

Prophet's Column

"In The Twinkling Of An Eye"

by J.M. Little

If I could live to be a million years old, I'd never forget the time God awakened me to my lost condition. I'll never, no never forget that early noon. I got up that morning rejoicing in the creation more than the Creator.

I went out that early morning looking at the trees that were hanging with ice. Tree tops were bent over, they were so heavy with ice and some of the tops touched the ground. My heart was so thrilled with all that natural beauty in nature. Ice on the trees, ice on the grass all across the fields. I took several pictures with my camera. I was so thrilled with all that beauty I did not know what to do.

Some hours later in the early noon of that day, the Lord spoke to my heart, showing me that I was lost and had never been saved. All that beauty in the world in my heart went out. I was as one who had the world on his back, lost and had never been saved. Not knowing at the time that salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9), I set out to try to make myself presentable before God. But the Holy Spirit taught me as He brought me down the pathway of grace that Christ and Christ alone could save me. He slowly convinced me of sin, righteousness and judgement (John 16:17). I came to see what a totally depraved sinner I was. And when He showed me that there was nothing I could do to save myself I almost died. My friend, if you cannot go back to the time God awakened you to your lost condition, you are not saved. Joining the church is not being awakened to your lost condition. If you ever are awakened to your lost condition, church membership will become sickening to you.

It was also in the early noon, one Saturday that God saved me, in February of 1972. When the Holy Spirit brought me to the place I wanted Christ more than anything else, and gave me grace to turn my back on everything and everybody. He revealed Christ to my heart. When the Holy Spirit began to open my heart that day, I thought I would never get out of that condition I was in. When He opened my heart and I saw the depths of depravity that were there, I tried to shrink back from it but He held me right there until He delivered me. I saw the reality of Hell in my own heart, my unbelief, my hatred for God, His Word, and His servants. It killed me to see it. I threw up my hands and resigned to go on to Hell where I belonged. Just a few minutes later there came a revelation to my heart: "Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9). I



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saw Christ had blessed me from eternity to eternity and that I could never could perish. All my sin burden rolled away and I was made to rejoice in Christ. Salvation comes to the human heart by REVELATION only (Matt. 16:17). If Christ has not been revealed (Gal. 1) to your heart, then you are not saved! Has Christ been revealed to your heart? Can you go back to when you were lost? When were you awakened to your lost condition? A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven. Can you go back to where and when all hope was gone and there you were standing before God with all hope gone and you saw no way out? The only thing to do was just go on to Hell? Can you? If not, you are not saved. If you don't know Christ you are not saved. God saves you in the twinkling of an eye, that brings us to our subject at this time.

Our subject is: "In The Twinkling Of An Eye." "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (1 Cor. 15:51-52). The translation of the living believers when Christ comes back in the air for His saints. The Second Coming of Christ is my hope. I look daily for His soon coming. My friend, when I say: "He's soon coming, I mean exactly that. Any moment now, my Lord may break through the blue, coming for His own. I praise the Lord I'm one of His own. Are you? Are you looking daily for His coming? Are you? If not, you have no hope. In a world of violence, blood-

that you are gone, you aren't in bed. She may think that you are just in the bathroom, after awhile, when you haven't returned to bed, she'll call out for you, but you won't be able to answer her call because you are not there! In the twinkling of an eye, when Christ came, He took you without waking her. She will get up and look around the house for you, calling you in vain—you are nowhere to be found. She panics, wondering where you could have gone at such a late hour. It may be three in the morning. You never got up at that time before, so she soon realizes something is seriously wrong. Then she dashes back to the bedroom and finds that the bed covers are in place on your side of the bed just as though you were still there. She looks again and finds that your shoes are just where you left them when you went to bed. Shock grips her heart; Oh where can he be? Where is he?

You are gone with your Lord. She may put in a call to police headquarters to find out if they know anything about you. She'll be told by a police officer that the switchboard has been flooded with calls during the night of the mysterious disappearing of persons from every walk of life, disappearing without making a sound. Disappearing, in the twinkling of an eye. In the early morning hours, radio, TV, telephones, and all communications media carry reports of missing persons, those who have mysteriously disappeared during the night.

Your newspaper boy was taken, your daily paper didn't come because of his being taken. Office workers won't show up for work. Planes go right over the airport instead of landing and many crashes, the pilots were taken. Train smash ups, car and bus wrecks, the drivers were taken. All over the world, my friend, will be mass fear and shock because many loved ones are missing. Then you will remember: "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Your wife is gone, your daughter is gone, your friend who was so true to your soul, who witnessed to you and pleaded with you to turn to Christ at work is gone. It will all come flooding in your memory in box car letters. "They warned us, now they are gone." They talked about the coming of the Lord, we laughed at them, called them a bunch of fools, now they are gone and we are left behind.

You'll begin to see a string of violence spring up and take the world like wildfire, and you will wonder what now for those of us who were such fools not to believe the Gospel. The awful tribulation described by the Lord in Matt. 24, Mk. 13, 21, Rev. 6-19, and in Daniel, will take place my friend. Will you be here to go into the Great Tribulation? If you don't turn to Christ you will.

