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Standing Where the Giants Have Stood
DR. SHELTON SMITH
When a giant walks into the room, no word is necessary to announce him. Whether he be a physical giant or someone who is a giant by virtue of accomplishment, his presence will turn heads and command attention.

Sometimes giants, like Goliath (I Sam. 17), are bad men. In such cases they use their size to bully or to run roughshod over other people. Nobody names his son Goliath, because a giant such as he is not worthy of respect or honor. But some giants are good men, even great men. If they are physically large, they use their size to help and to protect. If they are giants by virtue of their success, they use their money, their position, their platform, etc., to be an asset and a blessing.

You’ve probably noticed, however, that most men are not giants. They are ordinary men. They may be good men, faithful in every way; but they do not ever rise to great heights in their lives.

For example, most men make some money; but they are nowhere close to being millionaires.

Many pastors preach faithfully and are dutiful in their ministries, but their churches are not large.

So, let’s be real about this. You and I may not be giants ourselves, but we can benefit from the men who are. Indeed, we all can.

1. Surrender As the Giants Surrendered!
When you think of the men who have spent their entire lives serving the Lord whether they be well known or serving in obscurity, you find that the men who have stretched their stature to great. Continued on p 11

Sufficient Grace
Part III 4

Underneath Are the Everlasting Arms
DR. T. T. SHIELDS (1873–1955)
“The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.” —Deut. 33:27.

When the Danger Is Known
There is no one reading this who is so strong or whose life is so sequestered as never to require any sort of refuge. Sometimes when people are surprised by a heavy storm in the midst of a summer’s day, you see them running for refuge from the rain.

I remember preaching in London during the war. As I was wending my way to the tabernacle where I was to preach, the siren sounded the warning that the enemy had crossed the channel and that his airships had been sighted over England and might be expected during the war. As I was winding a summer’s day, you see them by a heavy storm in the midst of.

Everyone was on the move. Nobody walked. All of them trotted along, hastening to the underground railway station and to other places where they might find a refuge from the threatened danger.

I suppose there was a time when some of us here thought less of that sort of thing than we do today. In early life people are scarcely conscious of their need or not so conscious as they become when their experience of the disabilities of life has become longer and larger.

But most of us have learned ere this that there are experiences when we are urgently in need of some refuge.

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Twenty-Seven Major American Cities Are Abortion Free
Abortion activists coined the term “abortion desert” several years ago to complain about how fewer unborn babies are being aborted in America.

The term refers to the large areas in the U.S. where abortion facilities do not exist.

Market Watch reports the study of the University of California, San Francisco identified 27 city areas where women must travel at least 100 miles to an abortion facility....Pocatello, Idaho;...Rapid City, South Dakota; Columbia, Missouri; Green Bay, Wisconsin; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Corpus Christi, Texas; Lake Charles, Louisiana;...Continued on p 2
You have probably heard the statement that some people are “so basically minded that they’re no earthly good.” I always grimace when I hear that, because in the neighborhood where I live it is usually just the opposite.

Oh, I have known a few folks who may have certified themselves to be a bit more holy, but the overwhelming majority of people, I think, are born “so earthly minded that they’re no heavenly good.” My thought is: While we are here on earth, we do best when we do things on earth.

Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658), the English general and statesman, famously and wisely said, “Put your trust in God and keep your powder dry.” That was in the day when they were using their old muzzle-loading muskets, of course.

Nonetheless, the expression “keep your powder dry” has survived until this day. His words of wisdom reflect the balance that touches both Heaven and earth.

Too many professing Christians are AWOL while the battle rages. Others are hovering nearby, but are A W O L while the battle rages. Others are intensely analytical. Amazingly, while the battle rages, some are “equally” divided. Not one doctor in town will admit to doing elective abortions in that same period dropped from 1.6 million to 926,000. In 2017 Planned Parenthood closed six area hospitals stopped doing abortions, and Planned Parenthood closed. Six area hospitals stopped doing abortions, and Planned Parenthood closed.

If we don’t have the FIRE OF GOD burning in the pulpit, it is very unlikely that you will see it burning in the pew.

The sorrow, biased network’s pretend “fake news” they’re preaching is real news, but it’s an even greater tragedy when we Christians treat the real News we’re preaching like fake news!

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**EDITOR’S COMMENTS:** Otherwise no study to the Chattanooga “game plan” and do likewise.

- **Professor Alan Dershowitz Exposes the ACLU:** A Partisan, Hard-Left Group That Doesn’t Care About Civil Liberties

Harvard professor and legal scholar Alan Dershowitz slammed the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) on Fox & Friends (April 16) for neglecting the fight for civil liberties and bowing to a political agenda.

Dershowitz said the ACLU has an extreme liberal bias and has forgotten its original mission of fighting for the rights of all Americans. “It is absolutely political,” he concluded. “It’s a partisan hard-left political organization which no longer cares about the civil liberties of all Americans. It is agenda driven, money driven and anti-Trump driven.”

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**EDITOR’S COMMENTS:** Although this has been glaringly obvious for a number of years, it is encouraging to see a liberal Democrat speak out and speak the truth.

**Parsonage Allowance—Taxable or Not?**

Should the government continue to offer a housing allowance for clergy? That’s a decision coming up on federal appeal.

Gaylord v. Mnuchin is currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Brought by the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the suit challenges the Housing Allowance, which permits clergy to be paid partly through a housing allowance which is subtracted from taxable income.

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Some people mistake weak-ness for tact. If they are silent when they ought to speak and so fain an agreement they do not feel, they call it being tact-ful. Cowardice would be a much better badge.

Tact is an active quality that is not exercised merely by making a show of it. Be sure where you think you are being ex-tremely tactful that you are not in reality going away from something you ought to face.

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So You Want to Help!
A man fell into a pit and couldn’t get himself out.

A subjective person came along and said, “I feel for you down there.”

An objective person walked by and said, “It’s logical that some-one would fall down there.”

A Pharisee said, “Only had people fall into pits.”

A mathematician calculated how he fell down there.

A news reporter wanted the ex-clusive story on the pit.

An IRS agent asked if he was paying taxes on the pit.

A self-pitying person said, “You wouldn’t understand anything you’ve seen before.”

A Christian Scientist observed, “The pit is just in your mind.”

A psychologist noted, “Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that pit.”

Editor’s Notes

Everybody is a walk-in and every- body gets in.

So come on—let’s get in on it.

July 23–26, Gospel Light Baptist Church, Wallerstown, North Car-olina. I’m looking forward to it and I’m sure you certainly want to be there.

Anchor Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

In their 30th year, the Anchor Baptist Church in Rochester, New York has blossomed into a grow-ing, thriving work.

