

HG GOAL FOR 2013

Work For God - Do The Best You Can

WORLD PROVERBS - It is better to live in joy than to die in sorrow, and who judges others condemns their self. It is easy to govern a kingdom but difficult to rule one's family. Time waits for no one

SENDING LOVE TO DEAR HEARTS - **STEPHEN/JILL/HOLLY/ABBIE/CARLEE/STEVE/SHARON JIM & BUCK** - Jim Baker doing overtime installing tiles in bathrooms, not much time for church work, keep him in prayer. Buck writes. I'm over joyed to be part of HG Bible study group. I appreciate all the dear heart notes, weekly bulletin, gospel minutes, jokes, art work and prayers. Well the holidays are over, but what Christ done for mankind and me is never over. I feel so unease sometimes because I don't feel I'm doing all I can. Brother Jim Baker was touched by the Spirit of God to trust me with keeping the fellowship that he started with others. Because of our lockdown, it has been hard. Matter of fact we were locked down again last week and missed two church services. I do pass out the material you send me to others. A couple of guys say they are doing the studies. Pray for me as I pray for thee. Freeman Buck Buchancan **MARSHA BILL OOPS!** - Marsha had MRI not surgery last week/will have knee replacement Feb 12th. **LOIS VINCENT @ CENTER** - On antibiotics/potent pain killer/struggles to breath. Keep in prayer **MARY RIDDLE** - Dolores' sister, had biopsy /waiting results. **SUSAN WOOTEN** - Doing good after knee surgery, **IMOGENE BARNES** - Brother William, out of coma/not expected to live due to cancer. Older sister Iona/has pneumonia. Younger sister Iola has flu. **ATKINS** - Visiting relatives this weekend. **JOYCE DUGGINS** - Had shingle shot/broke out with shingles/knows it was shot/not around chicken pox.

HELLO - Julia Ford/Lena Faulkner/Helen Fletcher & Bonnie. **ON GOING PRAYER LIST- WHAT WE HEAR FROM OUR DR - EENIE MEEMIE MINEY MO, TAKE THIS PILL AND LET ME KNOW/ THE HAPPY HEALTHY CORNER IS JUST AROUND THE NEXT CORNER.** Julia Ford, Bonnie/Mark, Virginia/Johnny, Joi, Helen, Lena, Don/Dorothy, Roy/Terrī, Gail/Steve Alford Marsha, Julie, Jessie, Kim Wilbanks, Doris Hull, Wilma Smith, Imogene, Lois Vincent, Carol Foster, Nadine Whitaker, all Jessie Reynold's friends with health problems @ the Center. GRAVITY

THIS & THAT

THIS WEEK - Pray For The President In His 2nd Term, And That He Will Call On God To Rule USA.

GARY JONES - Those that were able to hear/see update on India, came away with a greater desire to help in this worthy work. For all that contribute monthly; your money is doing awesome things. The next 7 moths we will be collecting various items if you desire to participate **February - Reading Glass**. All Types of powers. Buy wherever they are sold. Will have box in fellowship hall.

WHY NO LAMINATING SS CARDS? - It hampers the security features put on the card like in our money.

WORD OF THE WEEK - **RUTH** - Named from the heroine of the story. There is no agreement among scholars as to the date of the book. The story told not fiction, but real history and biography. The author was a literary artist of rare skill. It tells the story of a beautiful home-life in troubled times in the dark ages of Judges.

TIP OF THE WEEK - Keep raw food & ready-to-eat foods separated to prevents cross contamination.

HEALTH/ - Raspberry Ketone -Helps BURN body fat ... loose those extra pounds. Buy wherever sold

FREE TAX-AIDE - Call for appointments after Jan 21st **918-382-3333**

HUMOR - "NASA SAYS the Mars rover has made a major discovery. Scientists hope it found signs of life there. Americans are just hoping it found some Twinkies."

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE APOSTLES - Philip, after preaching in upper Asia, was scourged, thrown in prison, and then crucified in 54 A.D. at Heliopolis in Phrygia.

LIFE IN THESE UNITED STATES - Newcomer to Seattle arrived when raining. It rained for one month. He ask coworker "does it ever stop raining around here?" "How should I know? I've only lived here 8 years."

POWER FOR TODAY - Deborah influenced people to live for God. She taught those of real faith to step out at God's command. May we have "people concerns." Give encouragement - the power of God will follow!

STATESIDE/OVERSEAS - HG SUPPORTED/GOSPEL CHARIOT/GEORGE FUNK
Chariot for Ghana will be completed in February. In the news there are problems in Mali and Algeria. Both countries are not too far from Ghana. We PRAY that somehow this Chariot will reach some of the Muslims in the north. With God all things are possible. Thanks for your support, In Him George.

LOCK STOCK & BARREL - An expression approval for something a speaker has said. It dates from the time when disapproval was shown by humming. Those who were in favor of what was being said called for others to listen by saying 'Hear, him!'. Over time this changed to 'Hear, hear!', the form in which it is used today.

