



Let my people go!
Ministry of Cpt. Gordon Nelson
The Old Ship of Zion
Only believers "shall take up
serpents" (of the sea). (Mk. 16:18)

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JUDGMENT BEGINS AT THE HOUSE OF GOD

By Captain Gordon F. Nelson

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Pet. 4:17-18)

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." (Matt. 5:13-14)

WARNING
CHURCH THREAT
ALERT!

**New law forces churches to
hire homosexuals, lesbians
and transsexuals.**

HERE ARE THE DANGERS THAT SOON LIE AHEAD:

Local churches will go bankrupt from "discrimination" lawsuits filed by homosexuals.

Church leaders will be charged under the FULL PENALTIES of the law for failing to hire practicing homosexuals.

Pastors will be forced to stop preaching against sodomy out of fear of being sued for sexual discrimination.

Homosexuals will demand HIRING QUOTAS and force churches to have a minimum number of homosexuals on their staff – including church school teachers.¹

Christians lose their saltiness by compromise with the world, hence become worthless in the eyes of the world, and now gays are trodding us under their feet.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates (unapproved, rejected)?" (2 Cor. 13:5)

Many Christians are castaways simply because they have a lack of knowledge. *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."* (Hos. 4:6) We have no knowledge because we don't read the Bible!

We are commanded, *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be*

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ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15) To rightly divide, one must recognize dispensational truth. If you only go by what the Bible says, you could stone a rebellious son to death, thinking you were obeying God’s Word. (Deu. 21:20-21)

Priest denies Communion to Minn. gay supporters

Archbishop claims group protests church teaching

By Joshua Freed

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ST. PAUL, Minn. A Roman Catholic priest denied Holy Communion to more than 100 people Sunday, saying they could not receive the sacrament because they wore rainbow-colored sashes to church to show support for gay Catholics.

Before offering communion, the Rev. Michael Skluczek told the congregation at the Cathedral of St. Paul that anyone wearing a sash could come forward for a blessing but would not receive wine and bread.

A group called the Rainbow Sash Alliance has encouraged supporters to wear the multicolored fabric bands since 2001 on each Pentecost Sunday, the day Catholics believe the Holy Spirit came to give power to Christians soon after Jesus ascended to heaven. But Sunday's service was the first time they had been denied communion at the altar.

Archbishop Harry Flynn told the group earlier this month that they would not receive communion because the sashes had become a protest against church teaching.

Sister Gabriel Herbers said she wore a sash to show sympathy for the gay and lesbian community. Their sexual orientation "is a gift from God just as much as my gift of being a female is," she said.

While other parishioners sat or kneeled after going to the altar, sash-wearers remained standing with their hands cupped as a symbol they still wanted the sacrament. Their silent protest lasted about five minutes, until the congregation rose to hear the announcements and the benediction before being dismissed.

The Rainbow Sash Alliance says that by wearing the sash, members "publicly claim our place at Christ's table, sacramentally expressing the truth in our lives, and calling the church to embrace a new day of integrity and freedom."



SHOW OF SUPPORT: Ivy Dumas adjusts a sash on a Rainbow Sash Alliance supporter Sunday outside the Cathedral of St. Paul, in St. Paul, Minn.
(Photo-Janet Hostetter, API)

“The Rainbow Sash Movement is an organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Catholics, with their families and friends, who are publicly calling the Roman Catholic Church to a conversion of heart around the issues of human sexuality.” Liberalism is on the march in another form of rebellion against a foundation stone that holds society together: marriage of one man and one woman.

I give unto you a ship!

Every time I start one of these messages, I ask God for wisdom to be able to feed God’s lambs. When God called me to teach and preach, I heard his instructions plainly. “I give unto you a ship, and you are the Captain. You are to call it the Old Ship of Zion and have the same government that is aboard a ship.” It was following this message from God that I started pastoring a church in Hayward, Calif. on Foothill Blvd. and C Street. Literally, hundreds of young people came through those doors. Some were

“Jesus freaks,” and I saw them as sheep having no shepherd. There is simply something rewarding that you never get over when you “tend sheep.”

