

You Cannot Escape God

By TERRY JONES

For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51:3.

Have you ever wondered where God is? Is He in Heaven, somewhere in the clouds, or is He on earth? God is every where.

Have you ever done anything wrong and then tried to forget it but could not? We can't escape from ourselves, and it is just as hard to escape from God. You can climb the highest mountain, or go to the very depths of the sea and God is there. You can travel as fast and as far as you possibly can, or you can lose yourself from everyone you know in a large city, but God is still there. You can try to forget God by living a care-free life of worldliness and sin, but He is ever before you convicting you down in your heart. There is a still small voice in your life beckoning to you. Christ is asking you that are heavy laden to cast every sin and burden on Him and trust Him to save you—not to try to save yourself.

You can't escape God's call to you. Jonah felt the call of God and he tried to escape by going to another land. Of course he failed. God sent a

great storm upon the sea so that Jonah's ship was about to be wrecked. Jonah knew it was his fault and he told the ship's crew. They cast him into the sea and the storm ceased. Jonah was swallowed by a great fish. He remained inside the fish three days and nights. Jonah was delivered from the fish and then he carried out God's will to preach to the city of Ninevah, and was a success.

Let us notice three things about this story that may be applied to our lives today. (1) Jonah refused to listen to God's will for his life and tried to escape. (2) He was punished. (3) God had mercy on him and gave him another chance in life.

(1) God is calling you from your life of sin to repent and to look unto Jesus with all your sin and strife. (2) If you fail God's will in your life, as Jonah first did, you will be punished. (3) If you repent and turn to Christ, God will have mercy on you and open a new world in Jesus for you.

You can't escape God, but you can escape sin by trusting Christ as your saviour and making Him Lord or ruler of your life. Won't you escape?

July Proves To Be Favorite Month For Freedom Fighters

Ever since John Hancock put his name to the Declaration of Independence in 1776, July has been a favorite time for freedom fighters.

At least six countries have chosen the month Julius Caesar named after himself in which to throw off the tyranny of a foreign power, according to World Book Encyclopedia. And several nations have found the hottest month of the year a good time to relinquish control willingly of their possessions.

The Dutch may have started the trend. They declared themselves independent of Spain back on July 26, 1581. A few centuries later, in 1830, the Belgians got the idea and broke away from the Netherlands.

July is cooler down in South America, but it never chilled the ardor of patriots, who gave Spain another beating in the

early 1800's. Spurred by Simon Bolivar, who was born in July, Venezuela declared its independence in 1811. Argentina issued its declaration in 1816 and Peru made the move in 1821.

Great Britain saw the handwriting on the wall and in 1867 it gracefully pulled out of North America. Canada became a self-governing dominion.

In 1946 it was the turn of the United States, and the Philippines was officially declared independent on July 4th. Six years later, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth.

In 1960 the focus shifted to Africa, where a host of countries peacefully made the transition to republics in July. These included Ghana, Somalia, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Dahomey, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Niger and Upper Volta.

I always avoid prophesying beforehand, because it is much better policy to prophesy after the event has already taken place.

—Winston Churchill.



NO VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT — Bell Laboratories engineer Harold Graham becomes the first man to fly a back-pack rocket. He rose 30 feet into the air in Buffalo, N.Y., and wooshed over the ground for about the distance of a football field.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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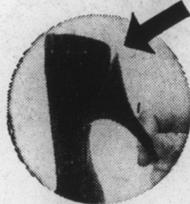
ing them. But the crowd followed, and soon there was a dilemma created by a hungry crowd which was far from town and without food. It was Andrew, ever discerning and appreciative of the potential in others, who provided our Lord with the answer. "There is a lad here," he said, "with five barley loaves and two fish. . . . Blessed are they who are not too big or too busy to take notice of a lad and his potential. Some years ago a young man joined a struggling little church. From the day he took his vows, he worked loyally for that church, despite the fact he was given one of the hardest jobs in the church—teaching a class of junior high boys who were described as "holy terrors." They had baffled every teacher assigned them, as well as their parents. Despite the fact that the young teacher was working hard on a full-time job at low pay to support his family, and trying to complete requirements for a doctor of philosophy degree, he took that class and stayed with them until they

