
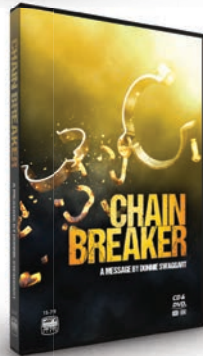
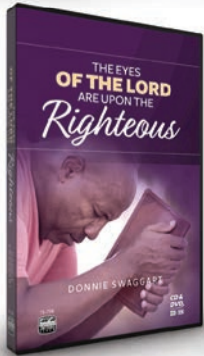
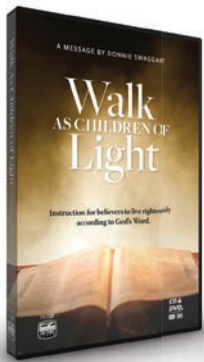
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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

“And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.” —REVELATION 21:12-13

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1. The things which you have seen. This pertains to Revelation 1—the vision of Christ.
2. The things which are. This covers Revelation 2 and 3, and all the present age of the church, which will not end until the

rapture of the church.

3. The things which shall be hereafter. This covers Revelation 4 through 22.

Other key events covered in Revelation include:

- the rapture of the church (Rev. 4-5)
- the great tribulation (Rev. 6-19)
- the millennial reign (Rev. 19-20)
- the perfect age to come (Rev. 21-22)

The subject matter of my text deals with is the twelve gates of the wall that will surround the New Jerusalem. There will be three gates on the north side, three gates on the south side, three gates on the east side, and three gates on the west side. Each gate will be about three hundred seventy-five miles apart from each other.

Why The Number Twelve?

In the Bible, twelve is the number of government. Therefore, the government of God will rule the Holy City, making it a perfect city in every respect with perfect obedience being the norm because Jesus Christ will be ruling and reigning. It will be a perfect government that is 100 percent fair because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only are there twelve gates, but

each gate will have a name—the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

This begs the question, why the names of the twelve tribes?

For God's plan to come to fruition, God had to have certain things in place.

First, He had to have a people of which the nation of Israel would come forth from the loins of Jacob, Abraham's grandson.

Second, He had to also have a place, a country for these people, hence Israel being formed and from the womb of these people the Messiah would come as would the Word of God.

Each of these twelve tribes plays a critical role in all that we enjoy today as Christians.

What Their Names Mean

Each name of each son of Jacob has a specific meaning that we need to know and understand:

- *Reuben*. His name means “see a son.”
- *Simeon*. His name means “hearing.”
- *Levi*. His name means “joined.”
- *Judah*. His name means “praise.”
- *Issachar*. His name means “reward.”
- *Zebulun*. His name means “dwelling.”
- *Dan*. His name means “judgment.”
- *Naphtali*. His name means “wrestled.”
- *Gad*. His name means “troop” or “good fortune.”
- *Asher*. His name means “happy.”
- *Joseph*. His name means “added.”
- *Benjamin*. His name means “strong right hand.”

These sons of Jacob also served as types of Christ:

- Reuben—Jesus is the “Son” of God.
- Simeon—through Jesus we “hear” God.
- Levi—through Jesus, we are “joined” to the Father.
- Judah—through Jesus, God has accepted our “praise.”

• Dan—Jesus took the “judgment” that was due us.

• Naphtali—Jesus has “wrestled” the power of darkness on our behalf and defeated the foe.

• Gad—Jesus is the “troop” who has fought on our behalf and brought us “good fortune.”

• Asher—Jesus made us “happy.”

• Issachar—Jesus is our “reward.”

• Zebulun—Jesus has made it possible for believers to “dwell” in the house of the Lord forever.

• Joseph—Jesus has “added” all believers to the kingdom.

• Benjamin—Jesus is the Father’s “strong right hand” and sits with Him in heavenly places.

Though these gates bear their names, they all portray Jesus. So it's all about Jesus—the city, the gates, the names—everything speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ! 🌿



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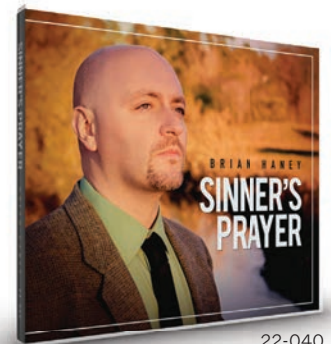
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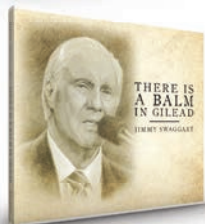
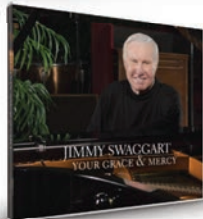
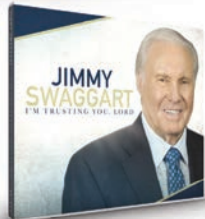
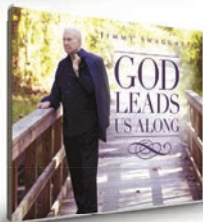
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THE ANSWER FOR ALL ANXIETY

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world” —1 PETER 5:7-9

THE SCOTTISH PREACHER George MacDonald said, “No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow’s burden is added to the burden of today that the weight is more than a man can bear.”

I wish that I could tell you that the moment you become a Christian, there will be no more problems, and life will treat you kindly. Unfortunately, I would

be lying if I said that. There are situations that arise in our lives that seem to be more than we can bear at the moment, and it seems that life has thrown us curveballs for which we were not prepared.

Many times in this life, we wonder if God is even there, and we question why He allows these things to happen to us. However, I would like to remind you that nothing takes God by surprise, and He

knows exactly what He is doing. We also must remember that, as believers, everything that happens to us in this life is either orchestrated by God or allowed by God to take place. He is in control of every situation.

For the many who feel as if the weight of the world were on their shoulders and the burdens of life have completely worn them down, the Holy Spirit through the apostle Peter has given us the answer for all care, anxiety, and fear.

