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Esther's Journey From Mildness To Militancy

By
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I have come to understand, after twenty years of preaching, that the book of Esther is not merely a nice story about the providence of God and His protection of Israel in captivity. The book of Esther offers an accounting of the journey of a young Jewish girl from the softness of palatial living to the militant defense of her people. The entire book is instructive to us in this day of softness and weakness to move from the mildness to militancy.

backdrop that reveals four weaknesses of Esther.

Lack of Understanding

The first weakness is revealed in the first four verses. Mordecai, clothed with sackcloth and covered with ashes, was at the king's gate crying out as word of the horrific edict orchestrated by evil Haman spread throughout the kingdom of Persia. News came to Esther of Mordecai's activities in front of the

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FOUNDER'S FORUM

In this issue, The PROJECTOR is introducing a new column, FOUNDER'S FORUM. It will feature articles by Dr. Dayton Hobbs, some previously featured in the paper, others to be taken from his other writings or sermons. We trust it will be a blessing to our readers. This initial column was originally printed in Summer, 1998; however, its content is vital today.

ANOTHER JESUS

By
Dr. Dayton Hobbs

"For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye received another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him" (II Cor. 11:4 KJV).

The Amplified reads, "For (you seem readily to endure it) if a man comes and preaches another Jesus than the One we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the (Spirit) you (once) received or a different gospel from the one you (then) received and welcomed; you tolerate (all that) well enough!" (II Cor. 11:4 AMP).

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ" (Gal. 1:6,7 KJV).

The Modern Jesus

The Jesus so commonly spoken of and preached in the majority of pulpits across America and the world today is a creation of Satan. The Christian religion of our time is in the depths of apostasy, all the while filling radio and television

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EDITOR'S DESK

By Pastor Tod Brainard

The Generational Impact of a Father

Jeremiah 35 records a poignant object lesson regarding a family known as the Rechabites. Their father, Jonadab, left a lasting impression upon his family by teaching them the **value of voice obedience**. Because of their obedience (no "vow" was taken here to their father, only simple obedience) to their father's commands, God said, in verse 19, *"Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever."*

Father's Day has just past and I have cause to wonder if men truly understand the generational impact that they are having upon their children and their grandchildren. We live in a day of the "feminization" of men. Men are expected to soften their image and take up attitudes and roles that have been characteristic of women. This tenderizing of fathers is hailed as progress when in reality it is the corruption of God-intended roles. American homes are turning out boys who are manipulative, crude, effeminate, and no less troubling, girls who are sassy, sensual and spoiled.

Hebrew scholars tell us that Rechab means *"In possession of father qualities"* and that Jonadab means *"the father freely gives"* or more likely, *"receiver of the father's gifts."* These men serve as examples of fatherhood to a generation of uninvolved, weak, disconnected, sorry dads.

What exactly are fatherly qualities? Let me give you some important ones from Jeremiah 35 as illustrated by Jonadab, a mighty father in Israel:

- 1) **Authoritative** - vs. 6, *"...for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us";* vs. 8 *"...we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us..";* vs. 10, *"But*

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DON'Ts IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

By
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Have you heard the expression "The Christian life is NOT a bunch of DON'Ts?" That is true in two respects. (1) If you as a Christian DON'T DO what the bible says TO DO, that is not a good Christian life. (2) If you as a Christian DO what the Bible says DON'T DO, that is certainly not a good Christian life. And the Bible has many, many DON'Ts for Christians. I've gathered up some of them and will pass them on to you.

ROMANS 12

1. v. 12:2 **Don't** be conformed to this world.
2. v. 12:3 **Don't** think of yourself more highly than you ought to think.
3. v. 12:9 **Don't** love with dissimulation (hypocrisy).
4. v. 12:11 **Don't** be slothful in business.
5. v. 12:14 **Don't** curse them which persecute you.
6. v. 12:16 **Don't** mind high things (high by worldly standards).
7. v. 12:16 **Don't** be wise in your own conceits.
8. v. 12:17 **Don't** recompense man evil for evil.
9. v. 12:19 **Don't** avenge yourselves.
10. v. 12:21 **Don't** be overcome with evil.
11. v. 13:8 **Don't** owe men anything but love.
12. v. 13:9 **Don't** commit adultery.
13. v. 13:9 **Don't** kill.
14. v. 13:9 **Don't** steal.
15. v. 13:9 **Don't** bear false witness.

