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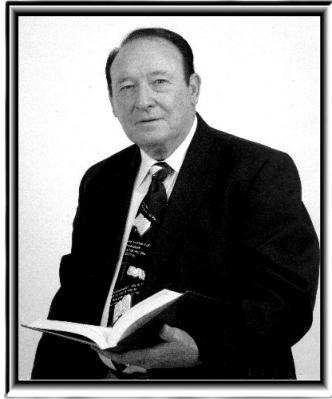
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# "The Garment of Righteousness""

## Part 4: Excerpt From The Book "The Flood of Righteousness"



THIS MESSAGE IS A EXCERPT FROM A BOOK WRITTEN BY REV. LESLIE BUCKNER. THESE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A GIFT OF \$5.00 AND CONTAIN A VERY THOROUGH AND IN DEPTH STUDY OF THIS TIMELY MESSAGE.

### THE GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is the garment the Father provides to cover the nakedness of sin in our lives. From the time of Adam and Eve, man has struggled with this issue. The single most evident result of sin was man's nakedness. All the religions of the world seek to address this great shame. The very first stirrings of false religion are seen in Adam and Eve sewing fig leaves together to COVER THEMSELVES rather than looking to God in repentance and contrition.

**Genesis 3:7** *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

The garment in scripture is a symbol, not only of righteousness but also of self-righteousness. Our righteousness, our own sense of right and wrong, or human morality is only filthy rags before God. Our best efforts, our philanthropic acts, can only raise the stench of unspeakable filth before the Father.

**Isaiah 64:6** *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

The very best of man's strivings to deal with his own sin and degradation fall impossibly short of God's holy requirement.

**Isaiah 57:2** *I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee".*

In searching out all the righteousness of man there is not found one redemptive quality that would justify man before God.

**Romans 3:9-18** *What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; (10) As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (11) There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (12) They are all gone out of the*

*way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (13) Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: (14) Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: (15) Their feet are swift to shed blood: (16) Destruction and misery are in their ways: (17) And the way of peace have they not known: (18) There is no fear of God before their eyes.*

Sin is not just something a man DOES, it arises from who HE IS. Paul said that man outside of Christ is an alien from the commonwealth of Israel, a BORN ENEMY OF GOD.

**Ephesians 2:12** *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*

A man might find it within his power to change what he does, but he cannot change who he is. That's why the garment of obedience to the law, is not sufficient. The requirement of the law was imposed upon the ability of man to act in accordance with God's commands. The law was not weak, but the man was. The flaw was not in the law, but in man, in the fact that man is born in sin and by nature lives in transgression.

**Romans 8:3** *For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

The law in the Old Testament, or modern legalism for that matter, can change a man outwardly (his actions and habits), but only Jesus can change a man inwardly.

**1 Corinthians 1:30** *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

Righteousness is just something that Jesus DOES. Righteousness is WHO Jesus IS. Jesus IS our righteousness. Love is not only what He does, its WHO He IS. God is LOVE. If your concept of the love of God is a straining effort to accept and be patient toward others, please understand, that is not the love of God. The love of God is effortless, because it is something He causes you to BECOME, not just something you do.

As you grow to be like Jesus, love will be WHO YOU ARE not just what you DO. What you do can

change, but who you are will remain constant, because of the indwelling presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ. He lives in us, we are clothed with the garment of His Person, causing us not only to do righteousness but to personify it as a manifestation of His indwelling presence. This will come about in your life as you walk with Jesus, spending time with Him in prayer, in the Word and in the pursuit of His program in the earth.

#### THE CARNAL CHRISTIAN TWISTS THE DOCTRINE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The carnal Christian stops here, saying, "It doesn't matter what I do, I am clothed with the righteousness of Christ..." But you must understand, that IF you are IN Him, clothed in Him, IF you have PUT ON CHRIST, you WILL NOT LIVE IN SIN. To claim to be the righteousness of God in Christ, and live in habitual sin, is apostasy.

***1Jn 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.***

***1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.***

***1Jn 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.***

Do you claim to be the righteousness of God? Then IF that righteousness is truly your garment before the Father, it will impact your habits, your conversation, and your lifestyle at every level. There is no righteousness that does not bring forth the manifestation of a holy life.

What then, is the balance between modern day Pharisaism and the doctrines of lasciviousness? Well, it is not some "deep revelation", or high sounding philosophy. The balance is found in the person of Jesus Christ. Because He has redeemed us, not only through His actions, but also through the IMPACT of WHO HE IS. It is time to turn the church back to the basics of the Christian faith. We must return to the person of Jesus and intimate relationship with Him that reflects a life of simplicity and piety. Ignoring sin will not justify you, neither will balancing sin by some legalistic lifestyle. Only intimacy with Jesus, a life lived in His presence will deliver from all ungodliness.

He is our righteousness. The intellectual rejects this as too simplistic for his prideful spirit. The legalist rejects this because it doesn't feed his religious sensibilities and desire to perform. Yet if you purpose to walk with Him, you WILL BE a doer of the Word. As

you EMBRACE Him you will become like Him in word, thought and deed. You will walk according to His commandments, you will fulfill all righteousness because you are clothed with Him, His presence and His person.

#### THE HIGHER STANDARD OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Man's righteousness will never reach the standard of God's holiness. You must by faith commit yourself to the hope of seeing a standard of life brought to manifestation in you that ONLY GOD CAN MIRACULOUSLY PRODUCE, AND MAINTAIN. This is the standard reflected in no one other than the Lord Jesus Christ. This standard must be realized in the church before the greater works ministry John spoke of will be realized.

***John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.***

***Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:***

True righteousness does not ABANDON HOLINESS as some who teach the unconditional security of the believer may infer. Rather true holiness embraces the standard of righteousness that has only been seen in the life of the Son of God Himself.

***1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.***

Are you clothed in this garment? Or are you simply following some man-made doctrine or commandment that in reality only serves to excuse you from the weightier responsibility of truly becoming like Jesus?

Whether it is the consideration of Old Testament law, so called New Testament tradition, or the legalism of modern fundamentalism, your own righteousness will never cover sin. The only garment that the Father accepts is the garment of the person of His Son Jesus Christ. This garment is not put on by adhering to some church code of legalism, nor by embracing a doctrine that gives license to sin. This garment is only worn by the repentant, contrite ones who daily, moment by moment live their lives seeking desperate intimacy with the person of Jesus Christ. These are they, who clothe themselves not in their own performance, but with HIM. He is the garment of their righteousness, and it is He who is glorified in their daily lives.

## RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE KEY TO SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

Jesus spoke further on the Garment of Righteousness in a penetrating analogy of man's nakedness before God in a story of a lost son. Many sermons, messages and books have been written on this story that Jesus told, but look at it in the light of what it reveals about the garment of righteousness:

*Luke 15:11-32 And he said, A certain man had two sons: (12) And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. (13) And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. (14) And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. (15) And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. (16) And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. (17) And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! (18) I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, (19) And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. (20) And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. (21) And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. (22) But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: (23) And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: (24) For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. (25) Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. (26) And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. (27) And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. (28) And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. (29) And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: (30) But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. (31) And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. (32) It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.*

The prodigal is a type of lost humanity. He came to himself, and with a repentant, willing heart returned to the Father's house. Notice that the FIRST thing the Father dealt with was His son's nakedness. The GARMENT had to be put on BEFORE the RING. The ring represents Father's authority. Many folks pray, rebuke the devil, intercede with fastings and great sacrifice, without EFFECT because they have never put on the GARMENT of Righteousness.

*James 5:17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.*

Adam and Eve would not confess their fault. Therefore they became self-righteous. This is the earmark of all self-justification: a stubborn refusal to admit you are wrong. The power of prayer, forgiveness and deliverance is only ACTIVATED when you are willing to see yourself in the light of God's holiness, and REPENT. Then your petitions become powerful forces through which God will move heaven and earth to meet your need.

## YOU PUT ON CHRIST BY PUTTING ON RIGHTEOUSNESS

*1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

You put on righteousness by putting on Christ, because he is Jesus Christ the Righteous. When you put clothes on its because you are going to do something. Nobody puts on work clothes to go lay up in the bed. The garment of righteousness is the uniform of the soldier of the cross. You put on the garment of righteousness, in preparation to go do righteousness.

*Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

This verse shows that putting on Christ is not just saying it, or making it your confession. You put on Christ by denying the flesh and its habits. You deny the flesh and its habits by putting on Christ, (not putting on some legalistic code of conduct). We all started out this way. When you got baptized what happened?

*Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

Having put on the garment of righteousness, then, don't ever take it off.

## SATAN WILL ALWAYS TRY TO CATCH YOU BY YOUR GARMENT

**Genesis 39:12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.**

The devil will catch you by your garment. That is why you have to be wearying a garment that he can't use to accuse you. Potiphar's wife laid hold on Joseph's outward garment, but she could not impeach his inward adornment of holiness and righteousness. The devil can lay hold on your bad doctrine, or your legalistic religious code, and have basis to accuse you before the Father. But if you are clothed in the Person of Jesus, and Satan grabs your garment, he can only present Jesus to the Father. You cannot stand condemned. In the end, the truth about Joseph and his godly character outlived the lies that Potiphar's wife told. Joseph wore the right garment, the garment of a righteous life before the Father, and its benefits spared him and elevated him in God's purpose.

## THE PRIESTLY GARMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

**Leviticus 6:10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.**

God's people are priests unto the Lord. We are required to wear the righteousness of God "upon all our flesh." As long as you live on this side of glory you will have a human nature to deal with. It will consistently provoke you to take actions contrary to God's will and Word for your life. But you can clothe that unruly flesh in the righteousness of the Word of God through right actions and right attitudes.

Some say that they have to "be themselves" and let out all manner of evil and anger upon others. Then they snort that "at least I'm not a hypocrite." This is contrary to the commandments of God. The Levitical priest is a type of the priesthood of the believer. Your life is to be lived clothed upon with Christ righteousness, not doing what your lower nature might dictate, but asking yourself in each instance, "What would Jesus do? How would he respond?" Then act accordingly whether you feel like it or not. You have to choose between faithfulness to your feelings and faithfulness to the Word of God. Who will you obey? You can't wear both garments. The spiritual wardrobe of the believer is a very narrow selection.

**Deuteronomy 22:11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.**

There is no allowance for putting a halo on your head on Sunday and donning a tail and pitchfork Monday through Saturday. There is no place in the believer's life for a double standard. You must apply yourself to the purpose of God as vigorously behind closed doors as you do on the third pew back on Sunday. The adorning of your inner man every moment of every day is what brings glory, honor and praise to the Lord, or if you live in sin it will bring defamation on the cause of Christ.

## THE GARMENT OF PRAISE

**Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.**

Praise is a garment. With praise as a garment, we are also supposed to wear the linen of righteousness. Righteousness and praise go together. The unrighteous cannot praise God. He will not hear them. Their prayer is an abomination to him. But notice that praise and righteousness, are something YOU PUT ON. It doesn't just happen. You don't get dressed just when you feel like it. No, you get dressed whether you feel like it or not, to cover your nakedness.

The garment of righteousness is not something you wear when its convenient to you. It must be taken out of your spiritual wardrobe every day whether you like it or not, whether it is convenient or not. You can be sure that Satan will make it his business to give you every opportunity to cast off the garment of righteousness, because he knows if you wear it, he will no longer have hold in your life. Your prayers will begin to avail much and his kingdom and power in your life will be broken. You must be wise and alert, because the enemy will use people in the world, in your family and even in the church to take your righteousness from you.

**Micah 2:8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.**

This verse speaks of the house of Jacob pulling off the garments of others. These are the people of God. Its not your job to strip others naked. Love hides a multitude of sins. Some folks just aren't comfortable when they see someone enjoying their salvation, bearing the fruits of righteousness. They have to come and spoil you with vain prophecies and idle chatter until you are thoroughly confused. Don't be so foolish as to give ear to these intrusions into your walk with God. Better to hurt someone's feelings than to allow your spirit to get

polluted by those not bringing forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

#### WHEN SATAN SEES YOU HE SEES THE GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

*Daniel 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.*

Consider the garment that Jesus gives us. When Satan sees us, he sees the garment God gave us. Just as if I gave Bro. So and So one of my suits and someone who knew me recognized it on Him. They would know he was my friend and would conduct themselves accordingly. When Satan sees you wearing the robe of righteousness, He sees Jesus and cannot touch you, or defeat you.

*Haggai 2:12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.*

What is the Holy Flesh? The Holy Flesh is the body of Christ. Where do you carry it? Some say, "Jesus is in my heart..." Don't stop there. No, you ought to carry the manifestation of Christ in your outward life as well. On the job, home, etc. Haggai was speaking of the priest carrying their portion of the sacrifice to feed others. When a minister speaks the Word, his personality is the vessel through which that Word is ministered. There is a residue then. Make sure that you don't pollute the message you preach with your carnality or ungodly life. An unrighteous messenger cannot preach the message of righteousness. And the message of righteousness is the only message God will anoint.