Pastor Jeff Harris came to the city because of his love and bur-den for the deaf. With a large deaf population in Rochester the door of opportunity is wide open.

Last year when he was here, they were in rented facilities. A few months ago, they secured a seven-acre church property just three miles from the rental location. They got an amazing deal on the prop-erty which should serve them well for future years.

Brother Harris preaches to the hearing folks at 11:00 a.m. and then preaches for the deaf at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday. When the evening comes they combine the hearing and the deaf in a single service. Today with a total attendance of about 200, there were 38 deaf adults.

Once again, the proof is obvi-ous. Here is a solidly fundamental Baptist pastor who is a soul win-ner successfully planting a church in a liberal city in a very liberal state. Without contemporary musi-cal and compromising either message or methods, a funda-mental, independent Baptist church is up and running.

Brother Harris and his people are excited to be in a permanent fa-cility and they are excited about the fruitful labors of their church.

He preached three times on Sun-day and then Monday night. Dr. Fogate and Dr. Hamblin came to preach Monday and Tuesday. The two nights we saw 30 pastors from all across New York State come to be with us. The fellowship was great and the services were alive with the touch of God. We were blessed in every service.

If you live in Rochester or visit here, be sure you visit Anchor Baptist Church. You’ll be glad you did.

Suburban Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

Earlier this year I had met Past-or Ford Glover while we were in ministry in Colorado. He asked me then about coming to be with him in Indianapolis. I was glad we could do it on Memorial Day weekend.

That is also the weekend of the Indy 500, but we didn’t let that get in our way. The city expected 380,000 visitors for race day, but we went right ahead and ran the Lord’s Day service and then the Sun-day. The church folks showed up at church right on schedule and the Lord blessed us with a good day together.

The church is in a great loca-tion in the south Indianapolis sub-urb of Greenwood on E County Line. They have some great things and I am glad they will be praying about that.

The New Binder is Here

On Tuesday, May 29, the Swarf staff and I had a dedicatory day in the Swarf printshop for the new state-of-the-art paperback book. We thanked the Lord and took 5:22 fulfilled in Matthew 2:1.

Johnny’s somewhat spoiled, was not taken to Sunday school till he was four years old. Because he had rarely been away from his mother’s side up to this time, she anxiously asked him on his arrival home, “Did you cry, Sweetie?”

“Nippe,” Johnny piped brightly, “but the teacher did.”

The Old Testament Prophecies of Christ Fulfilled!

Seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15) fulfilled in Galatians 4:4.

Seed of Abraham (Gen. 17:1; 22:18) fulfilled in Galatians 3:16.


Saved by a Song

John Vassar had many remark-able experiences in his vitation work.

In one village an Irish woman heard he was doingtracts and speaking with people as opportunity afforded it. She said, “If he comes down here, I won’t let him treat us kindly.”

The next day he rang her door-bell; and on recognizing him, she made him welcome.

He then sat down on the door-step and sang, “But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe” while she stood beside herself away; “is all that I can do.”

She afterward confessed that it was those “drops of grief” that reached her heart to place her faith in Christ.

The Shamarck

A preacher was on a street cor-ner in an Irish town giving a gos-pel message to a crowd that had gathered. In the crowd was a drunkard who was heckling the preacher. He did by asking, “Preacher, what do you know about the shamarck?”

The preacher went on with his message, ignoring the heckler.

But the heckler stopped again and asked, “Preach-er, what do you know about the shamarck?”

Once again the preacher ignored his heckler and went on with his message.

The heckler was persistent and shouted a third tim e, “Preacher, what do you know about the shamarck?”

This time the preacher stopped and said, “On Christ the solid rock I stand. All other rocks are sunk.”

When Johnny and Susie Go to Church...

A Sunday school teacher relat-ed the story of the rich man and Lazarus, how the rich man went to Hell and how the beggar Lazarus died and was car-ried away into a place of delight.

Then the teacher asked the class which they would rather be, Lazarus or the rich man. One lit-tle fellow raised up. “The rich man in this life and Lazarus in the next.”

With all the children in Sunday school trying hard to raise money for the new building, the preach-er’s son, also eager to help, was trying to save all his nickels. He found his hand.

One day he prayed, “Please help me save my money for the building and don’t let the ice man come down the street!”
The story of “Sweet Hour of Prayer” is the tale of influence—the influence of a Layman—on a well-known singer. Maybe the secret to spiritual influence is indeed found in the sweet hours of prayer.

Born in 1872, William W. Bradbury was an obscure English preacher. How he became blind and what the nature of that blindness was, we do not know. The impetus for his grand anthem is forever obscure.

What we do know, however, is that the story of “Sweet Hour of Prayer” exceeded more in the private office of prayer than in the public arena of notoriety. We wonder his poem still lives! As the apostle John remarked, “And the world passes away, and the last things that pass away doth the will of God abide for ever” (1 John 2:17).

On one particular day in 1842, another layman, by the name of Thomas Salmon, entered Bradbury’s small trinket shop in the village of Coalridge, England. In that meeting, he purchased and requested that Salmon write down a poem that had been whirring about in his head.

At that moment, W. W. Bradbury, like blind Fanny Crosby, began to utter spiritual diamonds.

“Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer,”

That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father’s throne
Kneel and watch and wait for a sweet hour of prayer.

“Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer,”

My thy consolation share.

Till from Mount Pisgah’s lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight.

“Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer,”

To seize the everlasting prize.

And, oh, what a heritage of hymns!

They shall be as white as snow!

To all the glory of God, who is behind the grace.

And since He bids me seek His face,
I find lodging in your heart.

“Grace” does not cheapen the expectations of God. Some will oppose having any standards of conduct for our testimony because of what they call grace. You can’t throw out specific Bible in- structions and still arrive at the result grace. That’s foolishness!

“Grace” is not a watered-down version of the Gospel. “Sufficient grace” will see you through without redefining it to your own specifications.

You may talk about grace and preach about grace, but we will not know whether or not you are actually bearing fruit. Another Christian gets in your way or opposes you—and we will see clearly by the fruit of grace is actually the walk of your life.

“7. Sufficient Grace is God’s Supply for Our Weakness

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For when I am weak, then am I strong”—129, 10.

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Common in our daily expres- sions of grace is the encour- agement to “have a good day.” As delightful as that might be, it also sug- gests another option. Your best wishes for “a good day” remind us that we might have “a bad day.”

1. Tough Times, Great Burdens

Bad days! Tough times! Hurt! Difficult circumstances! Betrayal! Heart- ache! Even tragedy! Such burdens are frequent realities in our world where “the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour”—I Pet. 5:8.

