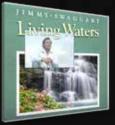
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# NO MAN

When we think of false prophets now, we normally think of the strange and bizarre, but that's not what we are warned of in Scripture. **The Bible describes these individuals as disguised in sheep's clothing.** 

**BY JIMMY SWAGGART** 



n other words, they look like the real thing, and they sound like the real thing. They all say the right words that make them seem plausible, palatable, and pleasant. But Jesus said inwardly they are "ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15-23).

Sadder still is when it's realized that most Pentecostals and charismatics who boast of believing all of the Word of God (or at least they once did) seem to be the most deceived and deluded of all. There seems to be little, if any, spirit of discernment left.

Not long ago, on a "Pentecostal" program, a particular "spiritual" teacher demeaned the power of God and upheld humanism by telling the people, "Whatever god you start with is satisfactory—be it the Muslim god, the Hindu god, the Buddhist god, or the Christian God. It's a good start, and you can build from there."

He was speaking of people being rehabilitated respecting alcohol. Incidentally, the word *rehabilitate*, is not even in the Bible.

Someone in the audience stood up and mentioned the power of God to deliver the oppressed. The teacher admitted that this was possible, but he said it was highly unlikely. Then the host of this Pentecostal program turned, held up this teacher's book, and recommended it to those viewing the program.

My answer to this is, "And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matt. 15:14).

The gospel of the hour is, "Do not offend." It's about unity and conformity; everyone is accepted for "what he is." Every message is judged by "take the good in it and leave the rest alone." This is a prescription for disaster.

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life is little mentioned anymore, especially considering that psychological therapy has become the thruway to modern spiritual results. Consequently, the altar is ignored and even ridiculed, especially considering that it is a place on which one must "die."

Few modern preachers speak of "dying to the flesh." How can they when they are constantly promoting the flesh?

But through all the fads, falseness, and shams, if you listen carefully, you can hear the voice of the illimitable Son of God ask, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

When all else fails, and fail it must, Jesus Christ and Him crucified is the only answer. As it was then, so it is now.

But what does it mean to be whole? The Greek word that Jesus uses here is *hugies*, and it has reference to the sick being made well or whole.

The man mentioned in John 5 was sick and had been for many years; he desperately needed healing. But what this episode represents also pertains to the spiritual and, consequently, speaks of a spiritual wholeness.

Represented here is the contention between God and man. Man knows he is not whole but disagrees with his Creator as to what it will take to remedy the situation. Man thinks that money, entertainment, wealth, education, achievement, place, and position will make him whole, so he pursues these things even though the acquisition of such does not bring wholeness, and the examples are abundant.

Jesus said, "For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

What the world calls success can be heard in statements such as, "He made it," or, "She is a success," and we hear these from all walks of life. But the questions could be asked, "Made what? A success at what?"

The truth is, there are far more suicides among those who have "made it" than those of their counterparts who did not reach those rarified heights.

Man's real problem is not a lack of things, education, or a hundred and one other things that could be named. Man's real problem is a spiritual one.

Along with being a physical and mental being, man is also a spiritual being. And it is this spiritual part of man that is unsatisfied. The spiritual pertains to God, his Creator, which Satan or things can never satisfy.

Consequently, the only way that man can be whole is to return to union with his Creator. But due to the manner in which man fell, there is no way that he could return to God, at least according to his own efforts and ability. Therefore, all of the initiative had to be (and has to be) on God's part.

The fall of man was so severe and its results so final, that even though God could decree worlds into existence by the words of His mouth, He could not decree salvation into existence and still be true to His nature. He had to literally become man, which is called the *incarnation*, for this great thing to be accomplished.

In the garden of Eden, the price for disobedience was spiritual death, separation from God, which resulted in the death of all else as well. So the price for life, the cost of making of man whole again, was death—the death of a perfect sacrifice.

Man could not provide that sacrifice because man was fallen, so what he presented to God was unacceptable. Neither could angels provide the sacrifice because they were of another creation. Only in man, albeit a perfect Man, could the claims of heavenly justice be satisfied. Therefore, God's Son became that Man and did for man what man could not do for himself. Christ became our substitute, and upon identification with Him, the perfection that Jesus was and is, and the wholeness He purchased, can now be given to all who believe (John 3:3, 16). Identification with Him is brought about by faith because this is the only way that it can be brought about.

Only God can make one whole, and He does so without exception on the merit of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and what Christ did for us at the cross. That's the reason the Holy Spirit through the apostle would say, *"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...?"* (Heb. 2:3).

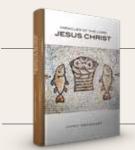
The only answer to man's dilemma, and I emphasize *only*, is the cross of Christ. Jesus Christ is the source of all things that man receives from God.

Man cannot reach God and can have no correspondence with God unless he goes through Jesus Christ and what He did for us at the cross (John 14:6). It is the cross of Christ and what Jesus there did that makes everything possible. There, the Lord atoned for all sin past, present, and future—at least for all who will believe (John 3:16).

Sin provides the legal means for Satan to hold man captive, but with all sin removed, he has no more legal means to hold anyone captive. If he does so and, regrettably, he does so for all who are unredeemed—it is because they will not accept what Jesus Christ has done.

When it comes to the believer, if he



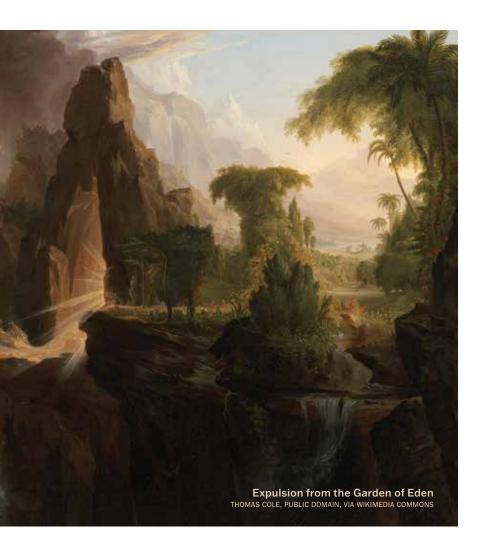


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Again, the cross of Christ is the means and the only means by which the Lord gives good things to His children. In other words, it is the cross—what Jesus there did—that makes everything possible. When the believer's faith is placed exclusively in Christ and the cross, this gives the Holy Spirit the latitude to work within our hearts and lives to bring about what is necessary, which He alone can do.

