

Search for Truth

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Every man, woman, and child that is living upon the face of the earth, or has ever lived, is scheduled to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. However, some people say it does not make any difference what you do—that God is too good and merciful to destroy sinners.

Will God give sinners a second chance to repent after the judgment? Will a time ever come when it is too late to be accepted?
Elder Joseph Bullard addresses these important questions as he opens the Bible to our understanding in this Search for Truth.

Every man, woman, and child that is living upon the face of the earth, or ever has lived, is scheduled to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

We are living in a time when God is urging man to repent and prepare for the judgment. Acts 17:30-31: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

The Judgment is now in session. When did it begin? Daniel 8:14: "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

Today there are millions of Christians who have no idea what Jesus is doing now. Psalm 77:13: "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary."

This daily or continual ministrations was performed every day throughout the year. Hebrews 9:2-7: "For there was a tabernacle made; the first wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people."

So, let us look closely at the ritual of the Day of Atonement. Leviticus 16:7-10: "And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat. And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness."

The cleansing of the earthly sanctuary on the Day of Atonement has its counterpart in the heavenly sanctuary. Hebrews 8:1-2: "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."

Is it necessary to cleanse the heavenly sanctuary? Hebrews 9:23: "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these."

On the cross, Jesus shed His blood for you and for me, but now it is being applied through the ministry of our Mediator, Jesus Christ. Hebrews 9:24-27: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John the Beloved looked forward to the time of judgment. Revelation 14:6-7: "...Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

The Bible makes it very clear that when Jesus returns, the verdict has already been made, and He brings His rewards with Him. Revelation 22:11-12: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Books are going to be opened. Revelation 20:12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Secrets will be revealed in the judgment. Matthew 12:36; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment." "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

The standard of the judgment is God's Law. James 2:10-12: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty."

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Pembroke Housing Authority Youth Center Leaps Into Spring

The Pembroke Housing Authority Youth Center has been a happening place to be for the month of March. The Center had many programs and activities for youth to participate in. To start the month we introduced the youth to "New Kids" which is sponsored by Palmer Drug Prevention Program. "New Kids" is a 12 week course that is being taught by Tonya Jones, Prevention Specialist with Palmer Drug Prevention Program. The activities taught are to encourage a positive self-esteem, to make responsible decisions, to give an understanding of feelings and ways of coping with these feelings so they can live a more positive life. There has been research to prove this is a beneficial program for youth today. "New Kids" mission is to make good children better.

"I'm Special" is the second program that comes to us from Palmer Drug Prevention Program. Venega McAuthor, Prevention Specialist with Palmer Drug Prevention Program, is teaching this program. "I'm Special" will focus on self-esteem, emotions, cooperation, decision making, and drugs, while continuing to address risk factors associated with drug use and abuse. The youth enjoy the program and look forward to seeing Ms. Venega each week.

Pembroke Housing Authority started a countywide program to prevent Teen Pregnancy, March 15, 2000. Because of this increasing numbers of teen parents, the Robeson County Council of H.O.P.E. will be helping youth make healthier and wiser decisions by putting into practice three programs such as: Wise Guys and Girl Scouts in combination with Safer Choices.

On March 21st the staff and youth had a taste of culture at UNC-P Givens Performing Arts Center when they saw "treasure Island". Both deaf and hearing actors in sign language and speech presented the play. The acting troupe was from the Cleveland Signstage Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio. This play helped our youth to see that through determination a voice can be heard either through signing or speech.

The Youth Center "Family Night" was held on March 24th and celebrated with a birthday party for the youth and staff that had a birthday during the month of March. The best of birthday wishes to Ms. La-Meecha Locklear, Youth Coordinator; Victoria Hunt of Strickland Heights; Gloria Bartley and Granyella Maynor of Locklear Court. This was a very fun filled day with cake, ice cream and games.

The Girl Scout Cadet Group at the Maynor Manor Youth Center began step 1 to earn their cooking badges on March 29th at the Youth Center. The girls made pizza from scratch, salad and for desert they had dirt cake. The girls are excited and eager to learn ways to make their group a successful one. There are arts and crafts, camping trips, and more fun filled activities that will be available to the group. The Girl Scouts are under the supervision of Dee McNeil, Field Director and Janelle Miller, Program Aide.