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FOCUS ON RELIGION



Fundamentalism,

A Heart for God, Holiness, Separation

by

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Seeking Unity?

A generation ago, Fundamentalism was sold a bill of goods, which included things such as soul winning, morality, world missions, bus ministries, church growth, social reform, etc. This bill of goods has come to serve as deviations and substitutes for obeying God and His mandates of separation and holiness. We were told we must join together for the cause of souls! We were also told we were to join together for the moral good of America! We were told we must have unity for world missions! As a result of the "good cause" mentality, many have defected from Biblical truth by seeking an unbiblical unity based on this broad criterion. This non-Biblical view of "unity" is as old as compromise itself. The devil is a master angler who uses various worms on the hook to get well meaning religious people to seek "unity" at all costs. When a religious man seeks "unity" he always finds it; but he finds it in all the wrong places.

God-Given Unity

It is important to know that God dispenses unity as He conforms us to the image of His Son; man should not seek it (John 17). When God gives unity it is sweet indeed, but God-given unity is not as inclusive or as frequent as man desires. Because of this truth,

religious man creates a theology that takes unity into his own hands and out of God's hands.

The Bible speaks of both unity and separation. These are not inconsistent truths nor are they opposites. They dwell in harmony in the same house. When a genuine believer goes *"..forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing his reproach"* (Hebrews 13:13) and tastes God-given unity, man's

This was not the man-made soft, fuzzy unity around the evangelical campfire.

synthetic imitation of unity has no appeal. Paul and Silas enjoyed this unity in the prison as they prayed and sang at midnight. This was not the man-made soft, warm, fuzzy unity around the evangelical campfire with hundreds of disobedient brethren all singing "kum-ba-ya". This was God's holy unity sent to those who practiced the separation rooted in His holiness and commanded in Scripture. "Be ye Holy!" is the command; not "Be ye United!" The man who practices Biblical separation enjoys the unity God ordains. The man who avoids God's standard of separation in order to produce his own brand of unity knows nothing of the blessings that God's unity

provides, and never having experienced God's unity, is satisfied with the warm and fuzzy man-made counterfeit. This satisfaction with the counterfeit produces a continuous growing state of tolerance to error and compromise in order to maintain that man-made unity.

The Separatist Heart

Ecclesiastical separation (Biblical separation from all forms of apostasy and error in religion) is the refusal to unite, collaborate, join, partnership, or be identified with any religious organization or leader that does not obey the Word of God in doctrine and practice.

True Christians have always believed they should practice separation and not seek unity at the expense of truth or obedience. The Apostle Paul preached it in the First Century AD. A separation movement grew in the late 1800's and early 1900's, which became known as Fundamentalism. They first tried to purify themselves by removing liberals who had infiltrated their churches, denominations, and associations. This did not work. From their intense study of the Word, they realized that separation was the answer to the pressing liberalism. The Fundamentalists, as they were called, of the 1910's and 1920's, separated themselves from the denominations, Bible colleges,

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king's gate and her first reaction was to send a change of clothes to Mordecai.

Let's stop for just a moment. Think with me. Does not Esther know about the significance of sackcloth and ashes? Does she not understand the weight of Mordecai's actions? It seems that she has no idea what is taking place. Esther had no understanding of Jewish history, no understanding of Biblical precedent, no apparent grasp of the significance of sackcloth, ashes, wailing, and the profound expression of deep contrition.

I do not think I am being too hard on Esther when I say that she didn't have a clue about what Mordecai was doing at the king's gate. Her response was a "change of raiment," which Mordecai rejected. Like Esther, there are many in our churches today who have little knowledge of the blood-stained history of the English Bible they possess. They have little regard for the fact that the copy of the Scripture they possess is stained with the blood of martyrs, who gave their lives in order that we might possess a copy of God's Word in our native tongue. In addition, few today have any sense of understanding of the Fundamentalist struggle. The intense battles that have been fought for truth and the on-going war against the devil are little appreciated or little understood. As with Esther, there is no link to the past, no real connection to Biblical precedent, no serious understanding of the Bible.

