

Prophet's Column

"Blessed Are They That Hear The Word"

The Lord was speaking to a group one day on unclean spirits, demon spirits. And after He had finished, a woman there in the group said, "Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked." What was the Lord's response to what the woman said? In verse 28 Luke 11 is His response: "But he said, Yes, rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."

Our subject at this time is: "Blessed Are They That Hear." Are you hearing the Word of God? Many of you read our message diligently every week. But are you hearing the word my friend? The Lord said again in Matt. 13:16 that you are blessed if you can hear the Word of God. He also said: "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Do you have ears to hear? Now you may ask; Bro' Little, doesn't everybody have ears to hear? The answer is, no. When I was a boy growing up in the religious world I would read these Scriptures on Sunday afternoon alone after coming in from church and I asked the same question; doesn't everybody have ears to hear? I thought the reference was to the human ear. My friend, when the Lord speaks about hearing the Word, and keeping it, or, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear, He is not talking about the natural ear you were born with, no!

Alright, what is meant by the hearing ear? Now you listen as for eternity, for your soul is at stake. Prov. 20:12 "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them." "in the New Birth, the Holy Spirit gives the sinner a "hearing ear" to hear the voice of the Lord, not the preacher's voice, you hear the preacher's voice with the natural ear. You cannot hear the voice of the Lord until He gives you an ear to hear.

The soul who has only natural ears to hear, only hears the General Call, the soul who has been made alive (Eph. 2:1) by the blessed Holy Spirit has been given a hearing ear, which is a spiritual ear, to hear the Word of God. Until the Holy Spirit gives you this spiritual ear, you treat the Word very lightly. With just the natural ear, you'll tell me how much you enjoy reading the messages as many of you have, and you go on about your business as usual. You see no danger, you do not see Hell moved from beneath to meet you at your coming. But once the Lord gives you an ear to hear Him through His Word, you see your eternal danger as a lost sinner under the judgment of a sin-avenging God. The reason the multitudes of you go on in a happy-go-lucky mood is because you have never heard the Word of God.

Our church members, having never been awakened to their lost condition are going on in the fantasy of religion, but to your own destruction. If the Holy Spirit never awakens you to your lost condition, you'll die and bust Hell wide open. You can call these Hell and damnation messages if you want to, but if you go out under the cloud in your present state, then you'll see you were wrong but it will not help your lost state then. Are you hearing the Word of God? Are you? Have you been made alive to the Word of God? What is your present state? Are you saved? Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Saviour?

The old prophet Amos said there would be a famine for the hearing of the Word (Amos 8:11). He did not say a famine for the preaching of the Word, but a famine for the hearing of the Word. The Word is being preached more than ever before. But the religious world is not hearing the Word of God. Where can you go to find souls who are trying to mold their lives according to the Word of God? You just don't find it very much, do you? Someone said to me very recently that they didn't know anyone here who is thirsting after Christ.



J. M. Little

Once you are given an ear to hear, you are never the same.

When the Lord opens your heart under Holy Spirit Conviction (Jn. 16:7-11) giving you ears to hear and eyes to see your lost ruined state out of Christ, you see and hear things about yourself you never dreamed of. All your false thoughts about some good in you flee away as the Holy Spirit strips you bare with the Word. Have you ever been stripped of all your self-righteousness? You will be before God saves you. I'll stake my hope of Heaven on the truth I'm laying down here.

What a tragedy! Wake up friends, judgment is coming! Can't you see it? We are living in the darkest days the world has ever known. This is the darkest spiritual day so far. The conditions Paul laid out in 2 Tim. 3 apply to the church today, the world has always lived like that. But my church members friend, you had better wake up, for you are headed to Hell in your religion.

When I was a boy growing up in the religious world, I'd like to listen to some of the old folks there in church testify this way: "brothers and sisters, I know I got religion, and you all pray for me, that my last days may be my best days." Listen friend, I don't question that you have religion. Satan is the most religious being I know. But you listen; religion isn't salvation! Christ is salvation! You can be just as religious as the day is long, that doesn't have a thing in the world to do with salvation, it doesn't.

Our churches are going to Hell in religion. You think that just because you are faithful church members you'll be swept into the kingdom, no you won't either. You'll be swept or better yet, turned into Hell. Now you may say I'm being critical but I'm not, I'm being true to your souls. You are a lost sinner and you've got to get to Christ for salvation. Salvation is a Person and that Person is Christ. I don't care what your pastor tells you. If your pastor preaches any other way of salvation than Christ, you had better depart from him, for he is leading you to Hell under a religious covering. I'll make this statement; "if any preacher preaches any way of salvation other than what I've laid down in these messages for over two years, as we have been publishing in

the POST and if any preacher preaches any salvation other than Christ, count him accursed and depart from him!" I make that statement boldly and without hesitation.

If you don't have Christ, you don't have anything, if you don't know Christ, you don't know anything. How is it between you and the Lord? Are you saved? Do you want to be saved? Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. Are you lost? Is He seeking you?

At this time, may you turn to Him before it is too late. You may laugh and make fun of me now, but soon you'll be weeping. I pray that the Word will be taken home by the Spirit of God to some sinner somewhere out there. Pray for the discovery of your never dying soul. Good-bye.

