Prophet's Column

"The Sovereignty Of God"

The Sovereignty Of God In Election - Part III

By J.M. Little

Our last message dealt with the sovereignty of God in the lives to twin brothers; Jacob and Esau. At this time we want to look more closely at God's Sovereignty in ELECTION. As I stated before I will not try to prove that God is sovereign, I'll simply declare it. If you don't believe it then you are an unbeliever on the road to Hell. You are going to come to know the Sovereign God of the Bible or bust hell wide open. I don't mind telling you that. It's Christ or Hell! Where are you going my friend? Whiter bound my dear eternity bound soul?

Let me say in this study that ELECTION is taught throughout the Bible. If you were not elected back in eternity before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4) then the wheels of grace will never turn in your direction for mercy to be bestowed on you.

In Acts 13:48 "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: AND AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED." That deacon kept saying "as many as believed." Brother, you had better go and look again at the Word of God; "as many as WERE ORDAINED to eternal life believed. There is election for you. Someone had to ordain them, God ordained them back before the foundation of the world. That is why they believed in time on the Lord Jesus Christ to the salvation of their souls. Man by nature is dead in trespasses and sins. How could a dead man believe on Christ? He can't until he is made alive by the Holy Spirit and then he can believe on Christ only when the Holy Spirit is pleased to give him faith to lay hold of Christ. That's salvation brother! To Hell with your easy believingism. This free will salvation, which is easy believingism, is going to damn the multitudes of you in Hell.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not come and die and take a chance that you might believe Him. No! Salvation was planned before the foundation of the world.

Let me say this, if you knew your totally depraved state as a sinner, you would readily accept election. You may deny election as these preachers and deacons are doing. But remember one thing election is taught in the Bible and it will still be true when you are baking in Hell. God never calls a man to misrepresent him. When you deny election you are calling God a liar.

God's election of a sinner to salvation in Christ is not based on anything in the sinner. If God's election were based on anything in the sinner, then no one would ever be saved. Why? Many by nature hates God (Rom. 8:7) There is absolutely nothing in man to make God love Him. Man is rotten to the heart (Mark 7:21-23).

God elected a certain number in His sovereignty. "That the purpose of God according to election might stand, NOT OF WORKS, but of Him that calleth;" Rom 9:11.

If you could see a race of mankind ruined by the Fall, hating God, and then see the beauty and love of God in electing a multitude to salvation from fallen humanity who deserves nothing but eternal damnation, then you'd praise the Lord for His election. You'd stop all your arguing and fall prostrate at the feet of the sovereign God of the universe and praise His holy name. I praise the Lord for election. If it hadn't been for election I never would have been saved.

You may be asking the question; am I elected? If you are seriously concerned about being elected then that is a good sign you are. But as a lost sinner your object is Christ. You turn to Christ. Right now, to know Christ is the all important matter in your life. When God saves you then you know you were elected before the foundation of the world because only the elect get saved. Election should not discourage you. It didn't discourage me when I was under Holy Spirit Conviction. I read in the Word that only a few would be saved. If only one would be saved I was resolved to be that one and the Lord saved me. He can save you too.

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I'm going to tell you again from the Scripture how you can know you are elected. "Knowing, brethren beloved, YOUR ELECTION OF GOD. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST (holy Spirit Conviction), and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. (I Thess. 1:4-5).

When a soul is brought under Holy Spirit Conviction that is evidence he is elected. But you had better be sure you are under Holy Spirit Conviction if you think you are. I've seen some who professed to be under Holy Spirit Conviction but have turned away and are an enemy to me.

God being sovereign, did not leave salvation up to man. You would not get saved if you could help it. You fight the Lord until your resistance is broken. If you tell me you never have fought the Lord I'll tell you that you have never been effectually called of the Lord. Every soul who has been moved upon the Spirit of the Lord at first resisted and you continued to resist until you were subdued. I know what I'm talking about.

When the Lord was dealing with my heart for salvation I resisted on one hand by running five hundred miles from the truth. But I had to come right back. I kept resisting until the Lord in His great mercy broke me at His feet and put such a hunger and thirst in my heart until I felt I had to have Christ or die. I'll say this; you will come to want Christ more than your life itself before you come to know Him.

Night and day I hungered after Him and could not rest. I walked the floor weeping my heart out; Oh if I only knew Him, if I only knew Christ whom my soul longs after. I was not satisfied until the Holy Spirit revealed Him to my heart. Then I knew I was elected before the foundation of the world and I could never perish. I am safe in Christ. It matters not what you say about me, or want to do to me. You can't harm me unless the Lord permits it. I praise the Lord for His salvation and His great election.