Most of my family will be here; it saddens my heart beyond words of expression to think of the judgment that is going to fall on you because you rejected the Gospel and would not have this Man to rule over you. When you are left behind, you'd give ten thousand worlds just to know Christ.

shed, and corruption, my hope is Christ and His soon coming. So many today take the Second Coming of Christ as just an event. The Second Coming of Christ will not be an event to me. But it will be the personal return of my Lord. How will it be for you?

Some call it the Rapture of the church, it is, praise the Lord. Or you may just want to call it the TRANSLATION. Every born again believer looks daily for the coming of the Lord. Every awakened sinner is afraid the Lord will come before he is saved. How is it with you? Do you know Christ? Many times I try to think of what it will be like when my Lord comes. I love to meditate on His soon coming. Yes, my Lord is coming soon.

When He comes, some will be taken and others left. Listen: "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken and the other left." (Matt. 24:40-41). My friend will you be taken? Some will be taken and others left. Not the other fellow, but you. Will you be taken out?

How sad will be the case of you who will be left behind. You will be left behind to go through the awful tribulation. Some of you wives will be left behind. When I think of the sadness of the ones of you who will be left behind my heart sinks within me. Here's a wife, you have sat there looking at her across the breakfast table year in and year out. She cares nothing about the claims of Christ on her heart.

You've pleaded and pleaded with her to no avail. She'll be left behind. I believe it will be night in America when Christ comes. America will awake the next morning to find her salt gone. You may go to bed that night the Lord comes for you. Sometime during the night, your wife will discover

CPCC Will Offer

Seven Course

On Television

Central Piedmont Community College will offer seven courses on television beginning January 8.

The basics of consumer finance, child development, psychology, and an introduction to business will be offered for college credit, while courses in math, reading and English will be offered for non-high school graduates who wish to improve their skills.

The telecourses will be on Channel 42, WTVI. Registration for all courses is going on now. Complete details may be obtained by calling 373-6422.

"These courses have proved to be quite popular," said CPCC President Richard Hagemeyer, "and represent a continuing effort to take education to the people."

Each course will be broadcast for 30 minutes per week on Charlotte's educational television network. "If sessions are missed, videotapes are available through the college," Hagemeyer said.

Viewing times for the course broadcasts range from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 to 10:00 on Sundays.

"This is an opportunity to learn in the convenience of your home," Hagemeyer pointed out. "By offering courses on TV, students can avoid traffic and parking problems and take essential subjects at a time that fit their schedule."

Costs are \$3.25 per credit hour for in-state students.

UNCC Sets Eight

Week Yoga

Meditation Class

An eight-week Siddha Yoga meditation class has been scheduled by The University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Office of Continuing Education.

The class, to be held Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., will run from Jan. 11 to March 1.

Siddha Yoga is part of the ageless wisdom in India which teaches that within each human being there is an infinite source of creative energy—the same energy that gives rise to the universe. Meditation is used to awaken this energy.

The course is open to persons of all ages and for beginning and mature meditators. Classes include meditation practice, discussion, assigned reading and videotapes. Comfortable and loose-fitting clothing is recommended. The cost is \$40.

Lester Strong, a certified Siddha Yoga instructor who has studied in India with Swami Maktananda, will teach the course. Strong, a Davidson College graduate, is a former lecturer at Siddha Yoga Dham of New York.

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The Arts and Science Council has awarded a total of \$65,345 to nineteen affiliate organizations from funds provided from the ASC Project Pool and from a City Arts Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Through the City Arts program, the Arts & Science Council distributes federal funds for community and neighborhood arts development which enables local groups to develop new and creative programs for new audiences. Not only are established groups given help in beginning new programs, but new arts organizations are also helped.

The organizations that have been awarded grants are as follows:

- Community School of the Arts, \$9,400 in scholarship support for classes;
- Afro-American Cultural Center, \$7,500 for central services support for Afro-American art groups;
- Spirit Square, \$6,373 in programming to provide performances and workshops;
- Nature Museum-Native American Association, \$5,000 to sponsor a native American cross-cultural exchange program;
- Celebrate Charlotte, challenge grant, \$3,500, for neighborhood festivals;
- Afro-American Children's Arts Program, \$2,500, for the exploration of Afro-American cultural heritage;
- Charlotte Summer Pops Orchestra, \$2,500 to help support their fee summer program;
- Spirit Square, \$2,250 to offer professionally directed classes;
- New Schoolhouse of the Arts, \$1,900, for scholarship support for classes;
- Metrolina Native American Association, \$1,525, for a cultural pow-wow and Indian Festival;
- Youth Council - Steel Drum Band, \$1,125, for cross cultural exchange and youth programming;
- Omimeo, challenge grant of \$1,000, for professionally directed mime classes and a workshop;

Light Factory, \$1,000, to sponsor a photographic essay on neighborhood arts festivals.

Spirit Square, \$1,000, for a series of Thomas Moore music workshops.

Ebony Group and Company, \$500, for Afro-American theatre workshops and classes;

Tap Root Program, \$13,027, for cultural heritage development, central services, and festivals;

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