*Matthew 9:16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.*

You cannot keep the garment of sin and patch on the garment of righteousness. Your spiritual garment is not a reversible jacket. You will wear one and reject the other, or reject one and wear the other. You can't have it both ways. If you try to keep some of the world yet hang on to the things of God you will lose both God, the world, and your soul besides. The cost is too great to walk the fence.

*Matthew 9:20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:*

*Matthew 9:21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.*

*Matthew 14:36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.*

People were healed when they touched Jesus' garment. When you wear the garment he has provided the same thing will happen. What happens when people touch you? When you go into a room, does the righteousness of God precede you? Does the presence of God manifest without you saying a word? This is what its like to wear the garment of righteousness. It will create an atmosphere of God's presence everywhere you go.

#### THE WRONG GARMENT

*Matthew 22:11-12 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: (12) And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.*

If you don't wear the right garment, what happens? Well, if you are not at the wedding, nothing happens. However, brethren this is the time of the Wedding Feast. The bridegroom is preparing to escort His bride to the nuptial bower. If you presume to be included in the purposes of God, then are you must properly dress for the ceremony. Only the robe of righteousness will suffice. You may have gotten away with the informal wear of carnality and worldliness up to yesterday, but today is different. The casual wear of the carnal Christian is no longer acceptable, nor has it ever been. In this hour there is be no valid excuse for not wearing the robe of righteousness.

*Mark 10:50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.*

What are you to do with the garment of sin? Cast it away. Look at the reaction of a man who Jesus ministered to. When you come to Jesus, your garment, your old lifestyle has to be cast away. Your ego, your pride, your performance based self esteem must be surrendered and exchanged for new identity in Christ.

*Mark 13:16 "Let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment."*

There is no going back to the self centered life. You have to let that go and press on to God's purpose.

*Jude 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.*

Wrath will spot your garment, but the Word can wash it, if you will allow it to.

**James 1:20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.**

No one likes to get rid of their comfortable old clothes. We will wear them till they are nothing but threads because they are comfortable. But the Father is calling upon His people to leave off the garment of the flesh, and pride and self seeking. It is time to be clothed in humility, to put on Christ, to have for your garment the righteousness that Jesus died for that we might be empowered to manifest that holiness, piety, and grace in our personal lives on a daily basis.

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The Bible tells us,

***John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***

What a gift, and what a treasure that God himself would give us his son, to rescue fallen man and bring him to a place of reconciliation with God so that they could have fellowship with God once again and receive the manifold blessings He desires to pour out in our lives.

This time of year is filled with business and our lives in general are filled with many things that occupy our thoughts, time, and efforts. However, we should remind ourselves of two important things. First, we must never forget the value and importance of the message of Jesus Christ the precious Son of God, given to mankind to, ... ***to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (Luke 4:18-19 )***

It is this message that brings hope to the hopeless, meat to them that are hungry, living water to them that thirst, light into darkness, and joy and peace where there is none!

Secondly, we must remind ourselves that time is running out! Jesus is coming soon, and as the Body of Christ we are called upon to reach out to all that are lost and hurting in this world of darkness. Yes that is right, it falls to us, to preach this Gospel, and to promote it's spread across this country and even into all the world.

**Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**Romans 10:13-15 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!**

Unfortunately at times we loose sight as humans of that which is heavenly! We forget the urgency of the message. We must stir up the Body of Christ in this hour to the vision of God for his church in the last days. Only when we operate in the will of God, by operating in his vision, can we truly please our Lord and receive him with joy at his coming.

Therefore, it is critical for each member of the Body to see and keep sight of the overall vision of God. Which is to spread this glorious Gospel to everyone we can, offering them the hope of this wonderful news, that Jesus saves.

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We currently have the ability to recommend good ministers to several churches who are in need of pastors. Some of these churches are affiliated with Bible Way Association while others are independent works.

Bible Way Association is looking for those of like precious faith who will join with us to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God and be certified for those positions.

We are also looking for good pastors who have a desire to hold to the high standards of the gospel within the church and labor to see them be established and grow.

Some churches may be strong and faithful while others may be founding works with small or no congregations. This takes a special calling, but these things do not hinder the work of the Lord when He grants the burden and direction for them.

We are also looking for evangelists who will hold the high standards of righteousness, godliness and holiness to help prepare the harvest of the church for the coming of the Lord.

**To find out more contact our Church Department Overseer, Rev. Eugene Abrams.  
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**BIBLE WAY YOUTH CAMP 2011**

**JUNE 19-24**

**THEME: “INTO THE LIGHT”**

DARKNESS IS EVERYWHERE TODAY, AND IT IS SWALLOWING UP THIS GENERATION. YET THE TRUTH OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD STILL HOLDS POWER TO FREE THOSE THAT ARE BOUND, AND TURN THE HEARTS OF THIS GENERATION BACK TO GOD. LIGHT ALWAYS OVERCOMES DARKNESS!



**DON'T MISS THIS CAMP AS WE COME TOGETHER TO SEEK THE LORD AND LET HIS LIGHT AND LOVE PREVAIL OVER ALL!**

**EVANGELIST DAVID OWENS MINISTERING MON.-THURS. EVENING  
REV. CHESTER AND ISOLENA GAITHER MINISTERING THE OPENING SERVICE  
SUNDAY NIGHT WITH A POWERFUL TESTIMONY OF WHAT GOD CAN AND WILL  
DO IF WE WILL TURN TO HIM!**



# Youth Camp A Great Opportunity!

Greetings in the wonderful powerful name of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is hard to believe but yes, it is time for our annual Youth Camp! Last year was such a wonderful tremendous move of God, we are still praising and thanking the Lord for all that He did!

As I am very busy in preparing for this years camp, I sat down today and my heart was just flooded with emotion about how important this Youth Camp is. In the day and time we live in, it is seemingly harder and harder to reach people, and especially young people. So much new age ideology is overtaking the minds and hearts of people, at times we all feel, "what can I do?" The task seems at times overwhelming and if we are not careful the enemy will tell us our efforts are in vain. But as I sit and think about all the youth camps I have been able to be a part of, I am just filled with joy and expectation at the great opportunity we have again this year to make a difference.

