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from the pastor's heart

THE WAY TO A PROSPEROUS AND VICTORIOUS COURSE



This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth...for then thou shall make thy way prosperous...

Joshua 1:8

God tells Joshua that because Moses is dead, there is no one else that Joshua can turn to, rely on, or fall back on in the task that he is going to be given but Him. He goes on to promise that as He

was with Moses, Jehovah is with him now. This is the commitment, promise and assurance to Joshua. Joshua's task was to complete the conquest of Canaan and to fulfill God's promise to Israel and to give them the promised land. To ensure the victory of the conquest, Joshua was to follow the formula of God. Likewise, for us to have a

victorious result in our Christian life, we must follow the formula of God. What was God's formula?

God's word must be continually discussed and deliberated in the life of Joshua:

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today's program

the news

hymn | *hold the fort*

opening prayer

hymn | *higher ground*

hymn | *God is working His purpose out*

offertory

hymn | *it will be worth it all*

exhortation | *pastor johnny*

invitation and closing

from the pastor's heart

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth.

It is to be in the daily thinking processes of Joshua. It must be continuously spoken of and shared. The phrase means that the principles of Scripture must be considered and the law must be meditated upon. For us to be fruitful in our lives, the Word of the Lord must be thought through, considered, meditated upon, and spoken of, for as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. We become and are transformed into the image of Christ when we have His words in our hearts and minds daily.

God's Word, once considered, must be carried out.

That thou mayest observe to do

Meditation of God's Word without obedience to it is like an unused piece of equipment - it has the potential for usefulness and benefit but it is unharnessed and therefore, though there is a purpose, and a course, there will be no outcome or results. It is like a hunter who, though having a loaded rifle, is killed because he did not squeeze the trigger. We lose in our Christian life because the Word of

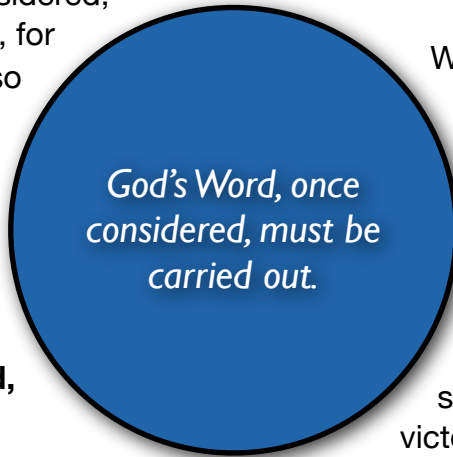
God is not considered wholeheartedly, received completely and obeyed diligently. Yet, with attention and care, we will receive the promise if we will obey.

God's word, when continually meditated upon and considered, and diligently obeyed, will bring us to the prosperous and successful path.

When Joshua did as Jehovah commanded him, his way was successful and his task was completed. He was victorious and was added to the hall of faith in Hebrews 11.

Are you yearning for more success in your tasks and more victories in your life? The way to having God's success and victory is to follow His way closely, allowing our heart, our thoughts and actions to be fully controlled by its principles and the Spirit of God. Then, as we run our course in this life, we are assured of a prosperous and victorious course. This is a promise from our loving Father.

*Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan
Ambassador Baptist Church*



thought for the week

Will we be ready to meet the Saviour today?

memory verse

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24

Sunday Worship Service

18 December 2011

"Paul's Last Words: Indications of a Sacrificial Life for Christ"

- I. **The title for this message** is _____
- II. **The passage for this message** is _____
- III. **Paul was ready to be offered** because His entire life was a _____
- IV. **What are some of the indications of a life of _____ ?**
 - A. He fought a _____
 1. We have three opponents: _____ , _____ , _____
 2. We have prizes to win:
 3. He fought _____
 - B. He _____ the c_____
 - C. He _____ the _____
 - D. There will be a _____

Sunday Worship Service

18 December 2011

"Paul's Last Words: Indications of a Sacrificial Life for Christ"

Turn to: 2 Timothy 4:1 – 8

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Timothy 2:3-5 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Turn to: John 12:48

Acts 9:15-16 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Luke 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

