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When a Nation Sins

By **Sis. Charlotte Huskey**

Ezekiel 14:12-14, "The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it. Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God."

Very few, if anyone, reading this has lived during a famine. Our stores and warehouses are filled with food. Most of our pantries and refrigerators have food in them and could have much more if buyers would spend their money for bulk grains instead of quick fix foods. What do people do when there is no food anywhere in the land? They do whatever it takes to get food. What did the people in Israel do? They ate the leaves and bark off the trees. They ate animal hide and boiled bones and drank the broth. They bought animal dung and ate that. They fought over a few bites of food, sometimes taking it out of another's mouth. During some famines, women have roasted their babies and eaten them. What do countries do when famine leaves the people nothing but walking skeletons? They do whatever they can to get food. Even to becoming slaves to oppressive leaders. We Ameri-

cans think we are starving after we have missed a few meals. What do you think we would do after a month without a bite of food and not another bite in sight? Are we any different than others? We also have a body which demands food daily.

What were the grievous sins that caused God to allow destruction to come on the Israelites? The predominate sin was idolatry. Did God abhor idolatry only because He is a jealous God? No! He also abhorred the sexual sins that were a part of idol worship. God loves people, and these sins cause men, women and children sickness, heartache and many other miseries. He created man so He could love and commune with people. God had already created all the beautiful things of nature and the animals. However, this did not totally satisfy God's heart. He created man and then He was satisfied, so He rested. But He is not satisfied when men are surrendering to their passions, causing heartache and misery for those around them.

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articles by Monica Murphey

Serving God's true children everywhere - God's church

Many kings of Israel allowed idol worship. King Solomon allowed his wives to bring it in. His son, Rehoboam, "built high places, and images and groves on every high hill and under every green tree" and he allowed sodomy in the land (I Kings 14: 23) Asa, his son, "took away the sodomites and removed all the idols that his fathers had made" (I Kings 15:12.) Jehoshaphat also removed sodomy (homosexuality), (I Kings 22:46.) God blessed the people during those years, but there was much suffering when these sins were allowed. We all know that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because they were given over to this ungodly passion. They were also cities of suffering. God said, "The cry is great...because their sin is very grievous." Strangers could not even visit the city without being molested. (Genesis 18:20;19:1-5.)

For fear of losing his people, King Jeroboam built two golden calves for worship so the people would not go to the temple in Jerusalem for worship. Then he made priests (leaders) of the lowest of the people. God sent a prophet to warn Jeroboam, and he rent the altar on which sacrifices to the calves were made. When Jeroboam reached out to catch the prophet and punish him, Jeroboam's arm stiffened until the prophet prayed for him. All this was to show the king that he was doing evil, but he paid no attention. Later God destroyed his family from the earth. (I Kings 13:33.)

Americans have many idols: beauty, wealth, fame, sports, religion, the green earth and its creatures, etc. A great percentage of people are worshipping a golden calf. Of course it is not shaped like a calf. But many are so possessed with the covetous spirit that they will do almost anything for money; kill defenseless babies, sell their own bodies, influence innocent children to buy drugs, steal from the senile, and cheat in countless ways just to get another dollar. This list could be almost endless. All these things are being done because people are grasping for money. This and all other idols are in people's

hearts as spoken of in Ezekiel 14. is however idolatry, just as worshipping images of sticks or stones. To every person who has an idol in his heart, God says, "I will set my face against that man... and I will cut him off... and ye shall know that I am the Lord." Verse 8.

Jeremiah 14:15-18, "Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name and I sent them not, yea they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out...I will pour their wickedness upon them. Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them. Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach...If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine! Yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not."

Many preachers and leaders are trying to assure us that conditions in our country will soon be fine again. However, according to God's Word, America is headed for trouble because of our grievous sins; homosexuality, abortion, idolatry, greed, blasphemy, disrespect for authority, etc. We hear many voices crying "Change! Change! We will change things in America and everyone will have plenty. There will be homes for the homeless, food and clothing for the poor, free education for the ambitious, medicine for the sick, peace with other nations, and freedom to live in homosexuality and kill the defenseless." But God says in I Thessalonians 5:3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

Sin has been in the world since the beginning. However God has always blessed those nations which respected Him and His precepts and brought to punishment those who dared to

Editorial

In a day when views leave youth empty, without purpose and identity; when world orders diminish worth of honor, personhood, accountability, God, justice, order, and fairplay; it is all of our responsibilities to present time proven truths that will uplift, deliver, direct, and shine light today. May the legacy that we are entrusted with be proclaimed by every means possible to those that need it most. We are so responsible!