## Opportunity

**OPPORTU'NITY**, n. [L. *opportunitas*.]

1. Fit or convenient time; a time favorable for the purpose; suitable time combined with other favorable circumstances. Suitableness of time is the predominant signification, but it includes generally circumstances of place and other conveniences adapted to the end desired.

## Opportune

1. Properly, having come or being present at a proper time; hence, seasonable; timely; well timed. It agrees with seasonable rather than with convenient, though the sense of the latter may be included in it.

I could just shout right now as I looked up the meaning of these words! *Ecc 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

With all my heart I believe in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and it's power to save, deliver, heal, and make free those that are bound. We all have experienced this power if we have been born again. But yet, there is a whole generation coming up right now, that has so much coming against them. So much deception, and false doctrine. So much darkness and evil smothering them. What better season for God's light to shine than in the darkness of a wicked world and to a generation who really knows little about the true God of the Bible and the mighty power of God. Folks... **WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!**

I believe it is time...indeed, past time...for God's people to shake themselves from the discouragement, sleep, fear, and intimidation that is holding them back, and realize that God has given us a season in which to work for Him, and reach as many people as we can, and that our time is running out.

Youth Camp is a season in which young people from all walks of life gather together, and the focus is on having a committed relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ! Mighty men and women of God have come out of these youth camps to go on and do great things for the Kingdom of God. Please...let's not let this

season of opportunity pass us by this year. I am calling on all those who have an ear to hear, to realize God loves this generation and wants to show himself to them in a great way. Put aside all excuses, hindrances, and divisions and let us come together in a united effort to see these youth radically and awesomely changed forever.

## There are many ways you can get involved:

First and foremost.... BE HERE!

Bring young people and come with them to be a part and help them seek the Lord. These youth today need men and women who know the ways of the Lord to show them. Sadly the modern day church has let down so much that this generation knows not the things or ways of the Lord. Folks, we as Christian elders ARE RESPONSIBLE to this generation. Read the Bible...find out what God said to His people. The elders are supposed to teach the younger. We are supposed to be passing down a godly heritage to each generation. We can't do anything about yesterday... but praise God we can do something about right now. So please make plans to be here if at all possible. Bring your youth groups and come let us together seek the Lord.

Secondly, we need workers and staff. There is plenty to do all week with caring for the youth and making sure that all goes well and they have a great time. So if you can come to help, we are sure God will bless you so greatly.

Third, every year youth come who do not have the ability to pay the fees which go to cover the meals and expense of the camp. We NEVER turn anyone away regardless of their ability to pay or not. Food is expensive, the electricity and propane bills for camps are high. Everything has gone up this year. If you can, would you consider sending an offering to help cover the cost of a young person who cannot afford the registration fees? By giving in this manner you will be DIRECTLY helping to change the life of a young person. The fee per child is \$50. Each gift of that amount helps cover the cost for a young person to be able to come. We are so appreciative of those who are faithful to help every year with this need. We thank you sincerely with all our hearts!

Finally, and most importantly...we need your prayers. I have watched every year as the enemy has tried to hinder and stop the work of the Lord at youth camp. I have also watched as the Lord stood up and moved the enemy out of the way every time and great victory was experienced at the youth camp. Prayer is SO very important to what we do here year after year, and we are asking for each of you to join with us today, and everyday from now till the end of camp that God's will would be accomplished, and that these young people will receive from the Lord life changing power and grace that will enable them to stand for the Lord in these trying times.

God bless you all, and I pray and hope to see you here.

In Christ,

Rev. Darrell Armstrong  
National Youth Director  
Bible Way Association

*Youth Camp 2011  
"Your Opportunity To Make a Difference"*

# A Very Special Thank You to Those Who Sent Cards and Offerings!

From: Rev. Leslie & Margaret Buckner

The Lord has truly blessed my life to be productive in his service throughout the years he has provided for me and kept me in the ministry. Often there have been times of great challenges and at times heavy burdens; however, they are always turned around in the presence of the Lord into times of great rejoicing by his ever present anointing, often through the care and expressions of others.

When the call went out by Brother Bennett and Brother Abrams and Brother Armstrong to send birthday cards and, if possible, a love offering in my honor, it was one of those times when the Lord already knew the needs I had and the encouragement they would bring. We were preparing to resign from the church in Sullivan and move back to Doniphan along with the challenges that brings and dealing with several other situations at the same time. Sis. Buckner and I were caught completely by surprise and this was such a blessing to us. Our hearts were overflowing with the love and encouragement we felt from all your kind words and love offerings.

First, we want to thank every one of you for the love offering you sent and to let you know how much my wife and I appreciate it. It was truly a blessing in time of need. The Lord is always right on time when we trust Him with our needs.

Most importantly we want to thank you for the wonderful cards and letters we received, they were such an encouragement. It is so important for us to know that you are praying for us in the ministry. Solomon said a merry heart doeth good like a medicine and your cards, letters and notes were just the right medicine for us. Please know that you are also in our prayers and may God bless you for all you have done.



## **GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION FOR YOUTH CAMP**

Campers are to be at least 8 years old unless arrangements have been made with Youth Director.

Date: June 19-24, 2011 Sunday night through Friday morning Location: Hwy 160 - 3 1/2 miles west of Doniphan Missouri

Check In: June 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 1:00 pm - Check Out: All campers must be picked up by 2 pm June 24th

### **CAMP SCHEDULE**

#### **MORNING**

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| 7:30 | Wake-up  |
| 8:00 | Morning Devotion (in the Tabernacle)                                 |
| 8:15 | Breakfast  |
| 9:00 | Clean-up   |
| 9:30 | Classes      Teens (in the Tabernacle)<br>Juniors (in the cafeteria) |

#### **AFTERNOON**

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| 12:00 | Lunch   |
| 1:30  | Activity Period: Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Swimming, Etc. |
| 4:00  | Clean-up/Rest time  |
| 5:00  | Supper  |
| 7:00  | Sing-spiration (in the Tabernacle)                                |
| 7:30  | Evening Service   |

### **LIGHTS OUT ONE HOUR AFTER EVENING SERVICE!**

### **DRESS CODE**

#### **ALL CAMPERS, STAFF AND WORKERS ARE TO DRESS IN MODEST APPAREL.**

**Boys clothing:** Shirts and trousers. No shorts, muscle shirts, see-thru shirts or clothing with improper graphics, printing, or of an immodest design. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings. No body piercing devices of any kind are to be worn on the Camp Grounds. Footwear must be worn at all times, unless otherwise directed. Clothes must fit properly, not to tight, not to loose.