Miss USA and Miss Teen USA Preliminary Pageants

It is our pleasure to announce the upcoming production of the Miss North Carolina USA and Miss North Carolina Teen USA 2001 pageants. We have chosen the Diane Wortham Theatre at Pack Place in Asheville to host our event on November 24th & 25th, 2000. This professionally presented competition will offer young women an unforgettable life-enhancing experience.

We ask for your help in letting the young women of North Carolina know what could be awaiting them. The benefits of being chosen as the winner, even as a delegate, have been evident through the years. The pageant takes pride in acting as a vehicle for setting goals and building self-esteem. Directing young women

toward achieving success in personal ambitions and chosen careers is part of our mission. Our contestants are motivated young women who will be tomorrow's leaders. We are looking for your community's outstanding young women!

North Carolina has become inundated with pageants of every description. We hope that you, as a reliable source, realizes that there are only two major pageant systems that are truly recognized by the media: The Miss America Pageant and Universe, and Miss Teen USA. Our internationally televised productions are the premier pageants in the country, seen by millions of viewers. Each winner takes home traditionally \$175,000.00 to \$225,000.00 in cash and prizes.

Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

Once again, I'm embarrassed over a simple error I made! At some point I realized that the year 2000 has no Sunday, March 20! I thought I could figure out the right date without checking a calendar. As the rest of you likely know, that Sunday fell on March 19!

Springtime Wonderland

It may lack the double "W" alliteration of "Winter Wonderland". And, in my case, childhood memories are a lot less repetitive. But spring is still my favorite time of the year!

One of my early memories of spring in Montana takes me back to the farming community of Fromberg. There are four images: my father standing on freshly-plowed brown dirt, a yellow meadow lark, wild flowers, and me (at six or seven) wearing a new blue (or maybe yellow) Easter dress.

This mental picture may be a composite of several different incidents. But I doubt that I had a new Easter frock more than once or twice during all the depression years. My parents were fortunate to have friends who seemed happy to pass on their older children's out-grown clothes, usually out-of-style, but made of good quality cloth.

That spring time memory has persisted for over 60 years. Maybe I had

just walked outside to show Daddy the pretty new dress I was planning to wear to church on Easter. (Every so often, I find myself wanting to ask Mother how She remembers a particular incident!)

Carolina Springtime
One day in the mid-fifties while I was still living and working in Caswell County, in northern North Carolina, the assortment of vivid colors I was passing really got to me as I drove along farm fields to Danville, Virginia, just across the state line. I made up a simple poem and called it "Carolina Springtime".

But, for forty years the spectacular reds, pinks, and pastel colors of azaleas, camellias, dogwood blossoms, wisteria, and redbud blossoms, along with the fresh green leaves, here in Robeson County (close to the South Carolina border) have been evoking a response so deep down inside that it's difficult to describe.

When I focus on all the natural beauty of each place where I've lived, I can't help wondering why I spent so much of my twenty-first year asking myself: "Is God really Real? Or just a figment of my imagination?"

How could all these magnificent wonders around us just jump into being without a master Designer?

Pediatric Pointers

by Dr. Joëy Bell, Pembroke Pediatrics

What is Jaundice of the Newborn?

By Rick Emery, Physician Assistant Student

Hello, I am a physician assistant student doing a pediatric rotation with Dr. Joëy Bell and the rest of the nice people at the Pembroke Pediatric Clinic here in the Heart of Lumbree Indian Country. It is a pleasure to be here and I am grateful to Dr. Bell for letting me assist and learn in the medical treatment of the beautiful children of his practice.

Jaundice of the Newborn is a treatable condition seen in many new babies. Before discussing jaundice found in newborns, we should first answer what is jaundice? In humans, jaundice is a term that is used to describe an abnormal yellowing of the skin and the white area of the eyes called the sclera. This color change is caused by increased amounts of a naturally occurring yellow pigment called bilirubin. This pigment is always produced during the normal breakdown of red blood cells and our livers then usually release this into our intestines so that it can be excreted with our urine and bowel movements. However, if the normal rate of this discharge is slowed, the yellow pigment backs up and elevated levels in our bodies are then physically exhibited as jaundice.

Jaundice of the Newborn can be harmless or severe, depending on its cause. The amount of yellowness in a baby is best judged by viewing a newborn unclothed in natural light from a window. Causes of jaundice in the Newborn include physiological jaundice, breast-feeding jaundice, breast-milk jaundice, or a severe condition that is called "blood group incompatibility".