This is the hour to support missions at home and around the world. Let us redouble our efforts to boost those who have been faithfully spending themselves.

This is also the hour to detach ourselves more from the distractions of materialism, self image, and position. It is the time to mentor the children around us! Let us teach them how to obtain Eternal Life. Let them catch the fervor they need from us. God designed family. Families can worship together. Give your children an intensity that can light their lamps. Help them be acquainted with God for themselves.

Let us give ear and pray for the many efforts for good that would point us to God, upright conduct, and good choices. There are weapons of spiritual warfare that we need to become skilled with to press against spirits that are in array all around us.

The treasures of the church are the cast down, down trodden, the poor, the youngest, the frail, the unvisited, the bewildered, and those misled, abused, and enslaved by vice and otherwise. They need to hear and be ministered to--to be saved. Let us lift up our eyes to see as God sees. "Without a vision" these people perish. This is the watch to which we have come. "Go ye unto all the world"---preach the gospel---publish and proclaim truth. Do it with your whole heart. Do what little thing God gives each of us to do with His aid. Give the Lord your best, your all,---your life. The harvest truly is great.

Enclosed in this little paper is a wonderful collection of articles depicting His call to each of us. Opportunity is knocking---we can do more. The Lord wants the whole world to be saved. This is His heart. The calling is great and

"the laborers are few". Let us do all we can; let us give more; let us fervantly pray. God give us a vision that the people not perish!

The enemy wants to divide and conquer. Let us press over our defense mechanisms and personalities, until God can be lifted up and the needy hear the life giving message! Let us help one another make Heaven.

"We Need Each Other Brethren" (ELS #509)

-- Nelson Doolittle

Is There Not a Cause?

Why are the forces of darkness today expending untold energy and \$\$\$ against a father, a mother, and a few children? This is the smallest segment of society!! Why all that effort against a God they don't even believe exists?

Dear ones, we have rich truths and legacy to share. Let us honor the Lord. We have something worth dying for! "If the foundations be removed, what shall the righteous do?"

Sampson got honey out of a carcass of a lion God had earlier helped him to slay! Judges 14:5-9 Lion and bear attacks against young David were stepping stones for greater things! Learn to get something sweet and precious out of the victories the Lord has given you. Remember and be inspired. Look to your past victories. Dedication is fundamental. Get prepared. God wants each of us to have personal victories through Him.

Please pray for me
I want to be saved!

Nelson Doolittle

P.S. We pray that even children would want to pick up a gospel paper!

The Call of the Cross

The following articles by Monica Murphey have been adapted for adult readers.



A Call to Follow Jesus

At some point in our lives, Jesus calls everyone to come and follow Him. Asking Jesus into your hearts is the first step of following Christ. He expects us to leave behind old, bad habits and sins, just like Simon, Andrew, James and John left behind their nets. If we stay close to Him and listen for His voice, He will help us and teach us. He may call us to do other things, also. "Follow me, and I will make you a fisher of men," the Stranger said. What did this Man mean? Simon and Andrew were intrigued. They left their nets and followed the Man. A little farther down the shore, they saw James and John mending nets in their father's boat. "Come, follow me," the Man called. James and John left their father's boat to follow Him. Twelve men answered Jesus' call to be His disciples. Some of them were old, some were young. They had different jobs and personalities. Jesus taught them many things about God and eternity and showed them how to live in this world by living a holy life without sin. Jesus is calling all of us to follow Him. How will you answer His call?

God's Call for Christians to Represent His Body

Thousands of people lived in the rapidly developing city of Corinth. Ships had to pass by the harbor on the way to the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. Merchants sold goods and produce to weary travelers. Most of the citizens of Corinth worshipped the goddess Aphrodite. Many slaves and servants worked in the temple. Evil deeds were performed there. Among these people in Corinth lived a small group of Christians. These were new Christians who had little literature to help them with questions that arose while they tried to live godly lives in a city where sin occurred constantly.