**Girls clothing:** Dresses; knee length or longer during services, slacks and blouses permitted during other times. Dresses are only considered as long as the split in the hem. No shorts, see-thru, sleeveless, or midriff showing blouses. No Capri Pants are allowed. No slacks of a hip-hugger type design or clothing of any type with improper graphics, printing, or of an immodest design. No body piercing devices are to be worn on the Camp Grounds other than earrings. Footwear must be worn at all times, unless otherwise directed. Clothes must fit properly, not to tight, not to loose.

### **REMEMBER TO BRING**

#### All campers and staff should bring:

- A. Bedding (sheets, pillow, blanket)
- B. Personal hygiene items
- C. Clothing for five days
- D. Musical instruments,
- E. BIBLE, Pencils, Notebook
- F. Money for offerings and concession stand.

### **DO NOT BRING**

The following examples are items that CANNOT be brought to Youth Camp:

Tobacco, Drugs, Alcohol, Firearms, Radios, TV's, Cassette and/or CD players. This includes walkmans, and earphones. Electronic Games. NO CELL PHONES. If you bring a cell phone to contact parents, they will be kept by Camp Directors and may only be used at certain periods of the day.

Water guns and/or other similar toys with exception to those used in the activities described above.

**LICE POLICY:** Every camper MUST be checked before coming to camp by a parent and church leader. Lice disrupts the enjoyment of the camp experience and is a tremendous hindrance as well as very costly to treat once it is on the camp grounds. Campers will be checked as soon as they arrive on the Camp Grounds, and no child with lice or nits whether live or dead, will be allowed to remain on the grounds. They may return the next day after they have been treated and are nit free, but must be rechecked by our staff before admitted to a dorm.

# **“Keepers of The Camp”**

**URGENT NEED! PLEASE READ! VERY IMPORTANT!**

The first Bible Way Camp Meetings was held on these Camp Grounds in 1966. The grounds back then was nothing but a few buildings and open space. Over the years God has blessed the Camp Grounds, and used this place to reach literally thousands of people for the glory of HIS SON Jesus Christ!

Through the years many have joined with us on these grounds to see God’s work and will accomplished, and people’s hearts and lives transformed mightily by the Holy Ghost. Many have given through the years of time, labor, and finance to make the camp what it is today, with nicer dorms, a beautiful tabernacle with full kitchen and dining room facilities.

Through the efforts of many coming together in the unity of a common purpose and vision is how Bible Way has been built through the years. People seeing the value and importance of the ministry and everyone coming together to see things get done. We must get back to being laborers together. The days are getting more and more evil and trying, and God’s people must band together in this hour to see the Gospel preached in all the world.

We all know the economy is in very poor condition and many have felt the effects of this country’s financial woes. We are no different. Though the income has been low to this Department of Bible Way, the bills do not stop, nor does the need for maintenance disappear. WE WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REMAINED FAITHFUL IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS DEPARTMENT! We also want to thank those who responded to this article in the March issue. The need is still great, but our God is still greater! We are believing and trusting Him in all things.

The expenses for the Camp Department are high during the summer months, as that is our busiest time, and the time we have to keep the grass mowed, and work on the buildings that need repair. We are also now in preparation mode for Youth Camp, and making sure we have the buildings up and going. If you are able, a special offering to the Camp Dept. at this time of year, would really help to offset the expense. I always cringe at having to write these types of articles, but we are a Department of the Association that is so very vital and critical to the Association, and while the expense is great, the worth is far more. When we see the souls and lives that God touches here year after year, and the ministers that come for refreshing and renewal in the power of God, we know that every dime that is spent, and every amount of tedious labor and toil is definitely worth it. All I am trying to do is present the need to those who are affiliated and in fellowship with this Association, and ask each of you to pray about it and respond as the Lord directs.

Perhaps it is in your heart to help with this situation but you simply do not have the funds at this time to assist. There is another way to help, that really makes a great impact on the operating expenses of this department. Volunteers who can come and work a day here and there really make SO much of an impact on reducing the cost and expenses we have to pay out, especially as we come into the busier time of the year for the Camp Grounds.

So, we simply ask everyone to do some praying first of all as you read this letter. We ask you to take some time to seek the Lord about Bible Way and in specific the Camp Ground Department and if or what you can do to help as a part of the body of Christ and a member and friend of this organization. We are endeavoring to keep the much needed truth of God’s Word going out and the real revival atmosphere alive in a place God laid on Bro. Buckner’s heart so long ago.

God Bless You  
And Thank you for your time!

To Support The Camp Department please make checks payable to Bible Way Association and write “Keepers of the Camp” in the memo field.

Send To:

**Bible Way Association  
PO BOX 370  
Doniphan, Mo 63935**

**"Isaiah 58:12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."**

*Written By: Rev. Eugene Abrams*

Bible Way Association was originally founded by direction of the Lord through unique and purposeful vision given to Rev. Leslie Buckner. The purpose and plan of God's vision has not changed over the years, but, has been the stabilizing factor in the growth and continuation of the Association and its teachings, because it was given of the Lord as He willed. The basic principles of being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost have always been the core principles of the preaching and teaching of the Association and its ministry, especially as Brother Buckner has kept it centered on the vision throughout the years. These principles have promoted and prompted a life of righteousness, godliness and holiness, which if adhered to, will produce a church that is without spot, wrinkle or any thing that defiles; a church that is waiting for the return of the Lord, "a glorious church". These teachings and principles of life through the word of God and by the grace of God have not and will not be changed. It is quite evident that many are holding their standards and beliefs high and consistent and in the same manner and realm as the Associations core values. Even our Bylaws speak of the doctrines and teachings as believed, taught and practiced by Headquarters.

