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HEALED OF PNEUMONIA POCKETS IN MY CHEST!
THE CAPTAIN RETURNS TO HIS PULPIT!

THERE IS AN "OPEN HEAVEN" TO HEAR OUR PETITIONS, BUT WE MUST REPENT OF "OUR WAYS."

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"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isa. 55:6-9)

The greatest single book ever written by a man to give us an understanding of biblical doctrine is The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. The book continues to be the world's number two best seller, second only to the Bible. *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* (Prov. 14:12) *"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits."* (Prov. 16:2)

I'm convinced that pulpit preaching is designed to *"turn away their ears from the truth"* (2 Tim. 4:4), so the preacher can *"make a fair shew in the flesh"* (Gal. 6:12) of his disciples. As a youngster growing up, I watched my father's participation with church. He loved the preaching of two Pentecostal preachers. He would get caught up with one of these preachers who had convinced him that the wearing of a necktie was a sign of pride and arrogance. My father would no longer wear a necktie to church. Then, he would visit the other preacher's church who would convince him to wear a necktie to church. I could always tell which preacher had cast a spell over my father by whether he was or was not wearing a necktie to church.

The book of Galatians is saying the same thing. *"As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised (like branding sheep)...For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, THAT THEY MAY GLORY IN YOUR FLESH."* (Gal. 6:12-13) This is the reason for the popularity of The Pilgrim's Progress; to keep the preacher from branding you as one of his sheep. *"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, BUT A NEW CREATURE."* (Gal. 6:14-15)

There is a highway that leads to the Celestial City!

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness (sanctity – separation); the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be

found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isa. 35:8-10)

It is this highway that leads to the Celestial City that John Bunyan so magnificently describes. This book was written while John Bunyan was incarcerated in jail for preaching the gospel. If you veer to the right or to the left, you’ll completely miss your destination, the Eternal City. On Pilgrim’s journey on this highway, he will meet people. The people that Pilgrim met all had names, like Miss Jealousy, Mr. Pride, Mrs. Vengeance, etc., relative to the spirit that was predominate in their lives. This particular book, The Pilgrim’s Progress, helps me in understanding a rare gift God gave me when I heard the voice of an angry God screaming out of heaven, *“Henceforth know we no man after the flesh!”* I was on a secular job, and was recently ordained a minister for life by Dr. Bebe Patten in Oakland, Calif.

“Henceforth know we no man after the flesh!”

This had to have been the voice of Father God, Whose voice I never heard before or since. *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.”* (Heb. 1:1-2) This must have been one of those “sundry times” for Him to yell at me. Why was He so angry? What could I do about it anyway? Those were the questions that first popped into my mind. Then I wondered, Is this God yelling at me, or Satan? If I had been a NIV Bible advocate, I would never know.

The voice I heard screaming at me out of heaven, *“Henceforth know we no man after the flesh!”* (2 Cor. 5:16) is a verbatim quote from the King James Version of the Bible.

“Beloved, try the spirits”

The Bible instructs us, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but TRY THE SPIRITS whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”* (1 Jn. 4:1) How does one “try the spirits”? I was totally unfamiliar with those words in 2 Corinthians 5:16. The way I tried the spirits was to turn to my Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the KJV of the Bible. To my utter amazement, those words were written exactly in the KJV of the Bible that I heard coming screaming out of heaven at me. I had my youngest daughter from Fresno read 2 Corinthians 5:16 from her NIV, and those words were entirely unrecognizable in the NIV.