The Apostle Paul received word that the church in Corinth was having trouble. Since he could not visit, he wrote them a letter. Part of his letter encouraged them to be representatives of Christ's body on earth. There are many different spiritual gifts, and all of them are given by the Holy Spirit, Paul explained. One person might have the gift of wisdom. Another may have the gift of knowledge. There are also gifts of faith, healing, performing miracles, helps, teaching, ministry, prophecy, discernment, speaking different languages, and being able to interpret different languages. The church is like our bodies. The body has

FIELDS RIPE FOR HARVEST

different parts working together to make it function. People in the church are representatives of Christ's body on earth. Everyone has a gift that is necessary to help the church function. We should never look down on others who do not have the same gift that we do. If one member of the body suffers, we should all suffer.

Even though the city of Corinth that Paul knew was destroyed by an earthquake, his words inspired by God that call us to live a godly life and represent Christ's body on earth have never been destroyed. The rest of his letter can be found in the book of 1 Corinthians in the Bible.

Each of us has a "gift", or a talent, that God has given us that can help the church and that can help point others to Christ. We all need to do our part.

God's Call to Preach the Gospel

Jesus was alive! His disciples were so excited! After feeling hopeless when Jesus was crucified and wondering why God was allowing the promised Messiah to die, the disciples had a better understanding of God's plan. Jesus had conquered death! Several people had seen Him and talked to Him. One day, Jesus appeared to the disciples and reprimanded them for not believing the ones who had seen Him after He had risen from the dead.

"Go unto all the world and preach the gospel," Jesus instructed. "Those who believe and are baptized will be saved. Teach these people to follow my commandments. I am with you always, even to the end of the world." Soon after this, Jesus was taken in a cloud to Heaven, not to return again until the end of the world when He comes back to gather His followers to Heaven.

Like the disciples, Paul was called to preach the gospel. Paul was traveling and preaching the gospel in many different cities. One night, Paul had a vision. A man appeared in his vision, pleading, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." "Surely the Lord has called us to preach the gospel to these people," Paul thought. Many people were saved, although Paul made some people angry. Paul and Silas, another minister of the gospel, were thrown into jail. Singing and praising God into the night, Paul and Silas were unlike any other prisoners the jailer had ever seen. When an earthquake caused their chains to fall off and the stocks that held their feet to break loose, Paul and Silas didn't run for freedom. The jailor was so impressed that he and all of the people in his home were saved that night.

Whether as a pastor, evangelist or missionary, many people have been called to preach the gospel. A lot of these people have had strong impressions from God about their calling. They may have even heard God speaking to them about it.

Each one of us has a gift or gifts that God has given us that will help other people learn more about Him. Even if we are not called to be a preacher, it is important that we are always ready to tell people about God and use the gifts He has given us to help others. It is important to be like Christ and show the people we meet and are close to that they can live a godly life in an evil world. We need to be living so closely to God (through daily Bible reading and prayer) that we are ready to say "yes" to His calling.

Help change lives, minds, and communities through Jesus Christ.

By Prayer and Fasting

Jesus and three of his disciples were walking down a mountain when they saw a large crowd gathered around the other disciples. The religious leaders were arguing with the disciples. Looking out at the arguing crowd, Jesus was grieved. "You people have little faith," He said.

"Evil spirit, come out of the boy and leave him forever," Jesus commanded. The evil spirit caused the boy to cry and toss violently until he lay, exhausted, on the ground. Murmurs of, "Is he dead?" "He looks dead!" arose from the crowd. The crowd was amazed when Jesus took the boy by the hand and helped him up. Later, the disciples had a question for Jesus. "Why couldn't we cast the demon out of the boy?" they wondered. "Because of your unbelief," Jesus told them. "If you have faith, even as tiny as a grain of mustard seed, you will be able to tell a mountain to move and it shall be done. Miracles like this can only be brought about by prayer and fasting."

The disciples learned an important lesson that day. When God calls us to do something that may seem hard, the right thing to do is to spend time in prayer. Many people in the Bible chose to fast when they wanted an answer from God. Jesus fasted for forty days. Fasting in the Bible meant abstinence from food. We can fast by giving up food or other things that keep us from spending time with God, like reading books or playing games on the computer. God is always faithful to answer our prayers.

"The way of the cross leads home."