The believer must understand that what he is facing in the spirit world is so far beyond his capabilities that he cannot hope to overcome by any other method than God's method, which is Christ and the cross.

Article continues in the December issue.



### 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 God in heaven, 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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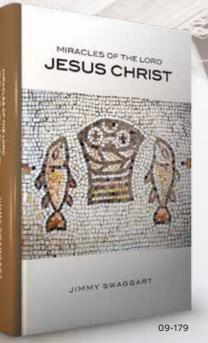
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"Why can't I pray like I used to?" This question comes to us again and again in bursts of frustration from believers of all ages. One lady wrote, "I have a lack of desire for prayer, and even if I try to pray, I can't pray. I can't concentrate; my mind frustrates me, and I just want to give up on praying. What do I do? I need my prayer life back. I need my study life back, and I need fellowship with the Holy Spirit back."

# Just Talk to the Lord

AS BELIEVERS, WE know that we need to pray. We know it. But when it comes to prayer, a lot of Christians go by what they feel. They experience times when the presence of the Lord is so real, so tangible, that they want that feeling to accompany every time of prayer. When it doesn't, there is disappointment, and disappointment can crush the desire to pray. Other Christians feel that they've got to pray a certain way, in a certain place, for a certain amount of time—as in down on their knees, at a church altar, for hours-before it counts as "real" prayer. Don't misunderstand, there's nothing wrong with praying on your knees or at an altar, but you don't have to "position" yourself a certain way or for a certain length of time to seek God.

Maybe it helps to look at prayer as conversation with the Lord and understand that not all conversations are emotional or long. Just talk to the Lord. My husband and I pray throughout the day, talking to the Lord as things come up—it may just be for a second or two, or it may last several minutes, but we're praying and seeking the Lord. In Romans 12:12, the apostle Paul wrote, *"continuing instant in prayer,"* which speaks of the privilege that we have as believers to speak to the Creator of all things at any time we desire to do so.

We also need to understand that Satan fights the prayer life of believers as he fights nothing else. Why? Because prayer is the strength of the believer in the sense that it's where we receive our leading, guidance, and direction by the Holy Spirit. In prayer, we are addressing someone who can do anything for us absolutely anything—for with God all things are possible.

And don't forget about praise and worship, which is part of prayer. Here at the office, there are fast-moving days when important decisions need to be made, and those decisions have deadlines. I could allow such pressures to weigh me down, but instead I've learned to just stop and worship the Lord. There are other times when, throughout the day, I find myself just praising the Lord for His help, for His mercy, and for His grace toward me, my family, and this ministry. Again, it's not always for long periods of time. It may not be more than five minutes or ten minutes, but it's continuous, and it keeps me in touch with the Lord, and that is all prayer.

I have had Christians tell me that when they try to pray, after five or ten minutes, they run out of things to say to the Lord. If you think about it, not having much to say to someone that you claim you're close to is usually an indicator that something is wrong in that relationship. What would your spouse or your child or your friend think if you couldn't hold a five-minute conversation with them? Of course they would withdraw, and the relationship suffers.

It's the same with us and the Lord.

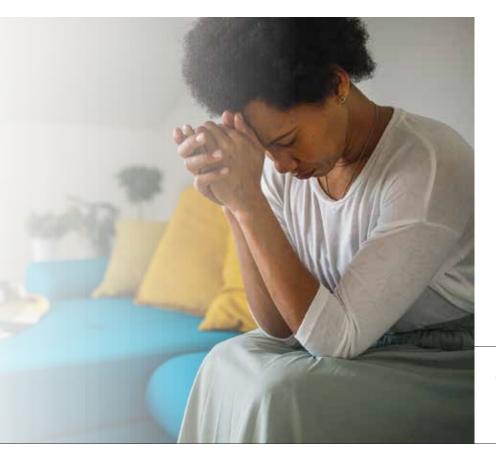
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Without prayer, there can be no proper communion with Him, and our relationship with Him is greatly hindered. This can result in spiritual stagnation, or worse.

If you find yourself struggling to pray, I would urge you to make a fresh start and begin your prayer time by first thanking the Lord. The Psalmist said, "*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name*" (Ps. 100:4).

Thank Him for saving you. Thank Him

for your family. Thank Him for the roof over your head. Thank Him for your car; it may not be the best vehicle on the road, but you're not walking. Thank Him for the clothes on your back. Thank Him for the food you have to eat; you're not going hungry. Thank Him for your job; it may not be the job you wanted, but it affords you to care for yourself or your family. Thank Him for the Holy Spirit who dwells within you, leads, and guides you. Thank Him that He can help you in decision-making. Thank Him that He



can help you learn and study the Bible. Thank Him because when you die, you're going straight to heaven where the Lord has prepared a place for you. And after thanking Him, just tell Him, "I love You, Lord. I love You." Express to Him your sincere gratitude and love for all He has done for you, and then wait for Him to respond—and He will respond.

So many Christians pray reactively, asking God only for what they need, but Jesus said, "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him" (Matt. 6:8). So prayer is not just petition. It includes worship, communion, fellowship, and consecration. It involves far more than just asking the Lord for something. Consider how the bond between a father and a child strengthens when that child says, with a full heart and open arms, "I love you, Dad." God is not a machine, He's a person, and He has feelings exactly as we have, although to a different degree. He wants communication with His children. So commit to a set prayer time each day and enter into it by thanking the Lord for all that He has done for you and then seek His guidance for direction and help. When you do, I believe you'll see your life change dramatically for the better. And don't listen to the devil say that you can't do it because you can—you can pray! 🐲

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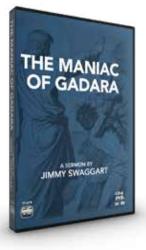
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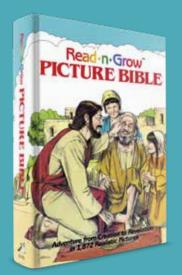
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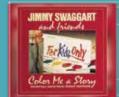
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### ARTICLE BY **Donnie Swaggart**

IN PART ONE of this study, we dealt with who the Holy Spirit is in the Godhead. Now let's look at some of the different names of the Holy Spirit.