There has to be a centralized or core standard before there can be a sense of unison of belief, doctrine or policy. This is the purpose of organizing or associating together. Without the same mind and vision we will be pulling in different directions which cannot prosper or endure. (*1 Cor. 1:10*) It is imperative that we each be led by the Spirit and will of the Lord in our lives and ministries, however, if we have united together for a higher cause of unity we must work together for that purpose bringing our individual visions and works together to serve God for a higher purpose and for the benefit of Gods' plan. Individuality is wonderful and needed but even the ants and the bees have a higher purpose than just their own concerns and duties, it is the harvest. (*Pro. 6:6-8*) (*Matt. 9:37-38*)

Great evidences speaks that these are the "last days" and these are not times to let down our standards and beliefs, but rather, to hold them high in exaltation of the Lord. The Apostle Paul spoke of the affects and consequences of our decisions with respect to the individual and the entire body. (*1Corinthians 12:25-26*)

The "Association" is just that, a gathering of believers and ministers who have **chosen** to come together because they have the same values and are of like precious faith, standards and policies. (*2Pet 1:1*) The body can have no schism or divisions within or it becomes

weakened. A team of horses or a yoke of oxen must have comparable and compatible qualities and be properly harnessed together before they can be affective in their work. Separated they can be useful for certain tasks at the masters command, but, if not in unison they will struggle with each other and not be affective or productive as a team. This example becomes very observable and evident if we are not of the same mind and belief, both in doctrine and by example, decisions and actions. We must remember the words and warnings of the Apostle Paul to the church in Galatia. (*Galatians 5:7-9*)

Being truly born again by the blood of Jesus is a commitment involving a heart felt repentance and laying aside the old things of the unrepentant life and of the world and committing our entire future, both spirit, soul and body unto the Lord resulting in becoming a "new creature in Christ". (*John 3:3-8*) (*2 Cor. 5:17*) (*Eph. 4:24*) We begin to put on the mind of Christ and hunger after his righteousness and his truth. (*Phil. 2:5*) (*Matt. 5:6*) There is no other way than the need for continual, day by day transformation, healing and cleansing that comes from walking with the Lord and yielding to the guidance and council of His Spirit and will. (*1 Cor. 9:27*) (*Matt. 16:24*) (*Luke 9:23*)

Coming out of the old things of life is a decision we make because there is a knowing in our soul that it will please the Lord, and pleasing Him becomes our whole hearts desire. (*John 8:29*) (*1 John 3:22*) There may be times when enemy of our soul battles to sway us from God's plan for our life and entrap us in carnal, hurtful things. When we understand that we can do all things through Christ as He strengthens us, then we can overcome all the fiery darts of the enemy. (*Phil. 4:13*) (*Eph. 6:16*) Only when we continually, day by day submit and surrender our ways under his ways, and our will under his will, can we continue to grow closer to God in the ways of sanctification. (*2Cor. 6:14-18*) (*2Cor. 7:1*) (*Eph. 5:25-27*) (*1Thess. 4:3*) (*1Thess. 2:4*) (*1John 3:22*)

We can only produce fruit in our life by drawing from what predominantly manifests as the contents within our heart, soul and spirit, whether it be carnality or the Spirit of God. (*Phil. 1:11*) (*Gal. 5:22-25*) (*Gal. 6:7*) We cannot overcome this world and its influences without being filled with the Holy Ghost. We can only remain filled as we through persistent pursuit yield to his presence on a daily basis. One encounter and experience with the Holy Ghost, in this case, is not enough. If we ever expect to do and see the works of the early church we must walk as they did and strive diligently to continually be full of the Holy Ghost. (*Acts 2:4, 4:8, 4:31, 9:17, 13:9*) (*Eph. 5:18*)

This is the definition of the word complacency according to Webster's Collegiate Dictionary:

**Complacency: self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies**

The Lord showed me several years ago through a vision that the church may often have many people attending, but would also become filled with a sense of complacency about the things of God, however, not in a good sense such as having confidence in God and being strengthened by faith against the wiles of the devil. In this case it is a sense of self-satisfaction that would blind the minds of men to the deficiencies of their spirit, mind, and soul allowing the carnal will of man to dominate. (*2Tim. 3:1-7*) (*2Cor. 4:3-4*) (*2Pet 1:9*) (*Rev. 3:19*) (*Luk 6:39*) Only in this state would the church allow the dangerous positions of satisfying the desires of the flesh to take preeminence over the duty and desire of fulfilling of the will of God and His word. Then even knowing the truth of God's word would decisions be made to allow things into the church that in times past would never have been permitted. Years ago there was a much higher standard of conduct and life style. Many things were not permitted because of the heart felt convictions people had which held them to a way of true holiness. (*1Pet 1: 13-16*) (*2Cor 6:17-18*)

Being complacent, or demonstrating complacency, will bring this sleepy, self-satisfied state into the church and an unwillingness to truly examine ourselves in the faith and through the word of God. (*2Cor. 13:5*) (*1Thess. 5:6-7*) (*Matt. 25:5*) Anytime we are in a sleepy state we have begun to close our eyes and cannot see with clarity. This mirrors the Laodicean church of Revelations 3:14-22 who considered them selves to be rich, increased with goods and believing they had need of nothing. According to Smiths' Bible Dictionary, Laodicea means "*justice of the people*". From God's perspective however he observed and declared that they knew not that they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. His direct council to the church was to buy, or pay the price for cleansing and purification, as of gold tried in the fire, (*1 Pet. 1:7*) and to be clothed with white raiment, which represents the righteousness of the saints, (*Rev. 7:14*) (*Rev. 19:8*) to purify themselves that the shame of their nakedness and self-righteousness not appear, and to anoint their eyes with eye salve so they could see, perceive and understand through God's eyes and mind his perfect will. (*Luke 4:18*) It sounds as though they were instructed to go through the agonizing and purifying fires of repentance, self-denial and consecration so they could become sanctified according to God's standards and be able to put on the robes of righteousness and receive their sight through the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost. (*Luke 9:23*) (*Mal. 3:3*)

When we fail to be faithful in seeking the Lord individually, whether in our local assembly, or on a larger

scale such as our assembling together as part of a body of believers for any higher unified purposes, the result will be a dominance of our will over God's larger plan and will. (*Heb. 10:24-25*) The consequences of such decisions, and they are very much mindful and determined decisions, will ultimately lead to what we can observe today in the churches and in the assemblies of ourselves together in the name of the Lord for any purpose, "**a falling away**". (*2Thess. 2:3*) Strong's Dictionary defines the term "falling away" as follows; "a defection from the truth" as taken from a type of "separation" or "divorcement". **It takes a mindful and deliberate decision** to defect or to take the actions of "separating" or "divorce". (*Matt 24:12*) Thank God for those of the faithful remnant of believers, both individuals and ministers, who have held true to willingly and diligently press into the path of God for loves sake and for His glory!