Recognizing God's Call

What do people mean when they talk about "God's Call?" Many people have a time in their lives when they are sure God wants them to do something, like being a minister, pastor, teacher, missionary or other jobs that involve helping others learn about God. Sometimes people may feel God calling them to move or to do something special like speaking to someone or helping someone else. Sometimes people call this "feeling led" or "called" to do something.

How can we know if God is calling us? Will we get a letter in the mail, or hear God speaking? There are several ways God can speak to us. Yes, He could speak in a voice that we could hear; but most of the time, we understand what God wants us to do after praying or fasting, reading the Bible, getting advice from Godly friends, and listening patiently for His voice. Sometimes it's a small idea that we may know isn't our own. God may cause things to happen that let us know He is calling us to do something. Some people have had dreams or heard a voice telling them to do something that they were sure was God. Spending time away from things that distract us will help us concentrate on prayer and understanding God's will. One verse in Psalms tells us to be still, or to listen quietly, and know that I am God.

**Make your life one long gift to others
& why not, it's on loan to you anyway!**

Doubting God's Call

Gideon doubted God's call. He thought he wasn't important enough. When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses said, "Who am I to do this?" Like Gideon, he didn't feel qualified to answer God's call. Moses also wondered, "What if they don't believe me?" God gave him signs to prove that he was following God's orders. "But I am slow of speech," was Moses' last excuse. "I made you the way you are," God replied. "Go, and I will help you." "Please send someone else," Moses pleaded. So the Lord arranged for Aaron to speak for him. If we receive a call from God, we may doubt that we are qualified. We may doubt that we have the courage, ability or knowledge to fulfill God's call. God has a plan for each one of our lives. He put Gideon, Moses, and you and me in the families, towns, churches and schools that we are in for a purpose. He has caused events in our lives to happen and people to cross our paths to prepare us for the calling (purpose) that God has in store for us.

Refusing God's Call

A region torn by war, inhabited by American troops, divided by religion and politics. A land of desert, mountains and rich in oil. We know this region as northeastern Syria, northern Iraq, northwestern Iran and southeastern Turkey. In Biblical times, it was called Assyria. Assyria was known for forming the largest army yet seen, its great warriors and cruel warfare. The Assyrian people were tall with thick, bushy beards. For 300 years, Assyria was a brutal world empire. They defeated the Israelites and carried thousands of Jews into captivity.

"Go share the gospel with the people of Nineveh," God instructed Jonah. "Tell them to repent of their wicked ways." Because of their cruelty and stories passed down through generations about the Assyrians, Jonah couldn't believe he had heard God's call correctly. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria. Jonah quickly boarded a boat heading in the opposite direction to a place called "Tarshish." Jonah fell asleep as the journey began. Jonah was sleeping so deeply that he didn't feel the wind rocking the ship. He didn't hear the crash of thunder or see the brilliant lightning streak through the sky. He didn't feel the fear of the sailors as they began calling on their gods to save them from the storm. The captain of the ship noticed Jonah sleeping. "Why are you asleep?" he asked. "Get up! Pray that we will be delivered from this storm!"

"Someone must have done something terribly wicked that has caused this storm," they decided. "Let's cast lots to see who has made this happen." The lot fell upon Jonah. "Who are you, and what have you done to cause this storm to come on us?" the sailors asked. "I am Hebrew, and I serve the one true God," Jonah explained. "God told me to do something and I ran from Him. Throw me into the sea and the storm will stop." The men didn't want to do this, so they rowed hard, trying their best to fight against the storm.

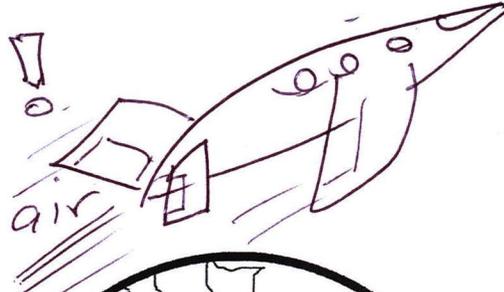
Seeing that they would never make it otherwise, they finally threw Jonah into the raging waters. A big fish, sent by God, was waiting for Jonah. He swallowed Jonah and Jonah spent three days in the fish's belly. Jonah spent the time talking to God and repenting for not obeying God's calling. The fish spit Jonah out on dry land, and Jonah traveled straight to Nineveh to do what God had commanded. The Assyrians did repent of their wicked ways. The rest of Jonah's story can be read in the book of Jonah, chapters 3 and 4.