Esther's nearly two years of living in the lap of luxury had dulled her sensitivities to things spiritual. Every need, every whim,

every wish was supplied by the King. There was no want, no struggle, only the affluence and utter softness of palace living.

Scripture indicates that affluent living on this earth is not conducive to spiritual life (Proverbs 28:11, Matthew 13:22, Mark 4:19; 10:23; Luke 6:24; 8:14; I Timothy 6:9). As Esther, we have been spoiled by palace living here in America. We have come to the place that we honestly believe that the American dream is a Biblical dream. Nothing could be further from the truth. Softness, ease, and comfort are the elements of disaster for the Church of the last days.

Lack of Courage

Secondly, when Mordacai sent word to Esther (vs. 7-9) that an edict had been signed and sealed by Xerxes that all the Jews would be killed, she responded by reminding Mordecai of court protocol and the potential of her death if she approached the king unannounced and uninvited. It seems that Esther has little clarity of the urgency of the moment. She is more concerned for her safety than the safety of her people. She lacked courage. Soft living and soft ways sap courage from the hearts of men and women. Capitulation to the enemy in order to maintain comfort and stability is an easy step to make.

Sense of Entitlement

When Mordecai receives Esther's reply he immediately fires back (vs. 13), "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews." In other words, "Esther do not think that your position as queen entitles you to preferential

treatment." The third weakness, in my opinion, is that Esther had some sense of entitlement that prevented her from coping with the reality of her potential death along with all the other Jews. She thought, "It won't happen to me; I am the Queen." Little did she realize that Vashti, no doubt, thought the very same thing.

A sense of entitlement is a deadly cancer of the soul. It infects the conscience and diminishes the mind and heart of a clear understanding of Biblical reality. Mordecai lets her know that the softness of her tone will be no match for Haman and his deadly plan.

Unbelief

Finally, verse 14 says, "*For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed...*" Mordecai lets Esther know that she is going to die unless something changes. She is not exempt from this death warrant. Esther, like so many today, just did not believe that death and judgment are really coming. Paul says, "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:* (Hebrews 9:27). Also Peter writes, "*Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation (II Peter 3:3-4).*" Beware! Christ is coming in judgment!

Esther, in the comfort of her surroundings, could not bring

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Proverb Practicals

By Ludwig Opager

Proverbs 19:3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the LORD.

Think back to the book of Genesis when Adam ate of the forbidden fruit. God told him not to eat it, but receiving the fruit from his wife, he did eat. In doing so, he acted without regard to the divine law of his Maker, and we know that his way was forever perverted from the straight way. Because of that act, all of us continue the tendency to walk that perverted way.

*EXCUSES,
EXCUSES!*

What was Adam's response when his act of disobedience was found out? Did he own up to the fact that he disobeyed God willfully with full understanding of his disregard for divine law? Did he fret against himself or his wife? No! He displayed what the foolish do, the desire to blame others and in this case, that other was God.

The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

What is the gist, the essence, of this excuse? "Well, it is the woman's fault," he said, but the overall underlying nub is that Adam did not have any trouble before the Lord gave him Eve. "It may be the woman's fault but if You, Lord, had not given her to me

I would not have disobeyed You."

Adam was fretting against the Lord, and we have here the first example of the proverb that we have before us. This is the nature of Adam's race. Blame the Lord for your perverted way. It is God's fault! I'm not responsible! It is the Lord who caused me to get in the mess I'm in. Why did He allow this to happen? Why God, why?

Remember when David went up to Baalah, to bring up the ark of God. Carrying the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark, but the anger of the LORD was kindled, and He killed Uzza. The Bible tells us that David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza. Why did the Lord do this? Why did He allow this to happen? David, instead of blaming God why not consider that you acted foolishly because you did not regard the divine law which commanded the ark to be carried by the staves? And so it goes today. There is nothing new under the sun. Like our father Adam and our brother David, so we ever follow in their footsteps.

But we are to remember that God has made this to be a moral universe, linking for our benefit, cause and effect, sowing and reaping, sin and sorrow. The fool rushes in thinking that there will be no sorrow, then when sorrow comes because of his perverted

ways, he frets. Surprise, surprise! I didn't know this was going to happen! He finds that there are sometimes drastic life changing or life ending consequences. Intending to gather grapes, he finds a fist full of thorns. Thinking that he will eat figs, he finds himself caught in thistles.

