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Only believers are "content with such things as ye have" (Heb. 13:58)

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"WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?" (CONTINUATION)

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"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and ARE SURE that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (Jn. 6:68-69)

In my former treatise entitled, "Will ye also go away?" we referred to disciples of Jesus that reached a pivotal point in their walk, and they had to throw in the towel. It was all over for them, and "from that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." (Jn. 6:66) This is almost prophetic, this number John 6:66, in referring to "disciples that turn back."

Two Fox News journalists captured in Gaza by Muslims

In the news recently is a story of two Fox News journalists who were captured by the Muslims in Gaza. They were given a choice, either bow to Allah, or be beheaded. They became converted to Islam, and were released from custody. What would you do? "Will ye also go away?" from your faith to save your head? The Koran teaches to cut the throat of the infidel who refuses to bow to Allah. "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, EVEN NOW are there many antichrists (all secular humanists); whereby WE KNOW that it is the last time (Gk.-hour)." (1 Jn. 2:18)

The president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is an antichrist that is calling for a jihad on Israel to drive Israel off the map, and into the Mediterranean Sea. Osama bin Laden, another antichrist has openly declared war on the Great Satan, the United States of America.

W.R. Hearst and Rupert Murdoch's money

I discussed in my previous treatise how William Randolph Hearst, owner of a newspaper syndicate across America, catapulted a fellow Freemason, Billy Graham, into prominence with millions of dollars' worth of free advertisement through his news media chain. How does one go about getting the "drive-by media" to stay out of religion and the church? Rupert Murdoch's Fox News is running a close second to W.R. Hearst in his promotion of Rick Warren's <u>The Purpose Driven Life</u>. I understand Zondervan and the NIV Bible was purchased by a subsidiary company of Rupert Murdoch's. He makes a profit off of every NIV Bible sold and every book written by Rick Warren.

What would Jesus say to all this? Just how would He react to these billionaires getting involved with religion and telling you what church to attend, and which translation of the scriptures is the correct one? I keep looking for one picture of Jesus to have in my home and cannot find it. I'm looking for the one that pictures Jesus in action with a Roman whip in hand, overturning the "tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves," screaming at them, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Matt. 21:12-13)

Time Warner's money

The classic billionaire award for treasonable acts against our nation has to be awarded to Time Warner's <u>CNN Presents</u>, which has been airing on worldwide television the biography of Osama bin Laden. "In the Footsteps of bin Laden," is the name of this <u>CNN Presents</u> production. Osama bin Laden is portrayed as a courageous war hero. I wish you'd picture yourself as a follower of Allah, and you were viewing this film as a Muslim. Osama bin Laden would be admired as your captain, who has called for a worldwide jihad against America.

This <u>CNN Presents</u> telecast has been aired the last two weekends in a row on primetime television. A picture is worth a thousand words. We retain much more in our memory bank by visual education than what we do by reading. Do you have any idea what would be sparked in the heart of a 17-35 year old American citizen that attends a mosque in the US and worships Allah? Will Louis Farrakhan and his black Muslim followers be incited to join the jihad in the name of Islam and Allah?

It is believed by many that William Randolph Hearst initiated the Spanish-American War of 1898 to encourage sales of his newspaper. What will Time Warner's <u>CNN Presents</u> turn loose in America in the name of freedom of the press?

Wall Street Journal, George Soros and Michael Moore's money

Does the Wall Street Journal have the right under the Constitution to incite a riot by inflammatory reporting of the news that is so slanted to the left that it aids and abets the enemy? We have men running for public service that should be tried for treason, like Benedict Arnold was in yesteryear. The Hungarian-born American billionaire, George Soros, and Hollywood movie producer, Michael Moore, seek to overthrow the government and impeach our President. The drive-by news media ignore this as a charge of treason and dismiss the incident as just a diversity of opinion issue. Treason warrants the death penalty to protect the Union.

