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THE MAN

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"My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." John 7:16-17.

"And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." John 10:5.

Jesus further declares in John 10:8,10, *"All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers (Jesus was calling preachers "thieves and robbers"--He was not referring to the devil.); but the sheep did not hear them."* Continuing on the same subject, *"The thief (these thieves and robbers) cometh not, but for to steal (your money), and to kill (The Man), and to destroy (by elevating the "woMAN" to an elder in the church)."*

The church becomes a co-conspirator, along with our culture, to the destruction of "The Man". You ask why? Because he alone is made in the "image of God". When the devil looks at The Man through the eyes of a female, he sees a reflection of God. He remembers his hatred for God for kicking him out of heaven. Eve agrees quickly with her adversary; this cowboy is riding "too high in the saddle".

I came home one Wednesday night to a woman I had married in Sacramento. She had her lawyer right there at the house to serve the papers for divorce. As a graduate of Columbia University and a retired major in the USA Army, she had grown accustomed to salutes from over 200 women under her command. I salute no one but Jesus Christ!

The reason she gave for divorce was that I was entirely too cocky. I needed to be humbled. She was doing this for my own good, because, as she thought, I would pick myself up out of the gutter. I would then be "draped in humility" and could more fully appreciate what she had accomplished for me. All my pride would be gone. This same type of woman would fall out in the aisle over a Clint Eastwood film, but her hubby better be a puppy dog!

A man marrying a woman without his "elder brother" in his corner today, is completely out of his mind. It is like some kind of game women play. As kids we called it "king of the mountain". They will either rule you, or ruin you financially. Our communal property laws are designed to strip you of 1/2 of your pension, and have you pay child support until the kids graduate from college. You, my friend, may never see that child, but you will support it.

Men continually lose financially in a divorce. Economics is the chief reason men choose the "gay lifestyle". For the first time they have money in the bank, can keep the car, and invest for retirement. The gay society keeps growing due to the church's ridiculous "divorce and re-marriage" laws. Even our civil law cooperates to "humble" THE MAN. You pay less taxes "living in sin", thus tempting The Man.

While destroying “The Man” is politically, culturally, and religiously correct today, I have a prophecy that is unfulfilled. You won’t hear of this “restoration” on a David Breese, Jack Van Impe, or Peter Lamonde show. You’ve heard about the “restoration of Israel”, and the “restoration of the revived Roman Empire”, on their shows. But, the “restoration of THE MAN” is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy that will become vogue in the earth as a result of this mailer. Men are going to go free in the name of Jesus! No longer will they live in fear of the “little lady” and her church. If she won’t obey you as a Christian, kick her out and get one that will--just like God did to Lucifer in heaven!

Do you even know Adam’s sin? *“BECAUSE thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife.”* Genesis 3:17. Our entire nation has had to hearken unto women like Janet Reno and Jocelyn Elders. If God judged Adam, what fate befalls America for hearkening unto these women?

The “hireling” will get involved in the humbling process: that the reason she divorced you was, “You didn’t love her like Christ loved the church!” In any divorce, the “hireling” sides with the woman because the majority membership in his church is female. The “hireling” will stand up to the abortionist or homosexual before he stands up to “the woman”. When you have destroyed The Man, you have destroyed a marriage, and ultimately civilization. America will be turned into animals without the “Christian marriage.” Too many of our well-manicured, effeminate “hirelings” are preaching to show their Absalom long hair (1 Corinthians 11:14) before a female church. He’ll scream in defense of the female admirers of his long hair and guitar, that you are guilty! This civilization wonders why men stay away from church but never miss the “Elks” or the “Moose”.

Women hit the streets marching! Why were they marching with their banners flying? “We lost our dominion rights! God took them away unjustly in the Garden of Eden!” A bunch of backslidden Congressmen yielded to the pressure of the streets and “Woman’s Suffrage” was passed. As a result, every man’s dominion rights under God are in peril.

Whatever happens in Washington, D.C., eventually trickles down into the church and the hireling’s sermon. Is it any wonder men feel uncomfortable in a “women and children’s” institution? “You go to church, honey. Take the kids. I’ll play my nine holes, and we’ll all meet at Denny’s for lunch at 12:30.” They both know when the hireling’s sermon will be over--in less time than it takes to read this “mailer”, as Pastor Glen Cole dubbed it.