David was called from the sheepfold. When Samuel the prophet went to the house of Jesse, he inquired, “*Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.*” (1 Sam. 16:11) Sheep are the dumbest animal on earth. They simply cannot fend for themselves, but depend entirely on the shepherd to lead them. But David learned some skills of his own while tending sheep, like the use of the slingshot in killing wolves that came down to prey upon the sheep.

In listing his qualifications to King Saul to take on Goliath, David said, “*Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: and I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.*” (1 Sam. 17:34-36)

David's victory over Goliath!

David's victory over Goliath was his crowning glory that none could deny. David had nothing more to prove. He carried about the head of Goliath by the hair as the sign of victory. David had Goliath's own sword that he used to sever his head from his shoulders.

I believe the same spirit of David was in me when God told me I would stop C. Thomas Patten, better known as the Kingfish. I can still hear my Oakland Goliath roar as he stormed across the platform of the City Club Hotel auditorium, “If you have plenty of money, smart lawyers and a non-profit religious incorporation, you can do anything and get by!” The words had barely left his mouth when God spoke to me, “And you're going to stop him!” Me? The elevator boy going to stop the Kingfish! God can do anything He wants to do, provided He can find a man willing to stand in the gap and be used by Him.

David recalls vow he made with Jonathan

So complete was the defeat of King Saul that David had to inquire, “*Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?... And Ziba (a servant in Saul's house) said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet... Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar.*” (2 Sam. 9:1,3,4) David remembered his vow with Jonathan. He could condescend to men of low estate, even though he was king of Israel. “*And David said unto*

him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.” (2 Sam. 9:7)

All the house of La Belle Bebe is dead, save one

All the house of Patten in Oakland is dead, save one, and she was sired by a student who became Dr. Bebe Patten’s third husband, John Roberto. By God’s grace, I survived the challenge of dueling with Goliath! You can do anything provided you’re following the Lord. The psalmist David, sings on his harp, *“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”* (Ps. 144:1) Have you not read in Exodus 15:3, *“The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.”* This is part of the Song of Moses after the complete defeat of Pharaoh’s army who were drowned in the Red Sea. *“The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation; he is my God.”* (Ex. 15:1-2)

David and Moses experienced war, screaming, *“Let my people go!”* The Pharaoh’s of this world only respect might and power, neither of which I had, but God! God is enough!

Goliath rapes 15-year old child evangelist

Goliath had raped our class president, 15-year-old Betty Burke, a child evangelist. She told me the story. “Why, I’ll get a lawyer,” she screamed at Goliath--the Kingfish. “Fine,” Tom told Betty, “but before you go to get your lawyer, pull out that trunk from below the bed you’re sitting on.” Betty pulled out the trunk. “Now open it!” Betty opened up the trunk and thought she must have found Capt. Kidd’s treasure; jewelry, money, diamonds, rubies, golden sapphire earrings, watches, rings. “Go get your lawyer, Betty, but I’ll buy him off,” said Tom Patten. I’m sure the IRS knew nothing about this cache.

You nice little Christianettes would never stoop to such a level to serve a “God of War.” (Ex. 15:3) Moses, David and John the Baptist did! If John the Baptist hadn’t gotten Herod’s wife so mad at him, he could have saved his own head. Oh, you have a scripture, *“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood.”* (Eph. 6:12) When God gives you your marching orders, you march! He is the Captain of the Ship; we are at best merely under captains or elders of the church. “It’s not for me to reason why, but to do or die!”

“How long halt ye between two opinions?”

Mount Carmel really happened. Elijah challenged “flesh and blood” to a show down. Put up or shut up! Elijah yells out to all of us yet today. *“How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal (the prosperity gospel), then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.”* (1 Ki. 18:21) Do you think Elijah put it up to a vote of the people whether God should slay 450 prophets of Baal that day? *“And the people answered him not a word.”* They don’t know the God of

Elijah. The people become spectators, sitting in the bleachers chanting to Elijah, “Vengeance is mine, why are you messing with the prophetess Jezebel and her 450 prophets?”