Boys & Girls

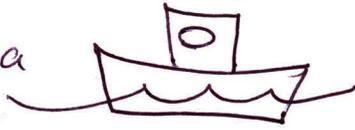
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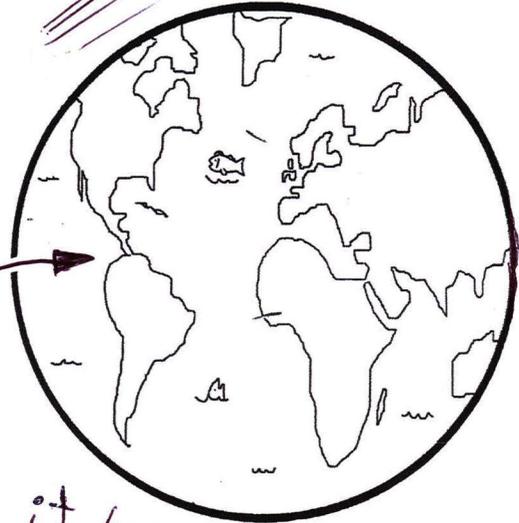
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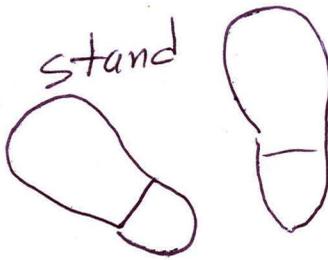
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Just like it says in the book!



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the truth has been found



and history proof books abound
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Did You Know?

GOD'S ark that Noah built was 5 long houses long ^{and} 3 houses high and 87 feet wide! (Genesis 6:16)

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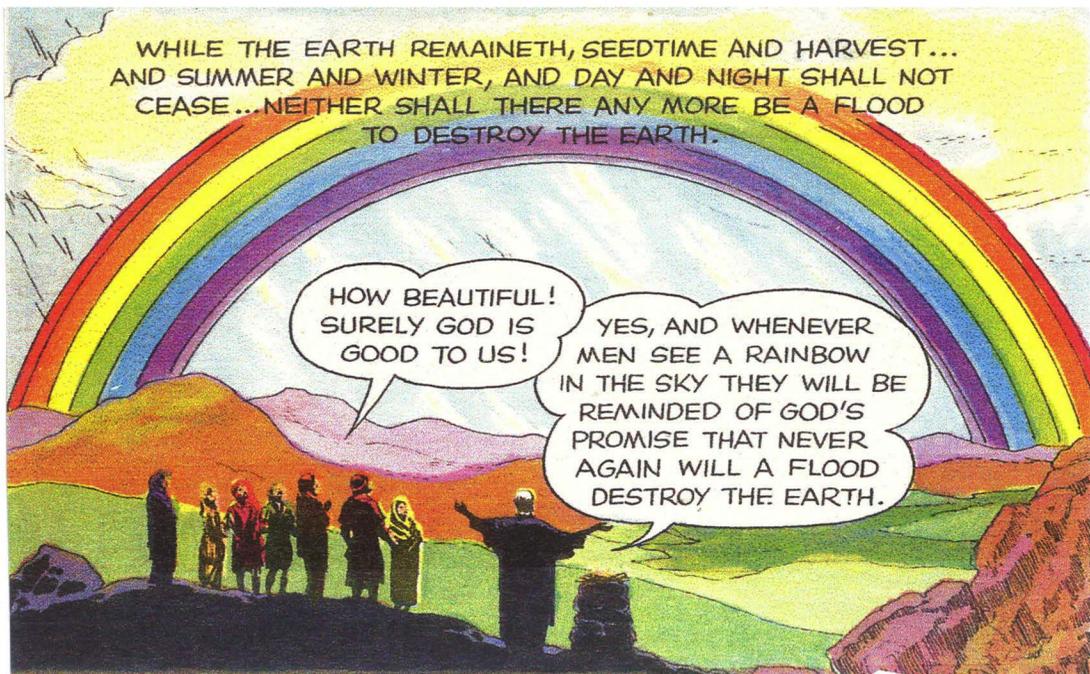
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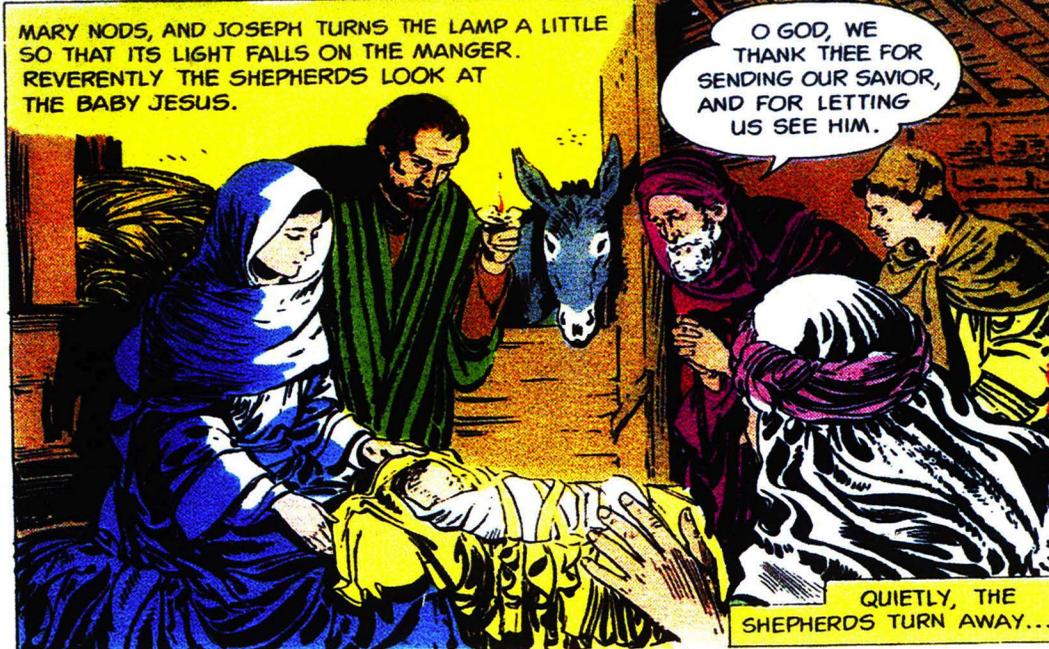
what has God provided for your lunch?



