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THE BURDEN OF THE LORD!

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"And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every MAN'S WORD shall be HIS BURDEN; for ye (the pastors) have perverted (Heb.-changed or overturned) the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts our God. Thus shalt thou say (to test) to the prophet,"

(Before you believe the prophet, ask:)

#1 - *"What hath the LORD answered thee?"*

#2 - *"and, What hath the LORD spoken?" Jer. 23:36-37*

"Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house." Jer. 23:31-34

"But Captain Nelson," you say, "surely these are Old Testament scriptures. We are in the dispensation of grace. In this day of grace, God 'winks' at our sins." God did his "winking" in the Old Testament, *"but now commandeth all men every where to repent."* Acts 17:30. Much of this "winking" can be laid at the feet of Dr. C.I. Scofield and his famous Bible, The Scofield Reference Bible. This Bible pervaded into every Bible college in the land, regardless of denomination. It became the standard textbook of truth for Protestants.

In one of the parables of Jesus, called "The Parable of the Leaven (yeast)", is asked, *"Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."* Lk. 13:20-21. Leaven in scripture always represents sin and evil.

The world, in their rejection of a Creator, have the public school system hide Darwin's evolutionary theory in three measures of meal; grammar school, high school and college. You're never completely

delivered from this heresy until you are “born again.” Suddenly, through the new birth, you realize you have been taught a lie in the classroom.

In the science class of my seventh and eighth grade, my teacher caused me to become an atheist. Just as the government is now attacking the cigarette and firearm industries, we as Christians should be able to sue the public school system for the creation of atheists by their presentation of evolution which they teach as a scientific fact. Darwinism is still a theory, not a fact of science. Real science and the Bible agree!

No thanks to society, through the “new birth” you escaped the lie of believing your ancestral family came from the ape. As a sinner, you did not know there was a hell, yet five minutes after being “born again,” you knew there was a judgment to come. How did I know? I, personally, never owned a Bible. Was it by intellectual knowledge? No, my friend. It was by revelation knowledge. Suddenly, you know that you know there is a burning lake of fire where the fire is not quenched. Mk. 9:48. No Christian argues over whether or not there is a final judgment! The leaven of evolution had been extracted from your life through the blood of Christ. One cannot be saved until he first comes to the realization that he is lost.

Returning to our parable of the leaven, *“The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.”* Matt. 13:33.

In Leviticus 6:15-17, we find the meal was used in one of the sweet-savour offerings (Lev. 2:1-3), and was food for the priests. A woman, in the bad ethical sense, always symbolizes something out of place religiously. In Thyatira it was a woman teaching (Rev. 2:20 with Rev. 17:1-6). Interpreting the parable by these familiar symbols, it constitutes a warning that the true doctrine, given for the nourishment of the children of the kingdom (Matt. 16:11-12; Mk. 8:15), would be mingled with corrupt and corrupting false doctrine, and that officially by the apostate church itself (1 Tim. 4:1-3).

Scofield footnote

According to Scofield himself, the parable presents a “warning that the true doctrine, given for the nourishment of the children of the kingdom would be mingled with corrupt and corrupting false doctrine.” The corrupt and corrupting false doctrine that the woman hid in three measures of meal is the doctrine called “eternal security of the believer.”

This is my observation since being introduced to the kingdom of God some fifty-plus years ago. A corrupt seed and corrupting false doctrine has been mingled with the true doctrines of scripture that provide nourishment and health to the body of Christ, bringing forth death.

The mother of a girlfriend was instrumental in leading me to Christ. I went to the Salvation Army at her invitation and found Jesus Christ at their altars of penance.

Naturally, this mother was all excited over my conversion to Christ as a 21-year-old lad. I knew absolutely nothing about the Bible. *“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”* 1 Cor. 2:14. This mother was a member of the only Pentecostal church in Evanston, Illinois. I followed her like a lamb, hence the very first time I was presented with this doctrine of “tongues,” I wanted it! She was elated at my acceptance. However, this same vessel that God used to introduce me to salvation, water baptism, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire (Matt. 3:11), went one step further!

“Now you are saved,” she said, “you can never be lost.” Anytime you hear something that sounds too good to be true, it usually is. As a baby in the Lord with my eyes hardly open to the things of God, it was imperative that I believe “unconditional eternal security.” “For,” she said, “if you do not believe this ‘once saved always saved and can never be lost’ doctrine, you will never amount to anything.” I was thankful for my salvation. Now, I am being confronted with the theological question that has baffled theologians ever since the Reformation. I was only one week in the Lord. What was I to do?

But this doctrine did not go down like all the rest of the doctrines this woman taught me. *“And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them.”* Mk. 16:18. I had drunk the deadly thing. Because it made me miserable, I went to my pastor, Rev. John F. Smith. I inquired of him relative to this deadly thing that made me feel sick on the inside.