# Who Is The Holy Spirit?

IN DESCRIBING THE person of the Holy Spirit, we must understand that names are important. Actually, in the Bible, a person's name was special and unique. The name Moses, for example, means "drawn out," specifically referring to the fact that he was drawn out of a place of death, the Nile River, which Pharaoh was going to use to drown all the newborn Hebrew boys. Methuselah's name means "It (the Deluge) shall be sent" when he is dead; and so it came to pass. A few weeks after his death, the flood destroyed the world. Noah's name means "rest," which Noah found in the safety of the ark.1

As you can see, names in the Bible are very descriptive. Now let's look at some of the names of the Holy Spirit. **THE SPIRIT OF GOD.** First Corinthians 3:16 states, *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"* In Isaiah 61, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the Spirit of the "Lord Jehovah" (Jehovah refers to the covenant-keeping God).

**THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD.** This is another name used to portray the Holy Spirit's relationship to deity (II Cor. 3:3). Paul used this title to call attention to the fact that his God was alive and real, while the pagan gods of the Corinthians were dead and false.

**THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON**. By use of this name, we are shown the relationship of the Spirit to Jesus Christ as used in Romans 8:9. This name is also found in Galatians 4:6 and, in Philippians 1:19, the name "Spirit of Jesus Christ" is used. This name points to the fact that the Holy Spirit glorifies Jesus Christ (John 16:14).

THE SPIRIT OF JUDGMENT. Isaiah 4:4 states, "When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgement, and by the spirit of burning." With the Holy Spirit involved with convicting, purging, purifying, consuming, etc., we see the aspect of judgment at work by the Holy Spirit.

### SPIRIT OF GRACE AND OF SUPPLICA-

**TIONS.** Zechariah 12:10 says, "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications." The Spirit of grace is that which brings us the love, the mercy, and the grace of our Lord. Supplications refer to petitions for help. This is what the Holy Spirit does when we pray.

SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE.

Ephesians 1:17 says, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,

### "The mission of the Comforter is to reveal the Son to the hearts of all who will believe."

may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." It is the Holy Spirit who gives us spiritual insight which brings wisdom and knowledge.

**SPIRIT OF THE FATHER.** Matthew 10:20, "For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you."

**THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.** Romans 8:9 says, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in

the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." He is called this because He is the Spirit sent by Christ to draw men into the kingdom.

**THE COMFORTER.** John 14:16, "*And I* will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." The word Comforter (in the Greek, parakletos) literally means, "One called to the side of another for the purpose of helping him in any way."

**THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE.** Luke 24:49 says, "And, behold, I send the prom*ise of my Father upon you*" (see also Galatians 3:14). He is called this because His grace and power is one of the outstanding blessings promised in the Old Testament (Ezekiel 36:27, Joel 2:28).

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. John 15:26 says, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." The mission of the Comforter is to reveal the Son to the hearts of all who will believe. As the Spirit of Truth, He also superintends truth—God's Word.

**SPIRIT OF HOLINESS.** Romans 1:4, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." The Holy Spirit desires to draw us closer to Christ in order to develop an inner beauty within us, which is holiness.

**SPIRIT OF LIFE.** Romans 8:2 says, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Without the Holy Spirit, there is no life in the services; there is no joy. He brings life.

**SPIRIT OF ADOPTION.** Romans 8:15, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Only through the Lord Jesus, by the person of the Holy Spirit, are we adopted into the family of God.

There are other names and expressions used to identify the Holy Spirit that give us insight into His nature and function, but the ones I have mentioned are the most important.

Next month, I will deal with the symbols of the Holy Spirit.

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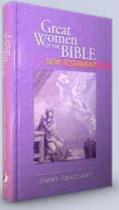


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### ARTICLE BY Gabriel Swaggart

Jimmy Swaggart Bible College is more than just an institution of academic achievement and spiritual development, we are preparing the next generation of leaders.

# What Sets JSBC Apart

I REALIZE THAT other Bible colleges make this same claim, so let me tell you what sets JSBC apart.

JSBC is not affiliated with any denomination, but rather a movement, a work, founded on the message of this ministry—the message of the cross. What makes JSBC unique is that everything we teach, be it English, science, history, or the book of Romans, is taught through the prism of the cross.

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### FACULTY

When I took over as president of this college, my vision for JSBC expanded on the original vision my grandfather had—to create a Spirit-filled environment that would serve as a training ground for harvest workers in every area of ministry. To accomplish this, we believed God to send us more professors who would meet our qualifications for faculty members: ordained by God, anointed by the Holy Spirit, ministry that demonstrated what we believe, and work experience in academia.

And God brought them. We now have professors with degrees from Lee University, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of North Texas, Southwestern Assemblies of God University, and Oral Roberts University—a diversity of scholars who are 100 percent aligned with the message of the cross—a message that permeates every-thing we do here.

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Accreditation is a process that takes, on average, a decade to complete. It is a necessary, rigorous process, and we understand that. With the help of our Vice President of Institutional Compliance, Dr. Jimmy DuPree, we are doing all we can to meet each requirement and accelerate this process.

God has a timing for everything, and I believe that God is moving JSBC forward on His timeline from where it was in the 1980s (which is where it needed to be then), to where we are now, to where JSBC is headed in the years to come. If we try to rush it, it won't work; and if we lag behind, we'll miss it, which is why I continue to pray for God's wisdom, leading, and guidance.



### **NEXT STEPS**

Whether you're a senior year in high school or a seasoned minister of the gospel, you might be wondering what your next step should be. Let me help you with that. As believers, it's imperative that we know and understand the will of God for our lives, at each point in life. And His will isn't always made known to us all at once. Sometimes, He breaks it down and gives it to us a little at a time, here and there, nudging us in the right direction.

Anything that will help you to not only understand the Word of God more, but also teach and minister the Word of God is worth its weight in gold. This is where JSBC comes into play. When you come to our campus here in Baton Rouge, we believe three things will happen (and we believe it because we've seen it happen again and again): you will have an experience with God, you will be taught how to live for God, and, if you come here with an open and hungry heart, God is going to show you what He wants you to do and confirm what He has called you to do.