Will you join Nancy Pelosi, Charles Schumer, Ted Kennedy, Joseph Biden, Hillary Clinton in their jihad against our Constitution by only confirming far, far left appointees to the bench of the Supreme Court of the land? George W. Bush has a far easier time fighting terrorists in Baghdad than those

terrorists that reside in Washington DC on the Senate floor. Will George W. Bush also go away? because of impeachment due to these terrorists in Hollywood and the Senate?

Jesus knew from the beginning who would not believe

"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world." (Jn. 6:32-33) Anytime Jesus precedes a statement with a "Verily, verily, I say unto you," there is no room left for debate. This is what Jesus Christ said! "This is truth, this is truth! Verily, verily, this is the final conclusion," end of discussion! The Captain of our salvation has spoken! (Heb. 2:10)

"Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve." (Jn. 6:70-71) In the 64th verse, Jesus said., "But there are some of you (speaking to His own disciples) that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him." "He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it... Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest do quickly." (Jn. 13:26-27) Jesus already knows if you will hold out to the end, but, my friend, you do not know! This is the reason the church has to preach to the "whosoever will, let him take the water of life FREELY (Gk.-a gift)." (Rev. 22:17)

Whenever Jesus spoke completely over the carnal minds of the disciples, they'd invariably say, "This is an hard saying; who can hear it (or understand it)?" (Jn. 6:60) Because Jesus hadn't come down to their level of carnal comprehension, the Bible says, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." (Jn. 6:66) "Will ye also go away?"

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem on an ass

"On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." (Jn. 12:12-13)

It was at this time that Judas was so excited over Jesus. All Jerusalem had come out to see their new king. This has to be the moment Judas had been anticipating in his following Jesus for over three years. Finally, Rome would be dealt a blow from which Caesar could never recover. Judas was coming to church for all the wrong reasons. "Will ye also go away?" as Judas did when he finally awakened to the reality that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world? Judas believed Jesus had betrayed him, which was the reason for the Judas kiss.

Judas, a type of going to church for the wrong reason

Judas Iscariot, who carried the bags, never heard Jesus Christ when He said, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but NOW is my kingdom not from hence (Gk.-on the other side)." (Jn. 18:36) Judas represents a group of people that go to church for all the wrong reasons. The regular churchgoer believes the entire purpose of Christianity is to solve earth's problems; both nationally and their earthly family.

Judas the Zealot (Lk. 6:15) was a member of the Zealot's Party, a party bent on the overthrow of Caesar and to bringing an end to Roman rule over Israel. A Zealot sees nothing wrong with a Christian being a Freemason. Let's face the facts, you're going nowhere politically unless you first join the Freemasons. The Freemasons are much like the Catholic religion; both grant license to sin, hence there is only one unpardonable sin; failure to belong. Your sympathy is all with Judas Iscariot. He really believed Jesus to be the promised Messiah.

Judas, the father of the ballot box Christian

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the EIGHTH PERSON." (2 Pet. 2:5) Only eight people escaped the worldwide flood. The Bible says, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." (Lk. 17:26) Some could interpret this to mean that only eight souls will be saved "in the days of the Son of man." In the days of Noah the total population of the world would probably be lucky to reach a couple of million people. Today's population is nine billion. To interpret Judas correctly, we are speaking of at least one-twelfth of the religious folks attending church. Instead of being a member of the Zealot's Party, they are like Jimmy Carter who toted a Bible continually, but was also a staunch CFR, Trilateralist, Freemason and member of other secret societies. Like no other figure in American history, Jimmy Carter advertised the born again experience. But Jimmy Carter apparently never received John's baptism "for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38) Jimmy was baptized as a dry Freemason, and simply came up out of the waters of baptism as a wet Freemason.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father (leaving the old man in a watery grave), even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Rom. 6:3-4)

The church was really only given three sacraments for Christians to obey, and the new birth is not one of them. Apostle Peter, in his famous speech given on the day of Pentecost, lists them:

#2 – And then be baptized, "for the remission of sins" you confess to. It is here that you exercise your positive confession. "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain (of Freemasonry, Alcoholics Anonymous, CFR, etc.), Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea (water baptism)...he shall have whatsoever he saith." (Mk. 11:23)

#3 – "Ye shall receive the Holy Ghost."