"Who would have known it?" he says. "Why is this?" he says. "Who's to blame?" he says. "It certainly can't be me! God wants to put me down! God wants to do me in!" He refuses to consider that his foolishness caused his perverted ways with the inevitable result of sorrow. It is cause and effect! "Why should I get punished for indulging my passions? I couldn't help it!" How many times have you heard that? How many times have you said that? "Why didn't God give me strength to avoid it?" So his heart frets against the Lord.

The word fret means to boil up, thus displaying anger, passion, heat, and wrath. It is a boiling that is directed at the fretter's Creator, but God is not the problem. God by His Word and by His grace has clearly shown the better, but man chooses the worse. Why doesn't God give grace to avoid the perverted way? The truth is that God does offer grace but the foolish are not interested, choosing not to obey God. God has so ordained the fool to be free to not

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we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all the Jonadab our father commanded us." (eg. Genesis 18:19, "For I know him (Abraham) that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord...").

- 2) **Principled** – vs. 6 - 7 "...Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever; neither plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents;
- 3) **Purposeful** – vs. 7 "that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers."
- 4) **Deliberate and Decisive** – vs. 14, "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment...."
- 5) **Instructive** – vs. 18 "...and kept all his precepts...." The word "precepts" in the Hebrew indicates authoritative teachings and specific instructions respecting moral conduct. Jonadab was a teacher, an instructor of what was required regarding moral conduct.

Though these qualities are mocked and ridiculed in our post-modern world, they are the qualities that gave the world a generation of Rechabites that God highly esteemed and continues to honor.

Fathers, it is Biblical to have "bite" with your "bark." It is Biblical to exercise properly constituted authority in your homes. It is Biblical to rule your home and use the rod according to the Scriptures in order to have the blessings of God in your home circle. We need men in our homes to take up the leadership that God has prescribed and carry out with courage and determination the duties of fatherhood. Our wives and our children are depending upon us for leadership. Whether you realize it or not, you will have a generational impact. Will it be for God or for the Devil?

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listen to Him, choosing instead to do his own thing, but the fool is responsible for the perverted way that results from that thing.

The fool, being stubborn in his own way, guarantees that he walks the perverted way for the perverted way is a fool's only way. The fool cannot travel the wise way because he will not, and if he perishes it is not because of any weakness but it is because of his willfulness. Jesus said in John 5:40, **And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.** God, in His omnipotence, has

given us free will. And along with this gift comes accountability for choices.

Accountability is the ability to measure your actions against a standard with readiness to accept liability for your conduct. It is owning up to misconduct. It is those rare words, "I did it!" coming out of your mouth. It is not blaming others, nor blaming God for your perverted ways. It is admitting, "No doubt the trouble is with me," and calling upon God for wisdom to walk the straight way, the way where wisdom leads.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Thank you for your sending me the good letter and articles on those that err from the Truth. I will pray for you for I know that your stand is difficult, and many will not understand, but I know that the Lord will bless you now and at the Judgment Seat of Christ for your stand. via e-mail

Thanks for The PROJECTOR. I had first received it as far back as the 60s and have gained a lot through it. I REALLY ENJOYED THE ARTICLE, "A Word about Blogging," by Pastor Brainard. ...It was a great article, especially since we have only become acquainted with the process about four months ago, and have already expressed your very same sentiments publicly and in private. You hit the nail on the head! A Home Run! Via e-mail from IN



Thank you for your excellent publication. It helps us stay on course in a day when there is such a mixture of worldliness in churches and in individual Christian lives.

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Teaching Tips

by Doris Peppard

Oral Reading

Oral reading is an integral part of reading instruction. Beginning reading requires that a child learn that the letters of our alphabet are symbols that represent certain sounds. Rudolf Flesch says in his book, *Why Johnny Can't Read*, that "learning to read is simply learning a system of notation for the language the child already knows." Once children learn this sound-symbol relationship, true reading instruction is ready to begin.

The history of early American education was dominated by oral reading. Granted, this was due to the fact that there were few printed books available. Students would spend the majority of their time reading orally, rereading the material, and even memorizing passages from the Bible, poetry, and what few books were available. In fact, early schools were nicknamed "blab schools" because students did so much oral work. With the advent of modern methods of mass printing, more reading materials became available to children: books, magazines, newspapers, and circulars. This printed material caused a shift in instruction from oral reading to silent reading.