My pastor showed me other scriptures that refuted this woman’s scriptures that seemed to substantiate “eternal security.” Now, I am confident you can take the Bible either from the Arminian viewpoint, or the Dallas Theological Seminary viewpoint, and call the other side liars, standing on the Word of God. Why should I be thrown right into the middle of the biggest theological debate in the annals of the church, and I was but seven days old in the kingdom of God?

I have really never met anyone that wrestled with this problem like I did, especially as a babe in the Lord. *“Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, SHALL BE ROOTED UP. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (pit).”* Matt. 15:13-14.

If I hadn’t made inquiry to my pastor, I am confident I would have been ROOTED UP! It would have been easy to shrug the whole thing off, as I’m sure many have done with this sort of reasoning that, “If the Dallas Theological Seminary boys can’t even figure out what it is they believe, why should I search my soul and put my spirit through such a wrenching for truth?”

I spent four years (kindergarten through third grade) in St. Joseph's Catholic school in Chicago. All we ever had was a catechism. The Bible was only for the priests! The priests study the Bible and give us the understanding on Sunday morning. This is the way it was fifty years ago. Today, Catholics must be as confused as are Protestants! All because of the spirit of ecumenicalism, Catholics are to become more like Protestants (Protestants can eat meat on Friday). In turn, the Protestants are to become more like the Catholic Diocese, ruled by an Archbishop: (The sudden appearance of the mega-churches that never decry Romanism.)

The Vatican of the Protestant religion is the Dallas Theological Seminary. I know now what this Christian laywoman (that was so beneficial in my finding Christ) meant when she said, "You'll never amount to anything unless you first believe unconditional eternal security." This divisive doctrine divides the body of Christ. I believe John Darby-C.I. Scofield-DTS (Dallas Theological Seminary) birthed the Laodicean church. It is "*neither cold nor hot*," (Rev. 3:15) due to the rejection of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost (Matt. 3:11). Their testimony is this; "*I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing.*" Rev. 3:17. Laodicea received it all on the day of conversion; or did they?

Let me ask you this question. "What pulpit in America denounces eternal security as presented by the Southern Baptists and Presbyterians?" There is none! Why? "*The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, TILL THE WHOLE WAS LEAVENED.*" The mingling of truth with error made the whole inedible.

As my pastor, Rev. John F. Smith, quoted scripture after scripture to refute eternal security, I felt a false spirit begin to lift, until finally it was only in my head. As my pastor read a couple more lines of scripture, I felt a demonic force leave my head. I was left with an acute headache; however, I knew I was free! "*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*" Jn. 8:31-32. Set you free from what? Demonic blindness!

In the world you must believe evolution as proof your elevator goes to the top. In like manner, to be accepted into the "Beloved" (the church) as being a cool Christian, you must believe the heresy; "You can never be lost."

Bill Clinton is a member of the Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. By his Baptist theology, he fully believes this damnable heresy that D. James Kennedy, Jerry Falwell, J. Vernon Magee teach and preach. Why don't the Assemblies of God preachers with a voice denounce this doctrine that gives such insecurity to believers?

Throughout the Old Testament, the prophets of God were forever tearing down the altars of Baal, or rebuilding them. The altars of Baal were always built on the high places, in the mountains, especially on

the very sights that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob first built altars. The true prophet always seeks to tear down John Darby's altar of Baal, called eternal security.

The Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) boys build, so they say, on the patriarchs of the church. However, Jeremiah says, "They perverted God's word." Jer. 23:36.

Martin Luther threw an ink bottle at the devil. These DTS ministers believe a demon is but a myth. Dwight L. Moody describes an experience that changed his life. He met two Pentecostal prayer warriors who said they were going to go into intercessory prayer on behalf of his ministry. Then he experienced a second blessing which Dwight L. Moody describes as a baptism of liquid love. It was following this experience that crowds swelled his meetings and converts began coming to Christ. *"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous."* Matt. 23:29.

All the DTS boys ignore the sepulcher of the founder of Oberlin College by the name of Charles Finney, a converted lawyer. Finney was one of those that was not to amount to anything because he did not believe that damnable heresy. Men are in hell today because they did not reject this lie!

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD." Ezk. 13:3-5.

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain (Heb.-to be led astray): they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. They (the pastors) say still unto them (the congregation) that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace (eternal security); and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart (Why not? We are eternally secure.), No evil (judgment) shall come upon you." Jer. 23:16-17.

This is the reason you are to ask the prophet these two questions:

#1 - *"What hath the Lord answered?"*

#2 - *"and, What hath the Lord spoken?"* Jer. 23:35

It is a question of communication, not knowledge. *"In the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly."* Jer. 23:20. Jeremiah says the prophets will all be liars in the latter days.