Casting All Our Care Upon Him

As Christians, it was never meant for us to carry our burdens on our own shoulders, yet many are doing just that. For whatever reason, they are holding onto the cares of this life with fear gripping their hearts, and they’re afraid to face the day. We are told by the Holy Spirit that when life begins to get us down, we must cast all our cares upon Him.

Before we tell you how that is done, we must first address these issues: Care, anxiety, fear, and worry—these are signs of unbelief.

When we give in to unbelief, we are stating that whatever our problems may be, God is not able to solve them. Our unbelief is an exaltation of self against God, and we are depending upon self rather than trusting in Him and what He has done for us at Calvary’s cross. When we worry about the issues of life, we are in a sense telling God that He is not big enough, and we somehow will have to fix these problems ourselves.

Can’t you see what is being said here? By worrying over the issues of life and being consumed with fear of what tomorrow may bring, we are exhibiting a lack of faith.

Though we may not understand what tomorrow may bring, we must always



Jesus is concerned over every part of our lives.

understand that we are holding the hand of the one who created the world in which we live, and He was the one who hung the stars in place. We must believe that we are the apple of His eye, and He holds us in the palm of His right hand.

There Is A Hedge Of Protection Around Us

We must understand that there is a hedge of protection all the way around us, and nothing can penetrate that hedge unless God allows it. We know this from Job 1:10 when Satan appeared before the Lord. When asked about Job, Satan's response was: "*Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*"

This proves to us that even Satan knows that around every child of God who has

named the name of Jesus, God has placed around him a hedge of protection. You need to believe this!

As the song says:
*I've got a hedge built all the way around me,
And I cannot fail the Lord.
I've found a hiding place in my Jesus,
Gives me shelter from the storm.
When o' Satan tries to tempt me,
The Lord won't let him in.
'Cause I've got a hedge built all the way around me,
And I know I'm free from sin.*

The Bible tells us that we are "a peculiar people" (I Peter 2:9), which does not mean strange as we would think of such. That word peculiar means that there is a fence placed around us as if we were the only

human beings in existence.

Because of this, God says that whatever is on the outside of that fence belongs to the devil, but whatever is on the inside of that fence belongs to Him, and there is nothing that Satan can do about it.

What Does It Mean To Cast?

When the Holy Spirit tells us to cast our cares upon Him, the word *cast* means "to throw upon." This means to simply throw all our cares upon Him. Too many Christians hold on to their cares and worries instead of throwing them upon Christ, never to pick them up again. We cast our cares on Him by simply keeping our faith anchored in the cross.

Worry And The Cross

Proper faith cannot be held or had by a believer unless it is anchored in the cross of Christ. When we place our faith in the finished work of Christ, it moves the emphasis from self and places it on Christ and what He has done for us. By doing this, it becomes easy for us to cast our cares upon Him, which will stop all worry, doubt, fear, and care. We are His concern, and He cared enough for us to shed His life's blood on Calvary's cross.

Jesus is concerned over every part of our lives. The main reason we worry is because we are looking at self instead of at Christ and the cross.

When we look at self, it breeds all sorts of problems in our lives. We must take our eyes off self and place them on Christ where they belong.

So quit looking to yourself for the answer because you do not have the answer in and of yourself. As Paul said, "*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith*" (Heb. 12:2). ✚

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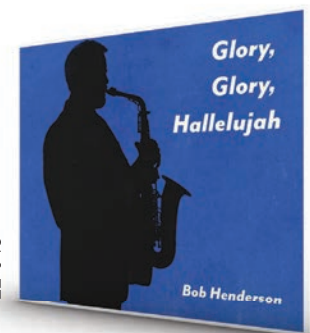
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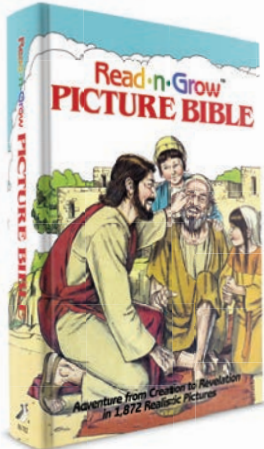
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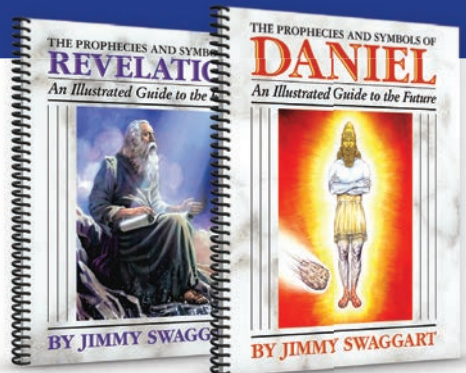