It has not been that many years since the camp grounds would be packed out with ministers and laypersons alike who truly "camped out" if no rooms were available just to be a part of the camp meeting services. Revival services in the local churches would be the same. People would come together from miles around with desire and anticipation of a move of God in the services. There would be no concern for denominational differences or fear of losing their sheep to another flock. Now it seems that even when personal invitations are given or they are compelled to come, many "**choose**" not to, even if they are only a short distance away. It is no problem to travel hours to be entertained or take a break from life. These are mindful and willful decisions and we should each examine our reasons very closely for the relative fruit of those decisions compared to the results and fruit of coming together in Gods' service in the spirit of unity. (*John 20:19*) (*Acts 1:4, 2:1-4, 4:31*)

Somewhere, at sometime, we must begin to ask ours self, these questions, "Do those decisions bring honor and glory to God? Do they provide the breaking of the bread of life to nourish and strengthen our soul and spirit? Do they bring refreshing and renewing to our mind, soul and spirit under the anointing of the Holy Ghost? Do they bring us into God's ordained peace and rest? Do they strengthen our fellowship and relationship with our brethren? Do they aid in developing a spirit of unity among the believers and the churches? Do they support and strengthen the church or the Association, or do they bring the resulting fruits of weakening our local church and the Association?" Considering these thoughts, what real fruit is produced or what is the cost and consequences of our decisions? No wonder there is a spirit of struggle and unrest and a lack of power and rejoicing in the church of today, even compared to just a few generations ago! Also consider that no one else can bear the burdens for these decisions except the individual ministers and the individual believers who will make them! Is this truly God's will to assemble ourselves less and less as we see the day approaching? (*Heb. 10:21-27*) The faith of the church is

very much on trial today. (*1 Peter 4: 17-18* *1 Peter 1:7*) We must give diligent consideration if the faith found in the modern church can really be found unto praise, honor and glory to God at his return. (*Luke 18:8*)

(*Jeremiah 6:16*, *Isaiah 2:3*, *Isaiah 58:12*)

The “old paths” can represent many things but must be applied in one direction, for the glory and honor of the Almighty. In one respect it represents the ways of our forefathers in spirit, actions and belief. These are paths that are proven by time and many generations of walking with the Lord. There is a great cloud of witness who have gone before, many of which have lived, experienced and proven the word of God and have seen the results and have demonstrated the fruits of their beliefs in their times.

In another reference we must consider that the old paths are those of God’s design, will and purpose with His complete and uncompromised standards of belief, conduct and fruit. This is the path and way that will glorify and honor the Lord to the highest degree that can be demonstrated by man, whether by spirit, soul or body. Far too often the paths that are chosen to accept as relevant by the societies of this day are often the paths of compromise concerning God’s holy standards as given in the truths found in His Holy Word. If we search the scriptures we find that God was not well please with those generations that sought to please and follow the wishes and desires of the peoples around them rather than the ordinances of God. More often than not this led to idolatry and a forsaking of Gods’ path.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians chapter 3 under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost compelling us to forget, or look beyond, the accomplishments or problems that are behind us and to set our focus to reach forward towards a mark. The prize at the end, when we reach that mark, is worth more than anything this world and all of its treasures can afford. (*Phil 3*)

Paul looked at himself and considered the endless pressing that is required to reach that mark, he said it was **not as though he had already attained** unto it, either was already perfect. He said he would follow or pursue after those things with the purpose of apprehending the prize of God, God’s plan and path for the church. He said he would press to apprehend that for which he was apprehended of Christ Jesus and ordained for him and the church to attain.

The prize he was pressing to attain is identical to our prize and goal for today, it is the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. This prize we are to press towards will make us partakers of the divine nature by pressing unto glory and virtue, therefore, **we must press** under the anointing into the glory of God, unto the secret place under the shadow of his wing, in the presence of God. (*2 Pet. 2*)

Peter said “giving all diligence, add to your faith”. It is **our responsibility** to do the adding, by faith in Jesus

Christ, by yielding our self and **being doers** of his word and will. We must walk in the path that is ordained, the path that Jesus bought and paid for with his own blood and gift. This path, although it is freely given, must be diligently and deliberately pressed into in order to attain unto the mark and the prize. (*1 Cor. 18-27*) (*Jas. 1:22*)

(*Matthew 7:13-14*) (*Luke 13:24*) (*Exodus 33:13-19*)

Far too long the church as a whole has been in a sleepy, contented state. Beautiful sparks of revival rise to the glory of God from time to time. However, it is time for the church to awake to righteousness! Are we willing in this generation to pay the price required on our part individually to attain the prize by committing to a greater depth of sanctification and a sustained infilling of the Holy Ghost? Do we really want to become the glorious church of these last days, the church that Paul spoke of? Jesus is coming back, the question becomes are we truly ready to be judged by God’s word? Just how much of the glory, honor and power of God do we really desire? Could we be a part of the prophecy of *Isaiah 58:12*, **a restorer of paths to dwell in?**

These are the questions that every man, woman and child must truthfully and honestly ask themselves in the light of the word of God with a willingness to truthfully and honestly follow the Holy Ghost as He leads us into God’s perfect will, purpose and glory for these last days. What more can we say than, (*Rev. 22:20*) **“Even so Lord, come quickly!”**

### **New Bible Way Children’s Literature!**

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# The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries

(A Division of Bible Way Association)

## Teaching & Evangelistic Department

### Adult Sunday School Literature

We have several volumes of Adult Sunday School Literature that are really very good studies, and will help your church. These lessons are all based directly in scripture, and are unlike ANYTHING you will find anywhere else. They are full of in depth scripture references, and commentary, and are designed for anointed study of God's Word. They are created with the intention of maturing and edifying the Body of Christ, and helping churches grow and maintain the standards of the Word of God.

Here are the current volumes of study available:

Healing The Wounded  
Seven Building Blocks of Your Faith  
The Reason The Early Church Grew  
Trees of Righteousness

Each lesson is thoughtfully laid out and presented in a way that is easy to understand, yet provokes the student to think and study the Word of God for a deeper walk with God through His Word. All scriptures in ALL of our material is KJV only, and the material is not dated so the class can take as much time as needed on each lesson and glean the important truth contained therein.

Our Adult Sunday School Literature prices are as follows:

Teacher's Guides = \$7.00 per book  
Student Lesson Books = \$5.00 per book  
Student or Visitor's Leaflets = \$3.00 per set

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2Ti 2:15)**

### Ministerial Study Courses

If you are a minister looking to enhance your study of God's Word, THESE COURSES ARE FOR YOU!

We currently have two Ministerial Courses available which are the Exhorter's Course and the License Course. These courses are full of anointed study of God's Word and are designed to help those with the call of God upon their life. Sometimes, we know God is calling us to work for him, however, we do not know where to start. These courses are a great start for you as a minister. They are also good for those wishing to get to know more about Bible Way Association and the teaching of this ministry. And actually they are good for even seasoned ministers wanting organized study material to feed their souls. We all know that as ministers we give and give and sometimes it is very helpful to just pull aside for awhile and refresh ourselves in study that is just for us.