Tom Cat rapes again

Again, my class president of the Faith Class, Miss Betty Burke told me that after the rape of beautiful 17-year-old Carol Rydon, Queen Bebe made sure Mr. Tom Cat didn’t rape another one of her choir girls. She got him fixed! “There is no way the Kingfish is the father of the twin girls!” said Miss Burke. She then added, “I’m the one that ought to know!” I was there when the student body was present watching Carol Rydon for the last time as she was being driven to Seattle to have her baby, presumably at the Patten’s expense.

Tom Patten publicly rebuked a caretaker of a ranch the Patten’s purchased for an orphanage for successfully saving a barn from a fire. “Don’t you know I have that building insured for twice the value of the barn?” Tom was outraged at the custodian making him feel guilty for the loss in revenue.

Goliath accuses the Captain of arson

C. (for Cash) Thomas Patten was acting much like our own CBS news media and Newsweek magazine. Like Joseph Goebbels said, “When you lie, tell a big one, repeat it often, and the people will believe you.” Patten had the people believing I was a fire bug, and arsonist, liable to burn down their church. It was strange that the fires would always occur at tax time. Tom never appreciated an IRS probe of his income.

Their boxer dog, named Peter Boy, never left the house. Peter Boy and Tom Patten were out of town in Reno when the fire in his home took place. Isn’t it strange that the fire would suddenly burst into flames at tax time, right in the corner of the office where the financial files are kept to make out their income tax report? If I’m the suspect, why wouldn’t Tom call 911 and report the arsonist to the police? Instead, the Tom Cat staged all night vigils of the students to protect the rest of his property. “Who knows, Gordon may even burn our place of worship.” My own father was on one of these all night vigils. In the morning when they came off their watch, they were asked to give a written report. My father read the report of one of the students. “At 3:00 a.m. a maroon Ford showed up and appeared to be Gordon Hagglund (alias Nelson).”

Lynda Galovich, the student body president, called all the students together for a special prayer for God to strike me dead. This is the effect a one-man show can have on the minds of people. *“Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”* (Matt. 15:14)

It was the calling of this prayer meeting that caused a young 18-year old girl to leave the church, stating, “Now I know they’re all nuts!” She later became my wife.

Pentecostalism never learns—They go around and around the same mountain

I said all of this to point out how dangerous these family owned non-profit religious incorporations really are. Do you get that message? It is the very way the government and the IRS want you to travel. Their work is made simpler by merely striking fear into the heart of one man. The government creates fear in the minds of preachers via the power to forfeit their tax exempt status.

God's word warns against this type of government, *"neither as being lords over God's heritage."* (1 Pet. 5:3) Preachers will quote you Romans 10:9, but never 1 Peter 5:3. It's because they want to play God over the people, which doctrine of the Nicolaitans God hates. God hates this doctrine because it elevates man to the abnormal status, "as gods." (Gen. 3:5) Do you want to be "as God" and do miracles? *"An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: for as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."* (Matt. 12:39-40)

Billy Graham does two things right

Billy Graham is very controversial relative to his bedfellows, the Freemasons and the World Council of Churches, but he does two things right.

#1 – Billy preaches the cross.

#2 – Correct government to protect the gospel from slander by the news media by granting the business of the gospel into the hands of 25 businessmen in Minneapolis. These handle all the money and determine his salary from all money going into the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Minneapolis.

Oral Roberts, a great admirer of Billy Graham, who dedicated Oral Roberts University, fell short in complying with Billy Graham's fish-bowl-type of protection from unscrupulous writers of the mass news media. One story released by the Associated Press is difficult to overcome. We recently witnessed how one woman with a false story of a finger in the chili beans, has cost Wendy's about \$10 million and may yet lead them to bankruptcy.

Our biggest enemy is success. Once success has arrived, it is too late to talk about money. The groundwork must be laid before success arrives, or the very success could wind up as front page news on the Enquirer. *"For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* (Gal. 6:7)

It is like courting a lady you want to marry. We are so-o-o in love, that to discuss money before marriage seems almost blasphemous. You better discuss it, though, because after you're married it can be the number one reason for divorce. "Well! I assumed, because you said I love you, I'd be getting a new Cadillac to drive every other year. You lied! You really don't love me at all! I've already called my lawyer!"

Are you a candidate for another trip around the mountain of Pentecost?