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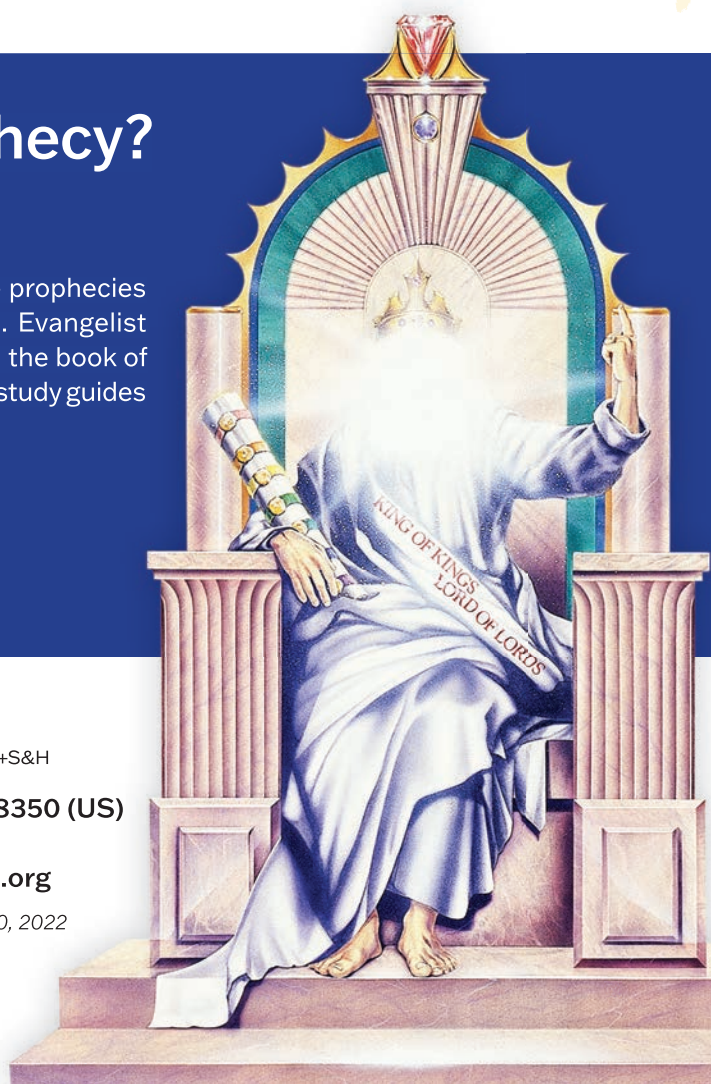
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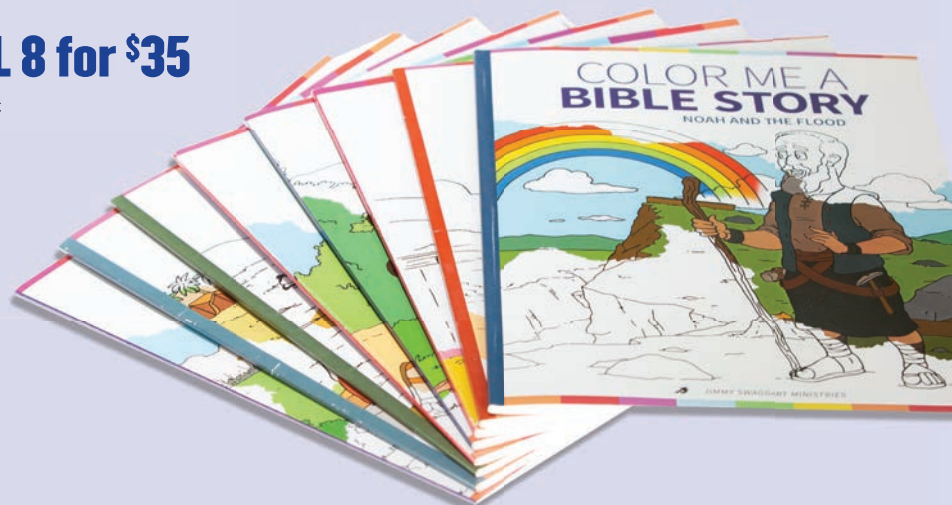
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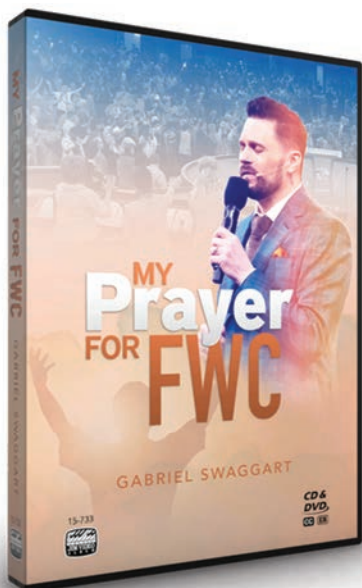
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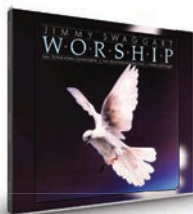
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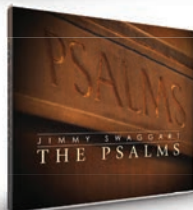


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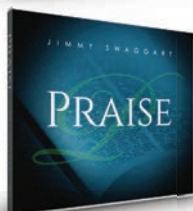
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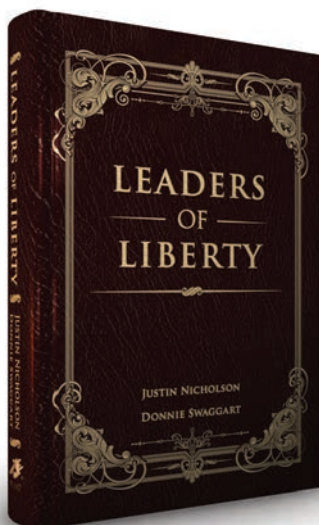
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Dear Evangelist I want to thank you so much for sending me “The Evangelist” magazine. I have read several articles already. I thoroughly enjoy reading and gaining informative information. I underline what I need to help me grow more in the Lord. Love you all so much and thank you again. Many blessings! —TEXAS

Dear Evangelist I just want to say when I first started to tithe, I could only give \$50. Then, through a series of God moves, I am now able to give \$200 a month! People need to realize that it should be the first thing they do when they get paid. No glory to me, it was, and it is all God. When I get paid, first thing I do is go to SBN, even

if the Bible-thon or Share-a-thon is not going on and pay my tithes. If people knew my story, they would know that God has brought me through so many things. He continues to do just that. I trust Him that He will take care of me and provide. He has never left me without. God bless you and the panel. You are such a blessing, and

I believe many that call in to complain have that seed planted and rethink their position. Thank you for doing the work of God, in everything you do! —Email

Dear Evangelist I just wanted to say that I rededicated my life to Jesus after hearing a sermon by Brother Donnie! I watch you

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“...He called for an altar call. I stood up in my living room and was filled with the Holy Spirit, and I spoke in tongues! I just want to say that I'm one of many examples that is blessed by your ministry!”

