

Thus Saith God's Word

by Rev. Ted Brooks, West Saddletree Baptist church

Witness

"We are witnesses of these things. Now the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. But refuse profane and old wives fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." (1 Timothy 4:1, 2, 7)

Brother Paul looking down through the years which were to come declared that a time would come when people would depart from the faith. This departure would be done through wives fables. He declared that people in the house of God would give heed to seducing spirits and these spirits would be the doctrine of devils. Paul said to the church, "Refuse these old wives fables and profane doctrines of devils."

We need to look and see what causes a church to follow the doctrine of devils. When a church loses its motto: "Search the Scriptures," it should be on her scroll. When we marched out of the things of the world it ought to be said we came clean out of Babylon.

When Spurgeon looked at the church, he declared it looked as if it had been eaten through with sacramentarianism, but nonconformity, and appeared to be badly riddled with philosophical infidelity. Like many of our churches today who we thought better things, are now turning aside one by one from the fundamentals of the faith. As Paul said to the church in his day, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work." (II Thessalonians 2:7) There was a time when the churches were comparatively pure, but Paul said in latter times the churches would take on a new form, one of seducing spirits' doctrines of devils.

Some of these doctrines, my friend, would be that the Christian religion would secure the favor and support of secular rulers. We are living now in a time which the process is strongly being repeated, nearly all our churches today will give way to a political figure to creep into the pulpit of the Protestant church. In doing so, we have lost the true spirit of reform. Now we are faced with a new model cause. Often folks will say, "Man, this is the 90s. Everybody is doing it this way." Well, we need to ask how did we get to these times of seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. We need to see how it was while we were hanging on to the creed of our fathers that the church has been blindly led astray.

We will need to see and admit Brother Paul called it old wives fables which would lead the true church from self-denial and renunciation of the world. Brother Paul warned that in the latter times a worldly flood of its customs, practices and idols would come, causing our first simplicity to disappear. By moving to a fearful extent to have a friendship with the world we are at enmity with God. Paul warns that these doctrines of devils, seducing spirits would be popular among the professed followers of Christ. These seducing spirits would lead many Christians away from Bible standards of humility, self-denial, simplicity and godliness.

Paul said the seducing spirits would cause the church to become dishonest in the right use of its money. John Wesley said "Do not waste any part of so precious a talent, merely in gratifying the desire of the eye, by superfluous or expensive apparel or by needless ornaments. Lay out nothing to gratify the pride of life, to gain the admiration or praise of men.

You see, my friend, when Brother Paul warns us of these seducing spirits, doctrines of devils, he knew the church one day would become popular with the world. Rulers, politicians, lawyers, doctors, merchants join the church as a means of securing the respect and confidence of society and advance in their own worldly interests. Seducing spirits would cause them to seek to cover all their unrighteous transactions under a profession of Christianity.

Paul went on to say in these latter times some would speak lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron. These doctrines of devils are enforced by wealth and influence. They often found among them splendid churches, embellished in the most extravagant manner. They can be found arrayed in costly and fashionable attire. High salaries are paid for a talented minister to entertain and to attract people.

Paul said that a seducing spirit would speak lies, namely their sermon must not touch on popular sins, but be made smooth and pleasing for the fashionable ear.

Brother Paul warned the church that these persons would have a conscience seared with a hot iron "These are fashionable sinners who are enrolled on the church records and fashionable sins are concealed under a pretense of godliness." Paul warned us that the church would come to this stage. "Insensibly the church has yielded to the spirit of the age and now has adopted its forms of worship to modern want. All things indeed that help to make religion attractive, the church now employs as its instruments.

Need week we will look at these instruments which are now being practiced in the local churches.

Pediatric Pointers

by Dr. Joey Bell, Pembroke Pediatrics

Asthma

There is an old wives tale that says if you let a cat sleep in a child's room, the cat will jump onto the child's chest and steal his breath away. As strange as it sounds, this old tale holds some truth in the case of children with asthma. When a child has asthma things like animal fur, dust, and cigarette smoke can cause their lungs to spasm. These spasms reduce the amount of air that can enter the lungs. The result is coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath. Other things that can cause lung spasms include: colds, allergies, exercise, weather changes, emotional stress, certain medications, and inhaled irritants (like hairspray and perfume).