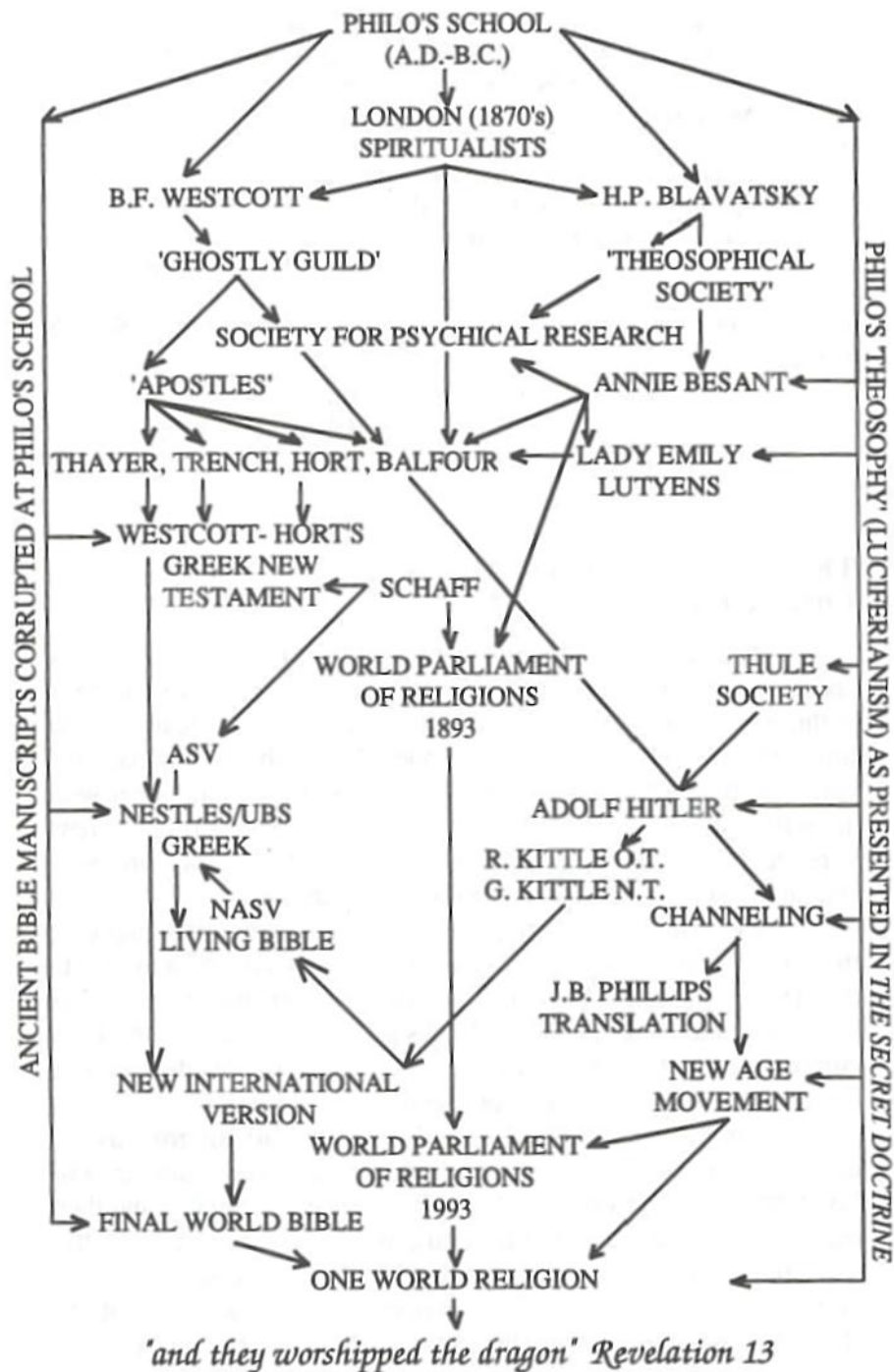
I’m positive that if I looked up 2 Corinthians 5:16 in the NASB, NKJV, NRSV, NAB, REB, RSV, CEV, TEV, GNB, Living, Phillips, New Jerusalem, or New Century version of the Bible, those exact words could not be identified either.

Who is Gail Riplinger?

Who is Gail Riplinger? She is a woman who has done her homework relative to the various versions of the Bible that exist today. Her book, New Age Bible Versions, is a masterpiece to convince anyone that these versions have their origin in the occultic London spiritualists headed up by B.F. Westcott, H.P. Blavatsky and Hort.

G.A. Riplinger has BA, MA and MFA degrees, and has done additional postgraduate study at Harvard and Cornell Universities. As a University professor, the author of 17 different courses, authored six college textbooks, and well equipped to tell you the truth about your NIV Bible. The authoring of New Age Bible Versions is probably the greatest feat spiritually of the 21st Century. Yet, you remain ignorant that such a woman of God even exists.

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I would have not had the proper tools to “try the spirits” if I had any other version of the Bible than the KJV. One “tries spirits” by Thus saith the Lord! *“Let God be true, but every man a liar.”* (Rom. 3:4) We are both justified or condemned by the Word of God. This is why it is such a serious charge to alter God’s Word. These other versions either take away or add to the words of this prophecy, a very serious charge relative to the Word of God. *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”* (Rev. 22:18-19)

My youngest daughter sent on a mission by God!