A King Is Born

FROM LUKE 2:7, 16-20; MATTHEW 2:1-8

IT IS A STRANGE AND HOLY NIGHT. WHILE THE CROWDED CITY OF BETHLEHEM SLEEPS, THE SON OF GOD IS BORN. LOVINGLY, MARY WRAPS HER BABY IN SWADDLING CLOTHES AND LAYS HIM IN A MANGER... AND THERE THE SHEPHERDS FIND HIM.



God's Call to Mary

The story of Mary's calling begins in the small town of Nazareth. Mary was engaged to Joseph, who was a carpenter.

For many years, Hebrews had heard prophecies about a coming Messiah. The prophecies told about a wonderful Savior who would free men from bondage. Many people thought the Messiah would raise an army and save them from their oppressors. There were also prophecies about the Messiah's mother, the place where He would be born, and some of the trials He would endure. For many years, the Hebrews continued to talk about the prophecies. They watched and hoped that the Messiah would come soon. I'm sure Mary also wondered when the Messiah would come. One day, she had a visitor who talked to her about the Messiah. This visitor was an angel, sent from God. Mary was surprised and troubled when she heard the angel's message.

"Greetings!" the angel told her. "You are highly favored and the Lord is with you. Do not be afraid. You will give birth to a son, and you will call his name Jesus. He will be great and called the Son of the Most High. His kingdom will endure forever."

"How can this be?" Mary wondered. "I am not married yet." "Your babe will be the Son of God. Your cousin Elizabeth will also have a child in her old age. No word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

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DO WHATEVER
HE SAYS.

Was Mary beautiful, funny, popular or clever? We don't know any of these things about Mary. God calls people to serve Him and do important things for Him from all walks of life. The most important thing that we do know about Mary is that she had a willing heart. She trusted in God and was willing to do whatever He asked, even if it meant humiliation, or being shunned by her loved ones. Mary's Son, Jesus, died on the cross so we could be forgiven for our sins. Is God calling you to follow Jesus? Is He calling you to do something important for Him? Take time to pray and listen for God's voice. Be willing to trust God and answer His call.