**Call or Write Today for info on how to start your course.**

**To Place An Order For Any Teaching Or Literature Materials**

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## Bible Way Association Missions Department Update



### **Thank You for your faithful giving!**

I found myself going back thru the older issues of The Messenger and decided to remind you of something that I thought would be good for us to do in the June 2010 issue. I said then and still do rehearse the slogan that says, "I HAVE A MISSION, ITS MISSIONS."

It has been my desire from the very beginning to see our Missions program able to meet all the needs of our churches and all the needs of the ministries set before us in other countries with a heart towards Bible Way Association. It has not been an easy task with some of the big financial burdens that we had to assist with and thus the amounts in the funds at times were very low. With your faithful support on a monthly basis we will be able to sustain all these needs and have the surplus needed in the times of emergencies.

We have had a constant problem that has continually kept the funds low in the Home Missions Accounts and at this time requires a policy change. Class 1 Bible Way directly owned Churches have been able in the time of need to receive funding from The Home Missions Department without the need of repaying the money to this Department. Many never give an offering monthly nor do anything to help. I have talked about this matter with Bro Buckner and Bro. Abrams and it has been decided this should be no more. If assistance is needed and a Church receives funding from this Department they will be required to take up an offering on a monthly basis even during their time of need and send it to The Home Missions Department. When the church is financially able payments will be required to repay the obligation. The offerings will be considered as payments and deducted from the assistance amount until all is paid.

This change in policy will allow the Home Missions Department to become financially able to do things that now can only be dreamed of. The only exception to this is OUR CAMP. I would love to see the new dorm up and finished and many other things done. I'm sure you can see things that need done also. The Camp is a mutual property enjoyed by every church in the Association and thus should be financially funded by us all.

I guess one of the best statements I have heard in a long time was made to me by Bro. Rockson, our Minister in the Republic of Ghana. I was trying to explain to him why there has been very little funding for the work there and I guess really trying to talk him and his wife out of trying to come in September for Camp. I told him over and over again that the funds were not here to help him and that the church offerings, if we were able to get him any services, would probably not even come close to repaying him for the cost of their airline tickets. He still

has asked for me to send the invitation and said he fully understood the situation and still wanted to try to come for a very short stay to meet the people he respects so much. He then said "I want to be a part of Bible Way even if there is nothing financial in it for Ghana." The ability to use the name Bible Way along with his name brought a wonderful feeling to him.

The thought went thru my mind and tears nearly came to my eyes as I thought about what that really was saying. He is willing to sacrifice of himself in order just to say I am a part of Bible Way Association. What would happen if every person associated with us had this kind of pride? Can we say that all of our Ministers are proud of Bible Way and voice it? We should all be as proud of the Association as Bro. Rockson.

Since becoming a part of Bible Way I have met with several circumstances in churches where the decisions, actions, and lifestyles of ministers who were not "Bible Way minded" resulted in a very discouraged and negative response in the community towards the Association. We have the best organization of ministers on this earth and it is time we all stand up as one and be proud of it. I'm ready for a bumper sticker that reads "I'm Bible Way Clergy and Proud of it!" or "I'm a proud member of Bible Way Association!"

Sometimes things happen and amends must be made. For the good of the kingdom we must put our pride aside and do what will further the work of the Lord. This will not only allow the Spirit of the Lord to flow freely in our life but will keep the name of our Lord precious to those in the community who are looking for an example of what a Christian should be like.

I understand there are those that are still sending Missions Offerings to Doniphan so I will remind you of the following addresses. Please make all checks for Home Missions payable to Bible Way Home Missions Department and send them to;

**BIBLE WAY HOME MISSIONS**  
**P.O. BOX 453**  
**ARNOLD, MISSOURI**  
**63010-0453**

Please make all checks for Foreign missions payable to Bible Way Foreign Missions Department and send them to;

**BIBLE WAY FOREIGN MISSIONS**  
**P.O. BOX 453**  
**ARNOLD, MISSOURI**  
**63010-0453**

Please continue to pray for all the ministries and know all gifts will be used properly after much prayer.

*In Christ,  
Rev. Chester Gaither*

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## Would You Like To Be A Keeper of the Camp?

What is a "keeper of the camp" anyway? We began a partnership program for those who realize the importance of the Bible Way Association Camp Meetings and Camp Grounds and want to help with the ongoing expenses of maintaining and improving the campgrounds located in Doniphan, Mo. If you would like to become a monthly partner and help us keep our Old Time Holy Ghost Heritage alive in 2011, and for many years to come, please sign below, and send in whatever gift amount you are able to each month. No gift is too great or too small, and we really appreciate those who are willing to help the Association keep revival alive in this manner. May God Bless You!

Yes, I will help keep the camp at the following monthly gift amount (circle one) \$10 - \$15 - \$20 - \$50 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

(Read more about the Keepers of the Camp and Grounds Improvements in the Camp Article in this issue)

## Do You Know Someone who would Like to Receive “THE MESSENGER” ??

The Messenger is free and is published quarterly for the general mailing list of Bible Way members and supporters. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive our newsletter, simply write down the name, phone number, and address of the person that wishes to receive the Messenger, and they will be added to our mailing list. So hurry, and send it in today!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries “Message of the Month Ministry” !!!

Having begun on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002, Voice of Truth has been sending out messages each month to our Message of the Month Partners. Each message is preached and picked by Brother Buckner to be the “Message of the Month”. To receive your monthly message from Bro. Buckner, all you need to do is to become a faithful ministry supporter. And for a gift of at least **\$10.00** or more *per* month, you cannot go wrong, because shipping and handling is covered. Just mail in this form with your name, address, and your gift to the tape ministry, and your message will be shipped out to you by the middle of each month. These make great gifts, too!!!!

(Please check which format you would like)

Yes, I would like to become a partner for at least \$10 per month  
and be placed on the monthly message mailing list!!

CD  Cassette  DVD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Don't Miss These Opportunities for Revival and Renewal!**

**Bible Way Youth Camp  
June 19-24, 2011**

**Old Time Holy Ghost Fall Camp Meeting  
September 12-16, 2011**

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
Bible Way Assembly Salem, Mo  
Nov. 5, 2011**

**Camp Grounds Located 3 1/2 Miles West of Doniphan, Mo on HWY 160**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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