Southwest Cagers

Face Busy Slate

by Chase Vance
Post Sports Writer
The Southwestern 4A Conference has a full slate of games tomorrow night. The South Mecklenburg team led by Tim Sawyers, Dave Kouri and Bryant McKnight will be at home for a game with the Crest High Chargers of Shelby. Crest is best known as the alma mater of Denver Nugget star David Thompson. They are rated as the team to beat in the Southwestern 3A Conference.

Concord's Spiders of the South Piedmont 3A will be at Southwestern 4A Conference favorite West Charlotte. The Lions of Coach Charles McCullough are led by Dana Berry, Ron Stanley, and Darryl Broome.

Catholic is at East Mecklenburg. The Eagles are rebuilding under Coach Reggie Thompson.

Tough Ashbrook, ranked number one in the state by the Associated Press will visit Myers Park in the game of the week. The Green Wave will showcase James Worthy, a highly recruited center-forward.

Northside Christian School is at Garinger. The Wildcats under new coach Dough Kistler are rebuilding. Gene Dunn and Frank Johnson are top players.

The West Mecklenburg Indians hope to get off on the good foot when they go to Charlotte Country Day. The Indians won one game last year on route to a 1-20 record.

North's tall Vikings visit Rutherfordton-Spindale Central of the Southwestern 3Z. Eddie Scales, Scotty Williams and Darryl Harris lead the Vikings.

Public Hearing

Set For Colony

Road Extension

The Charlotte City Council has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed Colony Road Extension on Monday, December 4 at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall. The proposal is part of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Thoroughfare Plan.

Persons wishing to make comments or suggestions should contact the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 600 East Trade Street, telephone 374-2247 by noon the day of the hearing. Comments may be made orally or submitted in writing.

A hearing on the matter was held by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission on August 1, 1978. Several suggestions for proposed routes are before the City Council. Following the hearing, the City Council will make a recommendation to the Transportation Advisory Committee (T.A.C.). The T.A.C. has final authority in the matter.

Additional information concerning the proposed routes may be obtained from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, telephone 374-2205.

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At Training Schools

Decrease In Admissions And Runaways

RALEIGH—There has been a significant decrease in admissions and runaways at the state's five training schools for delinquent youth in the past few months. The schools are operated by the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Youth Services.

"Since status offenders are no longer admitted to the state's training schools, we are experiencing a decrease in student population," said Robert Atkinson, assistant director for Institutional Services in the division.

From July through October 1977, there were 363 youngsters admitted to the five training schools. For the same four-month period in 1978, there were only 222 admissions.

Status offenders are those who commit crimes for which an adult would not be arrested, such as truancy or running away from home. Beginning in July 1978, status offenders could no longer be sent to the training schools by the courts.

Instead, they are referred to community based alternative programs such as specialized foster care, group homes and others.

"This reduction provides additional flexibility to the staff to work with the students," said Atkinson. "Better incentive programs can be operated, for example, when staff is available to supervise and transport students to activities they have earned the opportunity to enjoy. When the population is high, the schools have to curtail extracurricular activities because of lack of staff. This creates an atmosphere of boredom for the children," he stated.

According to Atkinson, the training schools are also experiencing a decrease in runaways. In the past two months, there has been an 80 percent decrease in the number of students who run away. The schools, which had previously been averaging around 30 to 40 runaways per month, now average eight to 12 per month.

Stonewall Jackson School in Concord and Juvenile Evaluation Center in Swannanoa showed the most significant decrease followed by Dobbs School in Kinston. C. A. Dillon School in Butler and Samark and Manor in Eagle Springs also showed decreases.

"We feel that the recently added personnel and the double coverage of students in the cottages has helped us reduce the number of runaways," said Atkinson. "Time and money have also been saved in looking for the runaways—we don't have the extra expense of going 50 to 100 miles to pick up an apprehended child."

We have also saved up on the damages committed on citizens' property by the students when they run", he stated.

Atkinson said that based on reports given to him by the schools, double coverage of the students has increased morale particularly among the cottage parents.

Governor Jim Hunt added 54 cottage parent positions to the five schools following the death of an employee at Juvenile Evaluation Center and alleged sexual involvement between students and staff at Stonewall Jackson School. These two schools received the majority of new positions.

Mobile City Hall Out Of Service

Beginning Monday, November 27, Charlotte's Mobile City Hall will be out of service for at least three weeks. The interruption of service is due to the hospitalization of the operator.

The following locations will be cancelled.

- Mon. November 27 Richway, West Park Mall
 - Tues. November 28 Cotswold Shopping Center
 - Wed. November 29 The Square
 - Thurs. November 30 Harris-Teeter, Plaza Extension
 - Fri. December 1 Amay James Center, 2415 Lester Street
 - Mon. December 4 Tryon Mall Shopping Center
 - Tues. December 5 Stanley's Drug Store, 1949 E. Seventh Street
 - Thurs. December 7 Woolco, South Boulevard
 - Fri. December 8 South Park Shopping Center
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 - Thurs. December 14 Eastland Mall Shopping Center
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