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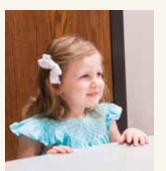












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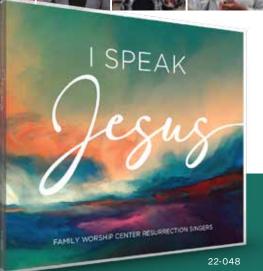
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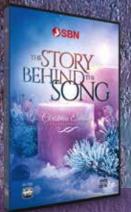
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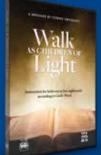
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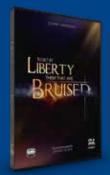
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To all at JSM, first of all, thank you so much for your ministry and obedience to what God has set for you to do. I have loved your ministry since the mid-1980s. Brother Jimmy's music and preaching have always blessed me. These days, as much as possible, I have SBN playing constantly all day long. To be able to do this keeps me going. To constantly have the Word getting into my spirit and physical body is ... who I truly am and have always been this way since I gave my heart to the Lord when I was ten years old. Thank you all once again. To Brother Jimmy, thank you so much for your faithfulness to the Father. God has blessed you and your ministry for your faithfulness. Thank you also for your openness to the Spirit to listen to God and being obedient to bringing across the message of the cross. What else is there if our faith and preaching is based and founded on anything else—it is not the true gospel. So thank you to all who are involved in JSM and SBN. You make watching TV no longer a waste of time. May God continue to bless each and every one of you, abundantly, over and above all that you could ever imagine. Not just thirty-fold, Father, bless this ministry a hundred-fold and more. Thank you for their faithfulness. -AUSTRALIA



Hello Pastor Gabriel, I was watching one of your old broadcasts over this past weekend, and at the end of the broadcast, you mentioned that you had been waiting for a move of God for about fourteen years. I just wanted to say, my grandmother, somewhere, somehow came in contact with your grandfather, Pastor Jimmy Swaggart, in her lifetime. She lived to be 110 years of age! She was born in 1898 and died in December 2008. I remembered seeing the magazine, The Evangelist, on her coffee table. It wasn't until you said something about waiting on the power that God brought that back to my memory. I never knew which minister the magazine belonged to till now. She wasn't sick when she passed, she was just tired of living. All her friends were gone, but she went out praising God when she passed! May your grandparents see the blessing of long life in their lifetime. God bless you. -EMAIL

We've been tuning in to the channel for years. We have bought items that are advertised on the channel, and we have donated to this ministry. We are a couple of ministers from Puerto Rico. My husband is fifty-five years old, and I am forty-three. For years I prayed for God to do justice and that this ministry would once again be seen and recognized worldwide. We are happy with

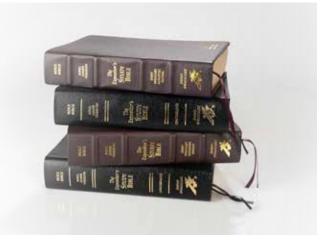
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what God has done and what He is doing at JSM. When we leave our home, we leave the television on the Jimmy Swaggart channel so that our house is filled with praise to God! There is no worship like that of JSM. It is wonderful to see that for so many years these ministers have remained faithful and have joined each other for what our God wants to do. **—PUERTO RICO** 

**I just want** to say thanks for traveling the Word so comprehensively; I feel like am in Bible studies every day! I have been following Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's ministry since I was fourteen years old in the island of Grenada, West Indies. Now I live in New York, and I'm in my fifties. It's such a blessing to be learning so much and being blessed by the preaching, singing, and teachings. They are amazing. God bless you all. Keep up the great work. —NEW YORK

I love and appreciate you and your beautiful family more than words can express. I have been a follower of Brother Swaggart since the late 1970s, and I consider Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart to be the greatest mentor a child of God could ever have. I've owned The Expositor's Study Bible for many years now, and I can promise anyone that it "I keep several copies in my office, and I pray for God to lead me to people who are truly hungry for truth, and I give them one of these great Bibles."



will help them understand the Word of God better than they ever thought possible. I keep several copies in my office, and I pray for God to lead me to people who are truly hungry for truth, and I give them one of these great Bibles. I cannot recommend it enough to every Christian in the world. I love to give to the Bible-thon, and I thank God daily for the spreading of this great work around the world. —EMAIL

Let me tell you how much your network has blessed me. I've been praying fervently for this day to come, suffering through some awful things our dear apostle Paul said not to relate. But suffice it to say, I have been so blessed by coming onboard your ministry that first, I've got to give God all the praise and credit for giving me this opportunity that it just overwhelms me every day to tears. I'm glad to have been led by our Savior to have experienced your love for me and how your love has changed my life completely and thoroughly so that I am free from the darkness that so threatened my relationship with the Lord and, of course, with the world and with the devil and with Christians. I have fallen in love with Jesus again like I did as a little boy hearing the gospel for the very first time. Thank you for being the conduit for me between the Lord and me. -EMAIL





### ARTICLE BY Dr. Don Paul Gray

"And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep." –I SAMUEL 3:2-3

## Has The Fire Of Pentecost Gone Out in many pentecostal churches?

ABOUT SEVEN YEARS ago, Donna and I resigned our pastoral duties in North Texas and returned to Baton Rouge to teach here at Jimmy Swaggart Bible College and to preach once in a while, at the invitation of Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, at Family Worship Center. After being here a while, I was asked to be a panel member on Frances & Friends. I was also asked to help on The Message of the Cross, and A Study In The Word. Being on these programs, which air on SBN, I have heard first-hand from hundreds of faithful Pentecostal believers and church members in respect to the Pentecostal churches they attend. Often, we hear sincere, dedicated Pentecostal church members say, "Something has happened to our church. The Holy Spirit is not moving in our church like He used to move." Some of them tell us that the gifts of the Spirit are no longer allowed in the services. They complain, "Our new pastor stopped it." Also, many

Pentecostal pastors seldom give altar calls anymore. Some call in to *Frances & Friends* and say, "Our preacher is just not anointed anymore; it has been months since anyone has been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

Pastors and lay leaders, this ought not be happening in Pentecostal churches. Are we a real Spirit-filled Pentecostal movement or not? Have we forgotten Azusa Street? Has the fire of Pentecost gone out in many of our Pentecostal churches? Are pastors and denominational leaders who oversee Pentecostal movements doing anything to stir up Holy Ghost revival in our churches? Are Pentecostal Bible colleges stirring up our Bible college students for real revival? Do Pentecostal college professors and leaders want Holy Ghost revival? Do Pentecostal pastors want real, biblically-based Holy Ghost revival? Remember what happened at Asbury Theological Seminary

in February of 2023? It should be happening in Pentecostal colleges, I believe.