When the Scripture informs us of grace—sufficient for our in- firmities, it is set in the context of “a thorn in the flesh”—II Cor. 12:7—as well as the acknowledgment of “infirmities… reproaches… ne- cessities… persecutions” (vss. 10–11) vs. (vss. 10–11).

The apostle Paul detailed his own biographical hardships in the previous chapter when he wrote: “Are you not exempt from pain, and distress, and reproach, and all manner of trial and hardship? You are a Christian. You are a child of God! But remember you are living in an evil world that hates God and will be hateful toward anyone who is identified with Him.

You are not exempt from pain, pressure and persecution by virtue of your status in God’s family. In reality, you may have even more of the bad stuff than was ever identified with a Christian. You are a Christian.

3. Our Response Should Never Be a Reaction

When you check the “sweet grace” contest (II Corinthians 11 and 12), you find the apostle say- ing, “If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine in- nate weakness.”

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Mrs. W. J. Berry
Grandma Sees Things!

One day Thomas said to his buddy, “David, wouldn’t you hate to wear glasses?”

David replied, “Not if they were the kind my Grandma wears. Grandma wears the best kind. She sees how to mend broken things. She sees when people are tired and sorry and what will make them feel better. She sees nice things to do on rainy days. I asked Grandma how she could see so well all the time. She said, ‘David, I have learned to see things the right way since I have gotten older. So I think it’s Grandma’s glasses that make her see so well!’

It was not Grandma’s glasses that made her see the kind of things she did. It was the love of Jesus in her heart.

—Alice Knight
Gossip

Charges are built with imperfect people. God’s saving grace changes a person’s nature. However, being believers, we realize that the old nature has not been eradicated. The immediate change that comes at salvation generally has an initial effect, but in time the old nature can creep back into one’s walk. Reverting back to old ways can result in damaging and sinning self. How do we handle this? Consider others guilty of this very offense. The Scripture is very clear concerning the sin of gossip.

“and withal they learn to be idle, wondering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not” — 1 Tim. 3:7.

Gossip serves to protect people from the harm of gossip. Whether or not the people taking had a direct intention to cause harm, the result of gossip is always the same — it damages and hurt feelings. Gossip can be defined as information about the people talking had a direct way from people who gossip and those who are affected by every form of gossip.

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to your necessity for edifying as to the profit of the one for whom you speak.” — Eph. 4:29.

There was a time when ungodly lords had control of people’s lives for those facing difficulties being made to suffer. Perhaps they were weak and lacked any sense of justice. Gossip is the buck and pretend they have fixed the problem.

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The Water in This River

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A clear guide to follow concerning gossip is this: if you’re not part of the problem and you’re not part of the solution, you should be silent in conversation about it. We must all learn to guard our tongues and speak words that build up one another.

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SWORD OF THE LORD

The Acts 19:10 Saturation

And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

In good neighborhoods, saturation is clearly delineated in the word of God. In other places, it is not as well defined. The family first noticed this when the Lord asked him to deliver the Word of the Lord to the people in their area. They understood that this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

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movies. Forbidden practices were often introduced in community television. And then came the Hollywood satires. Soon enough that was considered unmentionable had been made up for in their eyes, as the moral compass God left for man to succeed was discarded.

This is why our country and the world are in the situations they are in today.

MURDER is not the fault of gnomes; murder is our fault. Our clinics’ fault for butchering millions of babies. It is not totally the fault of some chemicals that there are so many addictions. One cannot blame the government for not having enough laws to stop or curb the out-of-control crime. The fault for man’s decline falls rightly on each man, woman and child for not knowing and obeving God’s preserved truths. Society will always fail when God’s Roadmap through life is ignored! Only if His Word is believed and followed will mankind find His way again!

We Must Train Soul Winners...

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Outdoor Preaching Services on the Bus Routes

Here is an idea that will not only help your bus ministry in many ways but will also provide an opportunity to win many people for Christ and get many new people from your church involved in the bus ministry.

For some years now here at Clays Mill Baptist Church we have on each of our bus routes what we call “Picnic Day” when we have an outdoor preaching service along with a picnic. Each bus route secures a city park or an area where they can set up chairs and sometimes even a tent for an outdoor preaching service and use gas grills to prepare food for the picnic.

Some of the route captains will secure fun things like huge inflatables or organize kickoff games to get the attention of the young people as well as help the kids have a good time.

Each bus route will organize and their workers any day when they laymen they can recruit, to purchase the hot dogs, chips, drinks, and then whatever materials are needed. Some have more than others, and most anything will work as long as you have one type of snack or meal to feed the attendees.

For a few weeks before the Picnic Sunday, each bus captain will work to promote it heavily on each route by canvassing most of the neighboring areas where we have bus routes, such as Nicholasville, Versailles, Georgetown, and Winchester.

Everyone loves a free picnic! And do we ever have a great time! It is interesting to watch even the parents get involved in helping get the food to come out to the picnic and outdoor preaching service.

To watch the work on each bus route on the day of the picnic is truly amazing! Not only do the usual children come out who ride the buses every Sunday, but many parents and friends from the area attend as well.

It is just amazing to see the people come out all over to attend a well-organized service that includes special singing, old-fashioned preaching and an outdoor church service. (This is what I imagine the Lord Jesus and His disciples doing many times with outdoor preaching.)

This spring more than 2,700 names were registered in attendance while there were 189 names recorded as receiving Christ as personal Savior! What a grand day it was this year. There were so many reports of blessings, from parents who attended and were saved, to having the entire neighborhoods embrace our bus ministry!

This outdoor preaching Picnic Sunday activity accomplishes many things in our church as well as in our entire community—all of these are important matters to me.

All the parents get to see the heart of the church bus ministry.

They see the workers at work. They see the organization in program. They hear the teaching and preaching of the workers. They get to connect with us, most of them have never attended our church services.

The community sees the program that we run every week— they see it out in the open.

It is important to parents and grandparents to know what we do each week at church. It is important that we be an open book and a well-organized and spiritual program such as these young people need.

Everyone in the area gets to meet our church’s bus ministry workers.

It is interesting to see the adults come out to “help” with the program. They help prepare the food or serve it. They sit with the children to help them listen.

They get to see their children having a great time without any worldly influence.

This is true fun! This is a good time without regret. This is what Christian behavior looks like, and they need to see it.

Many of the parents have been led to Christ in these open air meetings.

All of those driving by see what our church is all about. It is just another way to share the Gospel and reach folks for Christ.

It gets many church laymen involved in the bus ministry for a day.

Often those who help for the outdoor preaching meetings will get a burden to do more for the bus ministry. It is true that our eye affects our heart. When someone sees the great needs of young people in our towns, it makes a difference in his attitude and heart toward them.

Until next time, let’s keep those Sunday school classes growing and those buses rolling!