Now, to continue our walk with success, should we follow the example of Queen Bebe and her Elmer Gantry-type husband, and form a three-name, non-profit religious incorporation?

#1 – President – Dr. Bebe Patten

#2 – Vice President – Carl Thomas Patten

#3 – Secretary-Treasurer – Mary Martha Hawley

Success is what completely destroyed them!

I trust you're not enticed to follow this route of success? How about this one: join the Assemblies of God first, before forming your religious non-profit incorporation, like Dr. Cecil J. Lowry of Oakland. Now you have the credibility of an organization that has no backbone to stand up to facing the evils of "little gods." No one has any answers!

My God, you'd think this would be the number one reason for even having an organization, to prevent preachers from being "as gods." (Gen. 3:15) Dr. Lowry's Oakland Revival Tabernacle was owned by,

#1 – President – Dr. Cecil J. Lowry

#2 – Vice President – Rose Lowry

#3 – Secretary-Treasurer – A.P. Krantz

Or, perhaps you will follow in the footsteps of Ronn Haas who owned Channel 42 in Concord, California? He sold his non-profit radio station to a for-profit corporation for about four times what he paid for it. This is against the law, but the preacher pulls it off!

How about Rose Lowry, owner of Trinity Church. The entire church has ICABOD written over the front door! How about the gay preacher who had bloody crosses and hearts of oil that Rev. Kenneth Logie declared a miracle. It was supposedly oozing out of the wall by God. It was Kenneth Logie's wall. He owned it! Oakland, you have seen it all!

Oakland CA and East Bay are blessed above any city in the USA

I am blessed simply because of my Oakland upbringing. What in the world are you talking about, Captain? All you folks in Oakland know what I'm talking about when I write about these things in my newsletter. God specifically prepared you for the "electronic church" which is only a "witness." (Matt. 24:14). It will reveal the Antichrist. The church is laying out the red carpet now for "*that man of sin (to) be revealed*" (2 Thes. 2:3), through a \$7 billion satellite empire of the sky—TBN-Daystar.

"We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22) We've seen it all in the East Bay. Rev. Jean D. Bomer's Rose of Sharon church was sold five times to the same

congregation. Finally, God burnt it to the ground. No wonder folks call us crazy. We are slow learners in Oakland, but we graduated in time to be sober for the hoopla of Christian television. Aren't you glad you already know Him. I am so happy I knew the Lord before my encounter with the Patten's. I just want you to know, "God loves you, Oakland, and so do I!"

Two pairs of shoes Jesus told you to wear

Recently it was brought to my attention of a Pentecostal minister on the Monterey Peninsula who taught the entire four gospels could be summed up in simply two words, "Follow me." Just for fun, let's try on a pair of these shoes for size: "Follow me."

#1 – Eliminate Catholicism completely!

- a. Call no man Father (Matt. 23:9).

#2 – Eliminate Judaism as a religion.

- a. Call no man Rabbi (Matt. 23:8).

#3 – Eliminate all General Superintendents and Archbishops of the organizational churches.

- a. Call no man Master (Matt. 23:10).

#4 – Eliminate all these family-owned non-profit three-name incorporations.

- a. Called "Christ," acting "as gods" (Matt. 23:10) via religious non-profit incorporations.

#5 – Rid the church of all "Reverends."

- a. "*Holy and reverend is his name.*" Not yours! (Ps. 111:9) It is blasphemy to use God's Name in vain.

One preacher in Oakland was shocked at the title, Captain. I can give you scriptures for captain, and there are absolutely none for any of the above titles.

- a. 1 Sam. 9:16 – God instructs Samuel to "*anoint him (Saul) to be captain...that he may save my people.*" Read it!
- b. 1 Sam. 22:2 – David in the cave of Adullam, "*and he became a captain over them.*"
- c. Nu. 14:4 – Israel thought Moses was dead, hence, "*Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.*"
- d. There are 140 scriptures in the Bible where the word, captain, is used, but only one for Reverend, and it is a name for God.

Are you, as a believer, really ready to wear those shoes in order to follow Christ? How about trying on another pair of shoes, called by a brand name, MAKE. Jesus, by the way, makes these shoes for all disciples to wear. In wearing these shoes, you abandon all "trees of knowledge."