My youngest daughter from Fresno, while in her prayers, felt she was sent by God on a mission to see her Daddy. “It is the time for you to repent for divorcing my mother,” she said to me. I tried to explain to her that divorce is not always evil; it is in marriage to another when adultery occurs. My own mother divorced my father following a visit by my Aunt Bertha from Boston. Our home was perfectly peaceful until a family member moved into it. The old adage, “love is blind,” was certainly true. My mother saw none of the flaws in my father until Aunt Bertha pointed them out to her. According to Aunt Bertha, my mother was her little sister, and no man was worthy enough to live with her little sister.

To my utter amazement, the divorce proved to be a blessing in disguise. It caused both my father and my mother to mature. It amounted to no more than a separation because neither of them married anyone else until they remarried each other again. The Bible is very plain on when sin begins. *“Whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.”* (Matt. 19:9)

After my father and mother were reunited under the canopy of marriage, my mother never permitted anyone to speak one evil remark about her man. My mother would be like a banty rooster all over them until they shut their mouth. My father was treated like he was King Farouk until the day he died, by a woman in love with her man. I can still hear him yelling at Mom, “Rutt (for Ruth), get me a cup of coffee!” My mother only lived to make her man happy. She never realized how scriptural to the Bible she had become. *“And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”* (Gen. 3:16) Slaves seldom outlive their masters, but my mother lived to the ripe old age of 101.

Eve hearkened unto the serpent

It was Eve who hearkened unto the serpent, which is the reason God placed the curse on the woman. You’ll live to make him happy, and he shall rule over thee. If a woman rebels against that curse, she will find in due time, that she is rebelling against God. Women, in attempting to overthrow the curse of Genesis 3:16, are actually becoming a type of the second Eve who will bring down civilization as we have known it. *“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”* (Ps. 11:3) Islam has to war against the Great Satan to defend its own religion. We can’t keep clothes on our women, therefore we are a threat to Islam.

Jesus said, *“Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: BUT FROM THE BEGINNING it was not so.”* (Matt. 19:8) In the beginning, that is prior to the fall, God created men and women to be co-rulers. *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and LET THEM HAVE DOMINION (rights together).”* (Gen. 1:26) Eve lost her dominion, or rulership, rights when she was cursed.

Jesus never challenged that the Jews under Mosaic Law were the sole inheritors to divorce. But, Jesus limited their reasons for obtaining divorce down to one: fornication. According to Strong's #4202, the word “fornication” stems from the Greek word “porneia, from which we derive pornography. It includes all uncleanness in sex, adultery, incest, harlotry, idolatry, indulgence in unlawful lust (of either sex), whore, whoremonger.

The late Walter Martin, The Bible Answer Man of Christian radio, only recommended one book on divorce, entitled Divorce and Remarriage, by Guy Duty. This book suggests that marriage is a contract as evidenced by the contingency clause, “Except for fornication.” In its strictest sense, illicit sex out of wedlock is called fornication, but after marriage is called adultery. Based on Guy Duty's reasoning, I've concluded that one must first remove the contingency clause before daring to call the marriage contract a covenant. One cannot vow to take his bride “for better or for worse” until the worst is disclosed. The only way that I can see to remove this contingency clause of fornication is to restore the old fashioned dowry as the proof of the chastity of the bride, with the marriage being approved by both fathers, as the Orthodox Jews practice to this day.

God is always on the side of the virgin

As a virgin, when I took my vows of matrimony, I did not know my wife was a child of incest. My next wife was also a child of incest. The oldest child of either sex seems to be the object of lust from their parents. Why, you ask? Psychologists tell us that if a woman marries a man for any reason other than love, she will dote on the oldest male child. If the husband is subjected to humiliation by an overbearing wife, he will do queer things to prove to himself his own masculinity. There doesn't even have to be any physical contact, but a child's rights are being infringed upon simply because he or she fell out of love with their mate, for whatever reason. This happened to my own son.

Is that story about the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden an allegory? Once you eat of the forbidden fruit of sex out of wedlock, you become as the gods to know good and evil. You've lost your innocence. Our public school sex education classes are designed for your curiosity to look at sex from the standpoint of the teacher teaching under the canopy of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Incest is a very serious sin. Your own father becomes your sex educator, teaching under the Tree of Knowledge. Once you've partaken of this forbidden fruit, you become the hunter, and the virgin becomes the victim. *“The adulteress (or adulterer) will hunt for the precious life.”* (Prov. 6:26) Until the virgin comes to the realization that she needs help (the father's blessing), and rejects the Hollywood version of love and sex, nothing will ever change. The whoremonger and adulteress are in attendance every Sunday in your church seeking a victim.