Answers to Puzzle

SWORD O F TH E LORD

The God Who Is the God

God who is the God, the God of eternities past, the God of creation, the God of the universe, 
He is the God!

God who is the God, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, He is the God!

God who is the God, Great in mercy, Generous in grace, Giving in abundance, He is the everlasting God!

God who is the God, Our means of salvation, Our source of righteousness, Our way of escape, He is the God!

God who is the God, Unique in His Being, Unmatched in His character, Unequaled in His stature, He is the God!

God who is the God, The Father, The Son, The Holy Ghost, He is the God!

God who is the God, Incarnate at Bethlehem, Sacrificed upon Calvary, Received up into Glory, He is the God!

God who is the God, Our Redeemer, Our Advocate, Our coming King, He is the God!—Dr. Shulton Smith

The greatest problem of the church is the preacher problem: “Like priest, like people.” Preachers are usually good men, often learned men, sincere men: but many lack the divine fire, the Christlike passion, the John the Baptist boldness, the Pauline urgency, the Holy Spirit endowment of power that will fire the churches of God. They lack the supernatural endowment that accompanied New Testament preachers. The miraculous, the supernatural is missing in the average preacher’s life and message and results.

—John R. Rice

It is one of the ironies of the ministership that many who works in God’s name is often the hardest put to find time for God. The parents of Jesus lost Him at church, and they were not the last ones to lose Him there.

—Vance Havner

What is the profit to America by having endless economizing, prosperity, carelessness and a hundred channels of television in every home… if our families are better fed and our children corrupted?

—Senator Bill Armstrong

No man should desire to be happy who is not at the same time holy. He should spend his efforts in seeking to know and do the will of God, leaving to Christ the matter of how happy he should be.

—A. W. Tozer

Never try to save out of God’s cause; such money will cumber the rest. Giving to God is not loss; it is putting your substance in the best bank. Giving is truly having, as the old gravestone said of the dead man: “What I spent I had; what I saved I lost; what I gave I have.”

—Charles Spurgeon

The advice you give that has not been solicited is in reality another form of criticism.

—Curtis Hutson

When Mr. Moody died, Mr. Dixon, speaking of the man and his ministry said, when I left Moody, I always felt not like praising him but praising God.

Who of us but understood the sentiment after leaving his presence? Did you ever stop to analyze that sentiment? His explanation is in the solitary fact that when Moody preached, Jesus was present, and God’s praise was the natural result.

—W. B. Riley

Don’t try to hold God’s hand; let Him do the holding and you do the trusting.

—H. W. Webb-Peploe

Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity.

—Survey Bureau

The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. And the first to forget is the happiest.
United States and President Donald Trump for making good on a campaign promise to relocate the embassy from Tel Aviv to Israel's declared capital city of Jerusalem.

News of the bomb threat was first reported by the University Student News Network, a regional Farsi-language site that aggregates relevant news items.

“The Student Movement for Justice declared, ‘Whoever bombsites the embassy’s building will receive a $100,000 award,’” the report states. “It is necessary to mention that the steps by Trump to transfer the U.S. Embassy to Holy Gods [Jerusalem] has led to the anger and hatred of Muslims and liberators throughout the world.”

— Rick Moran, jimedia.com

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: Let’s be clear—the move of the embassy to Jerusalem was approved by Congress in a bipartisan vote in 1995. But until now did we have a leader who would stand up and do it. Now these thugs are committing violence and threatening harm because they hate Israel and the U.S. The embassy is just one more excuse to do more of what they have done for years.

Launch of New “Congress of Christian Leaders” to Unite Global Church Announced

American evangelical leaders Samuel Rodriguez and Johnnie Moore have announced the founding of a new interdenominational body called the Congress of Christian Leaders, which they say will seek to foster unity and serve growing Christian movements across the globe.

Rodriguez, the president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, and Moore, a well-connected evangelical public relations executive who regularly travels overseas to visit international Christian communities, founded the new body as a nonpartisan avenue to help independent global Christian leaders and their churches.

Moore, who is CCL’s founding president, told the Christian Post... that the organization seeks to bridge a “gap between evangelicalism in the United States and around the world.”

Members of the organization will include Christian organizations, pastors, denominational heads, business leaders, thought leaders, and other notable Christian figures.

— Samuel Smith, christianpost.com

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: This appears to be a new spin on the old ecumenical movement—ecumenism on steroids perhaps. The “global church” as noted is not a church at all. It is a confluence of various groups and people who set aside scriptural directives and doctrinal differences for the sake of a superficial “unity.”

Family Suicide Bombings at Three Indonesia Churches, Eighteen Dead

Three churches in Indonesia were attacked on May 13, 2018. The Islamic State claimed responsibility. At least 18 people have been killed in Indonesia following a spate of suicide bombings which targeted three churches and government buildings. The Islamic State claimed responsibility, crediting the attack to a family of bombers, which includes children.

On Sunday, a husband, a wife and four children, including a nine-year-old girl, carried out the attacks against churches...

The father reportedly exploded a car bomb, while the mother and her two daughters, aged nine and 12, and two sons, aged 16 and 18, used a motorbike to carry out the other church attacks.

— Stoyan Zaimov, christianpost.com

Policeman Brings Down Gunman Who Opened Fire at Illinois High School

A police officer brought down the gunman at an Illinois high school on May 16 after the suspect opened fire.

The 19-year-old suspect... is reportedly a former student of Dixon High School where the incident took place around 8 a.m.

School resource officer Mark Dallas confronted the gunman near a gym on campus where students had gathered for a graduation rehearsal, the Daily Mail reported...

The gunman fired multiple times at the officer, who returned fire, wounding the suspect...

Dixon Mayor Liandro Arellano, Jr. [...] said, “A lot of things went right today when a great many of them could have gone wrong. Things could have gone much worse. We are deeply indebted to our officer and the actions he took today.”

— Randy DeLotto, westernjournal.com

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: The news media hardly mentioned this one because it doesn’t fit the narrative they are advocating. The difference on this day was an officer with a gun and with courage.

Socialists Win Four Seats in Pennsylvania Legislature

Four candidates supported by the Democratic Socialists of America won primaries in Pennsylvania state house races, HuffPost is reporting...

...the group’s Pittsburgh co-chair, Arielle Cohen, told HuffPost, “We won on popular demands that were deemed impossible. We won on healthcare for all; we won on free education.”

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There is treasure to be desired.—Proverbs 21:20.

Grandmother Hettie’s Secret Identity

Sarah was in what everyone thought was a storage room at the Crow’s Nest. Today was the first time Sarah saw it for what it was—her grandmother’s private office. All the awards, plaques and citations in this room were to someone Sarah knew by name but had never met. Not one thing had Hettie Shale’s name on it.