The four types of asthma are mild intermittent, mild persistent, moderate persistent, and severe persistent. A child is diagnosed with a specific category of asthma based on the frequency and severity of asthma attacks. If left untreated, asthma could cause a variety of problems. Long or frequent asthma attacks can rob the brain and body of oxygen resulting in hospitalization or possibly death. Because the consequences of asthma can be fatal, it is imperative to treat this disease appropriately. One of the most important things you can do for a child with asthma is to keep them away from irritants and substances that may cause an asthma attack. Other helpful practices are minimizing exposure to cold air, reducing strenuous physical activity, reducing stress, and attempting to calm the child during an active asthma attack.

There are several medicines that can be used to treat asthma. The most common drug used is Albuterol. Albuterol is a bronchodilator, which means that it helps to stop spasms and open up the lungs to make breathing easier. It is most effective when used during or immediately before an asthma attack. Steroids, like Rhinocort, are often used during or immediately before an asthma attack. Steroids, like Rhinocort, are often used to treat moderate and severe asthma. Steroids decrease inflammation in the lungs. They are most effectively used everyday to help prevent and decrease the severity of asthma attacks.

Asthma medicines are available in liquid, tablet, and gas forms. The age of the child and their category of disease determine the type of drug given. A nebulizer, or breathing machine, is the best way to deliver medicine directly to the lungs. It is good for children who have severe disease, are having an active attack, or are unable to use an inhaler. Inhalers are good for older kids because they are easy to carry around and can be used quickly.

The incidence of asthma has steadily increased over the past few years. I am sure that everyone reading this article knows at least one person with asthma. As research is done and medicine evolves, many of the mysteries surrounding asthma are revealed. It is not the crippling disease that it once was. With proper management most children with asthma are able to run and play and lead normal lives (although I still wouldn't let them sleep with the cat!).

Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

"Mr. Herman"

As with so many other friends, I had planned to express my appreciation for getting to know "Mr. Herman" Maynor while he was still here with us. And now he is gone!

I don't remember meeting Mr. Herman and his family when I came to Pembroke to work with Sandy Plains and the five other Indian Methodist churches in the N.C. Conference in 1956. But we did get acquainted while we were both working with the Robeson County Church and Community Center in the late '70s.

In fact, for most weekdays over a two-year period (1977-1979) we worked together on the Lumberton city van. "Mr. Herman" was the van driver. As the person who helped riders on and off the van, made appointments for them, and kept records, I was eventually referred to as a counselor.

Although I was only around 50 back then, by the time I left, I had bonded with senior citizens of all races, ranging in age from 60 to the mid-eighties. I also came to appreciate younger riders who attended the "Day Program" at the Mental Health Center.

But one of the people I grew to respect the most was our caring driver. Even though I had the opportunity to get more formal schooling, Mr. Herman was a Christian gentleman with a lot more good common sense than what I had managed to develop by then. He had a great understanding of people. Sometimes on our way

to pick people up, I would discuss a problem with him, and he would quietly give me some very helpful advice. I will always think of him and his family with a great deal of respect.

Sugar and Salt
About the time he turned 65, "Mr. Herman" was put on insulin and a very strict diet for his diabetic condition.

One day while our senior citizen riders were in a grocery store shopping, he and I discovered there was no brand of bread available without sugar baked into it!

After that I noticed that almost every product prepared by a food company (even items planned for the first course) have at least some sugar in them. In fact, many are loaded with both salt and sugar! Only fresh fruit and vegetables, fruit canned in its own juice, fresh meat, and some meat substitutes can be counted on to have no added salt or sugar. For instance, although cheeses have no sugar, most have lots of salt!

It was my co-worker friend, "Mr. Herman," who got me started eating peanuts. He was using them between meals (for energy and as a substitute for sweets, I'm sure). My main snack is still unsalted peanuts, which (like peanut butter) have no cholesterol (but unlike most peanut butter) have no added sugar or sodium. I believe regular exercise can counteract the fairly small amount of fat in peanuts. I consider this snack idea as part of "Mr. Herman's legacy to me.

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Search for Truth

by Elder Joseph Bullard
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We are reprinting last week's article due to the tremendous amount of errors in it. For some reason the spell check was not used. We apologize to the Pembroke Seventh Day Adventist Church and to Elder Joseph Bullard.

What People Secretly Look for in a Sweetheart or Spouse

Psychologists have discovered some very intriguing truths about what attracts people to each other, especially what makes one person marry another. The most important qualities in drawing people together are trustworthiness, loyalty, and commitment. These characteristics override every other consideration in what we are really searching for in a sweetheart or spouse.

Trustworthiness, loyalty, and commitment are just as important to God as they are to us. In this Search for Truth lesson Elder Joseph Bullard explains how God can help each of us to become a trustworthy, loyal and committed sweetheart or spouse.

