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AN APPEAL TO FATHERS!

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"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Mal. 4:6)

In our present society, the crying need to heal our children is to first heal the fathers. How does one reach the heart of the fathers in a matriarchal society? We've created a creature that absolutely is in rebellion to God, and is unwilling to submit to her own husband. *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."* (Eph. 5:22-23)

The church is just as destitute for fathers as is the world. It was the Apostle Paul who said, *"For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet HAVE YE NOT MANY FATHERS."* (1 Cor. 4:15) Do you read me? The church had plenty of instructors about Christ, but not many fathers. It is the sperm from the fathers that creates children. I'd like to believe that these Old Ship of Zion newsletters would be the sperm to create real live sons and daughters of God. We pray and have Holy Communion over each newsletter when we, *"cast thy bread upon the waters (multitudes): for thou shalt find it after many days."* (Ecc. 11:1) We pray that you will find it impregnated into your heart by the Holy Ghost.

Only fathers create sons and daughters. *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."* (2 Cor. 6:17-18)

Solomon, the Preacher, was a father

"The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity (transitory joy)...Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." (Ecc. 1:1-2, 12:13)

"My son, if thou wilt receive MY words, and hide MY commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." (Prov. 2:1-6)

I urge every young single man to hear the words of the Preacher, chapters 1-7 in the book of Proverbs. *“When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; discretion (knowledge of what is right and wrong) shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.”* (Prov. 2:10-11)

#1 – *“To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh forward (fraud) things.”* (Prov. 2:12)

#2 – *“To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words.”* (Prov. 2:16)

#3 – *“My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: for they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.”* (Prov. 1:8-9) My son, *“The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.”* (Prov. 3:33)

#4 – *“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and THY SEED may live: that thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest OBEY HIS VOICE, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days.”* (Deu. 30:19-20)

The Preacher gives a few rules to observe:

#1 – *“My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not...So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain.”* (Prov. 1:10,19)

#2 – *“My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction...But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”* (Prov. 3:11, Heb. 12:8)

#3 – *“Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee...especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”* (Prov. 3:27-28, Gal. 6:10)

#4 – *“Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee ...Love worketh no ill to his neighbour.”* (Prov. 3:29, Rom. 13:10)

#5 – *“Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm...but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.”* (Prov. 3:30, 15:18)

#6 – *“Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways.”* (Prov. 3:31)

#7 – *“For the froward (to depart, the backsliders) is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.”* (Prov. 3:32)

Listen to the Preacher, *“Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.”* (Prov. 4:10-11)

I trust this synopsis will whet your appetite to study the first seven chapters of Proverbs that is directed to sons.

The second most important decision you will make

The most important decision you'll ever make in this life is to choose Jesus to be the Lord of your life. The second most important decision is your choice of a woman. If you happen to choose the wrong woman, it could negate all the good you received from your first choice. Because of Adam hearkening to the voice of the woman, God even cursed the ground. *"Cursed is the ground for thy sake."* Adam was a farmer, who had to till the ground that was now hardpan earth. *"In sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."* (Gen. 3:17-19)

All this, for what reason? Adam hearkened unto the voice of the woman. Instead, Adam should have obeyed the voice of God, thus preserving both of them. For *"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) Man is so full of pride today, he doesn't think he needs any help in choosing a mate. "I can handle this job all by myself! Good night, God!"

Solomon is there as your friend to help you. He has the credentials. He knows women. You just think you do, but a few flattering words from a damsel, and you're all butterflies. Before you decide to marry, please allow Dad to look her over.

"With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks; till a dart strike through his liver; as a bird hasteth to the snare, and knoweth not that it is for his life. Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death." (Prov. 7:21-27)

Solomon had the credentials to teach on sex and marriage

Solomon's credentials? *"And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines."* (1 Ki. 11:3) *"The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."* (2 Tim. 2:6-7)

"And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account: which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." (Ecc. 7:26-29)

Believe the Captain when he tells you that Solomon was well qualified to talk to you as a father to his son on sex education, having a harem of one thousand women.