Peter continues by adding:

#4 – (You) "save yourselves from this untoward generation." (Acts 2:40)

God is not in the business of forgiving sins that you haven't asked Him to forgive. Zacchaeus, a tax collector, said, "I (will) restore him fourfold" (Lk. 19:8) to any man he had stolen from. It is called restitution. Ever hear of it in today's pulpits? Today we slide them in like hamburgers purchased at a fast food restaurant. We want salvation easy and quick, and carry all our garbage from the rock and roll dance floor with us. They tell the ministry, "You want youth in your church, preacher? We'll come, but only on our terms! We are all hooked on the beat, so it must be on our terms." The preacher answers, "I hear you loud and clear!"

Noah was "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5) who preached 120 years with nary a convert. Today's preaching is directed toward having a crowd, hence televangelists are viewed as entertainers who are loaded with jokes to make you laugh. There is little evidence of real conversion due to the Holy Spirit's convicting people of their sin until "they were pricked in their heart," screaming out to Peter and the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do (to be saved)?" (Acts 2:37) In today's Christian society, our ministers would respond to the same question put to a Peter on the day of Pentecost by telling them, "Only believe!"

Returning to Judas, who never was baptized in the river Jordan by John the *Baptist "for the remission of sins*," hence, he never learned how to positively confess his membership in the Zealot's Party and renounce it as a "mountain" that needed to be "cast into the sea" of water baptism.

Judas is a type of Christian activist that believes in Replacement Theology, Preterism, and Amillennialism. Whole religions fall into the confines of one of the three, which include the Catholic church, the Seventh Day Adventists and many in the World Council of Churches (WCC).

#1 – Replacement Theology believes that the church has replaced Israel and the Jewish people in God's plan. The church is now God's chosen people, spiritual Israel. Read Michael Brown's book, <u>Our Hands Are Stained With Blood</u>, for an explanation of this very unbiblical doctrine.

#2-R.C. Sproul defines preterism as: "An eschatological viewpoint that places many or all of the eschatological events in the past, especially during the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70." ¹

"Preterism is the idea that some or all prophecy has been fulfilled in the generation alive when Jesus preached, i.e., it has been fulfilled in the past. Preterism is from the Hebrew languages Preterist (past perfect) tense," says Todd Dennis.

#3 – Amillennialism – Amillennialists believe the first resurrection mentioned in Revelation 20:5, is referring to the new birth. The second resurrection is after Daniel's 70th Week of tribulation. It is a sister of Replacement Theology. D. James Kennedy is one of the leading exponents of this theology. Amillennialism does not believe in a pre-trib rapture, but are of the post-tribulation persuasion of Christ's coming. The first resurrection is spiritualized, and represents the new birth.

My friend, Noah Hutchings, complained about the loss of one of his radio broadcasts to the D. James Kennedy partners. Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." (Jn. 18:36) Amillennialism teaches we must save America at the ballot box; hence it attracts the big money. Hank Hanegraaff could smell the coffee, the real money! He is now the "Bible Preterist Answer Man."

Michael Brown, a Messianic Jewish author

We have a group of zealots in the 21st century church that are deceived. They believe the church is on a mission to save the world from liberalism. It must be accomplished at the ballot box. All the big money of Republican conservatism is in the hands of Christian zealots who believe in Replacement Theology. Hank Hanegraaff has fallen prey to the deception in the way called, amillennialism. Michael Brown does an excellent job explaining to you where this controversial theology will lead you, and the fruit it has born in the past.

Strive to enter in!