2 Timothy 3:13-14 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

GREG LAURIE, CALVARY CHAPEL, JESUS ROCK, AND ROME



Greg Laurie, senior pastor Harvest Christian Fellowship, a megachurch associated with Calvary Chapel, is also the founder of the Harvest evangelistic crusades, in which capacity he is holding hands with Rome. This spring Laurie invited Catholic Bishop David Ricken to share the platform with him at the Lifest crusade in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Ricken is a great devotee of Rome's false Mary and her demonic apparitions. A year ago he approved an 150-year-old apparition of Mary known as "Our Lady of Good Help" in Champion, Wisconsin, having spent two years studying the "authenticity of the Marian visitation." The shrine in Champion depicts Mary as Queen of Heaven holding a perpetual baby Jesus and being worshipped by angels. By inviting Ricken to participate in his evangelism crusade, it is frightfully apparent that Greg Laurie cannot discern between the true gospel and a false one, between a true church and a false, between a demon masquerading as an angel of light and the Spirit of God. We believe he has had one dose too many of Christian rock, which is the most powerful element of the mysticism that is creating the one-world church. Laurie is believed by many to be a strong contender for leadership of the Calvary Chapel denomination when Chuck Smith, Sr., retires or dies. In 2009, Smith and Laurie joined hands with Rick Warren at the 20th Annual SoCal Harvest Crusade in Los Angeles. When you get into Warren's sphere, you are within reach of every sort of heresy and fable. These are treacherous spiritual waters, indeed. Chuck Smith claims to believe in the doctrine of end-time apostasy and the pre-tribulational Rapture, but if Rick Warren and his associates don't represent apostasy, we wonder where in the world we

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THE TEMPLE INSTITUTE'S BLUEPRINT FOR THE THIRD TEMPLE

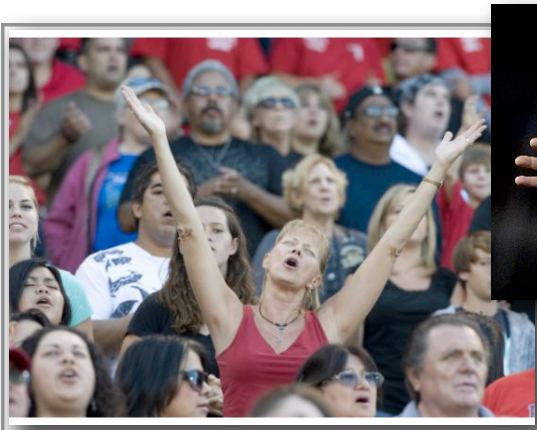
The Temple Institute has announced completion of the first blueprints for the building of the Third Temple in Jerusalem. The design is for the Chamber of Hewn Stone, which is intended to be the meeting place of the reconstituted Great Sanhedrin, the 70 ruling elders of Israel. The Institute's objective, since its founding in 1986, has been the rebuilding of the Temple. They have fashioned priestly garments, the high priest's golden crown costing \$30,000, the high priest's breastplate with its 12 precious stones inscribed with the names of the tribes of Israel, a copper laver, an incense altar, silver trumpets, gold- and silver-plated shofars, harps, and many other things. Of special interest is the large menorah that was fashioned from 95 pounds of pure gold, valued at \$2.4 million. In December 2007 the menorah was moved to an outside location on the Western Wall Plaza across from the Temple Mount. Prior to that it had stood in the old Roman Cardo. The plan is to move the menorah ever closer to the Temple Mount itself and ultimately to place it in the Third Temple. The Institute is constructing a full-scale model of the Temple (covering 269,000 square feet) near the Dead Sea to use for training priests. The founder of the Institute, Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, was a member of the paratrooper unit that liberated the Temple Mount in 1967. According to Bible prophecy, the Third Temple will be associated with the Antichrist. The Sanhedrin rejected Jesus as the Christ 2,000 years ago, in spite of the fact that He fulfilled the Messianic prophecies, and they have never repented of that great sin. In their spiritual blindness they will receive the "man of sin" who will occupy the Third Temple (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12). The antichrist, who will come on the scene as a man of peace, will probably create the conditions necessary for the building of the Temple in a place where such a thing is currently inconceivable. (For more on the Bible's prophecies about Israel and the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Temples see the illustrated book *Israel: Past, Present, and Future*, which is available in print and eBook editions from Way of Life Literature's online catalog.)