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

on my Roku TV, my iPad and iPhone, and as soon as I can, I'm ordering some CDs to travel with as Brother Swaggart (and his whole team) has the most touching and awesome voice! I fall asleep listening to your music if I don't get too excited! It's the only way I can peacefully fall to sleep! I sing and dance and praise with y'all in my home every day and night! You are the only church that isn't afraid to show and share the Word with music and movement! The Spirit hits me, and I can't be still, so I find myself staying at home and praising with you with my dogs! They know if my hands are in the air, I'm praising Jesus, and all is good. I'm sixty-one, and arthritis has my hands, but no more horrific migraines! Thank you for sharing with the media outlets! I thank Jesus for you all. I also joined your media church. I am praying that one day I'll be able to meet Brother Swaggart in person, and Brother Donnie too! God bless y'all! —**Tennessee**

Dear Evangelist My husband discovered *The Story Behind the Song* a while back and has it on three times throughout the week on SBN. And, if at all possible, he watches the program all three times! I know better than to think of watching anything else during those time slots! We just watched the program about Doris Akers and the song “Sweet, Sweet Spirit.” We so enjoy the history and biographical background that Brother Donnie Swaggart gives! What an excellent program! And while I'm at it, I

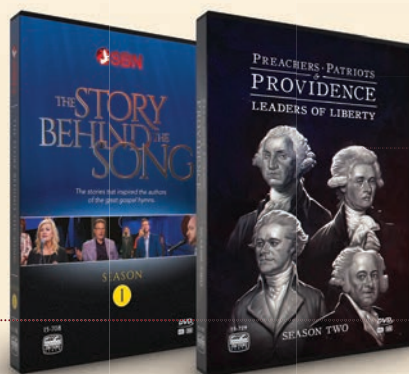
should let you know that my husband also watches *Preachers, Patriots & Providence* every Sunday morning before church. Thank you for these excellent programs! —**Email**

Dear Evangelist I just had to say that last night as I watched, I was watching Gabriel Swaggart preaching on salvation and how we have to do nothing but believe. He called for an altar call. I stood up in my living room and was filled with the Holy Spirit, and I spoke in tongues! I just want to say that I'm one of many examples that is blessed by your ministry! Thank you, we love you, and may God bless you. —**Email**

Dear Evangelist I've learned the way to God by watching your TV programs in Latvia in 1981-1992, where Jimmy Swaggart had Bible lessons. I've been saved in 1992 and set free. He was my first teacher! I was raised in the society without opportunity to hear about Jesus and salvation, but as a grown-up, I met some Christians from Denmark who told me about God's love to me. It was amazing touch of God

for the first time in my life! I had to find out who Jesus was and why God loves me so much! Later, my life went to Denmark, where I met Donnie Swaggart. I'm thankful for your ministry and hope very much to meet God's servant, Jimmy Swaggart, personally, if it is God's will. I've experienced different miracles by Jesus Christ in my life because there wasn't any who had right wisdom and God's power to help me. Jesus is the same today as He always was! Nothing is impossible for Him! Bless you, in the name of the almighty name of Jesus Christ! —**Denmark**

Dear Evangelist Dear Pastor Gabriel, I watch you all on SBN every day. I really enjoy the praise and worship. I have learned so much from you, your father, and grandfather about God, Jesus, and the message of the cross. I became saved through watching one of your broadcasts. I'm so thankful for that. I'm emailing you today to tell you how much I enjoy reading your *31 Days of Worship*. It renews my faith and spirit every day and makes me so happy and thankful for God and Jesus in my life. I pray that God will continue to bless your ministry and help you get God's message to the people. Thank you again for such an inspirational book. Praise God! —**North Carolina**



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ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLICAL PROTOCOL OF RECEIVING YOUR HEALING

PART III

IN A PREVIOUS ARTICLE, I set forth several wonderful Scriptures that established the basis for the great doctrine of healing, miracles, and signs and wonders.

In these Scriptures, you can clearly see the promises and provisions of God as it relates to healing and deliverance.

I included the two great Scriptures found in Isaiah 53:4-6 and I Peter 2:24, which proclaim that Christ suffered and died for our salvation and our physical healing and deliverance.

Also, I included the Scripture found in Mark 16:15-20 in respect to the mandated ministry of healing and deliverance. The true New Testament church of today must be involved in the ministry of healing for

hurting people. We are called and we are equipped to pray for the sick that they might be healed and recover (I Cor. 12:9).

Preaching and proclaiming salvation is our most important task. But always remember, we are to proclaim abundant life to God's people.

Jesus, our blessed Lord said, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10).

I believe that this proclamation of blessing includes healing and deliverance for God's people. There is a protocol and sequence to receiving your miracle. James 5:14-16 tells us what to do.

But how does one appropriate healing?

First, and most importantly, one must

truly possess faith in what the Word of God teaches and proclaims as it relates to healing and deliverance.

Hebrews 11:6 reads, *"But without faith, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*

Jesus insisted, *"Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"* (Mark 11:24).

In Mark 9:23, we read where Jesus our Lord said, *"If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."*

Christ told His disciples, *"And these signs shall follow them that believe"* (Mark 16:17).

Paul underscores the power of believing when He writes *"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power"* (Eph. 1:19).

Dear child of God, based on the Word of God, you must sincerely and completely believe that God heals today and does miracles today and that it is His great delight to show forth His grace and power in healing and deliverance now.

Second, the sick person must call for the elders to pray.

In James 5:14, we read, *"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church"* for prayer. These elders must be righteous and full of faith. Mature women of God can be involved as well. The sick person must demonstrate faith that God does answer prayer and that they truly want God to heal them of the sickness.

I have been advised that some people actually want to remain sick because they get a lot of sympathy and attention from family and doctors. The sick person must be sick and tired of being sick. You must be willing to move from the life of a sick person to the life of a well person, being

fully active in life.

