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HAVE YOU HEARD GOD SPEAK TO YOU?

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"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear MY VOICE, and open the door (of his heart), I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20.

This scripture is often misused by evangelists in an altar call to the unsaved. The doctrine of "unconditional eternal security," is the reason for the misapplication. In context, it is not directed toward the cold and indifferent, but rather to Christians who are "lukewarm." These Christians who are neither hot nor cold are called Laodiceans, and will be "spued out"!

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3:15-16. The word, "Laodicea," is derived from two Greek words; "laos" - meaning "the people," and "dicea" - "to rule"! "The people are always right!" This is a true democratic slogan.

We see the "Demon-crats" cry out against the impeachment of Bill Clinton: the people have spoken! The people are right! The Republicans lost five seats to the "Demon-crats," thereby justifying a presidential pardon by a slap on the wrist, called "censure." Censure of the President is not an alternative according to the Constitution. Both the Republicans and the Demon-crats know this for a surety! It is either vote for impeachment or censure. *"Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." Prov. 4:27.* The evil is to seek out another way, called censure.

Pilate sought a place of censure in his decision of whether to condemn Jesus Christ. *"Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all (the people) say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified." Matt. 27:22-23.*

Pilate knew that for envy they had delivered up Christ. While sitting in the judgment seat for Rome, even his wife warned him, *"Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." Matt. 27:19.*

What was Pilate to do? He sought censure as a way out; a basin of water. *"He took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person." Matt. 27:24.* You Jews accept the blame. Give us Barabbas and *"His blood be on us, and on our children."*

Matt. 27:25. Henry Hyde, if he succumbs to the Demon-crats, will be another Pilate washing his hands with “censure water.”

Laodicea attempts to find a middle ground between hot and cold. Their censure is called “lukewarm.” The Assemblies of God chose this lukewarm “rule of the people,” simply by following the example in Washington, D.C., rather than the scriptures. Jesus warned about this type of government for His church in three of the four gospels; Mark 10:42, Matthew 20:42, Luke 22:25. To make such an error, condemned by our Lord in all but the book of John, is a very serious charge to be leveled at any church! *“Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you.”* Matt. 20:25-26.

Why would the Assemblies of God create the “hireling” system of government, condemned in all four gospels? *“The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.”* Jn. 10:13. Whenever the people own the church, they must hire a preacher. No one hired me to send you the *RIVERBANK NEWS* each month (that celebrates its 5-year anniversary in March 1999). *“Freely ye have received, freely give.”* Matt. 10:8.

Laodicea, or people rule, is a human error! But once they discover it is, why don’t the Assemblies of God fix it? The same question can be directed at Y2K! God never created the problem in either case. Mankind has such confidence in man to solve anything. Ever since man walked on the moon, man has been elevated (in the mind of the people) to the level of God. Y2K will humble man as much as “moon walking” elevated him. *“For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”* 1 Cor. 1:19.

The Y2K debacle is probably the most stupid, idiotic error mankind has ever committed. It is so stupid that any fifteen-year-old child can completely understand the problem. The computers, from their infancy, were engineered to respond only to two digit numbers, ‘97, ‘98, ‘99, but the computer hasn’t a clue on how to move to a four digit number, 2000. On 60 Minutes, they interviewed a Y2K expert in the field. He was asked the question, “If these computers became 90% compliant, and were only 10% dysfunctional, would we be home free?” No! The 10% would blow out the entire 90%! This was on 60 Minutes, a part of the establishment news media. We are in a far more serious situation than what the controlled news media is informing the public. Gary North believes we are only 10% compliant, in spite of all the leaked reports of compliance.

The preachers of America have long held that if America received no judgment, God would have to repent to Sodom and Gomorrah. Some, however, particularly those who believe the British-Israel doctrine, believe the Anglo-Saxon people have a unique “censure” position with God. God said to Cain,

“What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground.” Gen. 4:10.

We’ve murdered 30 million babies in America! Now, we are starting in on the aged through euthanasia. Do you believe God hears the voice of this blood that cries for vengeance?

