

Prophet's Column

"Will Ye Also Go Away?"

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?" (John 6:67). The Lord spoke these sad words after a group of disciples went back and walked with Him no more after He told them they would have to eat His flesh and drink His blood. They murmured; "...This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" (Verse 60). One of the saddest things, and I'll go further to say, one of the most hurtful things in the life of the believer is to see a soul go away from the truth, away from Christ, away from the Lord's people. This message grew out of a conversation I had with a young woman whom I met while I was acting postmaster at Denver. She has decided she doesn't want to have any more to do with the Lord's people. But every soul is responsible. Every soul who turns the truth down can take you back to the time and place where they made the decision to "GO AWAY." And every soul who has gone away has lived to regret it. Not only will you regret it on this earth, you'll regret it in Hell ten thousand years from today. Many times we think an individual is coming along alright, then something happens and they rebel and hit it for the briarpatch like a cottontail. "It is a sad thing beyond words of expression to see a soul rebel and turn away. Now, she's running from God and doesn't know it. One day, too, I was running from God. I ran 500 miles away but I had to come right back under the truth and admit to God I was lost. And if you come off your high-roost, you'll find me the same as you met me, no change, just looking to the Lord more each day.

Each day of my life I look back over the path the Lord brought me. How patient and merciful the Lord was to me. I was a rebel against God, despising the goodness of God. I didn't know what I was missing while I was flying high on that roost. What if the Lord had left me alone to go my way? It would have meant Hell. Now, I pray that the Lord won't leave you alone, either. The Lord doesn't have to save anybody. And He doesn't have to save you. That pretty red hair you have, it's just the dust. And if you go on in rebellion it'll just be one more head of pretty red hair in Hell. One day someone was true to my soul. I thank the Lord He provided someone to be true to me. The greatest thing in the world would be for you to come to know Christ as your Lord and your Saviour. But as long as you are in rebellion you'll never know Him. I say these things from a heart of love, not hatred. The Lord sends His servants and the truth everywhere there is an elect sinner. I don't know the elect, but the Holy Spirit knows everyone.

When the Lord told that group of disciples they would have to eat His flesh and drink His blood, they had never heard such before. They thought He was crazy. And they went back and walked no more with Him. This goes on to show that being a nominal Christian is not sufficient to get you to Heaven. Practically 100 percent of our church members today are nominal Christians. Now what do we mean by "nominal Christians?" those who are Christians in name only. You are very religious and profess to know Christ. But there has never come the brooding and humbling work of the Holy Spirit. (John 16:7-11), in your heart, showing you your lost condition and your helplessness to get to Christ apart from the Holy Spirit. You carry out your religious duties diligently, you read your Bible daily. But you have never been brought to a knowledge of the truth. What does it mean to be brought to the knowledge of the truth? To be brought to know your lost condition. Practically 100 percent of our church members have never been awakened to their lost condition.

Now you can call me anything all you want to. If the blessed Holy Spirit convicts you to the fact you are lost, you won't call me anything. You'll say, "The man is telling the



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truth." Over the years here since God saved me in 1972 I've seen many go away after having seemingly made a good start. You had some convictions. Some of you told me you knew you were lost, that you were a sinner.

But after a while, when persecution arrived because of the Word, you couldn't stand it and you turned away. "I didn't mean to go that far," you said. Well, my friend, you'll come clean and come clear with God or go to Hell for your trouble. If you are not willing to forsake all for Christ, you'll never know Him in the forgiveness of all your sins. You are a sinner under the wrath of a sin-avenging God. And endure the wrath of God you shall unless you flee to Christ for safety. He is our only safety. I'm glad the Lord didn't let me go when I was in rebellion. I would that you knew Him. My prayer is that the Lord will cry out there in your misery; "I must get to Christ or perish, Lord, save me or I perish!" Not many of our church members know anything about crying after the Lord like that. But you will before God reveals Christ to your heart. Every sinner that ever gets saved comes to the place that wants Christ above everything under the sun! That'll hold true 100 percent. When the multitude of disciples went away, the Lord turned to the few left and asked; "Will ye also go away?" Peter said; "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." That's right, only the Lord can give you life, for you are a dead sinner. I don't care how religious you are. Apart from the

Lord giving you life, you are just a walking corpse. Some of you say you are saved, alright, let's go on from there; do you know Christ? Has He given you life? Has He given you ver's life. If you know Him you have eternal life. Praise the Lord. The greatest thing in this world is to know Christ. But will you go away like this group did? I plead with you, don't turn away. Oh, my friend! Don't! Don't go on down that road you are on. Turn to Christ while there is still hope. Will you turn to Him?

How do men feel about women in management? Find out when Robert Goodale discusses "Women in Management: A Male Perspective" at the Tuesday, February 12, Professional Development for Women luncheon at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

Goodale is executive vice president with Harris Teeter Super Markets. The seminar costs \$8.25 and begins with a coffee and tea mixer at 11:30 a.m., a cheese and fruit plate lunch at 11:45 a.m., speaker at 12:15 p.m. and a question and answer period at 12:45 p.m.

For more information or for reservations, contact Carol Jordan at Central Piedmont Community College's Women's Career Center and the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission.



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS - Dr. Spurgeon W. Webber, CPCC Trustee, left, JCSU President Dr. Robert L. Albright, Guest Speaker, and Dr. Richard H. Hagemeyer, CPCC President exchange pleasantries following program observing Black Heritage Week last Monday at Central Piedmont Community College. (Photo by Peeler's Portrait Studio.)

Noted Blacks To Appear On PBS

Seven prominent black Americans, representing a broad spectrum of black politics and philosophy, have been chosen to be the panelists for "Forum on Black America 1985," airing on Channel 58 Monday, February 11, at 10 p.m. (check local listings). This co-production of WTVS Detroit and the National Black Programming Consortium will be taped in Detroit on January 30 and will focus on black participation in the American Economy. The hour-long "town-meeting" discussion will be moderated by Roger Wilkins of the Institute for Policy Studies.

The program was titled "The State of Black America 1985" in a press release dated December 1984. The title was changed in late December to "Forum on Black America 1985." The panelists for "Forum on Black America 1985" are: The Honorable Geraldine L. Daniels Assemblywoman, 70th A.D., New York City Ernest Green, president, Green, Herman & Associates, Inc., and former assistant secretary of Labor M. Carl Holman president, The National Urban Coalition Eleanor Holmes Norton Georgetown University Law Center and former chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under President Carter The Honorable Clarence M. Pendleton, Jr. chairman, Civil Rights Commission Marc Stepp International

Vice President, the United Auto Workers Robert Woodson president, National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise Along with a studio audience of Detroiters, the panel will be discussing the economic and political status of black America following the 1984 election. Among the issues to be discussed are unemployment, job training, land loss and the increasing rift between Americans within the economic mainstream and the growing black "underclass." In addition, the panel will assess the impact of the current administration's policies on the economic condition of black America and the relationship between political clout and economic power. Roger Wilkins, a former U.S. assistant attorney general, will again serve as moderator, as he did for the "State of Black America 1984" program aired by 172 PBS stations across the country in May and June 1984. Returning panelists from that program are Eleanor Holmes Norton and Robert Woodson. The panelists represent many viewpoints in the black community, from li-

beral to conservative, confirming what Wilkins noted about "State of Black America 1984," that it proved black thought was not monolithic. The liveliness of that discussion is likely to be repeated in "Forum on Black America 1985." "Forum on Black America 1985" is produced by Tony Batten. Executive producer is Juanita Anderson.

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