I've signed papers to inform all hospitals and physicians to please not keep me alive by machines. Let me die! I love my children too much to stick them with a half million dollar's worth of doctor's bills. My wife did not love me that much. God revealed to me that her death was imminent. She was going to die, and in fact was already dead except for man's machines. I would have to go on living without her. It is then that the Lord spoke this scripture to my heart to help me. *"For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living."* (Lk. 20:38) Following this, I was reminded of one of Christ's disciples who requested, *"Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead."* (Matt. 8:21-22)

"Dead while she liveth"

In 1 Timothy 5:6, it speaks of a woman *"that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."* My wife of thirty years was "dead while she liveth" by means of artificial respirators, etc. It is amazing how long a dead man can be kept alive. Her hospitalization chewed up my \$25,000 insurance coverage in two weeks. I saw the handwriting on the wall of at least a half-million dollars. Our divorce was by mutual agreement so all those bills wouldn't fall on me. Those bills would have caused my early demise, as well. The usual procedure is to file bankruptcy rather than divorce. I was pastoring my church and having my greatest success as a minister when all this happened. Had I known the future, I would have chosen bankruptcy.

God was so gracious that in essence, a literal Eden of God was being created in my church. I even married Adam and Eve in this garden scene. I preached more sermons on the Garden of Eden than any other one subject. I would even commence the sermon by saying, "The curtain is going up; all the characters are on stage." Then, I would prophesy the entrance of the Serpent to destroy it all. The Serpent did arrive as I prophesied, through Randy B's best friend in Las Vegas, Steve M.

We are to *"grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."* (2 Pet. 3:18) Unless this had happened to me, I wouldn't have known one needs more than just a pastor to protect sheep. If Steve M. can simply walk into my church, what is to prevent the adulteress, whoremonger, gay, and child molester from walking into yours?

God was more concerned with what I would one day write than perpetuating a scene in the garden. The modern day "work the faith" movement was not started by Oral Roberts, but by his pilot, Kenneth Copeland. One man is powerless against the enemy who comes in many forms. Jesus choose twelve: our preachers feel self-sufficient alone! Is America a type of the Garden of Eden the devil will take over in the 2008 election?

Is this only Old Testament theology?

Apostle Paul asserts, *"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."* (1 Cor. 11:3) There is a chain of command aboard the Old Ship of Zion. Wives are told to obey and submit to their own husbands. (Eph. 5:22, Col. 3:18, 1 Pet. 3:1) *"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak (with the same authority as an elder); but they are commanded to be under obedience, as*

also saith the law.” (1 Cor. 14:34) “Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement” (1 Pet. 3:6) from other women.

“Give me the portion of goods that falleth to me”

Society has reversed the curse, with 98% of all divorce being initiated by a woman “for every cause.” Incompatibility is a just cause for any woman to claim her rights to all communal property. I’m always reminded of the story of the prodigal son who said to his father, “*Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me.*” (Lk. 15:12) In a 21st Century woman’s brain, the communal property allowance is an entitlement. After all, she put up with her husband for fifteen years: it is time for her to wake up and hearken to Oprah Winfrey. Women simply adore this woman. Believe me, they are not sitting at the feet of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3) as Apostle Paul did in the Jerusalem, when they flip on an Oprah Winfrey telecast. She is sowing tares from the largest church in America that reaches the ears of our women.

Caryl continues to write the Captain

Only “*the truth shall make you free.*” (Jn. 8:32) “*Buy the truth, and sell it not.* (Prov. 23:23) This is the reason Caryl bares her soul to the Captain, I’m sure.

Dear Captain,

It was a privilege to finally meet you.

I’ve not been to the pool much due to illness. As I’ve mentioned I suffer with severe panic/anxiety disorder, and withdrawal systems from benzodiazepines, and PMS/MPS. I have been prayed over and anointed with oil several times.

I can’t lead a normal life. I believe God will heal me. I’m like the man who brought his son to apostles who were unable to cast out the demons. He said, I believe, help me with my unbelief. Or maybe the boy who couldn’t get healed because the apostles had not fasted and prayed and had no faith. Only Jesus could cast out the demon.