Earl Warren, a liberal Republican, proved to be a wolf in sheep’s clothing. The nation received an education through Earl Warren. In the future, the party would mean nothing! Earl Warren and his infamous court, birthed liberalism versus conservatism. The nation was completely deceived by the antics of Earl Warren.

Earl Warren, like Pilate, sought a middle ground between the claims of Christianity (murder) and women’s rights (abortion). The censure that Earl Warren created was humanism. Humanism is not the religion of our founding fathers, but it is the religion of America! What has happened to America? She has been deceived by the Earl Warren Court and accepted a new god--man. Humanism and Christianity cannot co-exist. By its very nature, only one will survive!

Our humanist mass news media blames Madeline Murray O’Hara, a Jewess, as the reason for taking prayer and Bible reading out of our public school system. Think for one minute; how could one woman accomplish such a fete? No, it was an all liberal court, be they Republicans or Democrats, that upheld her petition. The Earl Warren Court make it the law of the land. Madeline Murray O’Hara had no such power. You’ve been duped by the newspaper you read with your morning cup of coffee. Do you enjoy believing lies? Liberals spread lies through their bias on Jews, yet Jews continue to vote Demon-crats into office. Are Jews so blind to Clinton and Madeleine that they cannot see?

The only friends Jews have are Christian conservatives. We are in the same boat. We should be on the same side in this war against humanism. Humanism deifies man and prepares the world to accept the Antichrist as god. *“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”* 2 Thess. 2:4.

The Bible declares, *“And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.”* Lk. 17:26-27.

When you compare this biblical account of judgment by God with the Y2K fiasco by man, it has many similarities. *“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”* Gen. 6:5. The only real difference is that the Lord said, *“I will destroy man whom I have created.”* Gen. 6:7. With Y2K, man (not God) is destroying himself.

“His days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” Gen. 6:3. Y2K has 365 days! It was a definite time that man was given to rescue himself from the coming disaster. Just as in the days of Noah, folk went on ignoring Noah’s warning of a coming flood. God gave man the only route of escape; to board the ark. It had never rained; hence they mocked Noah. They just could not believe.

Since man has “strutted on the moon,” mankind believes man can do anything. Only God can do anything! Man is about to receive an education on the incapability of man! He can’t even solve a simple math problem of a computer turning a two-digit number to accept a four-digit number--2000!

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” Rom. 1:18-23.

In the days of Noah it had never rained. *“But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.”* Gen. 2:6. This fact of a mist watering the earth became the traditional belief. *“For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men.”* Mk. 7:8. Your confidence is either in God or man.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear MY VOICE.” Rev. 3:20. Jesus Christ is the hound dog of heaven. He ever seeks that which can be saved. *“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”* Lk. 19:10. He loves you so much is why He died on Calvary’s tree, *“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”* 2 Pet. 3:9.

“Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts?” 1 Sam. 6:6 Every time you reject God’s voice, your own heart becomes harder. Every rejection makes it more difficult to ever say, “Yes.” *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.”* Jn. 5:25. *“God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.”* Matt. 22:32. Sinners are the dead Jesus is referring to, but they just don’t have the sense to fall down. They are the walking dead! *“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing.”* Ecc. 9:5. The dead that Christ was referring to can hear. *“They that hear shall live.”* Jn 5:25.

The night I was saved I heard God speak to me. I went to a Salvation Army meeting with some friends. During the course of the meeting, God spoke to this dead man. I was “1-A,” awaiting my letter from Uncle Sam that commences with “Greetings!” Strange what God will use to frighten a dead man so he can hear. *“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.”* Jn. 15:16.

God spoke to me as a dead man, “This is the last altar call you will ever hear!” God doesn’t need to preach whole sermons. Just a few words, and even the dead can hear! I could see my final epithet in a second: “Killed in action by a Jap!” Even the dead can hear His voice! As a sinner you’re *“dead in trespasses and sins.”* Eph. 2:1. You need to experience life. *“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”* Jn. 10:10. *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”* Eph. 2:1. Religion is something you choose. Salvation is God choosing YOU! *“According as HE HATH CHOSEN US in him before the foundation of the world.”* Eph. 1:4.

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.” Rev. 19:17-18.