continued: GREG LAURIE...

would find it? Warren turns the church into a rock & roll entertainment center complete with pelvic thrusts, hula dancing, and “purple haze”; says God won’t ask about your doctrinal views; promotes Catholic contemplative mysticism and universalist heretics such as the Catholic-Buddhist monk Thomas Merton; yokes together in ministry with New Agers (e.g., Mehmet Oz, Daniel Amen, Mark Hyman, and Leonard Sweet); says that believers should work with unbelievers and pagan religionists to build the kingdom of God and create world peace; and presents Roman Catholic interfaith one-worlder Tony Blair with a peace prize (March 2011). For documentation see <http://www.wayoflife.org/database/warrenheader.html>. Calvary Chapels are considered “conservative” by some, but they have long held the heresy that has been described more recently by Mark Driscoll as “theologically conservative and culturally liberal.” Calvary Chapel played a major role in

the birth of Christian rock during the Jesus People movement of the 1970s, led by the charismatic Jesus hippie Lonnie Frisbee, who performed “signs and wonders” (mostly the silly spirit slaying and holy shaking) but died of AIDS at age 43 because he did not give up his homosexual lifestyle. Chuck Smith eventually split with Frisbee over “charismatic signs,” but he did not renounce Christian rock. Calvary Chapel’s Maranatha Music label was the first major contemporary praise publisher. After I was converted in 1973 from a hippie lifestyle, the Lord showed me from Scripture that I needed to give up



Greg Laurie, founder of the Harvest evangelistic crusades

my sensual rebel rock music (Eph. 5:11) and cut my “freak flag” long hair (1 Cor. 11:14). The Jesus People hippies determined to hold onto both the unholy rock of the world and the holy Rock Christ, but this merger is spiritual adultery, and the fruit has been to usher in the one-world church through addictive, body-jerking, emotion-wrenching ecumenical charismatic music. (See *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians* for more on Calvary Chapel. It is available for free in eBook format from the Way of Life web site.)

LENNON’S SPIRIT STILL WITH US

Speaking prior to the 31st annual John Lennon Tribute concert, Yoko Ono said the dead Beatles’ spirit is still influencing the world. The concert is held annually in Japan, Ono’s birth country, on December 8, the anniversary of Lennon’s murder. Ono says that John’s spirit effects people more powerfully now than when he was alive, because it “talks on a pure level” and doesn’t get distracted with unimportant earthly things (“For Yoko Ono, John Lennon’s spirit still soars,” *USA Today*, Dec. 8, 2011). Lennon and Yoko were heavily involved in the occult. They hired a personal tarot card reader who advised them on all business transactions. In 1977, Yoko spent a week in South America studying magic with a seven-foot-tall Columbian witch, who was paid \$60,000 to teach Yoko how to cast spells. “The Lennons saw magic as both an instrument of crisis management and the ideal weapon” (Robert Rosen, *Nowhere Man*, p. 62). Lennon held a Hindu concept of God and life. He said, “I can see God as a power source -- or as an energy. ... All the energy is God. Your own energy and their energy, whether doing god-like things or ungodly things. It’s all like one big jelly. We’re all in the big jelly” (*The Daily Sketch*, Oct. 9, 1967). From