The National Institute for Literacy states, "Silent reading is what we mean when we talk about a person's reading ability. It is the end result of the reading process and is what happens when all of the components interact successfully." Silent reading definitely allows a student to read at a faster pace and should be included as a part of reading instruction.

Oral reading instruction is vitally important once phonics has been taught. It connects the spoken and written language so that students build confidence, fluency, and comprehension while allowing the teacher to view the reading process in the early stages of instruction. Continued oral reading instruction helps word recognition become more automatic, rapid, and effortless. Repeated oral reading improves comprehension as the words begin to flow in meaningful phrases. Struggling readers benefit from directed oral reading; feedback from the teacher allows students to devote their attention to comprehension, expression, and fluency.

Another benefit from oral reading comes in the form of choral reading. This type of training requires students to read orally with a group of students. Fluent repeated reading helps struggling readers learn to read with expression and at the same time build comprehension skills. Portions of famous speeches, poems, and patriotic writings provide wonderful choral reading materials to be shared with other classes or in chapel. It gives our students an opportunity to be in front of an audience, learn poise, and be a blessing to others.

Oral reading must not be neglected. Researchers in the National Institute for Literacy have found that there is "a high correlation between oral reading fluency and reading comprehension. Good reading instruction incorporates both silent and oral reading instruction; together they produce good readers with excellent expression and comprehension skills."



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(and now the internet) with multiplied thousands of hours weekly of corrupted confusion called Christianity. To hear them it would seem that revival is sweeping or at least is about to sweep us into the millennium. "Give me a break," to borrow a popular expression of our day.

Satan's Jesus

The Jesus created by Satan is not offensive to sinful men. This Jesus promises life without a cross, prosperity without pain, and all the pleasures of this world plus the glories of the next. This Jesus, as the Lord Jesus Christ of Scripture, saves, keeps, and satisfies one's every need without the rejection, persecution, and self-denial essential in a Biblical walk of faith. This Jesus gives power to resolve all marital and family relationships, psychological disorders, and basic youth conflicts, all without dying to self or losing any worldly friends or relationships. There is no requirement by Satan's Jesus for his followers to separate from worldly pursuits and pleasures; from carnal friends and questionable entertainment, and, as a matter of fact, he often puts his approval upon that lovable Nashville sound (Christian lyrics required occasionally) and the best of Branson; especially Lawrence Welk and Andy Williams. Old hymns filled with sound doctrine are replaced with contemporary music by Satan's Jesus, and microphone sucking is an art to be cultivated, especially in conjunction with some mushy, big orchestra sound track.

Satan's Jesus proposes programs for all the disenfranchised of society; programs other than the fiery, Spirit-filled preaching of the Word of God. "Reprove, rebuke, and exhort" have been removed from the vocabulary of the men who proclaim Satan's Jesus. This Jesus of Satan is designed to attract crowds and cause phenomenal church growth without ever making these worshippers feel uncomfortable in their sins or uneasy about their souls' lost condition.

Satan's Jesus and Teens

This modern Jesus is especially attractive to the teens of our generation. The Scripturally untaught and fun-loving teens need not be concerned about serious service for the Lord Jesus Christ of Scripture; they need not get serious about their testimony and service in their local church and school (often with a Christian title), for they can take a mission trip each

year and remove any guilt they might have accumulated from their poor performance the rest of the year. If a mission trip is out of the question then a week at a Christian camp closed out by the traditional putting of the fagot on the closing camp fire with a resolve to go back home and do a better job next year, which in my over 50 years experience with teens generally means another year like the last.

A Coffee and Doughnut Jesus

This modern and accommodating Jesus often adds coffee and doughnuts to the Sunday morning agenda as an added incentive to encourage participation in the Sunday School hour, some actually taking the goodies to class to munch on during the lesson. The "come on" might also help the usually tardy ones show up on time.

The Jesus of Scripture

Let the Jesus of Scripture speak for Himself:

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:24,25).

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26,27).

"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:18,19).