Why do that tidy bear and those nautical instruments seem so familiar? Sarah asked herself. And I’m sure I read a story about that huge dollhouse perched on top of that massive marble table. Even that hammock taps at my memory. Why do I get the feeling I’m actually living in the middle of a dream with my eyes wide open?

“Don’t look startled, Child,” Grandmother Hettie said from the doorway. “I am not involved in anything sinister or sordid or unlawful. I need you to help me finish my course and carry on Tristin’s and my secret. Will you help me, Child?”

Sarah nodded her head yes as she told Uncle Harlan’s words when he was clueless as to what was happening. “This is a curiousity to the nth degree.”

Grandmother Hettie set out a plate of homemade brownies and sometimes whitest snowstorms. After their morning devotions together at the breakfast table, Tristin bundled up to take care of the outside chores.

Hettie was left with time on her hands. She began reading the letters of the seafaring men in her husband’s family and she made up stories based on the real-life adventures she read about.

After much encouragement from her husband, Hettie sent three of her stories to a publisher. Within two weeks she received an acceptance letter together with a request for more stories. She and Tristin met the publisher, and she was soon signing a contract.

There was, however, one stipulation on which she insisted. She did not want her name to be known above her husband’s name, so she would use a pseudonym, pen name. Besides, they loved the farm life on the mountain, and they did not want notoriety to interfere with their lifestyle.

One day while combing her hair, Hettie noticed her favorite Bible verse on the wall behind her.”Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23). In the mirror, the letter...
I have often been thrilled and amazed at some of the opportuni- ties the Lord has given me to preach the Gospel.

During the summer months a young, very dedicated lady started coming to our church. Linda always came in order to know her, I learned that her husband was suffering from an enlarged heart and was very seriously ill. She informed me that he was on the waiting list for a heart transplant.

She always insisted on having her husband’s name on prayer lists. If it was not on the sheet, she would raise her hand and ask that we remember to pray for his health and that he would get saved.

She asked if it would be all right if she took my tapes home and played them for him. When I assur- ed her it would be fine she took my tapes and asked me to come to his funeral the next day.

She tel- led me the story of how she met her husband. She said she first met Ken at a church in which they both felt a call to go into full-time ministry. She had sent a letter to Ken and him and they continued their correspondence.

Then I gave a personal appeal for all of them to get saved. They had never heard the Gospel before then. Then I asked them to keep their ship stay afloat. W hen there are storms, our ship will not cut it for very long.

Next I asked them to keep their ship stay afloat and they had to get saved.

The service was ready to begin. About a hundred stayed inside and took their seats. Blood and his group were coming inside late. Blood and his group were coming inside late.

I asked them to keep their ship stay afloat. W hen there are storms, our ship will not cut it for very long.

The service was ready to begin. About a hundred stayed inside and took their seats. Blood and his group were coming inside late. Blood and his group were coming inside late.

I told the story of Ken’s coming to church and getting saved and baptized. Blood and his group were coming inside late. Blood and his group were coming inside late.

When the service was finished, Blood and his group were coming inside late. Blood and his group were coming inside late.

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Cuba Plane Crash: Ten Nazarene Pastors, Their Wives Are Among 110 Dead
Ten...pastors and their wives [were] among the 110 people who died in a plane crash near La Haban in Cuba on [May 18], their church has confirmed.

“The Church of the Nazarene in the region of Mesoamerica confirmed that 10 pastors and their spouses, the district of Cuba were on that flight,” said Carlos Sáenz, regional director of the group of churches, according to Evangelical Focus.

The Nazarene Church in Cuba was made up of 110 members. The group explained that the pastors and their wives “were leaving an event at the El Nazareno evangelical seminary and were returning to their province in the eastern region.”

—Stoyan Zaimov, christianpost.com

FBI Director: One Thousand Homegrown Terror Investigations Active, Not Counting “Traditional” ISIS, al-Qaeda Suspects
FBI Director Christopher Wray told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee on [May 16] that the bureau is tracking several thousand homegrown terrorism suspects, not counting those linked to a terror group or domestic extremist groups such as white supremacists.

“We have about 1,000 investigations into exactly the kind of people you’re describing, covering all 50 states as I’m sitting here right now. And that’s not even counting, you know, the al-Qaeda investigation, the ISIS investigation, the anti-American terrorism investigations, but just the group you’re talking about,” he said.

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: Just in case you have not realized the level of danger that has come to America, this information should put all of us on full alert.

Humanists Upset at Prospect of National Motto on Plates
Humanists want Mexican officials to think twice about the legal ramifications of using “In God We Trust” on license plates before provinces or territories move forward, but one attorney maintains that the Magna Carta is not doing anything wrong.

The American Humanist Association’s (AHA) Appignani Humanist Legal Foundation, LLC, has filed a complaint with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles that calls for the removal of the text “In God We Trust” from the state’s current standard plate design. The new plates are scheduled to be available in the fall of 2018.

Today it is a lawsuit against Catholics; tomorrow it could be against you or me.

—Michael Grychkos, christianpost.com

NFL Owners Approve New Policy to Address Anthem Protests
NFL owners have approved a new policy aimed at addressing the firestorm over national anthem protests, permitting players to stay in the locker room during “The Star-Spangled Banner” but requiring them to stand if they come to the field.

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: This compromise is like trying to “eat your cake and have it too!” They are responding to pressure from the public while still giving their players a way to use their football platform for protests. My view? Compromise never works as well as a clear-cut stand. My response? I’m still not watching football.

Business Sues Catholic Church Over LGBT Issues
An Oregon business has filed a complaint against a church that prohibited it from hosting an LGBT event in a building owned by the church.

Every year, tens of thousands of beachgoers visit the Oregon coast. This year, a Portland gay rights group, the Portland Area LGBT Network, has been criticized by the church, which it says is the largest Protestant church on the Oregon coast. It is called the “First Baptist Church.”

The LGBT group filed the lawsuit, which claims the church is violating the state’s anti-discrimination law.

The church has declined to respond to the lawsuit.

O precious Father, as we bow... —Selected

SWORD OF THE LORD

Standing Where the... •Continued from p 14

She added, “We’re turning the state the right shade of red tonight.”

—Theodore Banker, newsmass.com

June 15, 2018

Check out the men of God in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Read after the men of the past two hundred years whose books are available for your perusal.

You’ll find that the giants were not “cool.” They were firebrands whose pulpits were ablaze. They were never reconciled with the culture nor given to political correctness. They stood their ground in confronting society with the truth of God.

And I you can speak as they spoke and say what they said.

5. Support What the Giants Supported

You support by your attendance and with your money tells a tale. If we care about our testimony and the use of our influence, we must pay attention to what we support.