A Call to Shepherds

Carrying a stick and watching cute little animals may be how we think of shepherds, but in Israel, shepherds were considered lowly and at the bottom of society. "Unclean, untrustworthy," were some of the words used to describe these men who daily came into contact with animals. The spiders, flies, and bugs that clung to the wool of the sheep or goats were considered unclean by the Hebrew law. Men or women who came into contact with things that were unclean had to wash over and over again before they were considered clean.

Some shepherds owned the animals they tended, but most of them were hired to watch animals owned by other people. Guarding animals against wolves and other predators while they grazed, shepherds worked hard for little pay. They helped the goats or sheep they watched have babies. They sheared their wool. They made sure the animals had plenty of water and food. When



sheep were sometimes found missing, owners looked suspiciously at the underpaid shepherds, thinking they probably had taken them for themselves.

One night, a group of shepherds was guarding their flock while they were grazing in a field. How very afraid they were to see a bright light suddenly shining around them, piercing the blackness of the sky. God had sent angels to deliver a message to these lowly shepherds and to call them to do something very important! "Fear not," the angel told them. "For I bring you good tidings of great joy. Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. You will know my words are true because you will find the baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger."

The sky was filled with angels, singing, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will towards men."

The excited shepherds hurried into Bethlehem to see this important baby! They told the things the angel had said many times to many people. God had called these lowly shepherds to be among the first to understand part of His plan. God called the shepherds to go see the new-born king.

You may feel like you are too young or too unimportant to receive a call from God. Unlike humans, God doesn't base calling someone to do something important on outward appearances. God's call can come to anyone who is listening and is willing to trust in Him.

A PRAYER FOR A NATION IN REBELLION

by MATT BARBER (constitutional law attorney)

Father God, Son and Holy Spirit, Maker of heaven and earth, You are the First Cause of these United States of America. You are the Author of all that is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy.

Nearly two and a half centuries ago our American founders declared earthly independence. By Your prompting they determined it necessary to "dissolve the political bands which [had] connected them with another, and [assumed] among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" – Your laws – "entitle[d] them."

They further held "these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator" – endowed by You – "with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

In the same breath, they both declared independence from every world power and acknowledged, with crystal clarity, that this great nation was, is and forever shall be dependent upon Your providential blessings and mercies.

Lord, today we reaffirm both our temporal independence – our national sovereignty – and our eternal dependence upon You and Your supreme sovereignty.

You are the great "I Am." You spoke into being the heavens and the earth and all that exists therein.

Today we reject the globalist temptation to become unequally yoked, while, at once, declaring, yet again, that our United States can continue to flourish solely at Your pleasure.

We echo Benjamin Franklin's request for prayer after the first Constitutional Convention reached a perilous impasse: "[T]he longer I live," he observed, "the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this."

We confess our national sins and entreat Your forgiveness. We confess our arrogance. We confess our selfishness. We confess that we have broken – and continue to break – the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God. We have rejected Your laws, embraced our own fallen impulses and called them laws.

We confess that we, the Church, have abdicated our duty to care for those who cannot care for themselves. We have surrendered this sacred calling to Caesar – to a woefully ill-equipped and wholly inept federal fiefdom.

We confess that we have shed blood en masse. The blood of the innocents runs in our streets. We have violated Your commandments. We have slaughtered tens-of-millions of Your children – woven together by Your perfect hands – and called this evil “choice.”

We confess that we have perverted Your design for human sexuality. We have taken sins that You deem “abominable” and called them “equality.” We have mocked marriage, spurred divorce, scorned purity, glorified promiscuity, sexualized our children, belittled our stay-at-home mothers, stunted natural reproduction and called it all “liberation.”

Your word tells us that “the wages of sin is death.” Indeed, as died many once mighty, hard-fallen nations before us, justice demands that we reap a yield most destructive.

And we may yet.

Even still, we implore You to suspend sentence. For these and manifold sins, hitherto unnamed, of both act and omission – individual and corporate – we beg your forgiveness, Lord Jesus.

Because, though we are not, You yet remain faithful. You have promised: “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

America was called by Your Holy Name.

Though the hour is late, we now fall to our face, humble ourselves, pray and seek Your face.

Lord, though our public policy may lag behind, we, nonetheless, turn from our wicked ways.

Hear us from heaven, Oh Lord.