Three basic needs--

1. Need for admiration. Knowing that someone receives great joy and pleasure from being in our presence helps us feel important; thus, fulfilling this need.

2. A need for respect. When someone esteems us highly for exactly who we are, our need for respect is satisfied.

3. A need for affection. The demonstration of kindness, tenderness, and compassion meets our need for affection.

We should love one another. I Corinthians 13:4-7: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

What does the Bible tell us about God? I John 4:16: "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

The Bible says that we are created in the image of God. Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them."

Woman was created from a part of man. Genesis 2:23: "And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

God set a good example for us to follow. He loved us so much He gave his Son for us. John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

He even loved us when we disappointed Him. Romans 5:8: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

As we look at Christ's life, we see that He went about doing good, healing all that were made sick and destitute by Satan. There were entire villages healed by Christ. In these villages there was not one cry of pain.

Love, joy, and peace; patience, kindness and goodness; faithfulness, humility, and self-control were drawn to Him.

His life demonstrated true and genuine love.

He did not live to please Himself, but He had thoughtful care for others. I would encourage you to read each of the Gospels. However, let me sum up using the Apostle John's own words. John 21:25: "And there are also many other

things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen."

Why should we love God and one another? I John 4:19: "We love him, because he first loved us."

Therefore, we come back to our first question. What do people secretly look for in a sweetheart or a spouse? The answer, my friend, is that we are secretly looking for God in our sweetheart or in our spouse. However, do not forget that they, too, are looking for God in our lives.

For further information about the Pembroke Seventh Day Adventist Church or these articles, contact Elder Joseph Bullard at (910) 521-3878.

FSU Celebrates Women's History Month At Charles W. Chesnutt Library

Fayetteville, NC, February 21, 2000--Fayetteville State University's Chesnutt Library will celebrate Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 1, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., in the J.C. Jones Board of Trustees Room. The theme for this year's celebration is "An Extraordinary Century for Women--Now Imagine the Future. The public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Lorraine Johnson-Coleman has consulted for numerous prominent organizations nationwide including Hewlett Packard, the 1996 Olympics, American Association of Museums, National Historic Land Trust, African-American Museums Association, Kellogg Foundation, and the National Park Service. Mrs. Johnson-Coleman, who recently appeared on Oprah, is a master storyteller, a best selling author, and an NPR Morning Edition commentator. Known for her "down-home wisdom," she has long advocated looking for heroes not among the "stars, but among the every day folk" all around you. Mrs. Johnson-Coleman has captivated diverse audiences nationwide with her one-woman show Folks and de Ways, which is an improvisational blending of comedy, storytelling, and poetic narrative. The performance is based on her best-selling book Just Plain Folks. She has written a second book, The Wisdom of the Baobab Tree, and she is working on a 13-part look at humor, Just Plain Funny to air nationally on public radio in 2001. Unlike any other storyteller, she has successfully taken her "extraordinary tales of ordinary folks" to senior citizen centers.

Musical selections will be provided by Ms. Alice Smith, an FSU employee in the Chesnutt Library. In addition, art exhibits will be on display in the J.C. Jones Board of Trustees Room, during the entire month of March, on the second floor of the library. Featured artists will be Soni Martin, FSU Associate Professor of Art; Socorro Hernandez-Hinek, FSU Lecturer; and alumna Vicki Rhonda, Art Teacher in Bladen County.

A book signing and reception sponsored by the Friends of the Chesnutt Library will take place immediately following the program. For more information, please contact Ms. Cave, FSU Head of Public Services/Reference Librarian, at 910-486-1233.

Lumbee Tribal Elections to be held

The Lumbee Tribe/Lumbee Regional Development Association Inc. will conduct an open election on March 30th 2000 to elect two representatives to serve on the LRDA board of directors; districts, precincts and candidates are as follows:

District I: Fairmont, Orrum, Marietta, Sterlings, Thompson- Patricia C. Hunt, Leroy Freeman

District III: Lumberton, Wishart, East Howellsville-James Ertle Chavis, Larry R. Locklear, Rodney Hunt.

District (I) will hold a NEW election because of out-of-district voters that the LRDA board determined were ineligible to vote in the December 2, 1999 Election.

District (III) will hold a SPECIAL election to fill a seat that was vacated in December, 1999. The terms will be five years and three years respectively.

The Lumbee Tribal Rolls will be used.

Qualifications for Voters are as follows:

1. Must be Lumbee Indian enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina through the Lumbee Tribe/Lumbee Regional Development Association's Tribal Enrollment Office.
2. Must be eighteen years of age or older.
3. Must reside in district 1 or 3 as indicated above.
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