### WHAT HAPPENED AT SHILOH IN THE DAYS OF ELI AND SAMUEL

When you open the Scriptures to I Samuel, the tabernacle and the ark of the covenant is not in Jerusalem, but in Shiloh. The village of Shiloh is north of Jerusalem and south of Mount Gerizim. The



## "Pastors, lay leaders, are we keeping the lamps of God in the houses of God full of oil, shining bright?"

assigned priest of the tabernacle was Eli, aided by his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas—two sons who lived very ungodly lives. Within the holy room of the tabernacle were three pieces of furniture that required daily attention: the altar of shewbread, the altar of incense, and the golden lampstand, having seven lamp bowls that needed fresh oil.

In I Samuel 3:3, we read "And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was." This large golden lampstand had to be serviced with fresh oil every day to burn brightly all night and into the next day. If fresh oil was not brought to the tabernacle every afternoon, then the fire could burn up the oil, and there would be darkness in the holy room.

When the prophet Samuel sits down to write the history of Israel, he remembers that specific night in his childhood when God called him to the prophetic ministry. On that night, while sleeping in the tabernacle, Samuel remembers that the light was very dim. He knew that Eli and his

sons had not brought in fresh oil to the tabernacle. I Samuel 3:3 reads "And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD." Pastors, lay leaders, are we keeping the lamps of God in the houses of God full of oil, shining bright? Is the oil of the Holy Spirit being poured out in our churches every Sunday? Are we taking time, weekly, to have old-fashioned Holy Ghost prayer vigils? Are we fasting and praying for another Azusa Street outpouring? It is the sacred responsibility and duty of pastors and lay leaders to bring fresh oil daily into the house of God. Also, worship leaders must be full of the Spirit as well.

In Matthew 24, Jesus gives the parable in respect to the kingdom of heaven being likened unto ten virgins. Five, who kept their vessels full of oil, were wise; and five, who allowed their oil to burn out, were foolish. In Matthew 25:8, the five foolish virgins cried out, "*Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*" The bridegroom showed up, and the door was shut. Pastors, have we (not our members), allowed the fire of Pentecost to burn out in our churches?

Friends, do you remember what happened in Acts 2:2-4? After praying for ten days, the 120, including the eleven disciples, were in the upper room, in one accord, "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Wow! The fire of heaven, yes the fresh oil of heaven fell on those 120, and they were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and they went out and changed their world for Christ.

I think that the Pentecostal church needs to start singing that song that Charles D. Tillman wrote in 1895:

They were in an upper chamber They were all with one accord, When the Holy Ghost descended, As was promised by the Lord.

O Lord, send the pow'r just now, O Lord, send the pow'r just now, O Lord, send the pow'r just now, And baptize ev'ry one.

Yes, may the fire and the oil of the Holy Spirit come to the Pentecostal church again. Second Chronicles 7:14 declares, "If my people ... shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways," then God will hear and send a mighty revival to our churches and to our nation.





#### ARTICLE BY Loren Larson

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit." –PSALM 51:10-12



# A Cry for Change

#### REVIEW

In Part One, we spoke of David's cry for change as recorded in the text above. David seems to understand that repentance is not the same as deliverance. After being assured his sins are forgiven, he then cries out to God to transform his inner man. David understands that if his heart is not changed, the same sins were likely to be repeated in a new setting.

David's cry focuses upon five key words: create, renew, rely, restore, and uphold. Create indicates David's understanding and dependence upon the creative power of God to change the interior of his heart. Renew deals with the never-ending process of renovation. This involves the spiritual renewal of the believer's inner man, his heart, his thoughts, his will, etc. There are old things removed and new things installed. This is a work that only God can do. The last three key words are rely, restore, and uphold. Let's take a closer look at what each thought implies.

#### RELY

In the new covenant believer, it is the person of the Holy Spirit who accomplishes the transformation in the inner man. The Holy Spirit is given to every born-again believer at the time of conversion. The work of changing an individual into the image of Christ begins immediately. It is the Holy Spirit alone who can accomplish the task. He is God. And He is able to accomplish what no amount of religious activity could ever hope to accomplish. There must be a reliance upon the Holy Spirit to perform the surgery upon the heart that results in Christ likeness. David cries out and requests that the Holy Spirit not be taken from him. It is uncertain if David truly understood what would be available in the new covenant regarding the transforming power

and presence of the Holy Spirit. But in any case, he reveals his reliance upon the Holy Spirit to change him. He is not depending upon his own disciplines, education, talents and abilities, or position in the kingdom to bring about the needed changes. Today we too must lay aside all hope of the flesh. Flesh cannot fix flesh. Only the Holy Spirit can accomplish within us what is needed. He works exclusively within the framework of the finished work of Christ. As the believer continually trusts in Christ, who He is and what He's done, the Holy Spirit continues the task until the sculpting of the inner man is accomplished. When He is done, the very life of Christ is displayed

## "The world consistently pulls at us to participate with it in rebellion against God."

through the person of the one who has been changed. We must rely upon the work of the Holy Spirit.

#### RESTORE

David seeks for a restoration of joy. The statement that he makes is important to look at carefully. He does not say, restore unto me the joy of my salvation. Instead, he asks the Lord to restore the joy of "thy" salvation. The immediate joy of salvation experienced has been testified to by multiple millions down through the years who have accepted Christ. The instantaneous peace and joy that fills the heart cannot be compared to any other emotion or experience. This is not a redemption that we

have accomplished in and of ourselves. The joy of God's salvation is only realized when the believing sinner comes to the end of himself and rests entirely upon the finished work of Christ. Then and only then can true joy be realized. Salvation is not earned, and it is not gained by religious works. It is freely given. Jesus encouraged the people of His day, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). He went on to say, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:30). One can only experience the joy of the Lord when he or she is resting in what God has provided for us in Christ. It is this joy and confidence that David is looking for. When we fail God, chances are we have operated outside of God's provision. We have tried to live the Christian experience in our own strength, counting on our own abilities. While these attributes can be good, they are unable to provide us with the victory that we need. It is only when we learn to rest in Christ and abide in Him by faith that the provision of God may be truly experienced. Here we will find peace, joy, and rest, as we find ourselves trusting and relying upon the finished work of Christ. This is where the joy of

"His" salvation continually permeates our soul. David is asking that the "just saved" feeling be restored.