We'll sum up all what the Preacher has found between both men and women during his lifetime of living as the wisest man that ever lived. *"All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out? I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness: and I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her."* (Ecc. 7:23-26) The inventions stem from, *"the carnal mind (which) is enmity against God."* (Rom. 8:7)

Apostle Paul was another father!

Paul is the one who made the statement, *"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. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me."* (1 Cor. 4:15-16) Fathers talk entirely different than the 10,000 instructors in Christ. Spiritual fathers have begotten you in the gospel. When you didn't know the way, fathers take you by the hand and lead you in the right path.

"There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me." (1 Cor. 14:10-11) In this matriarchal society in which we are all caught up, the father's voice has become like that of a barbarian to his own children. Neither the father nor the children purposely planned it that way; it just happened as a "sign of the times." *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."* Why? *"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,"* and attend church regularly. *"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."* (2 Tim. 3:1-2, 3:5)

Even in our Christian society, you could well be considered a barbarian because you didn't drive a Rolls Royce. *"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare (a trap [as fastened by a noose]), and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition (ruin; spiritual damnation)."* (1 Tim. 6:9) *"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days...Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."* (Jas. 5:1-3,6)

"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)" (Phil. 3:17-19)

Paul admonishes the churches, *“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”* (1 Cor. 11:1) (See also, Acts 12:8; 1 Thes. 1:6; 2 Thes. 3:7, 9; 1 Cor. 4:16) There will be no sex education classes in a prosperity gospel church. The prosperity preachers, without exception, all own their own churches, hence are patterned after Rome. These particular pastors should be called archbishops. They’ve all signed the document, Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium. We haven’t totally arrived in Rome yet, but we are on the right train!

Apostle John was also a father

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate (intercessor, consoler) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 Jn. 2:1-2) This is John the Beloved! Do you know why this name, John the Beloved, fully described the Apostle John? Anytime the disciples reclined, it was John that had his head on Jesus’ breast. (There was no room for Mary Magdalene. Sorry about that, Dan Brown, author of The Da Vinci Code.) The Apostle John loved to hear his Master’s heartbeat. What secrets did John learn about His Lord by so reclining? You should get to know this Apostle John better.

Apostle Peter, in one of his epistles, writes about his dear brother Paul. *“As also in all his (Paul’s) epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned (in the scriptures) and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.”* (2 Pet. 3:16-17)

Most of Paul’s epistles to his various churches were known as corrective letters. *“Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.”* (2 Cor. 11:28) Paul’s caring inevitably culminated in his writing a corrective epistle to various churches. *“It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife...And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.”* (1 Cor. 5:1, 2 Cor. 12:21)

I believe the Apostle Peter believed Apostle Paul was teaching unconditional eternal security, exactly what the Southern Baptists teach as Pauline doctrine. I can sympathize with Apostle Peter’s finding *“some things hard to be understood.”* I found one myself in my utter devotion to the great Apostle. So, I began to wonder. If Paul got off in his doctrine, who would straighten up the Apostle sent to the Gentiles? With that question in my mind as I lay down to sleep, God answered my question. *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.”* (Jas. 1:5) That very night, I saw the most beautiful picture of Apostle John in a flowing white garment. Truly, the greatness of this man has completely escaped the church. Rome murdered most all the disciples, but it feared John. Rome cut Paul’s head off and thought nothing about it. But John was exiled to the Isle of Patmos because the

Romans feared an insurrection among the people if Caesar dared to behead John. He is the only one of the apostles to survive Rome's Caesar. Doesn't that say something to you? We always hear about balance. Well, John is the balance to Pauline truth.