I don't want to sound unkind, but what is going on in most of the evangelical and fundamentalist churches of today just doesn't match up with the Lord Jesus Christ of the Word of God. It seems that by and large we have sold out the offence of the cross for popularity and numbers.

What Has Changed?

Man's sinful heart hasn't changed; Satan hasn't changed; the world hasn't changed; God hasn't changed; the Gospel hasn't changed; and the Lord Jesus Christ hasn't changed. It is the preaching that

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16. v. 13:9 **Don't** covet.
17. v. 13:13 **Don't** walk in rioting.
18. v. 13:13 **Don't** walk in drunkenness.
19. v. 13:13 **Don't** walk in chambering (illicit intercourse).
20. v. 13:13 **Don't** walk in wantonness (indecenty).
21. v. 13:13 **Don't** walk in strife (contention).
22. v. 13:13 **Don't** walk in envying (being jealous).
23. v. 13:14 **Don't** make provision for the flesh (to fulfill lust).
- EPHESIANS 4—6**
24. v. 4:12 **Don't** be children tossed to and fro by others.
25. v. 4:14 **Don't** be carried about by every wind of doctrine by others.
26. v. 4:17 **Don't** walk as other Gentiles.
27. v. 4:22 **Don't** go by the old man (sinful nature).
28. v. 4:25 **Don't** lie.
29. v. 4:26 **Don't** sin when angry.
30. v. 4:26 **Don't** let the sun go down on your wrath (don't stay angry).
31. v. 4:27 **Don't** give place to the devil.
32. v. 4:28 **Don't** steal anymore.
33. v. 4:29 **Don't** speak dirty words.
34. v. 4:30 **Don't** grieve the Holy Spirit.
35. v. 4:31 **Don't** have bitterness.
36. v. 4:31 **Don't** have wrath.
37. v. 4:31 **Don't** have clamour (a tumult of controversy).
38. v. 4:32 **Don't** speak evil.
39. v. 4:31 **Don't** have malice.
40. v. 5:3 **Don't** fornicate.
41. v. 5:3 **Don't** be unclean.
42. v. 5:3 **Don't** covet.
43. v. 5:4 **Don't** be filthy.
44. v. 5:4 **Don't** have foolish talking.
45. v. 5:4 **Don't** have jesting (making fun of good things).
46. v. 5:6 **Don't** let men deceive you with vain words.
47. v. 5:7 **Don't** be partakers with evil.
48. v. 5:11 **Don't** fellowship with evil things
49. v. 5:12 **Don't** speak (honorably) of evil things.
50. v. 5:15 **Don't** walk (behave) as fools.

51. v. 5:17 **Don't** be unwise (in spiritual things).
52. v. 5:18 **Don't** be drunk with wine.
53. v. 6:4 **Don't** provoke your children to wrath.
54. v. 6:6 **Don't** do things with eyeservice, as menpleasers.
55. v. 6:7 **Don't** just do service as to man, but as to God.

PHILLIPIANS 2

56. v. 2:3 **Don't** do things through strife (hate).
57. v. 2:4 **Don't** just look on your own things, be concerned about others.
58. v. 2:14 **Don't** murmur (grumble).
59. v. 2:14 **Don't** dispute (argue about unimportant things).

COLOSSIANS 3

60. v. 3:2 **Don't** set your affections on earthly things.
61. v. 3:5 **Don't** have fornication.
62. v. 3:5 **Don't** have uncleanness.
63. v. 3:5 **Don't** have inordinate affection.
64. v. 3:5 **Don't** have evil concupiscence (evil desires).
65. v. 3:5 **Don't** have covetousness.
66. v. 3:8 **Don't** have anger (inner spirit).
67. v. 3:8 **Don't** have wrath (the pouring out of the inner spirit).
68. v. 3:8 **Don't** have malice (the result of the pouring out of anger).
69. v. 3:8 **Don't** have blasphemy (swearing).
70. v. 3:8 **Don't** have filthy communication (dirty talk).
71. v. 3:9 **Don't** lie at all to others.

If you believe there are things the Bible says we are to do, but we really don't have to do ALL of them; then you believe there are things the Bible says stay away from, but we really don't have to stay away from ALL of them.

One More DON'T

72. Heb. 10:24 **Don't** forsake the assembling of ourselves together (church services). And so much the more in these last days. If you are not at every service you possibly could be, you are forsaking the assembly; doing what God says DON'T DO!