John Lennon & Yoko Ono

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the 1960s to this day, the Beatles have been immensely influential in promoting the myth of a coming global New Age paradise. Their song "All You Need Is Love" (referring to a vague humanistic "love") was broadcast to 150 million people in 1967 via the television program *Our World*. Forty-four years later, the Beatles' influence is as broad as ever through their mystical music, with its addictive body-jerking, emotion-wrenching rhythm and its licentious "I can do as I please" philosophy. Simon Vozick-Levinson, associate editor of *Rolling Stone* magazine, says, "You can't overstate Lennon's importance as an artist or his influence on the culture" (*USA Today*, Dec. 8, 2011). A memorial in New York City's Central Park celebrates Lennon's song "Imagine," which depicts a godless communist paradise on earth. "Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try/ No hell below us, above only sky/ Imagine all the people living for today. Imagine there's no countries; it isn't hard to do/ Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too/ Imagine all the people living in peace./ Imagine no possessions; I wonder if you can/ No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man/ Imagine all the people sharing all the world." Chorus. "You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one/ And some day I hope you'll join us/ And the world will be as one" ("Imagine," John Lennon, 1971). The 2004 YouGov British survey found that only 44% believe in God, 33% in heaven, and 25% in hell. Thus a large percentage of the people had already bought into Lennon's delusion. Prior to the Beatles, 80% believed in God. Peace will come to this world, but not until the Prince of Peace returns to sit on the throne. The fact that large numbers of Contemporary Christian Music musicians are Beatles' fans is evidence that the movement is of "another spirit" (2 Cor. 11:4).

HOLLYWOOD GOD MOCKS JESUS

Hollywood god Johnny Depp has lent his voice to the blasphemous song "Jesus Stag Night Club," which mocks Jesus as a drunken party animal. The song, by Stephen Jones of the rock band Babybird, is "competing to be the number one song on U.K. radio on Christmas day" ("Johnny Depp Aids in Blasphemous Christmas Song," *Broadcast*, Dec. 6, 2011). Jones says, "Depp has the same evil streak as me. ... The Bible is the greatest fiction book of all time. Incredible stories of magic and mayhem." Actually, this silly, ignorant mocking only proves that the Bible is true, since the railing of the entertainment industry against God and His laws fulfill ancient Bible prophecies, such as Psalm 2:1-3. The nations are indeed imagining a vain thing, which is to dethrone God and cast off His law, and rock & roll provides the sound track while Hollywood/Bollywood provide the narcissistic role models. Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).



HOW THE HUSBAND CAN LOVE THE WIFE

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). Consider some ways a husband can love his wife: (1) By verbalizing his love and expressing love to her in tangible ways (Eph. 5:25). (2) By not being bitter and critical toward her (Col. 3:19; Eph. 5:28-29). (3) By being faithful to her morally (Heb. 13:4). (4) By providing for her and for the family (1 Tim. 5:8). (5) By helping her learn the Bible and grow spiritually (Eph 5:25-26) (leading the family in faithfulness to church, reading Bible together, helping her have time alone for the Lord, sharing thoughts about the Lord). (6) By being concerned about her physical needs (Eph. 5:28) (proper diet, medical care, vitamins, exercise). (7) By leading in and overseeing the discipling and training of the children (Eph. 6:4). (8) By being understanding of and sympathetic with her weaknesses (1 Pet. 3:7). (9) By maintaining a good Christian testimony as an example to her and so she will not be ashamed. (Proverbs 12:4 is true for the husband as well as the wife).

HILLARY CLINTON SAYS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN WAY OF HOMOSEXUAL RIGHTS



deeply held personal, political, cultural, and religious beliefs,' Clinton said. Her speech at the Geneva headquarters of the United Nations and its Human Rights Council (HRC) was delivered ahead of Human Rights Day on December 10, the anniversary of the U.N.'s adoption in 1948 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. ... President Obama [signed] earlier in the day of a memorandum which the White House called the 'first-ever U.S. government strategy dedicated to combating human rights abuses against LGBT persons abroad.' ... Republican presidential candidates Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Sen. Rick Santorum both criticized the administration's LGBT announcements. 'Promoting special rights for gays in foreign countries is not in America's interests and not worth a dime of taxpayers' money,' Perry said in a statement, adding that the policy was 'just the most recent example of an administration at war with people of faith in this country.' 'Obviously the administration is promoting their particular agenda in this country, and now they feel its their obligation to promote those values not just in the military, not just in our society, but now around the world with taxpayer dollars,' CNN quoted Santorum as telling reporters in Iowa."

