



Let my people go!
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The Old Ship of Zion
Only believers "shall take up
serpents" (of the sea). (Mk. 16:18)

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THE DOOR!
COMMENTARY ABOUT GENE EDWARDS
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"Verily (this is truth), verily (this is truth), I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (the washing of regeneration - Tit. 3:5) and of the Spirit (the Comforter - Jn. 16:7), HE CANNOT ENTER (the Door) into the kingdom of God." (Jn. 3:5)

Gene Edwards is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. After graduating from seminary, Gene Edwards pastored the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Pickton, Texas. This son of French immigrant parents was recently an invited guest on Benny Hinn's TBN telecast called, This Is Your Day, on April 27, 2004.

At age 13, his mother and dad divorced. Each went their separate ways. Gene requested that he be allowed to go to military academy. His freshman year, therefore, was spent at the San Marcos Baptist Academy in San Marcos, Texas.

Regarding his pastorate, Gene says, "Almost from day one I clashed with the deacons of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, with the church's traditions, the power plays, and the ministerial expectations of the congregation in Pickton, Texas. I never did belong in the pastorate! Nor was there ever a moment in my life when I felt that I should be a pastor. It is only that this is what is expected. I knew nothing else. It is what we did! At age 30 I stepped out of the organized church." (The Berean Inquirer on the Internet)

Because Gene Edwards resigned from the Southern Baptist organization does not remove thirty years of being steeped in Baptist indoctrination. One is eternally secure as a Baptist, and no man can pluck you out of the Father's hand, regardless of how you live. Baptist's don't need to "talk in tongues" because they have unconditional salvation nailed down. Whenever you receive a full salvation like a Baptist, you learn to "put away childish things." Gene Edwards has it all. Why would he desire to be on a "tongue-talker's telecast" like Benny Hinn's? Certainly not to repent! Or was it to promote and advertise his books on a worldwide network? Also, he quit the organized church to become a "*lords over God's heritage*." (1 Pet. 5:3) Pentecostals do not have a monopoly on preachers owning their own operation via a family non-profit status. Gene Edwards "despises dominion." (Jude 8)

In dealing with this Baptist preacher you are undertaking a dilemma of a "Father Only" doctrine. As Pentecostals, we are familiar with our own heresy of "Jesus Only." Gene Edwards seems to build his entire doctrinal house upon his interpretation of one scripture, "*And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL.*" (1 Cor. 15:28)

By the way, this same scripture is the foundational doctrine for Mary Baker Eddy's Christian

Science. It is strange how all these mystic gurus seem to find a comfort zone sleeping in the same bed (doctrine). *"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."* (Isa. 28:20) What the prophet Isaiah is saying here in this verse is that one cannot rest comfortably in a "single scripture doctrine". Your feet will be hanging out due to an insufficient covering. The blanket for the bed is only one piece of a patchwork quilt, thereby being insufficient to cover the entire body. One cannot rest correctly in a bed (doctrine) that has only one scripture for a covering.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Pet. 1:20-21) Apostle Peter is saying that no "one scripture" can stand on its own merit, regardless of what you imagine it is saying. The Bible interprets itself! If it is a true doctrine, there are other scriptures to substantiate your so-called "interpretation."

I worked alongside a man from Zion, Illinois. John Alexander Dowie founded this all-Christian community north of Chicago. He became famous for the introduction of "divine healing" to the midwestern states of America, having been arrested more than 100 times on the streets of Chicago. However, John Alexander Dowie had one peculiar doctrine. He taught the world was flat. To this day, if you meet a disciple of John Alexander Dowie living in Zion, Illinois, invariably he will tell you the earth is flat. *"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth."* (Rev. 7:1) The Bible says the earth has corners! End of discussion as far as folk living in Zion, Illinois.

With this type of reasoning of the scriptures, one could take their own life, standing on the Bible. The Bible says Judas Iscariot *"went and hanged himself."* A few scriptures later it says, *"go, and do thou likewise!"* Folks believe the Bible says all kinds of ridiculous things based on a personal interpretation of one scripture. A good Baptist thinks he can never go to hell, even if he chose to! He rests his case on one scripture, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."* (Acts 16:31) Many a drunk sits in a bar stone drunk believing all his past, present and future sins are all taken care of because Jerry Falwell said it.

One must obtain a collaborating witness to substantiate one's interpretation of scripture before calling it a biblical doctrine. The blood of Christ is often called "the scarlet thread." You can find evidence of the thread in every book in the Bible. *"In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."* (Matt. 18:16) Apparently the Corinthian church had the same problem as Gene Edwards in attempting to establish doctrine upon a single verse of scripture. Three times Apostle Paul had to confront the Corinthian's of this error of interpretation. (2 Cor. 13:1)

The United Pentecostals abandon both God the Father and the Holy Ghost as members of the Holy Trinity, all because Peter told Israel what to do, *"Repent, and be baptized every one of you (Jews) in the name of Jesus Christ."* (Acts 2:38) These Jews were not renouncing God the Father, nor the God of Moses by this act of water baptism. *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD!"* (Deu. 6:4) By this baptism Israel was accepting the fact that this God they already believed in had a Son.