#### UPHOLD

Last of all, David asks that he be upheld by the Lord. The term uphold in the text literally means "to be sustained." A believer in today's world is constantly under attack. There are spiritual forces that rage constant war against us. Even the flesh can desire something in our lives that God doesn't want us to have. The world consistently pulls at us to participate with it in rebellion against God. There is no quarter given. There is no let up. The continual barrage can wear down even the strongest among us. David asks for the strength of the Lord to take ahold of him, to support him, to grasp hold and not let go of him. David understands that in his own strength, he will not be able to travel through the daily attacks of the enemies that surround him. The Bible tells us, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). When we realize that the God who raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us and that that same power is available to uphold us, we can walk forward in confidence. The battle may be hard, but the Holy Spirit within is greater than the enemy. As we trust in Christ, He will uphold us through it all. *\** 

There must be a reliance upon the Holy Spirit to perform the surgery upon the heart that results in Christ likeness.



#### ARTICLE BY John Rosenstern

Without the United States, Israel would be isolated in the world. The tiny Jewish state is badly outnumbered by its many adversaries. There are ideological forces at work to undermine U.S. support for Israel.

PART XIV

# **Cultural Revolution**

IN THE CONFLICT with Israel and the Palestinians, the American public has historically sided with Israel, but the balance of opinion is now shifting from Israel to the Palestinians among millennials. Among baby boomers there is still a larger margin of Israeli sympathizers than that of the younger millennial generation. Indeed, the youngest adults, Gen Z, move even further away from supporting Israel than the slightly older millennials. Is the shift from Israel to the Palestinians a result of the "power of woke" culture? Identity politics seems to play an important role with the younger generations. Being left or right, progressive/liberal or conservative is of far more consequence today than in past decades. Identity politics is extensively salient in terms of thinking about power and social organization and shapes how many Americans identify themselves. Today, political and cultural identities have shaped attitudes toward Israel and, more particularly, the rise of woke culture, as it is now called.

#### LOOKING BACK

Looking back at the late 1950s, 1960s and into the 1970s and 1980s, Israel was more popular among American liberals than conservatives. Images of Kibbutzim—Democratic socialism and American folksingers visiting and supporting Israel—contributed to Israel's notable standing among American liberals. Today we are in a situation where the right is far more pro-Israel than the left. According to a Gallup poll taken in March 2022, Republicans sympathize more with Israelis (77 percent) than with Palestinians (13 percent)—a 64 percentage-point difference. Democrats are statistically divided, with 40 percent favoring Israel and 38 percent the Palestinians.<sup>1</sup> In line with these current patterns, conservatives see Israel as a sovereign democracy rather than an illegal land occupier. Among progressives, the image of Israel as an occupier outpaces the idea of Israel as a sovereign nation with the right to defend herself.

#### WOKE VIEW

Political identity has a polarizing effect on society. The rising woke culture ideology creates a predisposition to view the world as divided between the powerless and the powerful, the oppressed and the oppressors, villains and victims, and to attribute disparities among peoples and groups to perceived powerful differentials and to assign moral superiority to the oppressed. From this Marxist perspective, woke advocates further advance their ideology by claiming the oppression/ oppressed binary is the only acceptable explanation for why some groups of people thrive more than others in our society. Advocates of the woke culture condemn any other explanations, hence the term *cancel culture*. The roots of woke ideology can be found in postmodernism. In this context, postmodern thought holds that knowledge is not objective-the end justifies the means-but is socially constructed to maintain oppressive systems of power. This construct is similar to that of Edward

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Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin expressed his appreciation for Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's unwavering support of Israel.

Bernays, the author of *Propaganda*. Bernays advised early postmodernist proponents like Woodrow Wilson. Bernays was the nephew of Sigmund Freud. Bernays wrote, "The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power in our country...If we understand the mechanism and motives of the group mind, it is now possible to control and regiment the masses according to our will without them knowing it."

Bernays supplied advice to major corporations, universities, and politicians. To politicians he wrote, "It is not necessary for the politician to be the slave of the public group prejudices, if he can learn how to mold the mind of the voters in conformity with his own ideas of public welfare and public service. The important thing for the statesman of our age is not so much to know how to please the public, but to know how to sway the public. Those who manipulate this unseen mechanism of society constitute an invisible government which is the true ruling power of our country."<sup>2</sup>

According to postmodern theory, every aspect of society has been permeated by oppressive powers and is thereby difficult to recognize because it is so well imbedded into our lives. Postmodernists argue victims of oppression have sole authentic insight into these hidden forces and are thus uniquely qualified to define and comment on them for the rest of society. Within this framework, postmodernists tie knowledge to identity and an individual's perceived position in society in relation to power. The outcome of postmodernism in society is divisiveness at every level. Packages of ideas and attitudes must be adopted wholesale if one is not to fall in disfavor. For example, Democrats are more habitually liberal and progressive while Republicans become more conservative. The woke ideology has used moral issues to create political sides. Favoring critical race theory, favoring diversity, equity, and inclusion, seeing gender as fluid rather than fixed, viewing people of color and LGBT individuals as having too little power, and seeing white people benefit from privilege-these are characteristic of how woke a person is. Woke ideology also represents an existential threat to Israel. The groups associated with lower levels of support for Israel are also groups that are more populous among younger rather than older adults. It is fair to reason that we should anticipate further erosion in support of Israel in the years to come.

#### WOKE AND ISRAEL

Attitudes toward Israel are now part of the liberal or conservative packages that partisans must uniformly adopt. Backing Israel has become a conservative value. To be on the left means that one cannot support and be ideologically pure. To be liberal today means real disdain for people of faith and their rights to religious liberty, including support for Israel. Generally speaking, the emergent narratives masterfully label society but ignore the reality of how individuals view things. We have reached a critical threshold in society. We have been labeled and conditioned what to think instead of how to think. If our world view is not derived from the Bible, then we will not be able to understand and discern what is really going on around us. Israel can only be understood from a spiritual position. America must retain its favorable views toward Israel. To oppose Israel is to oppose the Lord.

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#### ARTICLE BY Mike Muzzerall

God is a good, good God. Whatever we experience in this world, we must remember, God is good. He watches over His children. He leads and guides His children in the path He wants us to go. Those who place their faith in the completed work of Calvary can say without a shadow of doubt, "The Lord will do me good."