Also notice that James insists on more than one elder. He says elders. He is following the words of Christ in respect to the power of agreement in prayer.

Jesus said, “*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them*” (Matt. 18:20)

And in Matthew 18:19, we read, “*Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is heaven.*”

Third, James 5:15 raises the issue of sin being unconfessed in the sick person’s life. I believe and teach that if the sick person is holding on to sinful feelings or involved in sinful living, he must deal with this biblically, possess true godly sorrow, and repent of it to the Lord. Some believers harbor unforgiveness. They must let go of it and forgive the person that did them wrong. Some folk are holding on to their addictions, like smoking, yet asking God to heal them of lung cancer. They must repent of it. Some church members are living in adultery and yet wanting God to heal them of an illness. We all possess a sin nature, and we must deal with it according to the Word of God. Daily, we must confess our sins and bring them to the cross and leave them there. We all fall short of godly living and consequently we must be reminded that Christ’s blood was shed for all sin—past, present, and future.

But we must not live with unconfessed sin as part of our lives. The apostle James

insisted, “*And if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults (or sins) one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.*”

You don’t need to confess your sins out loud to everybody. Someone said, “We must all live in the shadow of the cross.” Paul stated, “I die daily.” He meant daily to sin.

Fourth, James commands the elders to anoint with oil in the name of the Lord. The physical act of pouring some oil on a sick person will not in any way cause or bring healing to that individual.

In Exodus 29, God instructed Moses to anoint Aaron with oil as the new high priest of Israel.

In I Samuel 16, the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil to be the future king of Israel.

Mark 6:13 tells us, “*And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.*” Jesus and the disciples practiced the anointing with oil. The anointing of oil signifies the involvement of the Holy Spirit in respect to healing.

Oil is an Old Testament and New Testament symbol of the Holy Spirit. When one prays for the sick, he is praying in the name and authority of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 2:4, “*And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.*”

The practice of anointing with oil means you are depending on the power of the Holy Spirit to implement the will of God in respect to healing.

Divine healing occurs because of the power of the blood, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the power of faith-filled prayer.

Fifth and finally, “*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*” (James 5:16).

I believe that prayer can be powerful. These two words—effectual fervent—come from one Greek word *energeo*, which is where we get our word energy. *Energeo* means “living, powerful and efficient.” The word *efficient* means “capable of producing desired results with little or no waste of time.” Think of that! Holy Ghost prayers, based upon the Word of God, by the power of the blood (cross), in the power of the Holy Spirit is a living thing, is active, powerful and it is efficient, thus producing great results. James declares that this kind of praying of righteous elders availeth much. The Greek word here for *availeth* means “to have force, to prevail, to have strength.”

Simply, James is saying that when righteous elders gather to pray for the sick, these prayers are “living, powerful, and produces great results.”

Dear friends, we must always remember Hebrews 13:8, “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever.*”

Our merciful and loving Father still responds to the prayers of righteous, faith-filled men and women of God. ✚

“Divine healing occurs because of the power of the blood, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the power of faith-filled prayer.”



ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

THE REPRESSION OF REVELATION

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”

—ROMANS 1:18

Rejecting Revelation Brings Forth The Wrath Of God

At the very beginning of the book of Romans, the apostle Paul points out that God expresses a wrathful indignation with specific consequences toward all men who are given a revelation and then repress it. God has revealed himself to mankind through four major revelations. The first revelation discussed in Romans is creation. The second revelation discussed in Romans is conscience. The third revelation discussed in Romans is the Mosaic law. In the fourth and final revelation of God to humanity is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Each of these revelations laid a foundation for the next one. God expected man to take advantage of what He had revealed concerning Himself and that man might pursue Him as a result of what had been given. When men see what God has given and reject or repress it, God responds by allowing the sinful condition of man's heart to steal

life from him. In other words, sin begins to dominate the individual in some fashion or form and makes it more difficult for man to come into relationship with God the Creator. The pain caused by sin in life is redemptive in its nature. When man realizes that he has rejected what God has given and that life has become a misery without God, then the potential of repenting and turning back to what God had revealed exists. A failure to repent of rejecting God's truth (in essence rejecting God) causes God to turn that person over to the power of sin. A failure to repent and receive the revelation that God has given causes that individual to experience a downward spiritual spiral. This ultimately results in that person being filled with all manner of unrighteousness.

The Revelation Of Creation

Creation validates and proves the truth of God's existence. The Bible says, “*the heavens declare the glory of God*” (Ps. 19:1).

The solar system preaches the evidence of a creator. The earth and all that is in it has been wondrously established by a power and a person far greater than humanity. God set the boundaries for the oceans and the seas. He established the grandeur of the mountains and the solidarity of the solar system. Man has attempted to silence the evidence of creation through the nonsense of evolution. He has attempted to quiet the voice of God in creation by carving out of things created, idols made of wood and stone. Those who recognize that a creator must exist and that He has formed the planet upon which we stand begin a search for God. But those who encounter the evidence of creation and deny the existence of God experience a wrath in the form of dominating sin that begins its life-stealing purpose.

The Revelation Of Conscience

In the heart of every man born to a woman beats God's copyright of the





human soul. This copyright is the essence of conscience. Conscience is the inbred knowledge of that which is right and that which is wrong. Conscience is the reflection of the nature and character of God implanted within humanity. The evidence that we are formed by a moral creator therefore exists, evidenced by our innate moral conscience. However, conscience is easily and progressively seared. The first time a person lies, he will encounter a fierce opposition from the conscience within. But the more that lying is embraced, the less impact conscience will have on the decision to lie. Scripture refers to this process as the searing of our conscience. To move contrary to the conscience is to reject the nature and character of our Creator. This too will bring wrath in the form of dominating sin that causes men to encounter the downward spiral.