"Hard to be understood"

There are no "hard to be understood" things in John's writings. Even an idiot could understand. *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth (Gk.-continues cleansing) us from all sin."* (1 Jn. 1:7) What is there in that verse that you do not comprehend? including the "if"? One can't help but love Apostle John. I want you to respect your father John. He has much wisdom for his *"little children."* God said to John, "Write these things," and we have Revelation. Can you imagine a Bible without the book of Revelation? Apostle John wrote it!

Jesus Christ is not your father

This one may put you in shock. "Will ye also go away?" by slamming down this newsletter because of *"some things hard to be understood"* sayings by the Captain? If Jesus is not the Gentile's father, than who is He? Jesus is God's Son, who was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. It is very difficult for Gentiles to accept that they have no claim on Jesus Christ, except the use of His name.

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, writes about Jesus Christ, the king of the Jews. *"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known CHRIST AFTER THE FLESH, yet NOW (after we've spoken in tongues) henceforth know we him no more."* (2 Cor. 5:16) Jesus Christ is a type of Moses, *"made under the law."* *"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."* (Gal. 4:4)

Apostle Paul calls Jesus Christ *"a minister of the circumcision."* Do you believe Paul knew who this "Christ after the flesh" was? *"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers."* (Rom. 15:8) I can understand completely why a Messianic Jew who has been truly born again, would feel very comfortable around Rabbi Jesus Christ (after the flesh). However, the great Jewish Apostle Paul declares, *"yet NOW henceforth know we him no more."* (2 Cor. 5:16) I did not write this book, but that is what it says.

The Door is where you "talk in tongues" and meet the Comforter

Jesus said, *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."* (Matt. 5:17) Christ after the flesh fulfilled the law which was *"our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ"* (Gal. 3:24) after the Spirit, which is the Comforter. Rabbi Jesus became sin (type of Moses), and could not go into the Promised Land.

Jesus said, *"I am the door."* (Jn. 10:9) That is what He said of Himself. One must go through the Door into the Ark. I'm sorry, but being born again just opens your eyes to see the Door and the Ark. *"Except a man be born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God."* (Jn. 3:3) It is not enough just

“to see.” One must enter in through the Door. *“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot ENTER INTO the kingdom of God.”* (Jn. 3:5)

The Door is where you meet the Christ AFTER THE SPIRIT, which biblically is called “The Comforter.” *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you ANOTHER COMFORTER, that he may abide with you for ever.”* (Jn. 14:16) When the Comforter comes in, *“ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father”* (Rom. 8:15), *“whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”* (Eph. 4:30)

Until you make it through the Door, you’re still in the Church Age Wilderness. Moses could lead the children of Israel right up to the Promised Land, but could not go in himself, due to sin. Moses was supposed to only strike the rock once, and water would come out of the rock for the *“congregation and their beasts (to) drink.”* (Num. 20:8), he became angry at the Israelites continual unbelief. *“Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.”* (Num. 20:10-11) God says in the next verse, *“Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.”* (Num. 20:12)

Disneyland depicts exhibit of progressively seeing women liberated from being dependent upon a man

Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. showed a huge revolving platform that depicted each era of American life from the time of the cowboys and Indians through the Industrial Revolution, until World War II, when a woman came out of her kitchen to become “Rosie the Riveter” in the shipyards. It continued up to the invention of the washing machine, etc., all to lighten the workload on a woman. The gist of the exhibition was to show that as we progressed in gadgetry, everything became push-button and automatic, and the dependency of having a man around the house lessened.

In the final scene, it showed Mom with her children, all one happy family, but with father as a total outsider. Even the children wondered about his presence. Who needs Father in this 21st century family?

Courthouses swarm with women filing for divorce

If you visit any courthouse where one files for divorce, you’ll see the place swarming with women who are filing for divorce. In America, divorce is as certain as another jihad is from Islam. It is just a question of when. Osama bin Laden will decide when, where and the time to strike. Your fine wife will declare a jihad on that marriage bed in the same manner. This is an unreal world we are living in. These huge ballpark churches like Joel Osteen pastors in Houston, Tex., are the fertile ground for the hunter *“for the precious life.”* (Prov. 6:26) One man cannot police 50,000 people in a football stadium. People go to church for untold reasons. Businesses encourage their sales force to either join a golf club or a church for contacts.