Physiological or "normal" jaundice can occur in many new babies who are fed by bottle. In newborns a slower processing of bilirubin into their intestines from their immature livers causes this jaundice. A yellow tint to a baby's skin and sclera will

then appear 2-3 days after it is born. High levels of bilirubin in this type of jaundice are considered harmless and usually disappear in 1-2 weeks. Treatment for this condition involves bottle-feeding a baby more often. Increasing feeding times to every 2-3 hours to increase the natural excretion of a baby's waste products helps clear this up. Any excessive bilirubin is thus removed naturally. Also helpful is to undress an affected baby (except, of course, for its diaper) and place it near a window during daylight hours. The baby's skin can then absorb some direct sunlight through the window. This is known as "phototherapy". It results in chemically altering the bilirubin so that it may be more easily excreted in an infant's urine and stools.

Breast-feeding jaundice occurs when a baby does not drink enough breast milk. The "yellowing" symptoms are similar to those seen in physiological jaundice, but are probably much more pronounced. The usual remedy for this is to nurse the baby more often, every 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours is probably sufficient. Supplementing breast-feeding with formula is also helpful.

A substance found in some mothers' breast milk causes breast-milk jaundice. The substance is a protein enzyme that inhibits the absorption of bilirubin in a baby's intestines. This type of jaundice begins on days 4-7 after an infant's birth and may last up to 3-10 weeks. In this instance, increasing breast feeding may not always bring down a baby's level of yellowing. Alternating breast-feeding with formula feeding every 2-3 days helps in removing bilirubin. This type of jaundice is not harmful and once the yellowing clears, the mother can return to full breast-feeding without having to worry about the jaundice coming back.

Blood group incompatibility, sometimes called "Rh or ABO" problems, can cause severe jaundice in newborns. This happens if a mother and her newborn have different blood types from each other. The mom will then produce antibodies that will destroy a new baby's red blood cells. This type of jaundice is easy to identify because, unlike other jaundices, it is seen within the first 24 hours of a baby's life. This is a very preventable complication. Today women who are predisposed to blood group incompatibility problems are identified during their first pregnancy and are given RhoGAM injections that can help prevent this from happening in later pregnancies. The injections prevent the mother from forming antibodies that would otherwise hurt future babies.

Severe jaundice is treated using advanced techniques of treatment. These include lowering bilirubin levels with artificial phototherapy (usually a blue light that breaks down the bilirubin in the skin). Rarely, when bilirubin reaches dangerous levels, blood transfusions are needed. The baby's blood is exchanged with fresh blood to lower the levels of bilirubin.

Depending on the following signs and symptoms, parents should either take their child in for immediate evaluation and treatment of jaundice regardless of the time or day or wait until regular office hours to have their infant looked at.

If any of the following instances should occur, parents should take their baby to see their provider during regular office hours. The baby looks a deep yellow or orange color. The baby is not getting enough milk or gaining weight well. The baby has less than three good-sized bowel movements per day. The baby has less than six wet diapers per day. Any previously identified physiological jaundice is not gone from the baby by day 14.

Parents should take their child immediately in for evaluation and treatment if they observe any of the following signs and symptoms. Signs of dehydration in an infant. Jaundice developing within the first 24 hours of an infant's life. A baby develops a fever over 100.4 F (38 C). The baby starts to look or act sick.

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Applications can be obtained by contacting Donna Smith, Extension Secretary, at 671-3276, or through your high school guidance department. Applications are also available at Robeson Community College and UNC-Pembroke. Deadlines is April 15, 2000.

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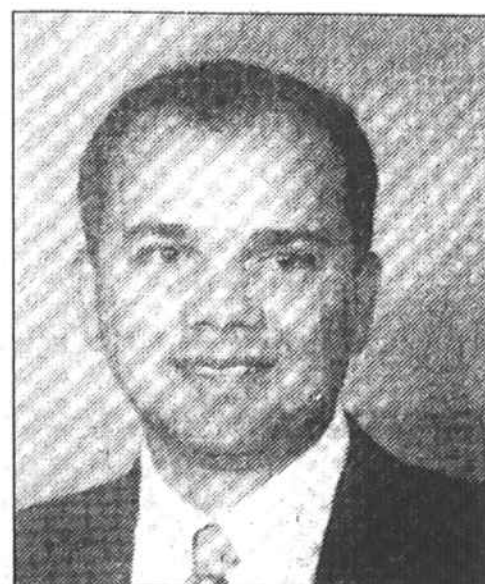
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