The Law Of Moses

The law of Moses is God's third major revelation to humanity. Before the law was given at Mount Sinai, a corporate knowledge of God did not exist. The law clearly confirms what conscience (prior to being seared) indicates as right and wrong. Contained in the types and shadows

offered through the law was a clearer picture of who God is. The moral code of the law, which emphasizes worshiping God and loving your neighbor as yourself, is expressed throughout the content of Mosaic law. The types and shadows that helped separate Israel from the rest of the world all pointed toward the truths that would later be revealed in Christ. This revelation taught man how to corporately worship God, and re-established the demand for a sacrifice, the need of a high priest, and the need for constant reliance upon God. A rejection of the Mosaic law under the terms of the old covenant demanded the ultimate price be paid—the death of the individual. Freedom from death and the law would come only through the final revelation of God in the coming of Christ.

The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

Jesus told His disciples, "When you see Me, you have seen the Father." Clearly Jesus was the last final and full revelation of God. His words superseded the words of Moses. But take care to understand that the things that God has revealed in creation, conscience, and the law of Moses

The Bible says, "the heavens declare the glory of God."

gave us insight as to the fullness of God that would be revealed in Jesus Christ alone. While we are no longer bound by the identity markers of the Mosaic law, the character and nature of God and the knowledge of right and wrong are now emphasized not through a written law but by the presence of the Holy Spirit who lives within the heart of every believer. This was made available to us through Christ's death on Calvary. If a person wants to come to know God, he can only do so through Jesus Christ. If a person wants to be formed into the image of Christ, he has to put full reliance upon the redemptive work of Christ. To reject the truth of salvation as offered by Jesus and His apostles will result in the wrath of God dominating an individual. One cannot afford to reject the most complete and final revelation of God as found in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We must never depend upon ourselves. Instead, we must rely completely upon Christ and what He has done for us at Calvary. In so doing, we are prepared to face eternity with God and will presently experience a transformation into the image of Christ. ✎



ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS

America: A Christian Nation

In 1892, the Supreme Court of the United States determined, in the case of the *Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States*, that an English minister was not a foreign laborer under the U.S. Code statute even though he was a foreigner.

Although the case dealt with the legality of contracts for other foreign professionals, the Court considered America's Christian identity to be a strong support for its conclusion that Congress could not have intended to prohibit foreign ministers.

Justice David J. Brewer penned the Court's opinion. He stated that the United States was a "Christian nation." This statement is included as part of the dicta—a gratuitous statement that is not essential to the Court's holding.

The Court had already decided before on giving its opinion as to the religious character of the nation. Included was a list of eighty-seven examples taken from

pre-Constitutional documents, historical practice, and colonial charter, which all revealed America's undisputed Christian roots.

Justice Brewer would clarify his position on a Christian nation as meaning that many of our traditions are rooted in Christianity, not that Christianity should receive legal privileges or is to the exclusion of other religions.

America's Christian Roots

The Christian character and purpose of the United States of America can be found in its Constitution. The seventh article declares it to be framed and adopted "by the Unanimous Consent of the States, the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twelfth."

Two important dates in the Constitution:

first it is dated from the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ and then from the birth of America's independence. Any argument which might be supposed to prove that the authority of Christianity is not recognized by the people of the United States, in the first manner, would equally prove that the independence of the United States is not recognized in the second manner.

The 1619 Project is a current example of this manipulation. The fact is that the advent of Jesus Christ and the independence of the country are the two events, of all others, that we are most interested in—the former in common with all mankind and the latter as the birth of the nation.

Another fact in harmony with the purposes for which the Constitution was established with the intentions and results of Christianity as affecting nations and the temporal interests of men. The Preamble states this political and moral harmony in these words: "We, the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

These fundamental points of the Constitution are in perfect harmony with the revealed objects of Christianity. Union, justice, peace, general welfare, and the blessings of civil and religious liberty are the objects of Christianity, and they are secured under its practical and beneficent reign.

A third fact indicating the Christian character of the Constitution is that in multiple places it requires an oath: "No person can hold executive or judicial office under it, or derived from any State, who does not take an oath to support it."

Webster's dictionary defines an oath as, "A formal promise to fulfill a pledge, often

calling upon God as witness.”

Some look back from today and say that if our Founding Fathers were so religious, then why didn't they include a religious test for political candidates? To help explain why, let's look at what Chief Justice Theophilus Parsons said:

“It has been objected, that the Constitution provides no religious test by oath, and we may have in power unprincipled men, atheists and pagans. No man can wish more ardently than I do that all our public offices may be filled by men who fear God and hate wickedness; but it must remain with the electors to give government this security. An oath will not do it. . . . The only evidence we can have of the sincerity and excellency of a man's religion, is a good life; and I trust that such evidence will be required of every candidate by every elector.”¹

One more interesting fact to substantiate that Christianity was on the mind of our Founders is their recognition of the Christian Sabbath.

Article I, section 7, says: If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be Law.”

What is clearly presumed by the people

is that the president would not employ himself in public business on Sunday. Instead, they assumed he would find it suitable and customary to follow the observance without a requirement to include Sunday for public affairs.

Christian Responsibility

Many of us are told not to mix religion and politics in conversations. In nearly every conversation you'll have with a liberal are worn-out statements used as a cliches to distract the conversation or to silence you.

For example, “separation of church and state” is very popular with those who claim you can't mix politics with religion. Rather than a straightforward refutation, ridicule is oftentimes used instead to keep you from addressing the issues from a biblical perspective.

True believers know that God is in control.

Daniel wrote, “*And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings*” (Dan. 2:21).

God is sovereign, and His providence prevails in all matters. However, God does allow us all to exercise free will. In this regard we are responsible for the decisions we make and the consequences of those decisions, good or bad.

God created government, and good government provides true freedoms and blessings while bad government causes sorrow.

Oftentimes, it is not government alone that determines the direction of a nation. Proverbs 14:34 says, “*Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any*

people.”