I wonder if the Apostle Paul, if he were alive today, would visit Dallas Theological Seminary, where

the C.I. Scofield disciples hang out? Would the Apostle Paul remind this school of theology that John Calvin is dead! Why do you wish to resurrect a dead doctrine already laid to rest in Calvinism's tomb? Apostle Paul would remind these DTS boys, We are free moral agents who can choose to "walk out of the Father's hand", but *"no man is able to pluck them out."* (Jn. 10:29) No one is going to be in heaven that doesn't want to go there!

In the developing of this "house of cards" theology of Gene Edwards' called, "God is all in all," he said on Benny's show, "everything reverts back to the Father." Mary Baker Eddy's theology declares, "God is all in all." There is no evil, no devil, no sickness, no hell, no pain. God is love! God is all in all! Evil is only in your mind. God is all in all. He is everything.

Christian Science's Pandora's box was locked in a reading library. Norman Vincent Peale and the publishing of his book, The Power of Positive Thinking, unlocked the box to release Eddyism to mainline church theology. Pealeism never accepts the fact of evil either. Norman Vincent Peale refused to believe in a devil or hell. I think he is a believer in both today.

Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller were ordained as ministers with the same religious organization. For years Robert Schuller's only invited minister to preach in his pulpit was Norman Vincent Peale. Hell, demons and devils are all classified as negative. The pulpit must be protected from anything considered negative. Believe me, the doctrine of hell is negative!

I would never have become a Christian as a youth of 21 if I thought there was no hell. I found Christ as my personal Saviour only because of "Possibility Thinking". I did not know for sure whether hell really existed as a place for souls who rejected the message of Golgotha's hill. The risk factor was too great. I decided on the course of "Possibility Thinking" that hell existed. I knew I would go there if hell were real. My philosophy of "Possibility Thinking" stimulated my cerebellum to ponder the existence of my soul.

If you don't first realize you are lost, how then can you be saved? *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved."* (Jn. 3:17) The gospel of St. Mark is a bit terser, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."* (Mk. 16:16)

Strangely, God is using the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army to teach this generation morality and family values. This past week, the news media had a heyday over an Eagle Scout who was not good enough! He was acceptable in eleven out of twelve requirements to be a good Scout, but still was not good enough to meet the requirements of a faith-based organization. A message is sent to America that they don't want to hear! We need to repent!

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (the Word) and of the Spirit (the Comforter), he cannot enter (the Door) into the kingdom of God." (Jn. 3:5) Until I heard Gene Edwards on Benny Hinn's This Is Your Day telecast, I really was unable to locate the Door of scripture. Hence, I feel indebted to this "deeper life" guru of theology. In the same manner, I always feel indebted to the Jehovah's Witnesses who teach that "no man has a soul." I really wasn't concerned about my soul until I

heard some false prophet declare I did not have one. This statement confused me! Do I have a soul or not? Wanting to answer that question correctly was how I wound up a Christian at an old-fashioned Salvation Army altar. Still, I feel indebted to the Jehovah's Witnesses that prompted my search for the existence of my own soul. *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy BOTH SOUL AND BODY in hell."* (Matt. 10:28)

The Seventh Day Adventists build their house of cards around the belief that the Pope of Rome (or the whore of Revelation 17:1) is the Antichrist. "The beast created the day Sunday as the day of worship," so say the Adventists. "Therefore, to worship on Sunday, is taking the mark of the beast." One verse of scripture, Revelation 17:16, will bring the entire theological synopsis crumbling to the ground. *"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, THESE SHALL HATE THE WHORE, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh (atomic bomb on the Vatican, the eternal city), and burn her with fire."* It is plain from this scripture the Pope is not the Antichrist. Antichrist hates the Pope and will destroy her. However, the Pope is the False Prophet of scripture. The Vicar of Christ is a type of the John the Baptist of the satanic trilogy to herald the new messiah to the world. Catholicism rides on the back of the beast as Mystery Babylon. (Rev. 18:3-7) The Antichrist then sets himself up as god, but cannot share that glory with a mere "vicar" or representative. By the very nature of the beast, he has to destroy Rome's Mystery Babylon. (Rev. 17:5-7)

Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians, *"This is the third time I am coming to you"* (2 Cor. 13:1) stating, *"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."* (2 Pet. 1:20-21) Further, we are admonished, *"Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."* (1 Tim. 5:22) By his own admission on the telecast, Benny Hinn thought Gene Edwards was dead. Before resurrecting Gene Edwards' books to the entire world over TBN, Benny Hinn should have at least checked the website of The Berean Inquirer (an ex-member of Gene Edwards' House Church) at www.angelfire.com/ia/BereanInquirer/GeneEdwardsIntro.html. Little people, like The Berean Inquirer, are hurt by these false prophets. The Berean Inquirer has read about a dozen of his books before passing any judgment. I was caught up in Oakland, California's Dr. Bebe Patten's revival. Five years of my life were stolen following a false prophet. The Bible instructs us not to just preach, but to *"reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."* (2 Tim. 4:2)

Gene introduces two new doors, unheard of by any biblical scholar to substantiate, his "God is all in all" doctrine. The first door Gene Edwards introduces to a worldwide audience is the vagina of the Virgin Mary. Through that door came Father God. According to Gene Edwards' book, The Secret to the Christian Life, the reason Father God had to make His appearance through the Virgin Mary's "door" was because Jesus Christ was unable to live the Christian life. Can you just picture Gene Edwards discussing Mary's vagina as the door through which God the Father came to visit us earthlings? Benny Hinn's program sent this message out on worldwide television. Believe me, Baptist theology never gave us TBN.

Gene says, "What have you been told is the secret to the Christian life? Pray and read your Bible? Go to church? Witness? Speak in tongues? Tithe? Let me go on record; I do not believe anything on the list even

comes close to the issue of how to live the Christian life. All have one inherent flaw. The fatal flaw? Every item on the aforementioned list assumes that it is possible to live the Christian life. Can you live the Christian life? The answer is no, a resounding NO! You cannot live the Christian life!"

Has Gene Edwards found another way to avoid going through God's "Comforter Door"? Gene calls it "the deeper life", to look within ourselves (New Age) instead of *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which created the heaven and the earth."* (Ps. 121:1-2) One looks to the north, the east, the west and the south, but never within.

Gene Edwards continues, "That list takes for granted you can live the Christian life." Gene, we need the Holy Ghost and fire in order to live the Christian life. *"But ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."* (Acts 1:8) Why didn't Benny Hinn ask Gene if he was a Charismatic Baptist before his spiel on the deeper life?

Gene continues, "Call it you-centeredness. You out there living the Christian life. You cannot live the Christian life. JESUS CHRIST COULD NOT LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, what makes you think that you can? You can give up trying to live the Christian life! We can all testify what a colossal failure we have been at trying to live the Christian life." (Gene Edwards, The Secret to the Christian Life) Apparently, the only one that can live the Christian life is the Father. For this reason it necessitated the Father's entrance into the world through the vagina of Mary's door.

The great Apostle Paul had another name for these Darby-Scofield disciples of unconditional eternal security. *"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."* (Acts 7:51) Gene's parents were also "resistors of the Holy Ghost" Baptists.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, the same is a thief and a robber." (Jn. 10:1) Gene Edwards, a Baptist guru, is even daring to mess with the Word of God by rewriting the New Testament in chronological order. Romans was not the first book that Paul wrote, but is the most important book to explain our "Length, breadth, and width" of such a great salvation. Romans is the Magna Carta of our faith. This is the reason the King James "Canon" placed it first.

It has always been known that the quickest way to make a million dollars is to just give the religionist another Bible. Gene is well on his way to making his million dollars after this TV interview with Benny Hinn on This Is Your Day. *"For the prophecy (the Bible) came not in old time (Old Testament) by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST."* (2 Pet. 1:21) Gene Edwards has reduced five books of the Bible (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts) into one in chronological order. First of all, he is a Baptist, therefore disqualified for any MOVING BY THE HOLY GHOST. Baptists do not believe the Holy Ghost can move on your tongue, let alone be "moved by the Holy Ghost" to write another Bible. I wonder how Gene understands *"If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."* (Rev. 22:18) Has Gene no fear of these plagues?

Benny Hinn, if he were like "The Factor" on Fox News, would have inquired of Gene Edwards,

"Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" That bunch at Dallas Theological Seminary would answer very quickly, *"We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."* (Acts 19:2) In the early church, the rock of offence was Jesus Christ. Today, in the 21st century church, the rock of offence is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire (the fire of tongues). (Matt. 3:11) *"And a stone (a truth) of stumbling, and a rock of offence (the Acts of the Holy Ghost), even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient."* (1 Pet. 2:8)

There is yet another door that Gene Edwards makes us conscious of. This is a door into heaven where everything reverts back to the way it was "in the beginning." The church is a virgin now, but one day there will be a wedding. It is here the bride and the bridegroom become one. As the Father is in the Son and the Son is in the Father, so will it be with the church after the wedding.