## The Lord Will Do Me Good

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#### **MICAH'S DECLARATION**

Micah states, "*Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest*" (Judges 17:13). The book of Judges begins after the death of Joshua and continues to the birth of Samuel. It records what happens when men take their eyes off of God.

#### AND THERE WAS NO KING

Judges 17:6 says, "*In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*" Without strong leadership, they relied on their own intellect to decide how to approach God. What was right in their eyes was not always right in God's eyes. Many pastors today present what is right in their own eyes, but is it? Does it line up with God's Word, or are they presenting another Jesus, another gospel, another spirit (II Cor. 11:4)?

#### **MICAH SEEKS GOD'S GOODNESS**

The tabernacle had been established at Shiloh by Joshua. For over 300 years it served as the center of Israel's worship of God. And yet, Micah sought to establish his own place of worship. He sought to establish his own means of obtaining God's goodness.

#### **HOUSE OF IDOLS**

Micah replaced the tabernacle with his own chapel. "And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest (These images, together with the ephod, teraphim, and priests suggest that this domestic chapel was a corrupt imitation of the Tabernacle. All was contrary to the Word of God...)" (Judges 17:5, The Expositor's Study Bible).

## "...Calvary is the one place where all must come to benefit from the sacrifice of the Lamb of God."

#### **HIS OWN PERSONAL LEVITE**

He then added a Levite: "And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest" (Judges 17:12-13). All priests were Levites but not all Levites were priests. You had to be a direct descendant of Aaron to be a priest. There is no mention that this Levite had descended from Aaron. Nevertheless, this Levite was not permitted to sacrifice on behalf of Micah even though Micah sought the goodness of God. Micah was supposed to bring his sacrifice to the tabernacle.

#### **ONLY THROUGH THE CROSS**

Just as the tabernacle was the one place that all were to bring their sacrifices, Calvary is the one place where all must come

to benefit from the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Churches who circumvent the Christ of the cross and the cross of Christ are imitating Micah. They are seeking God's goodness apart from God's Son.

#### THE LORD WILL DO ME GOOD

Micah declared, "The LORD will do me good." He felt that he deserved God's goodness because he established a chapel and had anointed his own Levite. He felt he was keeping the law. He was not. His actions were contrary to the law even though his intentions seemed sincere.

We are blessed through the completed work of Calvary the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ. There's no other way. By placing our faith in the one who kept the law, we keep the law. We can therefore confidently say, "The Lord will do me good." 🚿



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EVALUATING THE PROBLEM — Why are so many young people leaving Christianity behind once they leave high school?

## Linking Arms to Evangelize and Disciple the Next Generation

RECENTLY, I WAS reading a short article in a Christian magazine where the author offered a suggestion as to why the dropout rate in Christianity is so high once a student leaves high school and goes off to college. Statistics tell us that nearly 70 percent of high school students will leave Christianity behind after attending at least one year of college. To put that into perspective, if one hundred, eighteen-year-old Christians leave for college, after one year only thirty of them will maintain their faith. This isn't an issue to gloss over or ignore; this is something worth our time to address. The author of this article correlated Christianity to the community of the Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints-Mormonism. The point is, that specific religious community works overtime to not only teach the next generation what to believe, but also give them purpose to carry out that faith in the world. One of the top five reasons young people state for leaving the Christian faith

is feeling they don't have a meaningful connection within the Christian community. Our youth need to know that they aren't the church of tomorrow. If they are born-again, they are the church of today. If we fail to instill that within the next generation, then there will be no church of tomorrow.

## REPRIORITIZING CHRISTIANITY IN THE CHURCH AND THE HOME

I understand that a person's commitment to Christ is his own responsibility. There is no reason that is a good reason to walk away from Jesus Christ. However, could it be that we have presented the gospel as a part of a child's life rather than his or her whole life? Could it be that we have made Christianity equal to academic success and athletic success? In other words, have we suggested to the next generation that Christianity, academic success are equally important? How have we, as the church and the family unit, prioritized the gospel? In evaluating modern Christianity, one thing I've identified is that faith is not often practiced in the realm of personal evangelism. We encourage people heavily to believe God for financial benefits, health benefits, and even ways to support the church, and all of that is correct. However, we need to also encourage members of the body of Christ that our primary objective in this lifetime is to win souls into the kingdom of God. That responsibility does not belong solely to the pastor, the evangelist, the apostle, or a certain gifting; it belongs to every member of the body of Christ. This needs to be encouraged in the church and replicated inside the home. Our priorities need to change.

#### **COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the responsibility of the believing community to prioritize the gospel in the hearts and minds of the next generation. The Old Testament implicitly

## "We have the responsibility of prioritizing discipleship and evangelism in the church and in the home."

calls on the family to prioritize the role of discipleship in the home (Deut. 6:4-9) and gives a catastrophic warning regarding failure to minister to the next generation (Joshua 24; Judges 2:10). The New Testament carries on this thought with instructions for the family unit (Eph. 5:22-6:4) and instructions for the community to faithfully communicate the gospel to the next generation (Titus 2:1-7). We have a responsibility in the church and the home to adequately disciple our youth to carry on the work of God today. The concept of discipleship is important to understand. In Jesus' day, we find that discipleship was not only a practice of passing on information from teacher to pupil, but also examining those practices played out in the teacher's life. The disciples learned not

only what Jesus thought about God, but they also personally watched him live that out in the world they lived in. If we are going to adequately disciple the next generation, then we must not only tell them what we think the Bible says, but also live out what we say the Bible says. We must prioritize discipleship of the next generation in the church and in the home through what we teach and how we live.

## LINK ARMS TO EVANGELIZE AND DISCIPLE THE NEXT GENERATION

If we want the next generation to be committed disciples of Jesus Christ, then they must see committed disciples of Jesus Christ both in the church and in the home. We have the responsibility of prioritizing discipleship and evangelism



in the church and in the home. The only way to effectively instill long-lasting commitment to Christ in the next generation is to not only teach them what they should be for Christ, but also demonstrate through our lives what they should be for Jesus Christ. Then we must give them the opportunity to live out their faith by evangelizing their peers and using their gifts to help edify the body of Christ.