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has changed. The church has changed, and our attitude toward the world and sin has changed. We have filled our churches with unsaved church members, and the poor saints who remain are so starved for the sound preaching of the Word of God and the singing of the great old hymns of the faith that they have very little strength left. Our pulpits are no longer stations of power but podiums where idealistic, man-conceived concoctions flow forth.

Revival?

Biblical, Scriptural revival is absurd and out of the question in such an environment as this. The primary need in many churches is *life*, not revival. The primary work of the pastor, as well as the evangelist, has to do with the saints. The gifts to the Church of the men listed in Ephesians 4:11 are "for the perfecting (equipping) of the saints for the work of the ministry (service)" (Eph. 4:12). Jesus' instructions to Peter need to be adhered to when He said to him, "Feed my lambs" and "Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). From my point of view, we've concentrated too much upon buildings, crowds, and entertainment, and too little upon the building up of the saints in the Word of God.

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organizations and associations that were led by the liberal minded individuals, and founded new organizations (GARB, Westminster, Bob Jones University, etc). However, then as now, there arose within the Fundamentalists' ranks a desire for "unity" and dissatisfaction with the practice of ecclesiastical separation. This issue between the Militants and the Moderates came to a head in the late 1940's.

Discerning the Difference

A **Moderate** was a so-called Fundamentalist who was an Evangelical at heart.

A **Militant** was a Fundamentalist who practiced Biblical separation.

An **Evangelical** was a moderate who rejected the separation practices of Fundamentalists.

Harold Ockenga vocalized this issue well at the dedication of Fuller Theological Seminary (a new evangelical school, designed to teach young people to be more open to new ideas by dialoguing with liberalism) in 1948. With the advent of *Christianity Today* and the inclusive evangelism strategy of Billy Graham (both of New Evangelical persuasion), the moderates' transition from Fundamentalism to New Evangelicalism was complete; a new movement was born.

Fundamentalists now had to again practice separation from fellow Christians and institutions involved in New Evangelicalism. Many refused to practice ecclesiastical separation; thus, they ceased being Fundamentalists. Some tried to keep the label "Fundamentalist"; however, their refusal to practice Biblical separation indicated their true heart. Over the years, New Evangelicalism has dropped the prefix "new" in favor of the old term "Evangelicalism."

Fundamentalists have been fractured in the last half-century and will of necessity continue to fragment as more men embrace the siren call of unity. Fundamentalists (of the moderate sort) will continue to defect to Evangelicalism as many continue to reject Biblical separation based on God's Holiness; and will instead embrace man-centered methods to produce a "unity" base for the purpose of building sizeable churches or ministries.

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Stars of the Morning

FLY, BABY, FLY!

A True Story

by

"Aunt Carolyn"

Getting up in the morning was not Tami's favorite job! When Mother's first "get up" call came, Tami popped out of bed because to obey was the first rule of her family, but waking up on the *inside* took a little bit longer. The sun shone in her bedroom window with light and warmth that made her feel good. She thought to herself, "Mr. Sun surely obeys the Heavenly Father and gets up on time every morning. He never drags around. I suppose I shouldn't either." With that, she hurried a little and was soon bounding down the stairs to the kitchen looking for her cat. Call as she might, Spotz didn't come.

"Where is that kitty?" she wondered. Tami filled Spotz' food bowl hoping to lure her out into the open. What a cat! Spotz' father was a real bobcat out of the woods, and Spotz inherited his markings - spots and stripes, pointed ears, high hips and no tail at all! Spotz was a beauty, but why didn't she come when Tami called?

"Never mind," Mother reassured. "You know Spotz is a cat, and a cat is a cat is a cat! Cats come when they choose. She'll come when she gets ready."

Tami knew it was so, but she didn't like it. "Why can cats get by with not coming, Mother, when I have to obey at once?"

"Well, my dear, you are not a cat. And you are not an animal! God gave animals certain instincts, which direct their actions. Spotz inherited her father's wild nature

and instincts so she does what bobcats do. You are a human being created in the image and likeness of God. God gave children eternal souls that will live somewhere forever. God gave you a will, a conscience, and a sense of right and wrong.