Someway, Jesus is expanded being a married man. We are all in Him. Jesus finds this door in heaven where we are all sucked up into the Father, that He can be "all in all." *"And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put ALL THINGS under him, that God may be all in all."* (1 Cor. 15:28)

Everything! "All things" that God created assimilate back into God, of all things that God created. God created the devil and his fallen angels. Are they included in the "all things"? The question was never asked of Gene Edwards on the telecast.

None of these mystics ever talk in tongues, yet religionists present these Catholic monks who lived during the Dark Ages in such a pious manner of self-sacrifice. *"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) Jesus warns believers of two things that need to be taken seriously.

#1 - Ye must be born again! *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."* (Jn. 3:3) You are not even conscious that a kingdom of God exists until you are first born again! Now that you are born again, you know now it exists, and can see it!

When Jesus came preaching, He preached, *"The kingdom of heaven is at hand."* Jesus began His public ministry in Capernaum. *"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."* (Matt. 4:17)

#2 - The kingdom of heaven is a type of the "Promised Land." Where Christians backslide is while they are yet in the wilderness. Gene Edwards is still in the wilderness! The wilderness is that period of time spent between crossing the Red Sea (type of the blood) and reaching your destination in Canaan's land. Egypt is a type of the world. Pharaoh is a type of Satan that ruled over all of us while in his domain, the world. "Only believe," did not place the children of Israel into the Promised Land.

The children of Israel had a great wilderness they had to face before ever arriving in Canaan's land. Have you been through your wilderness? Israel went through forty years of wandering in the wilderness, and everyone, save Joshua and Caleb and the children born in the wilderness, died in that wilderness through unbelief. Jesus Christ had to be tried by the temptations of the devil in the wilderness prior to the Holy Ghost's descent upon Him during His baptism in water by John the Baptist.

Jesus set the example! You are not in your Promised Land until you have been tried by Satan in the wilderness, and received the infilling of the Comforter. *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses."* (Acts 1:8) You are unqualified as a witness until you have first gone through the door to meet the Comforter. *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."* (Jn. 16:7) In other words, I am leaving you in better hands. As a result, "he will shew greater works" than I did. (Jn. 5:20) (TBN and Daystar are ministering to the entire world via satellite.) Jesus never got out of Palestine with His message.

Salvation is something God accomplished by choosing us. *"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."* (Jn. 15:16) By Christ choosing you, you became "born again." You are a baby, born again with the Holy Spirit alongside, *"for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."* (Jn. 14:17) As in the natural, so in the spiritual. The new baby's eyes are opened. It can see that a kingdom of God exists. *"Except a man be born again, he CANNOT SEE the kingdom of God."* (Jn. 3:3)

Your wilderness is that period of time between SEEING and ENTERING. Most backsliding occurs during this space of time. *"For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it (been born again), to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again, and the sow that WAS WASHED (in the blood of the Lamb) to her wallowing in the mire."* (2 Pet. 2:21-22) *"And the last state of that man is worse than (at) the first."* (Lk. 11:26) It would be better for the man to have never experienced salvation, if he refuses to go through the DOOR and receive the COMFORTER Christ promised to send in His place. Jesus never left us comfortless because He ascended upon high. Go through the door, *"For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body."* (1 Cor. 12:13)

Salvation was God's choice for you. *"I have chosen you."* (Jn. 15:16) To go through the Door is your choice. Many in America are called to be Baptists (Southern Baptist is the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.), but few are chosen to be Pentecostal. Unless you make this correct choice, you are left in a wilderness of religion, never hearing the voice, *"This is the way, walk ye in it."* (Isa. 30:21) You are reserved to the confusion of the Babel of religion. Nimrod built his one world religion on this foundation.

In Noah's ark, when the last animal was on board, *"the LORD shut him (Noah) in."* (Gen. 7:16) God closed the door. The Bible says, *"as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."* (Lk. 17:26) There was a door in the side of that ark that one day would be closed. There is coming a flood of sexual perversion that just being a Baptist is not going to keep your children. Get them through the Door into the Baptism of fire that John the Baptist prophesied (Matt. 3:11), and they will be safe from the coming storm having been thus, *"sealed unto the day of redemption."* (Eph. 4:30)

"For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your house to smite you." (Ex. 12:23) One had to be on the other side of the door to be saved from

“the destroyer.” The blood on the doorposts was not enough. One had to go through the door and close the door on the destroyer.

In Matthew 25 is the parable of the five wise and the five foolish virgins. All the virgins were “unspotted from the world.” 50% had no oil (type of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost). “*And while they went to buy, and the bridegroom came...and the door was shut.*” (Matt. 25:10) It was only a question of oil. Do you have a prayer language? The Bridegroom is coming! Delay could be fatal!

"THEM THAT SIN REBUKE BEFORE ALL, THAT OTHERS MAY FEAR." (1 Tim. 5:20)