T.D. Jakes

When you listen to T.D. Jakes, women are actually encouraged to come on in, join the party, get a spiritual mate. It is a method of increasing the membership. Who needs that old sinner at home watching the Atlanta Braves or the Miami Dolphins any longer? The prosperity gospel has a rippling effect on the woman that listens to it. “You, dear husband, are an obstacle to my success,” she thinks. When she is fully converted to the prosperity gospel, she reasons, “As much as I love you, baby, you just got to go!” Happy days are here again, as she visualizes her next husband’s wealth at the revival meeting. Then she begins to sing, “I’m tired of living with just enough; I want more than enough,” exactly what my preacher is telling me.

“You must work the faith, if you want your faith to work for you!” Women are truly working the faith, with divorce rates higher in the church than in the world.

Fathers are problem solvers

My oldest daughter came to her father with a problem. Isn’t it strange that they do come? Father, you’re supposed to be able to give the correct answer. God made us this way. We are problem solvers. God help you when your children come to you for answers and you haven’t any. Like Peter answered, *“To whom shall we go?”* My daughter had gained a couple of pounds, and she thought surely her husband would trade her off for a newer model. Hearing the right answer from her father, she would believe and be healed. Solving problems is what fathers do best. I told her, “It is not men that divorce their wives without a cause. Divorce is a woman’s thing. Just forget about ‘doing dolls’. Work that computer in the home to benefit your husband. I can assure you, he will never leave you.”

“As in the natural, so in the spiritual.” We go to our Heavenly Father to solve our problems, don’t we? Earthly fathers today, will tell their offspring, “Go see your Mom!” The fathers today have abdicated being the spiritual head of the family for the New York Yankees or the Arizona Cardinals. Mom, in our society, is too busy and may shrug them off, too, hence they head for the streets for answers. Just remember, they came to you first.

My youngest daughter came to her father almost in tears over all the teenage girl talk about boys and their excitement over dating in the largest church in Fresno. I told her, “Never mind about those girls and their dates. You just continue teaching your Sunday School class. Someday God will lay it on the heart of a young man to pursue you.” Hearing those words from her father, she simply resigned her fate to God, and the tears were gone.

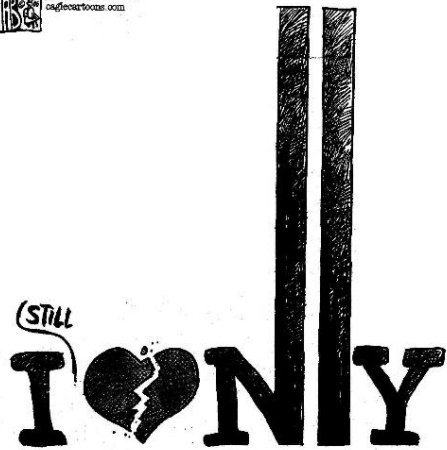
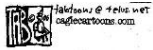
Oh, there is magic in the words of father, both for blessing and for cursing.



Noah cursed Canaan, the son of Ham and said, *“Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.”* (Gen. 9:25) *“And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.”* (Gen. 9:24) Marilyn Hickey says Noah was sodomized by Ham.

Meanwhile, Isaac gave a blessing to both of his sons, Jacob and Esau. These descendants of Isaac’s blessings are at war today, in the Middle East. It is a family feud you and I have been dragged into. Have you chosen sides, yet?

Pray for New York! If New York falls, the effect will ripple down to you. Believe me!



We have the World Series coming up. John G., a friend of mine says, “Osama bin Laden is hoping the New York Mets win the National League pennant.” Can you just image how the subways will be buzzing for a Yankee-Met World Series? Will the terrorists strike in the subways and ball parks at a synchronized time?