#1 – "*I will **MAKE** you fishers of men.*" (Matt. 4:19)

#2 – God told Paul to “**MAKE** thee a minister.” (Acts 26:16)

a. “Neither went I up to Jerusalem (Bible School).”

#3 – “God is able to **MAKE** him stand.” (Rom. 14:4)

#4 – “**MAKE** to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness.” (Lk. 16:9)

#5 – “Behold, I will **MAKE** them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews (spiritual Israel or the Assemblies of God), and are not, but do lie; behold, I will **MAKE** them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.” (Rev. 3:9)

#6 – “Till I **MAKE** thine enemies thy footstool.” (Matt. 22:44)

#7 – “If ye continue in MY WORD, THEN are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall KNOW THE TRUTH, and the (knowledge of the) truth shall **MAKE** you free.” (Jn. 8:31-32) Free from what? The false prophet.

It’s not enough just to worship in spirit (the Hottentots of Africa do that). “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (Jn. 4:24)

The Bible says, “Ye shall know them by their fruits.” (Matt. 7:16) This is not talking about the fruits of the Spirit, but about the ability to reproduce another tree, just like yourself. This is the reason for going “two by two.”

I was a shadow, following my pastor

When I first got saved, I was my pastor’s shadow. I didn’t know anything, so I depended on him to answer my questions. If you plant a peach seed, you anticipate a peach tree. In other words, you may call it “discipleship.” It is one thing to get a man saved, but quite another to turn him into a disciple. This is what Paul is talking about. “For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.” (1 Cor. 4:15)

Captain as a natural father

To be a father is work. It is probably the most unthankful job in the world. Usually, without fathers, the bills will not be paid, and the entire family could be sleeping in the street. The father is a type of God the Father in heaven because everyone looks to him as provider. Fathers are expected to know the answers when they come to you for advice. What do you tell them? Surprisingly they’ll obey, believing you know more than they. This is what being father is all about.

My oldest daughter came to me on a very personal issue. “What will I do? My husband cheated on me?” I answered her quickly with another question. “Do you want to get AIDS?” “No,” she answered me. “Well, then, divorce him.” She acted on my advice as though I was God.

My youngest daughter was about 16-years old and came to me about a very personal matter also. She was all upset because the other girl's conversations were always about the exciting times they had with the boys in the church. She felt like a fifth wheel. I told my daughter, "You forget about those other girls. You go about teaching your Sunday school class and being active for God. God will lay it upon the heart of some young man that will seek you out. Don't go running after a man, because you'll get the wrong one." As a father, you have to have the correct answer.

As much as they loved their mother, they knew they'd get the answer they needed to hear from father. Both of my girls have the best husbands in the world because they hearkened to their Pop! My son, a retired captain from the San Francisco Police Dept., married the most wonderful Christian girl in the world; one that submits. He learned that from his father's choice of a mate. But, he'll never admit it. The person you marry can heavily determine the quality of life, both in this world and the next.

Captain as a spiritual father

How much more in the spiritual? God has been so gracious to give me a spiritual family, as well. Randy and Mary are a son and a daughter that, as Apostle Paul puts it, "*I have begotten you through the gospel.*" (1 Cor. 4:15)

The 10,000 instructors of Christ all sent their "fruit" to Bible School and Christian seminaries. Let's continue reading Matthew 7:16 in context, "*Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*" You could send your "fruit" to Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., and see what was once your fruit, but now is a COR political activist that has taken the Dominion Now vow to create a theistic state in America. Those grapes and figs were produced in your church, but you sent them to the Tree of Knowledge that only produces thorns (that stick you) and thistles.

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (can't reproduce itself) is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matt. 7:17-19) This is repeated in Matthew 7:20, "*Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*" Just because you shout and dance about doesn't mean you can produce "fruits."

The church of today's pulpits are the fruits of some Bible School or university. This is the reason the heavens are shut up so that there is no rain. God never promised to bless you individually, only as that Word embraces you. God's rain is connected to His Word. In the Song of Moses we read, "*Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain.*" (Deu. 32:1-2) To the degree you willingly embrace HIS DOCTRINE, is the extent you'll be visited with rain.