Forgive us our sins.

Please heal our land.

**Spiritual awakening is for everybody
but revival is only for the church**

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18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.
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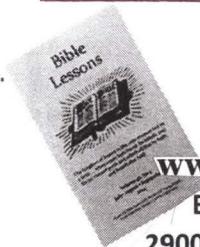
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WHY NOT?

Think of the song: "What can wash away my sins?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!" What the world
needs now is truth and hope in a God that inhabits
eternity. Are you a child of God?

WHY NOT?

Anchor your soul so you too can have a "Haven of
Rest". "Salvation is offered to you dear sinner."

SINNER!?!

What is a sinner?

That's a personal matter ,isn't it? Well it's best
to do personal business yourself--with an eternal
God! You can be an heir of eternal life and all
else God extends to you. (John 3:16)

Do you feel God's peace about this matter?

WHY NOT?

It's all about me isn't it? Everybody will go to my
own idea of heaven, and look up to me, and bring
me everything I need on a platter - right?

WHY NOT?

Who can wash away my sin? Who can bring peace,
hope, and joy within? How much \$\$\$ would you give
now for real quietness and confidence? Isaiah 32:17
How about some rest? Real soul rest?

"..and ye would not." Isaiah 30:15

WHY NOT?

Too much going on? What will people think of me?
If everybody's falling in the ditch-- Why do I have
to have all this mud on me too? Jude 24

Clean up now!

Come clean now! It's pretty simple, isn't it?! All
the grime and guilt gone! Forgiven and clean!
We are thinking of personal business still. To
whom are we soon going to give account ? Will
He do all the talking? "Depart from me ye workers
of iniquity."

Finding TRUTH and Hope

"INIQUITY"?!"

DO I have any of that on me? What would THAT look like? What would I be looking at for God to call me a doer of iniquity?

Is it time now for me to check in for a heart "transplant"? How about that ole stoney heart in stoney ground? Does it still have a beat? Is life in me GONE?

LIFE!

Too many are self-snuffing out their gift of Life when hope is near. Are you alive today? Is there an invitation of the Almighty stirring in your being? The creator of the ends of the earth extends a royal invitation to you to become his heir of Eternal Life! But in this garb I've got on me?

These filthy rags?? How about a small, pure, clean, and holy raiment? (The putting on of Christ's life from the heart out.) ...The offered glow of purity-- the fragrant fruit that can be borne when we are **Quickened** by the indwelling presence of the **Eternal One, The Prince of Peace The Everlasting Lord,** ...When eternity soon dawns - **WHERE** do you want to be?

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We all have a part in taking Christ's gospel to all the world! Pray for those who rule in government. Let us everyone reach out to that individual, that one God put in your circle of influence, those children around our knees, the children in our congregation, that weary one that we know needs a boost. Reach out to that stranger God places in your path.

20 Blessed are ye that sow
beside all waters, that send forth
thither the feet of the ox and the
ass.

ISAIAH 32

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disobey His laws. He has allowed destruction to come on those nations that had leaders who permitted sinning grievously against God.

What can we Christians do? We can do as Jeremiah did. He said, "Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease." God will honor those who pray, but should the nation continue these grievous sins we cannot stop the judgments of God. Noah could not stop the flood that destroyed the world in his day. Daniel could not stop the Medians

from taking over Babylon. Neither could Job stop whatever the men of his time had brought on themselves. We will only be able to save ourselves by our personal obedience to God. So let us pray that our leaders will not allow homosexuality, abortion and other grievous sins which will bring destruction on America.

Do we in America want God to allow a famine or other destruction? There is only one way to keep that from happening. Stop the grievous sins in our nation!

COMMUNIST RULES OF REVOLUTION

In May of 1919—fifty-two years ago—at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces came upon a copy of the "Communist Rules For Revolution."

Now, more than fifty years later, the Reds still assiduously follow these rules, and their goals are uncomfortably near at hand.

We quote from these Red Rules—and as you read the list, stop after each item and think—what is the present day situation where you live, and all around our nation?

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial. Destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no great importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their national leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy, and general discontent.

4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues—honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

Take time to think—seriously—of all of the above. Then draw your own conclusions. Frightening how far this scheme has progressed, isn't it! —Selected

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"Is there no balm in Gilead?" Jer. 8:22

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