

Thus Saith God's Word

By Rev. Ted Bullard

Too Late To Be Concerned

"The wrath of a king is as messengers of death, but a wise man will pacify it." (Proverbs 16:14)

"But God said unto him, thou fool this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20)

Everybody wants to talk about eternal security but no one wants to talk or to discuss carnal security... those things which allow the mind to pull your soul into one who finds pleasure in goods of this life.

This one man had become a pleasure seeker, one who "said to his own soul, Soul, thou hast many goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."

This man could build, read blue prints and he did quite well for himself. He found himself with much and nowhere to store it. So he said to himself "This will I do, I will pull down my barns and build greater, this is what I will do." Oh my friend, he made a mistake. He called it his "My barn, my fruit, my goods." And above all he said, "My soul." And then he declared, "I will eat and drink and be merry." This was his mistake. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The earth art thine, the heavens art thine as for the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them." (Psalm 89:11)

While everything seems to be quiet and peace flowed through his soul and his neighbor drank wine and praised the gods of gold and of silver, of brass and iron, of wood and of stone. "In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace and the king's loins were loosed and his knees smote one against another." (Daniel 5:4-7)

The old preacher, Solomon, said "The wrath of a king is as messengers of death." (Proverbs 16:14) While the rich man was resting on his bed, a voice rang out, "Thou fool, this night (not tomorrow or next week or next year, THIS NIGHT) thy soul is required of thee." (St. Luke 12:20)

Robeson County has been notified or put on notice that a Disease control center is here because of a high increase of a deadly disease called Syphilis - a disease that causes blindness, heart disease, and even death. This county ranked 17th in the nation all because of sex outside of marriage. Did you know sex outside of marriage is a sin? Solomon declared "Fools make a mockery of sin" (Proverbs 14:9)

How can this be? We have had too much of the world, too little resistance, too much power and too little restraint.

Among us have been too many first year marriages with joy rides, with thrills

and laughter causing too many marriages to travel left of the center line.

Robeson County has not been told enough about a religion that should be centered with a cross and when did you hear about the "Cross of Calvary," rather than to pacify it with repentance (which has been said change your mind, your thinking is wrong, your action is wrong, you have departed from the center of things, your measurements are false, your balances are evil, your judgements are perverted.) Instead of crowning him Lord and Savior, we joined those 2000 years ago who cried, "Crucify Him." We need to pacify him with repentance, show some emotion toward wrongness. We need to be on time with our shame and seek forgiveness, to act as one who does exist now, if we await as we have, then he will become bred and disillusioned and then it will be too late. Like the rich man, the hour you least expect it, the voice could ring out, "This night thy soul is required of thee." "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting." (Daniel 5:27)

My friend, defiance is not found in any books or heard on television, nor read in magazines. It is found in scripture Romans 1:28-29. Peel off the mask and scrape away all the veneer and get right to the core of depravity portraying mankind. Would you like to know how God feels about rebellious sons and daughters? Listen, this is not limited to unbelievers, but it is among the family of God's people - rebellious children. You wrestle with it from a toddler who threw a tantrum to an angry brother. Listen to these words in Deuteronomy 21:18-21. "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or mother, and they chastise him and he will not listen to them, (in other words, if you have a son who made your life hell on earth), "Then you would tell others that he is rebellious, a glutton drunkard, then all the men shall stone him to death." This my friend is how God feels about rebellious children.

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Do you not see, my friend, that our churches are losing their virtue? She is spiritually saying, "We don't want to do right." The church today has been willing to depart from her liberty and her ecstasy at the ransomment of her own blood. We now rank 17th in the nation in venereal disease. "The wrath of a king is as messengers of death."

Look around you! What is the message? Lose weight, lose 30 pounds and feel good. Split level homes occupied by split personality persons. Air-conditioned cars for hot tempered people. A church people who once called whiskey whiskey, now call it medicine. Crack was that of a wall not something to sniff up the nose of a person.

Let me close with this. The ticket in your hand, you need to tear up. It is here in Robeson County, where you live that's become unsafe. Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, don't need you. Robeson County does! We are faced with a king who has warned us "You can't mock God: you cannot mock God with masses of confessions to cover up an ungodly life...like the farmer who may dye ground rocks to look like seeds, plant them with sweat, yet the harvest will be nothing. Figs don't come from thorns. It is impossible to mock God with sin and salvation.

Search for Truth

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How You Can Be Sure You Are Ready for Heaven

If it were possible to walk to the moon, 239,000 miles away, at the rate of 40 miles a day, it would take you more than 16 years. If there was a railroad to the sun, 93 million miles away, and you rode a high-speed train averaging 100 miles per hour, day in and day out it would take you more than a century. However, heaven-the city of God, the New Jerusalem-is much farther beyond. However, you can reach it in just three steps if you want to.

Today Elder Joseph Bullard explains from the Bible how you can take those first steps with Jesus-how you can KNOW that you are ready for heaven. Experience the peace and joy that comes only from God as you explore this vital topic in this Search for Truth.

Nothing can enter heaven that defiles. Revelation 21:27: "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

We are all born with a sinful nature. Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

The blood of Jesus cleans us from all sin. I John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

It is not how you feel but that God has promised. I John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

We must be born again spiritually, that is the New Birth. John 3:3: "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

When you make a full surrender of yourself to Jesus, the Holy Spirit immediately creates a new heart within. John 1:12-13: "Blest are many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Jesus stands at the door of your heart. He says, "I want to come in." Revelation 3:20: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

How can I know that I have been born again? II Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Do you have the Son, Jesus Christ, abiding in your life today? If He is there, you have eternal life. I John 5:11-13: "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

We must obey Christ. I John 2:3-6: "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought also to walk, even as he walked."

Every day of our lives obedience will give proof that we are Christ's disciples - proof we know Him - proof that we have received Him - proof we are living the Christian life. Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

There are only three steps to heaven.

1. To confess Christ as our Savior.
 2. We must be born again Spiritually.
 3. We must be obedient to Christ.
- We have seen men and women, time after time, have this wonderful experience - and you can have it too, if you will only take these three steps with Jesus. And thank God, it does not take a long time to take these steps. You can do it today. Jesus is willing to help you. He is anxious to help you and deliver you from all your sins and bad habits. And you can know, with certainty, if your sins are forgiven, if you have been born again, if Christ is living His obedient life in you - that YOU ARE ready for heaven.



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