It is my prayer that the Lord will have mercy on you, especially you and bring you to know Him as your Lord and your Saviour. Turn to Christ while the door of mercy is till open.

May the Lord turn you unto Himself. And then you'll never cease to praise Him for electing you to salvation in Christ.

West Charlotte Players To Cast "Summer And Smoke"

The Performing Arts Department of West Charlotte High School will present "SUMMER AND SMOKE" as its fall production of the 1977-78 season.

The play, written by Tennessee Williams, is directed by Betsy Viracola.

Ticket prices will be $2 for adults and $1 for students.

Show dates are December 2, 3 and 4, with curtain time at 8 p.m. each evening except December 4, when it will be at 2 p.m.

Anderson Gets Blue-Gray Invitation

ORANGEBURG, S.C.--South Carolina State College fullback Rickey Anderson has received an invitation to play in the 1977 Blue-Gray Football Game Dec. 30 at Montgomery Alabama. Anderson, a Kingsland, Georgia, native becomes the first player from the college to be invited to the annual charity game.

Anderson led S.C. State to an 8-1-1 season and set a new school and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference rushing mark. The 6-3, 215 pound physical education major picked up 1195 yards to become the first player in S.C. State history to reach the 1,000 yard rushing mark in a season. Anderson's total eclipsed the MEAC one season rushing mark of 1102 set by N.C. Central's Jeff Inman in 1972.

Anderson and his Bulldog teammates will meet Winston-Salem State in the Gold Bowl Dec. 3 in Richmond, Virginia. The game will mark the fifth straight year that the Bulldogs have participated in post season play. Last year S.C. State defeated Norfolk State 26-10 in the first Gold Bowl, called the Bicentennial Bowl to commemorate the country's 200th birthday.

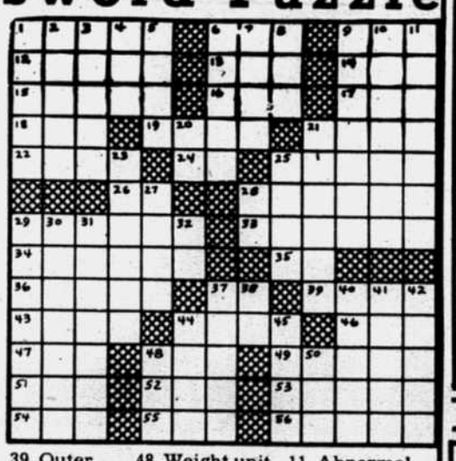
Four Rookies Make Grade With Globetrotters

Four talented rookies will make their professional hoop debuts as Harlem Globetrotters as the two touring units of the world famous court magicians begin their 52nd year of unique family entertainment this month.

Player-Coach Marques Haynes' International Unit starts its six-month schedule in Yuma, Arizona, before going on to California for five games and on to Mexico, San Salvador, Guatemala and Panama. The fourth Globetrotter newcomer, Steve Jones, is on Haynes' International squad.

Hobley, a six foot seven inch 23 year-older is a graduate of Dillard University - New Orleans where he also makes his home.

Crossword Puzzle



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6. Watch chain
9. Male sheep
12. Linked rope
13. Single
14. Inner self
15. Used a garden tool
16. Top card
17. Metal
18. French "one"
19. Not different
21. Branch of learning
22. Stoop
24. Pronoun
25. Enormous
26. In the case of
28. Bow-shaped
29. Crave
33. Headgear maker
34. Resident doctor
35. Musical note
36. Social rank
37. Dad
39. Outer covering
43. Sour
44. Wagers
46. Mineral spring
47. Perform
48. Weight unit
49. Tardier
51. —Aviv
52. Sea eagle
53. Inclined
54. Compass point
55. Some
56. Sailor's bunk

DOWN

1. Rub hard
2. Scottish chief
3. The old —bucket
4. Falsehood
5. Stops
6. Frothy
7. Formerly
8. Insect
9. Withdraw
10. Stir up
11. Abnormal animal
20. Be
21. North Pole
23. Most arid
25. Metric unit
27. Is mistaken
28. Exclamation
29. Give orders
30. Intertwines
31. Shock suddenly
32. Printer's measure
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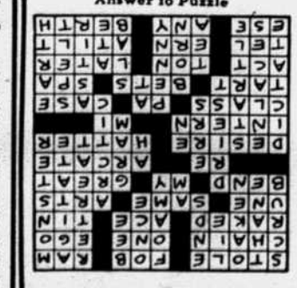
50. Dined

Answer to Puzzle



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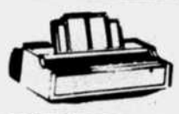

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