Many of us left the Southern Baptist Convention because we could not abide what we were supporting out of the church offering. Personally, I’ve never regretted making that choice. I saw what God was doing in the life of Rice had done and I knew I should follow their examples.

In independent Baptist circles as well, if we are to define the giants we have done, we will be careful about what we support.

For example, when Jerry Falwell started changing in the 1980s, some of us saw it and backed away. We were criticized at the time, but the years have vindicated the stand we took.

Personally, I have never been quick-triggered; but when compromise is in the wind, you and I need to acknowledge it and protect ourselves from it. Otherwise, we are a part of it.

The giants would do it. You and I can do as they did.

6. Sing What the Giants Sang!

It has not been so long ago that church music was a distinctly Christian genre. When you heard “In God We Trust” it was church music.

The day that rock ‘n’ roll arrived, the giants preached against it. At first, no one thought that rock would be taken to the seasoned voices of the giants.

Indeed, we can stand now where the giants of the past once stood.

Conclusion
In the human arena where we all live and work, no man is safe from the fact. That fact gets pointed out so frequently that you might think we are running out of people to honor. There is no end to examples of how the giants stood. We will need conviction and we will need courage, but we can too stand.

We can do what we should do, because we are under orders to do it.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.—Eph. 6:13.

The old-timers took a stand. They defined themselves because they defied the trends. They checked the Bible rather than the polls for their agenda. Their pulpits were at the forefront of their town. They made conversions. They formed churches. They confronted the status quo with eternal truth.

And they, their critics. Their sacrifices for their enemies were not many, but they wavered in their principled zeal.

They left behind some of their own behind-the-ears, neophyte wannabe, you and I will be on a solid foundation when the beliefs that supplant the seasoned voices of the giants.

Indeed, we can stand now where the giants of the past once stood.

7. Stand Where the Giants Stood

Yes, you and I can stand as the giants stood. We will need convictions and we will need courage, but we can too stand.

We can do what we should do, because we are under orders to do it.

Amem! Amen! Amen!
“ON THE WINNING SIDE”
Matthew 13:8

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Tuesday
Breaded Chicken Strips
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Roll
Tossed Salad
Peach Cobbler
Iced Tea or Coffee

Wednesday
BBQ Pork Sandwich
or 1/4 Pound Hamburger
French Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Banana Pudding
Iced Tea or Coffee

Thursday
Chicken Fillet Sandwich
Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes
French Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Eclair Cake
Iced Tea or Coffee

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Morning Session
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Jim Robideau
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7 p.m. Session

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TUESDAY

(9A.M.) MORNING WORKSHOPS

LUNCH

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

10 a.m. Session

7 p.m. Session

Mike ALLISON

Jeff FUGATE

Jim TOWNSELY

Jon JENKINS

Monday

Tuesday

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10 a.m. Session

Richard HARPER
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THURSDAY

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10 a.m. Session

Dennis LEATHERMAN
John HAMBLIN
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of multiple free workshops available each day:

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- Betty Smith
- Michelle Fugate
- Sharon Rabon

Opening
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

 Begins at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday through Thursday
Paragraph 1:

"They shall put you out of the synagogues, yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, neither me; John 16:2,3."

Paragraph 2:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 14:12.

Paragraph 3:

"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."—1 Cor. 13:18.

"For what soever I do not believe, shall be iniquity; but truth still remains true."

Paragraph 4:

"And judgment is turned away backward; and the truth is swallowed up: and the surface of Jacob is destroyed; and no man doeth right."

Paragraph 5:

"For ye have seen much in righteousness, and in truth the foundation standeth fast after all: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."—Isa. 59:14.

Paragraph 6:

"Fallen truth remains faithful. Truth is truth. Truth cannot become untruth. Truth never conflicts with truth. Truth confirms truth. Truth, when challenged, only proven false by the existing high school using an adaptive re-use approach. Modern -...
If we cannot have revival

B. Then God’s Word Is No Longer Reliable

I wish you would not tamper with God’s Word.

A number of years ago I attended a meeting at which we were honoring a great man whom I deeply loved. While I was on the plane flying there, God laid a poem on my heart. When I got off the plane, I handed it to the man’s secretary and said, “Would you type that for me, please; I’d like to say it, ‘In the Bible, Each word came from heart.’”

She sat down at her typewriter and had the audacity to copy the poem, change some things, and then she handed it back to me. I looked at it, put it in my pocket, took it back home, and told my secretary, “You type that as I wrote it.” She did, and I sent it back to him.

My dear friend, you leave this Book alone! Keep your hands off! “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” It is the inspired Word of God; it is the preserved word of God. God has made it inerrant. God’s Word is trustworthy.

We can still have revival because there are delights in darkness, delights in forgiveness, delights in pardoning.

If we cannot have revival, then the promises of God are no longer valid.

C. Then God’s Promises Are No Longer Valid

He said, “If my people...then will I hear from heaven.” He did not say, “In the 1700s I will hear” He didn’t say, “In the 1800s.” He said, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven.”

If we cannot have revival, then the promises of God are no longer valid.

II. IF WE DO HAVE REVIVAL

A. The Power of God Will Be Involuntary

He said, “And, behold, I send the promise of my father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

The Bible says, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1:8).

Oh, we must recognize that to have a revival, the power of God must be involved.

Our twenty-minute seminars will not bring revival. If we were to read all the books on soul winning, all the books on revival, a great Sunday school, all the books on revival, we would be old too old to do anything except sit back and listen to all the audio and watch all the video on how to do it, we will just be so weary.

Do you want to have revival? God says here is how to have it. He says, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven.”

The power of God is involved.

Second, if we have revival.

B. The Purity of God’s People Will Be Observed

Isaiah said in chapter 55, verse 7, “Lest the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let them return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

Third, if we do have revival.

C. The Prayer of Righteous Christians Will Be Answered

It is lack which is called by name, shall...pray, and seek my face.” We have to get back to old fashioned praying godly prayer of the righteous.

In I Kings 18:33 the little word “there” means “Then the fire of the Lo 50.” When did it fall?

When the altar was rebuilt, when the sacrifice was offered, when the fire fell? When the moisture was purged.

Elijah was in a spot. The prophetic people around him changed; already they had cried and screamed and had their charsi at the altar. But nothing had happened.

Elijah got up there and prayed, “LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it come to pass in the day thou art in Israel, and that I am thy servant” (vs. 36). “Then the fire of the Lo 50 fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench” (vs. 38).

And the result was all that the people fell on their faces and called Elijah their God. “The Lo 50, he is the LORD; the Lo 50, he is the LORD” (vs. 39).

When will we have revival? When God’s people get back to praying.