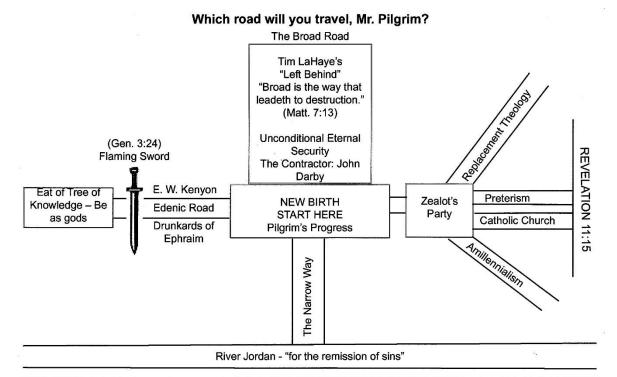
"Strive to enter in at the strait (narrow [from obstacles standing close about] Strong's #4728) gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." (Lk. 13:24) As you can see from the illustration below, there are many obstacles to even locating the correct road to travel to reach the desired destination. "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices (to get our attention) in the world, and none of them is WITHOUT SIGNIFICATION (unmeaning, mute, voiceless)." (1 Cor. 14:10) Each voice of a spirit has some meaning, and desires to be heard.

Have you read John Bunyan's <u>The Pilgrim's Progress</u>? It was a highway that Pilgrim traveled on that would lead him directly to the Celestial City. I used to tell my congregation that I am on a highway

¹ R.C. Sproul, "The Last Days According to Jesus," p. 228

that leads to everlasting life. As long as I stay on this highway, it will lead me home to glory. You're all invited to follow, as I follow the Lord.

I believe the Lord gave me the following drawing of the various roads Pilgrim could chose to travel to reach the Celestial City. Which of these roads have you chosen?



PROMISED LAND is the Ark, and our inheritance!

"But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." (Mk. 10:30) "The LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey." (Deu. 27:3)

This promise is to the spiritual family of God. Only to those who have crossed over that Jordan, and received the dove (type of the Holy Spirit) as Jesus did while being baptized "for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38) Lead over the River Jordan two by two, where both Jew and Gentile become one, thus creating the "one new man." (Eph. 2:15)

Have you learned how to mute out John Darby and his error of Dispensationalism, or do these voices still have some significance to you? If you don't first learn how to mute out voices in today's world, how can your ears even hear? "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." (Isa. 30:21)

The Apostle Paul and his gang of preachers led such godly lives, "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nought (we didn't impose upon anyone); but wrought with labour (worked making tents) and travail (in prayer) night and day, that we (that whole gang of preachers) might not be chargeable to any of you: not because we have not power (or the authority to raise the money), but to make ourselves an ensample unto

you to follow us." (2 Thes. 3:7-9) The church of today needs some real examples of walking with Jesus like Paul and Barnabas did.

Paul admonished the entire church of Jesus Christ to follow him. "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." (1 Cor. 11:1) If any one person should be declared the Pope of the early church, such a mantle would have to fall upon the great Apostle Paul. Just for starters, he wrote three-fourths of the New Testament.

In writing to the congregation at Corinth, which he founded, he said, comparing himself to some Apostles at Jerusalem, like Apostle Peter, "Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord (after the Spirit)? are not ye (Corinthians) my work in the Lord?...Have we (Barnabas and me) not power to eat and to drink (and you Corinthians pick up the tab)? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord (at Jerusalem), and Cephas? (We could get married, just like Peter, but we refuse.) Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power (or authority) to forebear working? (Couldn't Barnabas and I quit our jobs making tents?)" (1 Cor. 9:1-6)

Don't you just fall in love with the Apostle Paul? What an example to the body of Christ! Paul sums up his comparing his ministry to the best that Jerusalem had to offer by saying this, "For if I (continue to) do this thing willingly, I have a reward (for Jesus had already endorsed such a ministry by saying, 'Freely ye have received, freely give.' Matt. 10:8): but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me." (1 Cor. 9:17) I'll be like all the other preachers, preaching without a revelation from God. This was part of Paul's bonds that, "I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:18)

Over 55 years ago God called me, and spoke to me, "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 governments that are aboard a ship." In all that time, I've never asked anyone for as much as a postage stamp. However, I warn you, if you attempt to steal from such a ministry, you could be another Ananias and Sapphira, his wife. We are seeing Act IV on the stage of life, and then the curtain comes down. We are the people "upon whom the ends of the world are come." (1 Cor. 10:11) "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be?" (2 Pet. 3:11)

<u>CNN Presents</u> will play this biography of Osama bin Laden again as a rerun. If you watch this film, you'll see what it is like watching the "man of sin," the soon coming Antichrist.