The moral direction of a nation is oftentimes played out in the realm of politics. Abortion, homosexuality, racism—these are moral issues. Their legality and boundaries affect society and are determined by political persuasion of the people, especially in a democratic society.

The United States of America is a Republic. It is a representative form of government giving its citizens their rightful place by the will and consent of the people to form and maintain government. We exercise that wonderful privilege through voting. Although it's not a perfect system, it is by far the best known and practiced in the world.

Every true born-again believer should vote and vote according to the issues. Questions to ask yourself of the candidates are:

- How will this candidate vote the issues?
- Does this candidate support life?
- Does this candidate oppose sinful lifestyles?
- Does this candidate seek to promote law and order?
- Does this candidate seek limited federal government?

In other words, vote according to God's revealed will in His Word on all the issues.



Source:

¹Benjamin F. Morris, *The Christian Life and Character*, American Vision, Inc., 2007.

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ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

ARE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NEEDED TODAY?

There is a long-running battle between Pentecostals and our brethren in the “Cessation Camp.”

CESSATIONISTS HOLD to the idea that the gifts of the Spirit were signs endorsing the apostles. They say that when the last apostle died, there remained no more reason for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Are they correct? Are the gifts of the Holy Spirit needed today?

Validation?

Scripture does not bear the view that the gifts were meant to validate the apostles. In Acts 10, we see that those of Cornelius’ household received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. These Gentiles were certainly not apostles.

Throughout Church History, They Spoke In Tongues

Whenever you believe cessationism began, miracles and the gifts of the Holy Spirit continued.

In AD 150, early Christian apologist Justin Martyr wrote, “For the prophetic gifts remain with us, even to this present time.”¹ He added, “Now, it is possible to see amongst the women and men who possess gifts of the Spirit of God.”² This is some forty years after the beginning of the so-called cessation period.

Irenaeus (c. Ad 130-202)

His writings are considered foundational in the early development of Christian theology. As an apologist, his writings are well respected.

Irenaeus wrote:

“Wherefore, also, those who are in truth His disciples, receiving grace from Him, do in His name perform [miracles], so as to promote the welfare of other men, according to the gift which each one has received from Him. For some do certainly and truly drive out devils, so that those who have thus been cleansed from evil spirits frequently both believe [in Christ] and join themselves to the



Church. Others have foreknowledge of things to come: they see visions, and utter prophetic expressions. Others still, heal the sick by laying their hands upon them, and they are made whole...It is not possible to name the number of gifts which the Church, [scattered] throughout the whole world, has received from God, in the name of Jesus Christ.”³

Irenaeus was a disciple of Polycarp, who had sat under the leadership of the apostle John.

More Evidence Throughout History
Tertullian (ca. AD 155-230) was an early Christian leader and apologist who spoke

of tongues and interpretation of tongues in his time.

Theologian, scholar, and writer Novatian (d. AD 258) spoke of the gifts in operation in his day.⁴

And Ambrose (c. AD 340-397) wrote of the gift of tongues in the present, not in the past tense.

These are but a few who wrote of the gifts continuing throughout church history.

Do we not need the same power in these days...?

Do We Need It Today?

Jesus told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they had been endued with power.

Acts 1:8 tells us the purpose of the

baptism of the Holy Spirit is empowerment to reach the lost: “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*”

Do we not need that same power in these days—the last of the last days? Yes, of course we do. ✚

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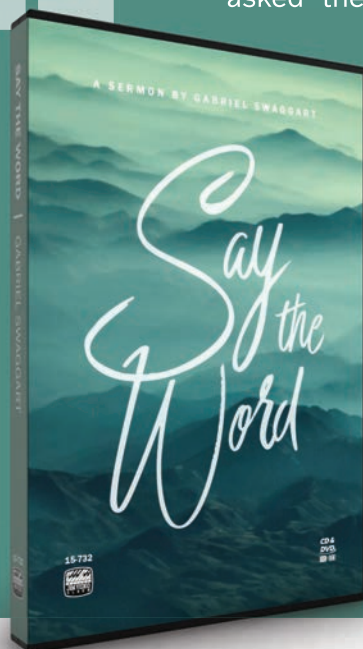
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“So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.” —JOHN 21:15-17

THE CALL OF A YOUTH PASTOR

A Troubling Story

I was sitting at a teacher’s desk, talking with a fellow youth pastor from the Baton Rouge area. We were both there to provide lunch and devotions for students at a local high school. As we were chatting about our services in our youth ministries from the week before, he boasted, “I had my kids play a game during the worship service where they had to chug a gallon of milk.”

This youth pastor went on to say how one of these kids became so sick from this game that he vomited on the stage. I sat there in disbelief at how foolish youth ministry has become.

That same Wednesday night in Crossfire, I was preaching on the vision of Ezekiel. He saw a river flowing from God’s throne. There was a man with a line in his hand calling for Ezekiel to come further out into that river (Ezek. 47:3-4). Several of our young people stepped into the river that night, and they were baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

What Is Youth Ministry?

I regret to inform the church that youth ministry is in a terrible place and reformation is needed. That reformation begins with understanding what youth ministry is and what a youth pastor is supposed to be.

Youth ministry is simply a ministry that focuses

attention on evangelizing and making disciples out of young people. The church does not have a varsity team and a junior varsity team. Regardless of age, if a person is saved, then he or she is a member of the body of Christ.

Youth ministry has not always been around; it is still considered fairly new. The concept of youth ministry matured in the early 1940s as a way for the church to reach out to teenagers in local high schools.

In the 1970s, churches began to see the need for a concentrated focus on youth and started bringing youth pastors on staff.

What A Youth Pastor Is Not

In today's modern generation, there seems to be some confusion about what a youth pastor should be.

First, it must be understood that a youth pastor is not a volunteer position

that needs to be filled. It is and must be a calling. Understandably, not every church can pay a youth pastor, but that's not the point. The point is that a youth pastor must be called.