Shall a man fight against God?

These represent the armies of the earth at the final battle called Armageddon, who gathered themselves together to war. *“And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”* Rev. 16:16.

God has a sense of humor in calling all the birds of the air to a great supper. They claim even now, great vultures are suddenly showing up in the valley of Megiddo, just outside of Jerusalem for the promised feast. *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us* (Christians are regarded as “cords,” preventing them from going whole hog into sin.). *He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.”* Ps. 2:1-5.

When Bill Clinton and the IRS war against God’s anointed, they are warring against God. The American people were not ignorant of the Gennifer Flowers affair when they voted Bill Clinton into office. We were told, “It’s the economy, stupid!”

Armageddon is the great winepress of the wrath of God. *"And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles."* Rev. 14:20. Some of your grandchildren's blood will be in this great winepress. The vultures, owls, and flesh-eating birds are even now gathering for the Great Feast.

Do you believe God has a sense of humor? Does He have the last word? *"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"* Ps. 8:4. Do you really think man is a god, like Kenneth Copeland's "positive confession" theology teaches? "Ye are gods!"

God has to have a controversy with this generation. *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."* Why? All because of man's haughtiness. *"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."* 2 Tim. 3:1-2.

If God can call all the flesh-eating vultures to the valley of Megiddo (the winepress) for a feast, could Y2K be the call to all gamblers to gather together, not to witness a winepress, but a total blackout? God's mercy endureth forever, but his patience has worn out. Every hotel, motel, cottage and rooming house has been filled to capacity in Reno, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas, Atlantic City, the gambling boats on the Mississippi River and cruise boats, to celebrate the ushering in of the year 2000.

They'll gather in Rockefeller Center to see all the lights go out on the largest Christmas tree in America. Hillary Clinton turned all those lights on! Sorry, the tree lights were not compliant. Can your First Lady turn them on now?

Suddenly, on January 1, 1999, there are four items that will be more important than the blackjack tables, the slot machines, and the dice tables. You'll suddenly come to the realization how unimportant gambling really is as compared to:

#1 - Electricity - No lights! Did we pack a flashlight?

#2 - Water - No water coming from a faucet! None compliant.

#3 - Gasoline - All gas stations work on a computer. Sorry, non-compliant.

#4 - Food - You cannot go to a restaurant; they are non-compliant.

#5 - Money - The banks are going to stop any run to get money out. After April, 1999, any large increments of money will be monitored. Right now, any \$10,000 withdrawal must be reported to the federal government.

We've been warning folks about Y2K for about a year. Texe Marrs, in the past issue of *RBN* (Dec. 1998), quoted from a rhyme; "Water, water everywhere and nary a drop to drink."

Can you tell me what good your house is if no water comes out of the faucet, no electricity for light, and no power to cook? What are we going to do? For starters, you need to avoid the gambling dens and casinos come January 1, 2000, like you would a rattlesnake.

I don't know what religion Gary North is, but I do know he is a computer expert.

God's Word has told you when you'll do all this "flying away"; after Antichrist is revealed. *"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."* 2 Thess. 2:3. The church should be preparing for Antichrist. He is the timeclock for the rapture of the church.

The second coming, as preached in the Assemblies of God, prepares you for nothing. Christ is coming in the morning, so why worry. God is a God of love, so don't concern yourself over these tiny computer chips! Go back to sleep! God is greater than chips!

I'll tell you what Gary North did. He owns some acreage, probably around Tyler, Texas. Presently, he has three wells, he has a huge storage tank of gasoline, his own generator for lights, and plenty of wood stockpiled for fuel. In addition, Gary North has stockpiled food. Our farmers are almost going broke! A fifty-pound sack of wheat and rice are very cheap now. He'll be in a position to laugh, as will the Lord at those stupid gamblers wandering around casinos with no lights. *"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh!"* Ps. 2:4. Do you think God spent His time crying over those caught in the flood in Noah's day? As it was then, so shall it be now. Lk. 17:26. You need to reject these "soothsayers" and hearken to God's Word.

We live in strange times, *"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."* Matt. 24:13.

"Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover (make naked) their secret parts." Isa. 3:16-17.