III. IF WE DO HAVE REVIVAL, HOW WILL WE KNOW IT?

A. A Spirit of Christlikeness

I will not dwell on that, but I could mention one end of the Bible to the other. If we have revival, there will be a Christlike- ness; a love of the brethren; a unity,

love one another...”

Second, if we have a revival, there will be

B. The Conversion of the Lost

Going out and getting a few hundred saved doesn’t necessarily mean you had revival. It does not mean you obeyed the command of God—to go out into the highways and the hedges. There has been times in my ministry when we have had big days.

Our bus pastor came to me and said, “Preacher, I want to have a big day on the buses.”

I said, “Go ahead. Be sure you mean it, mean a big, knock-down, drag-out—big, big day.”

He knew what I was talking about.

The last time we had a big day like that, some 2,200 rode the bus. It was about twenty-two years to rebuild the build- ing! But I said to him, “Why don’t you have in our football stadium? We have a two-thousand-seat stadium. Boy, that would be a good place to go.”

They went out and brought them in. And they had some kind of a program. They got the buses alone that day they had 2,731. That night I gave the report that 208 boys and girls were saved just in the bus ministry.

I read the report. I was thrilled! I could not say, “Now I have had revival. I thanked God for our people who labored, but that wasn’t enough.”

I can remember when we met in tents, in storefront buildings, I can remember when we rented a out of the temple and I asked him, “Why don’t you have revival? We swept out the beer cans on Sunday mornings so we could use the halls. Preachers who couldn’t quote five verses of Scripture would get up and stutter and stammer and cry and try to preach.

I can remember the first sermon I ever preached. I went to the li- brary of the college and read sermons by D. L. Moody. To show you how brilliant I was a first-year college student, I preached in ten minutes everything they preached in a lifetime.

I would get up and stutter and stammer. I didn’t know how to speak, and I couldn’t afford de- cent suits. I had to push the old car off to get it started. I never had air conditioning or carpeted floors.

When we finished our silly little sermons, the power of God would fall. Great big men would weep their way to the altar. Moms would come out and cry out, “O God, save my husband!” Teens would fall and had their charism at the altar. And they “How will we know it?”

When we have revival, there must be a conversion of the lost.

Have you ever thought of the price of a soul? You know what I am asking. What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8:36). He is saying to us, “If you have all the diamonds, all the gold, all the oil in the world; if you control all the banks, what shall it profit you, if you lose your own soul?”

Oh, let us pray that God will give revival for the sake of the lost!

Then I say, if we have revival, there will be

C. Standards of Righteousness

In I Kings 15:12 we find that when Asa had revival, he took the sodomites and all the idols out of the land. I don’t get very popular saying things like this, but I have never been very popular.

That verse says, “He took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fa- thers had made there.” There was a stan- dard of righteousness.

When Josiah had revival, the king commanded “to bring forth out of the house of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them” (II Kings 23:1-2). The standard of righteousness!

The Bible teaches us that when Hezekiah had revival, they “broke the images, and cut down the images.”

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Elizabeth Rice Handford

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Poll: LGBTQ Population in U.S. Estimated At 4.5 Percent

Results from a year-long survey conducted in 2017 show that the LGBTQ population in the United States is now at 4.5 percent and that the biggest increase in LGBTQ-identification has been among millennials, those people born between 1980 and 1999.

"By contrast, the LGBT percentage in Generation X (those born from 1965 to 1979) was only up 0.2 percent from 2016 to 2017," said the survey. "There was no change in the LGBT percent among baby boomers (born 1946 through 1964) and traditionalists (born prior to 1946)."

The survey showed that LGBTQ-identification is highest among those people making less than $36,000 a year. For 2017, that percentage was 6.2 percent LGBT. For people making $90,000 or more, the percentage of LGBTQ-identification was 3.9 percent.

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: Polls are polls and polls are not always reliable, but this one appears pretty straightforward and it is a very large sample.

Labor Unions Spend Millions of Member Due$ to Support Left-Wing Causes

It’s no secret that big labor unions have long supported liberal candidates and causes.

A new study by the Center for Union Facts found that major labor unions sent $3.1 billion to liberal and pro-abortion groups over the past seven years.

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, received $1.1 billion from the unions, according to the study.

"For decades, union officials have exploited working Americans to advance a left-wing political agenda — without their affirmative consent," said Richardson.

LifeNews has documented similar spending by powerful union groups, including more than $1 million to pro-abortion groups by the American Federation of Teachers. Recipients included Planned Par- enthood, NARAL and Emily’s List, all of which support abortion on demand.

In 2015, the Washington Free Beacon reported Planned Parent- hood also received money from the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, United Auto- workers Union, Service Employees International Union and the United Food and Commercial Workers between 2010 and 2015.

How to Respond…

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been affected. That certainly is not the case.

In every such case, no matter who isaccused, it isheartrending and brings a measure of deep hurt with it. In some instances, the reactions to the accusation or sinful scan-
dal are angry, abusive and even sinful themselves. Someone else's doing wrong, even if he has wronged no one but himself, should not go crazy in our dealing with it.

1. We Live in a Volatile Time!

The high-profile cases of sexual abuse and harassment were what put the Bible in the news a lot in recent years.

The volatility this creates in a so-

ciety is enormous. Suspicion runs high. The truth can be hurt. The rights of those people born between 1980 and 1999. See the survey.

The alleged victim must be pro-

tected and frankly the person ac-

cused must also be shielded until the case is officially established.

Two things must be avoided in dealing with a situation in which accusations are made:

First, accusations must not be ignored. The matter must be taken seriously and dealt with immedi-

ately.

Second, there must be no ef-

cort to cover up the incident. Even the appearance of cover-up will bring additional trouble to your doorstep. This does not mean that the faith is caught up in sin. But usually they do not. Once in a while someone is falsely accused but before two or three accusations are made, the guilty person gets fired and the accused, too, sometimes get hurt. That’s just a part of the ministry. We can’t shield ourselves from the realities of the tragic situations.

Honesty and integrity are the backbone and the bedrock of all ministry. We are never to know what the day may bring and who we will meet that day and whoever is involved, as Bible-be-

lieving, Christ-honoring Christians, we must step up, bear the fear and do our best to right.

As events unfold before us, let’s be prayerful with our words, let’s bescrição with our actions, let’s be Christian in our attitudes, let’s be firm in our resolve, let’s be gen-

erous in our apologies to others, let’s remember to take the high road before a lost world and let’s not lose heart in the process.

May God bless you with wis-

dom and discernment as you do the work of the world and serve the Saviour.
The Lord has the Place of Refuge

This text which I have read is part of the blessings pronounced by Moses upon one of the tribes ere he laid down his task and surrendered it to another. Among other things, he said to Asher, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

This same promise is given to all who will be obedient to the plan, and applicable to us today, a word that has in no sense become obsolete. It is God's word that has the answer to any question that arises to our minds. Moses said: "By Thine almighty breath, Disturb this sleep of death; The blessing shall be ours."