Youth pastors are not event coordinators, even though at times they will coordinate events. Youth pastors are not babysitters who just hang out with young people while the adults have church. Youth pastors are not called to organize events, they are not called to just fill the void, and they are not called to come up with cool games to keep young people occupied. Being a youth pastor is not a stepping-stone to bigger and greater things; it is and must be a calling.

What A Youth Pastor Is

A youth pastor is a pastor. A pastor is a calling given by God. Ephesians 4:11-12 says, "And he gave some, apostles; and

some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The word *pastor* literally means "shepherd." A shepherd is one who will feed the sheep, provide oversight, provide protection, and give leading and guidance. A shepherd will lay his life down to care for and protect the sheep that God entrusted to his care. The youth pastor is concerned with providing the spiritual nourishment and protection that his flock desperately needs.

Just like Jesus tells Peter in our text, "If you love Me, then I am giving you the commission to feed my sheep." This is the same commission that Jesus is giving to youth pastors: "If you really love Me, then I am commissioning you to feed My sheep." ✚

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger..." —JOHN 6:35

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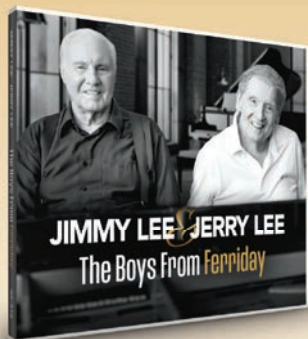
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FROM ME TO YOU

Jimmy Swaggart



*thank
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I want to extend to you my gratitude for the way that you embraced my cousin, Jerry Lee Lewis, and the album that we made together, which seems to be a blessing to you, and if that is so, we deeply appreciate it.

Jerry Lee gave his heart back to the Lord about two or three years ago, which was an answer to the prayers of thousands of you, and again, we are so grateful. In other words, the Lord answered those prayers, and he along with his wife, Judith, are living for God, and that's what really matters.

As you know, Jerry Lee suffered a debilitating stroke about three years ago. It hurt very much as it regards his piano playing and even his voice.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

I can remember going back some seventy-five years ago, how that Jerry Lee and I would go with my mother and dad to revival meetings, especially tent meetings, to provide the music.

Through the years, I've had untold numbers of people ask if Jerry Lee and I could make an album together. Spiritually it

wasn't time then, but now it is. This one has gone over so well that I think we could do a better job on a second one, at least if the Lord would help us, it would be better. To be sure, if the Lord doesn't help us, then it's not much good that can be done. But He always has helped us. Please pray about this with me, because I only want to do what the Lord wants done.

MICKEY GILLEY

In just a few days, we should have the preliminary work done regarding an album with me and Mickey. As most of you know, Mickey passed away a few months ago. He too suffered a fall, which stopped the use of his hands respecting the playing of the piano. But the man could still sing, and I mean tremendously so. I'm looking forward to that particular album very much. Again, pray about it with us, if you will.

Ironically, I called Mickey about two days before he passed away, and I asked him if he would be interested in doing this. He agreed immediately.

And then, he was gone. But Mickey had just recorded some gospel songs that I'm positive will be a tremendous blessing. So pray about this with us, that if we go ahead and do it, which I'm almost certain we will, that the Lord would bless it abundantly. With Him it will be a blessing to the people; without Him it's not worth anything.

When I was about twelve years old and

Mickey a year younger, he came to me one day and said, "I want to learn to play the piano. Would you show me what you know?"

Gladly I did that, and he started playing almost immediately.

About two years ago, I believe Mickey made things right with the Lord. He called me on the phone one day and said, "Cousin, I've just made things right," and from that moment on, his life changed totally and completely. I thank the Lord that this happened just shortly before he died.

His mother was one of the godliest women I ever knew. And to be sure, the Lord answered her prayers, even though it took a while for it to come to pass.

To change the subject, I want to thank you so very, very much for the help that



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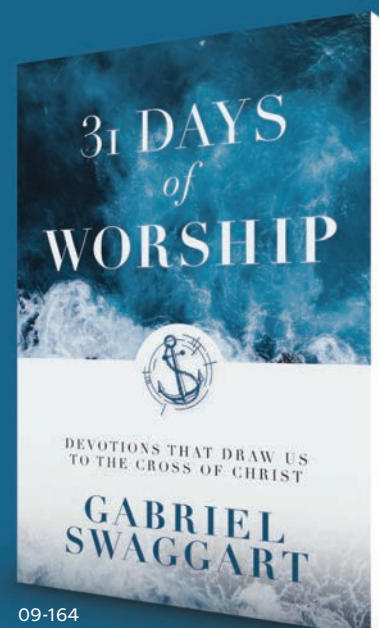
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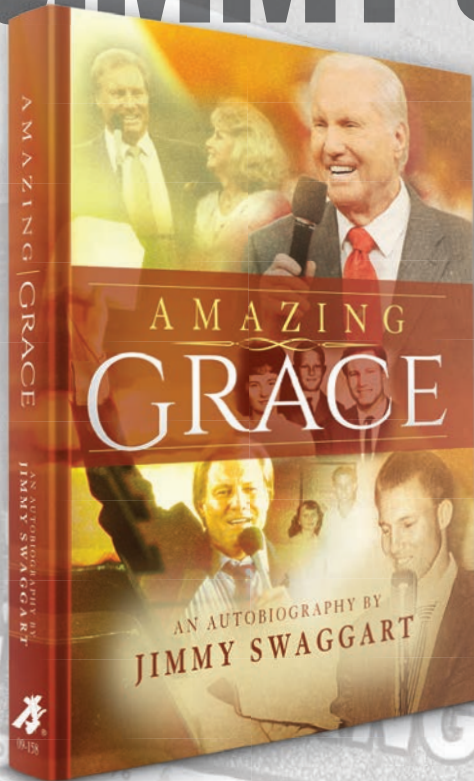
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