**SOMETHING,
SOMEONE,
WAS IN MORTAL
DANGER!**

Children inherit the sinful nature of our first father, Adam. Children need a new nature that only the Lord Jesus Christ can give, so they can go to heaven someday but also so they will want to do right. Children must learn to obey their earthly father and mother now so they will be able to obey God and His Word when they get older."

That was pretty deep thinking for Tami so early in the morning. As she mulled it in her mind the silence was broken by such a sudden horrendous noise that Tami was terrified! Mother turned in fright, too! The terrible screaming caused their hearts to pound! Something, someone was in mortal fear and danger!

Something flashed past them in a blur. It was Spotz carrying a screaming, terrified brown thrush in her mouth! Tami had never heard such an awful sound in her life. She didn't even know birds

could scream like that! Poor helpless birdie! What could Tami do?

In an instant, Tami darted toward them. "No, Spotz! No, no, Spotz, no!" she cried! Hardly knowing what she was doing, Tami stopped Spotz in her tracks! "No, Spotz, No!" With one hand on Spotz' neck, with the other she took the trapped bird out of the cat's tight grip. Kitty ran away escaping the commotion, foiled in her attempt to destroy her prey.

Tami's heart was beating fast as she opened the door and walked outside. The bird's screaming had stopped, but Tami could feel its little heart beating fast and hard still in mortal fear! Tami's mind raced! How badly was the little bird wounded? Would it live at all? "Oh, don't die, Birdie! Please don't die!" She must let it go! But what if it couldn't fly? What if it only flopped on the ground? What if...

Holding the little thrush in her cupped hands, she gave a little lift with her arms, opened her hands and let it go. "Fly, Baby, fly!" she breathed. "Fly, Baby, fly!"

The bird seemed almost to stall in midair for a moment. Would it go upward or fall to the ground? Then as if sensing it was no longer captive, it flapped its little wings and made its way into the sky! As Tami watched it disappear into the blue, she was so relieved and overjoyed that tears rolled down her cheeks! Dashing into the

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herself to the reality of impending death.

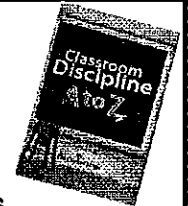
Esther Makes Her Move

Thankfully, verses 15-17 record the transition that took place in Esther's thinking to move from the mildness of the court to the militant defense of her people. As Mordecai said, "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14). That statement changed everything. She now knew this was about life and death. She now understood why she was in the position she was in at that time. God had sovereignly put her there to help her people. It was her role to step outside her

comfort zone and stand before the greatest king at that time and defend her people.

Dear friends, the application is clear. In these days of societal, familial, and spiritual softness, God is calling us to hardness. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Timothy 2:3). He wants us to leave the mild life and militantly contend for the faith. Lack of understanding, lack of courage, a sense of entitlement, and outright unbelief are the enemies of militant Fundamentalism. May we like Esther, come to the stark reality of what is at stake, stand up for what is right, and contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. Ω

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house she exclaimed, "Oh, Mother, it's okay! The bird is free! He flew away! He's free!" She was so happy she felt like flying herself!

"Oh, Mother, if I hadn't got to the birdie in time, Spotz would have killed it! Oh, that would have been awful!"

"Yes, Tami. I'm glad you rescued him just in time, but aren't you glad that Jesus rescued us just in time? Just as that little bird was caught in the death trap of the cat's jaws, we were trapped by our own sin. We were doomed to eternal death and hell, but Jesus came to

save us! "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8b). By the sacrifice of His own life on the cross of Calvary, Jesus paid the debt for our sin. Now if we realize that we are sinners and cannot save ourselves, if we repent of our sin and trust Him alone for salvation, He will forgive us and set us free from the power and penalty of sin. We will not be bound any longer by the grip of sin or Satan. It is wonderful to be a Christian! The Lord Jesus Christ sets us free to live for Him. As we study His Word and pray, God will help us to do right, do His will, and be a

blessing to others.

Tami's day had started with a fright and flurry. She hoped the rest of the day would go more smoothly, but she was thankful she had rescued the little bird from Spotz, and she was even more thankful that Jesus Christ had rescued her from sin!

What about you? Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior? Has He rescued you from sin? Jesus Christ is our only deliverance from sin and Hell. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Ω