The following is excerpted from "Hillary Clinton," CNSNews.com, Dec. 7, 2011: "Religious beliefs and cultural values do not justify the failure to uphold the human rights of homosexuals, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told the United Nations in Geneva on Tuesday. 'Now, raising this issue, I know, is sensitive for many people and that the obstacles standing in the way of protecting the human rights of LGBT people rest on



WINGED TROOPS

The following is from *Creation Moments*, November 22, 2011: "We have long known that the community within a honeybee hive divides the labor among specialized workers. There are scouts who search for food. Nurses tend the young. Some bees specialized in cleaning. There are even undertaker bees who remove and dispose of dead members of the hive. Scientists have now discovered that honeybee colonies also have brigades of specialized 'soldiers.' These bees often seem to be sitting around, not doing much. In fact, they have only one duty – attack large intruders. It appears that these bees are fed and cared for by the hive members while they wait for the alarm. Should a raccoon, bear or human threaten the hive, thousands of soldier bees swarm around the enemy and sting. Soldiers have been well-known members of ant and termite colonies. However, up to now, they have never been confirmed in honeybee hives. The universal need for soldiers for protection among social insects reminds us

that some things are universal in this world. These soldiers are not responsible for a bear's attack on the hive. Nor are human soldiers who follow just war principles responsible for human war. Humanity's greed and lack of love for others cannot be abolished by getting rid of armies. Rather, greed, theft and the need for protection remind us that we are not what God intended us to be. The solution lies not in denying reality, but in returning to our Creator through the forgiveness of our sins as made possible by Jesus Christ."



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news highlights

coming up

PRAYER AND FASTING

9 January 2012

The power of prayer and fasting, though demonstrated clearly in the New Testament, is not commonly taught of or heard today. However, this does not negate the value or power of the two.

Ambassador held its first church-wide prayer and fasting session in August this year and has grown ever since. The church seeks to gain the Lord's blessing and guidance as it enters 2012 and will be holding another prayer and fasting session in January.

The session, to be held at 1096 Sembawang Road on



7 January 2012 from 10AM to 2PM, will be a time of **e x h o r t a t i o n**, encouragement, fasting, and prayer, both in groups and as a church. Members are strongly encouraged to attend and to bring others.

PRAYER AND FASTING

7 January 2012 (Saturday)
10AM - 2PM
1096 Sembawang Road

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unsure about whether you are physically or medically fit to participate in this spiritual exercise, please consult Pastor Johnny.

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

“To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years.”

THEME FOR THE MONTH:

Finish the Course

ministry news

FBI TERM BREAK

Term break from 19 December 2011 to 16 January 2012

Monday's test on the New Testament marked the end of Faith Bible Institute's (FBI) last semester this year. FBI will be on its term break in Ambassador from 19 December 2011 to 16 January 2012. No classes will be conducted during this time.

FBI is a three-year intensive Bible study course which systematically examines every verse of Scripture for a richer understanding of the Word of God. Students, both past and present, have testified of its encouraging

lessons and strengthening insights for the Christian life. The course is administered by Rowland Road Baptist Church in the United States. and Ambassador Baptist Church runs an FBI satellite school, using DVD recordings of lessons in the Monroe campus to deliver the lessons to students here.

For more information, contact our school's director, Sis. Huong Shiew Lin. You may also reach her by email at FBI@ambassador-baptist.org



the week at a glance

19 - 25 DECEMBER 2011

19 Dec	20 Dec	21 Dec	22 Dec	23 Dec	24 Dec	25 Dec
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
				"O Holy Night"	"Peace on Earth"	"O Glorious Love"

timings

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM
 Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM
 Mandarin Service 03:30PM
 English Worship Service 11:00AM

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG
 Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert
 Tuesdays, 08:15PM

 YISHUN
 Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*
 Wednesdays, 08:15PM

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute
Mondays, 07:45PM

 "Rivers in a Dry Place"
 Fridays, 08:00PM

 Ambassador Youth
Saturdays, 10:30AM

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at www.ambassador-baptist.org

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prayer list

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- The vision of Ambassador: To Win the North for Christ!
- The various ministries
- Growth of Ambassador and its members
- Youth Camp
- VBS
- Year-end evangelistic outreaches
- Watchnight

special update - ambassador's christmas program

Look out and be sure to join us for our special program this coming Christmas!

23 December 2011, 7:30PM "O Holy Night"
 24 December 2011, 4 - 6PM "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men"
 25 December 2011, 10 - 12PM "O Glorious Love" (single service) and Mandarin Service at regular time