There is a young man from Atlanta, Texas, and while he was in middle school, God began to deal with him about reaching his friends at school. One day God told him to stop playing at recess and to start preaching on the playground. At first, he thought that people would make fun of him, and he wasn't sure if it was God. One day, he asked God, "Is this really what You want me to do?" God told him, "If you will take a stand for Me, then I will take a stand for you." He started preaching on his playground, and all of the students started dropping everything they were doing to stand around and listen. This doesn't have to be a one in a thousand situation if we will link arms together to disciple the next generation. Pastors, youth pastors, and parents have to come together to prioritize discipling the next generation with gospel of Jesus Christ. 35

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### FROM ME TO YOU | Jimmy Swaggart

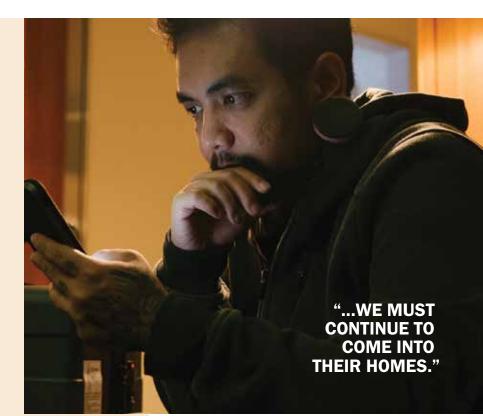
#### WHAT THE LORD SPOKE TO MY HEART

The other day, while preparing for a share-a-thon, the Lord spoke to my heart. He said, "Inform the people of the following: The only church that many people will have is that which comes through SBN."

In many countries of the world, the gospel is not free. In other words, we've had people to write us and tell us, "If the authorities knew that I was watching your programming, they would kill me." That's quite a statement, but it happens to be true. When a person realizes that he's putting his life on the line—and that's

the price he would have to pay if he were overheard hearing the gospel—it becomes quite stupendous regarding what we have to say as preachers of the gospel.

Many of these people do not give anything toward the expenses of SBN. They simply don't have the money. But we must continue to come into their homes, wherever those homes are, with this great and glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.



#### THE MOST IMPORTANT

In fact, the most important thing in the world is the gospel of Jesus Christ. There is nothing that can take the place of the gospel. That's why we go on every network in the world that we can, because of the significance of the gospel.

#### **THE GOSPEL**

Here in America, we don't think much about it. Most of us have any number of Bibles in our homes, and rightly so. Most of us have any number of

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churches that we can attend if we want to. But in some places of the world, that is not the case. In fact, there are many places where the gospel is not free. And if we had to do without the gospel for any length of time, then we would realize just how wonderful, how glorious, how necessary that this message is.

Some time ago I received a letter from a dear brother. He said every week he would go to a neighbor's house who had a television set, and he would cut a cord of wood for them so that he might watch the program. And when I say, "watch the program," he was actually standing outside, looking through the window—that's how he watched it. But it was so dear to him, so precious to him, that irrespective of the hard labor he had to go through, he was willing to do it just to hear the message.

When we ask for your help, how thankful we are for your generosity in sharing with us what God has done for you, in our effort to take the gospel to the world.

#### **FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

Somebody told me the other day, "If you wouldn't be on so many foreign stations, then it wouldn't cost as much money." They're right. It wouldn't cost as much, but then the gospel wouldn't reach people in those places, period.

There are some few places in the world where we can't go on because it's too expensive; we just can't do it. But, at the same time, every place that we are on, we feel that we're getting our money's worth—that it is performing a work in the hearts and lives of individuals who love Jesus Christ. Ladies and gentlemen, "*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations*," Jesus said, "And then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14).

#### THE WHOLE WORLD

Do you realize that this ministry is touching most of the world today? In other words, if a person in whatever nation you could name wants to hear the gospel, then we are providing that gospel for them. And thank God for the many who do hear it.

And yet, even here in America, it is the same thing. Just today, Frances was telling me about our program this morning, *The Message of the Cross*. The Spirit of God moved in a mighty and a powerful way. I couldn't really speak to the people for weeping. As well, I gave an invitation for people to be saved, and I am convinced that many were. Let me tell you this, sad to say, there is a dearth of the gospel even here in America. Oh, there's a lot of religion being preached, but it's not much where the Spirit of God moves in a mighty way, which means that whatever spiritual nourishment the people are getting is coming from SBN. That's not true for every program, thank the Lord, but it is true for most. In other words, despite the grand effort, still, there is only a small part that goes out that could be called the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

I wish to thank you so very, very much for helping us to keep the gospel coming to the world. It's so very, very important, and I think you know that.

Let me say it again, for every dollar that you give, you can understand that somewhere in the world people who look so much forward to the telecast are thrilled and happy when it comes on the air, and their soul is fed. Nothing can be greater than that.

Again, I thank you for helping us, for supporting us, for standing with us, and for providing church, which is the only church that many people will ever have. That's how important this is.

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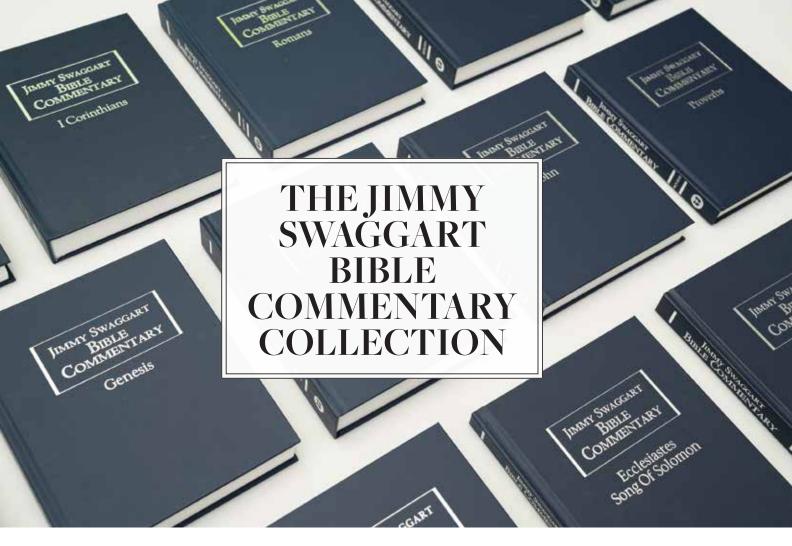


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