I seem to have “lost my life” and can’t see past the physical and mental pain. I am reading Pilgrim’s Progress and identify with “Hope,” page 155-160.

I believed a long time ago until Satan started shooting arrows at me and somehow my mind has become all messed up and making me ill.

Sometimes I don’t know how I can face another day. Then God will bless me with a few hours when I am even able to pray in the Spirit and feel His closeness for a while and then it just vanishes...and I go through another attack. They can last for hours and hours. Like today, I’ve fought mild attacks all day but can’t concentrate long on anything.

Hope and pray you are well.

God bless, Caryl

This is a letter from a woman who has supposedly followed all the rules of the church. She's been born again, baptized in water, spoken in tongues, yet is harassed by demonic forces. Can we learn anything from her experience?

The Bible predicts that an end time society will be confused as to what is right or what is wrong. They are taught in our public schools that there are no absolutes. Nothing is absolutely wrong or absolutely right. It is all relative to the situation, hence "situation ethics" is taught. *"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"* (Isa. 5:20) It is dependent upon the situation before you can declare something evil or good.

The devil concentrated on women first to get their rights as evidenced by the Women's Suffrage Act, which gave her the right to vote. Now it is children's rights. Today children have the right to divorce their parents. Through all these rights being handed down, they all seem to infringe on both God and man's rights. I'm trusting that what has been printed will cause women to look into the mirror of God and repent. *"For now we see through a glass, darkly."* (1 Cor. 13:12)

"Hearken not unto the words of the prophets"

Concerning all the false prophets of TBN and television, God says for us to *"consider it perfectly"* in the latter days. (Jer. 23:20) *"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"* (Isa. 5:20-21)

"In the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly" (Jer. 23:20)

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?"

Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings." (Jer. 23:16-22)

In Hosea we read these words, *"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."* (Hos. 8:7) We have sown "winds of doctrine" so everyone will have rights, except the Christian. *"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."* (Matt. 24:9)

In Islam's eyes, every Christian is an infidel. According to the Koran every infidel's throat needs to be cut. This is a prophetic word about the riding of the red horse of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. Are you prepared? Not if you listen to today's pre-trib false prophets. You'll be flying out of here! Don't sweat it at all! But the Bible says, "*and they loved not their lives unto the death.*" (Rev. 12:11)

With the escalation of Nancy Pelosi comes a boldness that is unprecedented. Not only to stop the war, but to start monitoring every word said on a Rush Limbaugh or Bill O'Reilly show. Freedom of speech will be legal only if the hard left is pouring out their hatred of the Christian Conservative values. "*I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*" (Jn. 9:4)

"*The LORD is a man of war!*" (Ex. 15:3) You'll never hear this fact on Christian television. The scripture then continues, "*the LORD is his name.*" God discloses this fact to mankind while the Egyptian army is being destroyed in the Red Sea. We are at war with just as great an enemy. The hard, hard left liberal camp has their Goliath's challenging our Christian community. Who are we going to send to make war with Goliath?

Who will be the second Eve? Nancy Pelosi or Hillary Clinton?

This is what Women's Lib is all about. She has the ability, but not the authority from God. Nancy Pelosi makes Benedict Arnold look like a Christian by comparison. As Americans, we shouldn't be able to sleep nights knowing that this woman is only two heartbeats away from the Presidency. Two assassin's bullets that would kill the President and the Vice President, and Nancy would become the next President. The San Francisco value system would become the national value system overnight. "*As it was in the days of Lot (or Sodom)*" (Lk. 17:28) would be at flood stage immediately after the election. Our nation would become helpless to resist the advances of homosexuality. Preachers who refused to marry gays and lesbians would have their churches closed for "civil rights" violations.

We are about to step into an America taken over by the hard left. But Christians, who have the most to lose, can't be bothered with voting because of the prophets screaming, "Jesus is coming next week and we are out of here!" Do you think this is a time to play that you are a god? Or that you are going to fly out of here any day now?

In a Jewish wedding, the bride must be presented to the father. If the father turns thumbs down, there will be no wedding. As the church, we are only betrothed to God's Son. "*It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.*" (2 Tim. 2:11-12)

In Jesus' day, Moses' Law was still in effect, hence 100% of all divorce was initiated by the husband. If a woman no longer pleased her husband, he simply could write out a bill of divorcement, hand it to her, and she was gone. Jesus never challenged the man's right to divorce. He merely told those Jews they could no longer divorce for any reason. "*And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery.*" (Matt. 19:9)