

**Prophet's Column**

**"God Humbling A Sinner"**

By J. M. Little

In the first revelation of the Lord to a sinner's heart, the sinner sees his lost and undone condition, that's the negative (repentance) side of your salvation. In the second revelation of the Lord to a sinner's heart, the sinner sees that Christ died for him, that's the positive (faith) side of your salvation. There must be the negative and the positive in order for you to be saved.

In the preceding three messages we saw in the case of King Pharaoh of Egypt: "GOD'S REPROBATION AND DESTRUCTION OF PHARAOH," we saw how God reprobrates a sinner and brings that sinner to destruction. Our subject at this time is: "GOD'S HUMBLING SINNER." Sinner, you'll either be broken and humbled by the Lord for salvation, or be reprobated for destruction. There is no in-between. When God gets ready to save a sinner, He shines the light of the glorious gospel of Christ into that sinner's heart. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." (II Cor. 4:3-4). Yes, when the Holy Spirit begins to deal with a sinner for salvation, He opens the sinner's mind and heart, which were darkened by Satan (the god of this world), and shines the light of the glorious gospel of Christ into that darkened mind and heart. When the Holy Spirit opens your mind and heart, and reveals to you what you are by nature, you begin to humble under the mighty and gracious works of the Holy Spirit.

When the Lord opened Isaiah's mind and heart what did he cry out? "Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." (Isa. 6:5). Yes, in that first revelation of the Lord to Isaiah's heart, he saw his UNDONE condition, his total depravity and his lost condition. Not only did Isaiah see his lost and depraved (unclean) condition, but he saw all those around him were lost too.

When the Lord first revealed Himself to me, in that first revelation, I saw I was lost and had never



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been saved. And I looked around me and made this statement: "No one around me is saved and I've never been to the funeral of a saved person." I saw that all the world around me was lost just as I was, but they didn't know it. You can be lost and not know it, but you cannot be saved and not know it. Seeing my lost condition under the revealing work of the Holy Spirit began to humble me. Before this I was a very PROUD, religious sinner. Religious but lost. The

greatest thing that can happen to you as a sinner is for the blessed Holy Spirit to throw back the skylight of your mind, heart and soul and shine the light of the gospel into your heart showing you your lost condition. That is Heavenly knowledge, my friend. Miss Holy Spirit conviction (Jn. 16:7-11) and you'll die in your sins and wake up in Hell.

judgment I was under began to humble me. I saw I had nothing that would or could gain me favor with God. I was a sinner polluted in my own blood (Ez. 16:6). Yes, seeing myself without Christ and far off from God (Eph. 2:12-13) made me weep night and day. For I know by knowledge from

heaven that I was a lost sinner on the road to Hell and go to Hell I would unless the Lord saved me in His great mercy. In earlier years I had embraced all the major religions of the world I could get my hands on. Still there was the emptiness in my heart that would not go away. As the Holy Spirit taught me more through the Word of God I saw that my salvation would have to come from without. He revealed to me all so well that I could not save myself. Now I want to tell something right here that may shock some of you: seeing my lost condition, and being convinced by the Holy Spirit that I could not save myself, I quit asking the Lord to save me. Yes, I did. That may be strange to. But I began to cry from the depths of my heart: Lord, MAKE ME LOST. You said You came to seek and to save that which was lost." I knew that God's Word does not lie. And I knew that if I could just get lost, the Lord would save me. Praise the Lord, He answered my prayer.

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Section 202 direct loan authority in the amount of \$6,414,700 for metropolitan and \$6,087,100 for non-metropolitan areas is being made available to the Greensboro HUD Office jurisdiction to finance an estimated 201 units for metropolitan areas and 191 units for non-metropolitan areas. The distribution of these units by allocation area is presented below. Applications conforming to this allocation plan from counties previously underfunded relative to their elderly needs and the funding needs of other counties will receive first priority. These underfunded counties are indicated by an asterisk. Applications conforming to the allocation plan, but from counties which have been equitably funded relative to their elderly needs and the funding needs of other counties will receive second priority. Applications proposing units in excess of those advertised for the applicable allocation area will be rejected as unresponsive to the invitation.

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Allocation Area	CODE	COUNTIES	NUMBER OF UNITS		
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		E-1, F-3, I-1	Alexander Cabarrus+ Forsyth Yadkin+	Catawba Rowan+ Stokes+	50
			G-1	Alamance+ Guilford	Davidson+ Randolph
J-1, M-1 O-1, P-2, R-1		Durham+ Wake Brunswick Onslow	Orange+ Cumberland+ New Hanover Currituck+	46	

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Applications must be received in the Greensboro Area Office by 4:45 p.m., June 30, 1982. Appropriate instructions, forms and other program information are contained in an application package, which may be obtained from the Director, Housing Division, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 415 North Edgeworth Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401. This office will conduct one-day workshops in Greensboro at 9:00 A.M., on May 19, 1982, and May 26, 1982, to explain to interested applicants and housing consultants the regulations and instructions governing the Section 202 Program and the Section 106(b) Nonprofit Sponsor Housing Assistance Loan Program, to distribute the application package and the required forms for both programs and to discuss application procedures, required exhibits, and any further information on the availability of loan authority to the designated allocation areas. Interested parties should telephone the Greensboro Area Office at 919-378-5618 to indicate their desire to attend and to obtain further information about the workshop.

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