ATTITUDE - Circle - Get started - Wait - Never do - Find someone to do for you - **No Change**

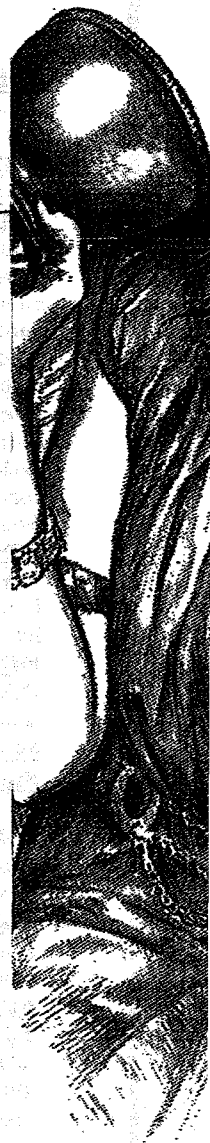
MAN'S WAY OR GOD'S WAY - Preachers must not only be passionate worship leaders and-soul winners, but evangelists must reproduce themselves (II Tim. 2:2). God expects every seed to reproduce "after its kind" (Gen. 1:11). Gospel preachers are a rare breed, and some have no zeal to be what God really wants.

NAME OF JESUS - **ROSE OF SHARON:** (Song of Songs 2:1) I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

NO NEUTRALITY -Matt. 12:30 Mark 9:40 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

BRAIN TEASER - I hold cow/horse down/ I am always working. What am I? Answer @ end of on going prayer list


THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up. Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:2



EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS



ALCOHOL



Alcohol corrupts courts and governments, brings national destruction. "It is not for kings...to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink: Lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted" (Proverbs 31:4-5). "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word..." (Isaiah 5:22-24).

Alcohol makes men forget God. "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them" (Isaiah 5:11-12).

God's curse is on those who drink alcohol. "Woe to...the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Behold, the Lord...shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet" (Isaiah 28:1-3).

God's curse is on every man, business, and government that sells or traffics in booze. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! Thou art filled with shame for glory... The cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory" (Habakkuk 2:15-16).

Moderate drinking leads to drunkenness, nakedness, and a curse on the drunkard's children (Genesis 9:20-25). It leads to adultery, incest, and illegitimate children (Gen. 19:30-36).

Christ saves drunkards when they REPENT. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18). "Repent and be baptized... for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38; I Cor. 6:9-11).



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Why Doesn't Satan Just Repent And Be Restored?

You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble." James 2: 19

Searching minds come up with questions that never occur to people in the pews. Most of the time these questions are rooted in misconceptions, but those same misconceptions are held by churchgoers in very large numbers. The difference seems to be that atheists and skeptics will ask these questions, and many times people who attend church and claim they believe just sit on the questions and never express them. This failure to get answers eventually manifests itself in people either leaving the church, or becoming so apathetic about the issues facing Christianity today that they simply attend church but never get involved in doing what Christ has called us to do.

It is a fundamental principle of the gospel of Christ that we as humans can at any time turn away from the sin and neglect that is in our lives and turn to God and begin a new life in accordance with God's word. Why can Satan not do the same thing? If the "devils tremble," why do they not just confess that Christ is Lord, turn away from their destructive course in repentance, and be baptized for the remission of their sins? Why is there even a place "prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41) if they can come back to God and be saved? The difficulty in this question is a misunderstanding of what angels are. We have all seen works of art showing angels as beings like ourselves who have the same properties and characteristics that we have except they are actively involved as agents of God. The fact is that angels are not physical beings. They do not have wings, human features, human needs, and human weaknesses. Not all of them are agents of God as indicated in Matthew 25:41. Angels do not exist in the same physical dimensions that we do. They do not die, are not limited by time, and do not have sexual needs or involvement. Mankind has had a hard time with that concept, because it is so different from our own existence. In Matthew 22:30 Jesus was given the hypothetical situation in which a woman is married to seven brothers, one at a time, who all died. The question when she died was whose wife would she be? Jesus said, "... in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven."

Angels seem to have been created before the world was created and were active in the process and in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3:24 and Eph 6:12). Angels do not die and are outside of time and unlimited in space. They have had the capacity to sin (2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6). Having that capacity means that they also have the capacity to love. Love is only possible when sentient beings have the ability to choose between good and evil and since angels can sin they also can choose to love God or hate God. The difference between us as humans and angels is that angels do not have a period in which they can respond to their sin or to God's commands. When angels choose to reject God they do so for eternity. We as humans on the other hand, have the capacity to choose and eventually turn away from those choices that would put us at odds with God. Before time was created by God and before sentient beings like ourselves who can function within time were created, angels existed. They had either a love for God and a desire to serve him or antagonism to God and a decision not to serve him. God gave freedom of choice, but once that choice was made it was in eternity. The purpose of man's existence was to allow a plan to be enacted which would show that when man's way failed and bad consequences of that failure existed, God's superior way of love and conformity to God's word would be shown to all beings in the creation.

There are many messages here, but one of them is that when we die we will "become as angels," meaning that we no longer have a choice as to whether we will serve or not. We will be like angels in that our choice will have been made. We will have chosen to either love and serve God and do his will or we will have chosen to reject God and live in a way that contains none of God's blessings and promises. There will be no turning back-no opportunity for a change of heart and repentance. Like Satan we will live in "a place prepared for the devil and his angels" in a timeless, eternal existence. In 2 Peter 3:10-14 we learn that the physical world will eventually be dissolved-including time itself. We should look "forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with him."