graduated from high school and went away either to college or to war. Although there were many times when he was discouraged and often convinced he was a failure, he did not quit. He believed in those boys' potentials. He never ceased trying to bring them, as Andrew did another lad, to Jesus. Today three of those boys are ministers in the church, each one having worked his way through college and seminary. Another is serving in Africa as a missionary. Several other young men in the age group of these young persons became their friends and joined the church. One of them is now a research chemist. Another worked his way through college

and medical school and is a highly esteemed physician in his community. Blessed indeed are they who, like Andrew, are alert to the potentials and importance of a lad.

Once convinced that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, Andrew had made too thrilling and compelling a discovery to keep it to himself. He went out and shared it. In his quiet, humble way, he did the most important work anyone can do on earth and performed the greatest service anyone can do for other people—he introduced them to Christ. Andrew's way of bringing persons to Christ is the throbbing heart of Christianity, the secret of its renewing life and growth. The place

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where Christianity lives or dies is in the face-to-face relationships of people who share with others what they have discovered in Christ.

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Mrs. Ella Simpson Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Ella Mae Simpson, 73, died Thursday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in a Raleigh hospital after an illness of two and a half years. She was a native of South Norfolk but lived in Edenton 23 years.

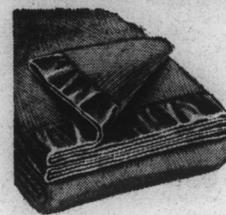
Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Louise Pratt and Mrs. Pruden Forehand of Edenton, Mrs. Roy Goodwin of Elizabeth City and Mrs. C. W. Davenport of Merry Hill; 12 grandchildren and

one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at Willford Funeral Home, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The

Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

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FACTS CONCERNING THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE FOR JULY 11th CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOLS BOND ELECTION

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL ISSUE

1. Chowan High School needs two extra classrooms, lunchroom, and covered walkways. Extra classrooms are needed to provide space to reduce the number of children in each classroom and to provide special education for those children not being as fortunate as some others. The present lunchroom is an old wood building that does not lend itself to adequate repair. Covered walkways are necessary to protect children from the rain and bad weather when going from one building to another.

MONEY FOR A NEW AUDITORIUM IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BOND ISSUE.

Both white high schools may or may not be consolidated in the future. The two extra classrooms, lunchroom, and covered walkways ARE NECESSARY for grades one through eight whether consolidation takes place or not.

2. Edenton High School (Colored) needs eight extra classrooms, vocational agriculture and industrial arts classroom and shop, drainage and landscaping, and covered walkways. Edenton High School was overcrowded by three classrooms this past school year. The school is growing at the rate of one classroom each year. The State Department of Public Instruction has allotted two extra teachers for the Edenton High School this fall. The St. John's school building has been condemned and two teachers and students there will be moved to the Edenton High School by order from Raleigh. Eight classrooms are necessary to meet the needs as outlined.

The vocational agriculture and industrial arts classroom and shop are necessary to provide training in those fields for the high school children. Dirt must be brought in to fill mudholes and drains installed to take the water away during and after rains.

Covered walkways are necessary to keep pupils dry when going from one building to another.

Increased facilities ARE NOT included in the bond issue to teach Home Economics.

3. John A. Holmes High School needs a boys' dressing room for physical education and athletics. This dressing room will be built into the present gymnasium.

The high school building HAS NOT DETERIORATED RAPIDLY. The proposed school bond money will not be spent to repair the high school building because it is not in need of other than normal maintenance and because school bond money may only be spent for new construction.

Former Governor Luther Hodges has encouraged us to give greater support to our schools on the local level. We cannot afford to, nor should we, wait on the Federal Government for money to do our own job. The children belong to us and we must meet our responsibility.

WE ASK YOU TO STUDY THE FACTS AND VOTE JULY 11th

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