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I wonder how many of us do actually believe such a truth as that. Not as a theory, but how many of us do actually depend in every emergency upon a personal, living and ever present God? What a marvelous truth this is, after all, that all the qualities of Deity are to be fashioned into a house of refuge for us!

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by Dr. Curtis Hutson

“What does Paul mean in Galatians 1:6 when he’s talking about another gospel which is not another?”

There is only one message of the Gospel, and it is not the true Gospel. Those who preach another gospel which adds works of any kind are under the curse of God.

“What is the difference between laying up treasure in Heaven and reaping results at the Judgment Seat of Christ? Are these the same? Who has been like a nation of little selves in God Himself. Possesses is ours, fashioned into holiness—every power that He prehends everything, His dread—then that great word that comes to men when they grow old.

“I suppose Moses was like other men when he grew old. I heard of a man who was super-intendant of a lumberyard. The company for whom he worked had provided him a comfortable home, a parsonage, and a horse and lumberyard. He could look over the whole yard from his window. At last he reached the time when the company pensioned him and relieved him of his duty. A friend told me he was a guest of that pensioned superintendent on one occasion. And he said he hurried to his buggy, as he had been accustomed, then asked to be excused. He went upstairs. His wife explained to their guest, “He will be up to see you.” He could not understand that it can go on without him. He has no longer any obligation out there, but he goes upstairs every day after lunch and looks out to see if the men are working, to see that everything is going all right. He knows his beautiful, beautiful land which he could carry on without him.

I wonder if Moses felt a little like that. He knew how powerful they had been, how trying. And, Joshua, while not a very young man, has seemed to him young. Perhaps he wondered how Joshua would manage when he was gone, how the rest of them would manage.

Then perhaps he found comfort in the reflection that he was retiring, the Lord still would be there.

So to Ahler he said, “Ahler, I shall leave you a little bit of work that you will never mind. The eternal God will be thy Refuge. He never grows tired. He has no longer any authority or any army to reprove thee to everlasting and everlasting to He.”

What a blessing that is! When children lose their parents; the wife, her husband; the husband, his wife; those who have been dependent upon are removed, what remains? The eternal God. He never grows old. You will not have to do anything that you ever received may be repeated.

Some times when you go to store to buy certain things the stockkeeper will say of something, “That is a very difficult thing to match, if I were you, I would get a little more, because when you need to replenish supply, it may be that you will not be able to get it.”

But you know, the blessings of God are all standard. He may have blessed you a thousand times, because the eternal God is thy Refuge, and one thousand supplies of grace are inexhaustible.

Today as you think back over the year and look at the school where you were especially near and enriched you, you find out that I was as months past. . . .When his candle shined upon my head” (29:2,3).

“You say, ‘I wish I could have that experience over again!’ Well, in relation to man you cannot; but in relation to God you can. ‘The eternal God is thy refuge.’

Now a just word—I wish I had time to give this simple figure with you. How graciously tender it is:

“Underneath the everlasting arms”

By Boys’ Scouting’s Radical Left Turn Takes Another Downward Step

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is a liberal advocacy group that has publicly labeled a number of reputable Christian-based groups as “hate groups.”

The World Organization of the Scout Movement promotes the use of condoms and alcohol for attendees in its health and safety guidelines for next year’s 24th World Jamboree to be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The guidelines are featured on the school’s website alongside a script for an “equality assembly.”

Ireland Overwhelmingly Votes to Overturn Abortion Ban, Reject Unborn’s Right to Life

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When the children of Israel crossed the sea, it comforts my heart to know that there must have been many eyewitnesses.

Who fainted and feared to go, either side back—hand the brave, and pain—(Ps. 68:17). But He says, “I am going to put you into a belt of fire and I will refine you and I will riddle you and bore all the days of old.”

I need remind you that God’s care of His children is intensely personal.

And God is so distressed with all her family duties that a doctor has to say, “You must get away sometimes for a rest,” she looks about and says, “But I can’t get away.”

The reapers of the harvest are the angels” (Ps. 68:17). But He says, “I am not going to put you into a belt of fire and I will refine you and I will riddle you and bore all the days of old.”

I rather think He held them tight. Oh, dare I say it?—He cuddled them to His breast and rejoiced in the sense of having His children close to Him. He took them up in His arms and blessed them.

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Those arms of hers are always full and busy, because her ministry is such an intensely personal one.

Likewise, our God is never an absentee God. He is “a very present help.” He is always there. His arms are always about us. How beautifully safe, how blessedly safe we are, held in the everlasting arms!

I suppose Moses wanted to carry forward that idea of the eternity of God. Strong as he seemed to be—though so far past the century mark—yet he thought of his weakening powers, his gradually diminishing strength, and said, “I commit you to One who is eternal, whose arms are everlasting!”

What a blessing that is, dear friends! How tenderly He holds His children! Well, how can we think of the everlasting arms? We sometimes think:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet—A present help is He; And under the shadow of His wings—And loves His galaxies.

There is a story in the Scriptures of the days of the Lord Jesus when they brought to Him children, but little children, so young they could not come themselves. They were like some of the beginnners—they had to be brought.

They brought those children to Jesus that He might put them about and bless them. This is what the mothers wanted Him to do. He did not baptize them; He took them up in His arms.

I have seen men try to pick up a baby. Oh, they can lift a big stone or something, but the most awkward thing in the world is to see some man pick up a child. I am sure no mother ever lifted up her own child more dexterously; no mother feared that that little child would fall away from Him, the eternal God Himself, took the little children into His arms.

For He does not hold them tight—Oh, dare I say it?—He cuddled them to His breast and rejoiced in the sense of having His children close to Him. He took them up in His arms and blessed them.

And that is what He wants to do with every one of us, for the oldest of you is only a little child before God.

Let us come to Him that He may take us up in His arms; then no matter what happens, evenmore, “underneath are the everlastinglest arms!”

The shields was born in Bristol, England. He was the pastor of churches in these cities in Ontario: Toronto, Hamilton, Oshawa, and Brampton. In 1910 he was called to Jarvis Baptist Church, where he founded The Gospel Witness, a weekly magazine; was author of several books; was chairman of the Board of Directors; and was moderator of Toronto Baptist Seminary.

TRUST IN GOD’S EVERLASTING ARMS.

You have read the moving message by T. J. Shields entitled “Underneath Are the Everlasting Arms.” Surely you see how greatly God longs for fellowship with His creatures and how He must break from separation from us because of sin.

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