

A Look at the Master Mason

Let's give the Lord some praise! He's a mighty God, an everlasting God! Amen!

I don't know about you, maybe you don't feel what I feel, but I feel the holy spirit, I feel his power -- holy ghost power, the power that makes you want to do right, act right, talk right.....Amen

This has been quite an experience. This has been my fifth messianic revival, but it's by far, the liveliest. I believe the Masons and the Sisters in North Carolina are ready to be revived, be renewed and go back to the old praying ground and say Lord, create in me the right spirit. Let me stop lying Lord, let me stop digging ditches Lord, let me stop backstabbing Lord, let me pay my tithes, Lord, let me support my church Lord, let me use my talents Lord. Praise his Holy Name!

On Wednesday night we talked about two people, the enter apprentice mason and the new Christian. Now I want to say again that you're not instant coffee. When you come out of the pool that doesn't mean that you're a Christian. It means that you have confessed, you've been baptized, but have you received the Holy Ghost? That's the main thing, because John acknowledged he didn't have the power to renew that spirit or create a new heart, he said, but yonder comes one who will baptize you not with water, that dries up. Some people don't even remember the day they were baptized but he is

going to baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Masons, as I told you Wednesday night, we're just types and shadows of the real Master Mason. You go to a plumbing shop, there is only one master plumber, he owns the joint. You go to an electrical shop, there is only one master electrician - he owns the joint. Brother Robinson you

go to a master carpenter, he owns the joint. So when you talk about the master mason you have to talk about the one that really was raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular. See we're only imitators, yeah we are symbols. Who is this Master Mason, who comes here, mark that down, who comes here. Well, Matthew was a tax collector and consequently, he had to know all families. Because when you take a census, that's the time you paid your taxes. That's why Jesus was born in Bethlehem and not in Nazareth because he went there in

the belly of his mother to pay taxes and to be counted. But you see they said that there are two things of assurity - death and taxes. But Jesus paid it all. He redeemed us from bondage.

Tonight, if you will allow me, we're going to look at the 'The Master Mason'. Why, if you don't have him in your life, you should. We have been accused of being a cult, we have been accused of being devil worshippers, simply because our sis-

ters in the Eastern Star has an inverted star and they said it was a satanic symbol. I have read the Bible from cover to cover and I haven't read anything where satan made anything, not even the hell that he lives in. I don't know what your bible says, but every bible I ever read in the 16th verse of Genesis 1, says "and he made the stars also". Last night we went through the start points and I don't remember mentioning satan as one of those points. Robert Morris in Jackson, Mississippi in 1854 - he

pulled three herons from the Old Testament and two from the new testament. No where did he mention that the two upward points represented the goat's horns and the two outer points his ears and the bottom one, his beard. I don't know how they got there, but if you believe in satan, I don't, I believe in Jesus, I believe in his Father and I believe in his Holy Ghost.

Tonight we are going to look at all the houses that we call this thing free masonry and you will find nothing in there that will interfere with your duties you own to your God, your country, your neighbor, or yourself. In the Blue Lodge we are given our existence from the first three verses in 1st Genesis when God looked out, came from nowhere into somewhere and said I believe I'll make me a world. But just like when you come into the Church the earth was dark and without form and darkness was all over the earth, darkness is a symbol of ignorance. When you come into the church, when you come into the lodge you are ignorant of the organizations. You don't know the doctrine, you don't know the plan of salvation, you don't know what the lodge is all about. So you are ignorant and 'ignorant' is not a derogatory term, it just means you haven't been exposed to it. Now if you are dumb it means you have the capacity but you didn't use it. If you are stupid you just didn't have the capacity in the first place.

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Rev. Howard L. Woods

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Black Business Owners Make Right Turn on Faith Road

by Samantha Muhammad



Joyce & Andrew Henry

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Andrew Henry has been a happier person since he opened the doors to A&J Paint Store in June of 1996. That's when the future started looking a little brighter for him and his family. After working 19 years at major paint companies, Andrew Henry (and his beautiful and ever-inspiring wife, Joyce) decided to invest in their future. It was time, they both agreed, that they pooled their resources into something they can call their own.

"You can't get rich working for someone," Andrew Henry exclaimed. It's been two and a half years and their business is doing just great. A&J Paint Store, located on Clemmons Road, in Winston-Salem, is the only Black-owned

paint store in the Triad.

"He always wanted to be in the paint business. Finally, with all the (various) businesses merging and downsizing, we decided why not capitalize on it now," said Joyce Henry.

Andrew Henry will also admit his years of experience in the paint industry has truly paid off. "I'm the only store that matches paint by the eye. Everyone else uses a computer. But the Lord has blessed me with strong eyes," said the Winston-Salem native.

His strong points include the ability mix and match paint colors and troubleshooting with problems that arise during paint jobs. Andrew said he some-

times visits sites with painters to make recommendations.

"I tell people I'm not going to compete with Lowes and Home Depot (on prices), but I am going to give them quality paint," he said. A sign sits on the check out counter that reads "Only Rich People Buy Cheap Paint." Andrews takes the time to explain that most people who buy cheap paint, have to buy more cans of paint because it just isn't enough to do the job - in regards to quantity and quality.

A&J Paint Store furnishes paint to several elementary and middle schools and businesses in Winston-Salem. They

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