The spawning ground for the rise of Nazism in Germany was the church. Today’s church, because of its myriad exposure on television, fails to recognize that the decadence of mankind is laid at her doorstep. In fact, the entire church seems to act like Earl Paulk’s “Dominion Theology”. They are completely deceived into believing their exposure on television is bringing in an earthly kingdom. *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight.”* John 18:36. They would fight pornography, homosexuality, abortion, and every sin that sinners would get themselves involved with.

Scripturally, it is never the sinner’s fault there is no revival. *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves.”* 2 Chronicles 7:14. Humble themselves to what? Christians never ask! Why? Because they love “the tradition of the women.” Would to God D. James Kennedy and Beverly

LaHaye be as adamant over the repeal of the “Woman’s Suffrage Act” as they are over abortion and gays in the military.

“This know also, in the last days perilous times shall come.” 2 Timothy 3:1. Why? Because of sinners? I tell you NO! *“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power (Holy Ghost with fire) thereof (Laodicea): FROM SUCH TURN AWAY!”* 2 Timothy 3:5. Just get out and don’t give them another dime! Even the Holy Ghost suffers as a result of this lukewarm Laodicean church. Eighty-six times in the New Testament, the third member of the Godhead is call “the Holy Ghost”. Only four times is he referred to as “the Holy Spirit”. I appeal to the men on this one. Why do we not call him the “Holy Ghost” like John the Baptist did? Matthew 3:11. *“He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”* Is it the “fire” that is connected to the Holy Ghost that frightens women? You tell me? Even Roman Catholics aren’t ashamed of the name Holy Ghost.

“If the salt have lost HIS savour...” Matthew 5:13. Why would Jesus call salt a “he”? The Master always has a way of pinpointing the problem. Christianity, by its doctrines, has humbled The Man. The builders have forgotten how much God the Father loves The Man. The entire church needs to re-read the story of creation in the book of “Beginnings”. *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him.”* Genesis 1:27.

Eve was created from a rib from the ribcage protecting man’s heart--not a bone from his head. *“And the Lord GOD said, It is not good that THE MAN should be alone; I will make him an help, meet (Heb.-surround, aid, support) for him.”* Genesis 2:18.

The Man was the special creature to which God bestowed “dominion rights under God”, knowing woman would blow it. She lost hers, and that is why she is screaming in the streets with banners flying. Her controversy is with God, not man. Man did not strip a woman of her dominion rights. God did! Why? She hearkened unto the snake!

Unless a woman is a virgin, a man should refuse to have children by her. Why? Only a virgin has the possibility of loving you and your children equally. When you begin a marriage with the “unchaste”, her love for you will eventually wane (if there are children). Love requires an object; the object being transferred to that which came out of her stomach. Whenever this happens, the scene in the home becomes identical to the scene in heaven. War broke out over “the angels (the children).” You have no right to bring “angels” into this world until you are financially able to spend equal time with them. You protect your angels. If not, kick the woman and her angels out, as God did in heaven. Start retrieving the earth!

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17. *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”* Psalm 103:12. That is the entire purpose of water baptism, that you believe this! *“That like as Christ was raised up from the dead...even so we also should walk in newness of life.”* Romans 6:4. Walk as though you were a virgin from this watery grave where you left the “old man” and his ways. You will only give account for your life since the day you were *“buried with him by baptism*

into death.” You are now a “pilgrim” on the King’s highway that leads to the celestial city. Read The Pilgrim’s Progress.

Man was born to rule over the woman. God would not put up with direct insubordination and neither should you as his son. There are plenty more fish in the sea. Please don’t live out of wedlock, or take up habitation with another man. This is an abomination in the sight of God! Whenever a woman poses as a preacher, “*usurping authority over the man*” (1 Timothy 2:12), they are being transformed by Satan into “*ministers of righteousness*”. 2 Corinthians 11:15. “See, we never lost our dominion.” What is more, she has The Man believing it. The Man is stupid without the Holy Ghost.

Benny Hinn admits he frequents the gravesites of both Kathryn Kuhlman and Aimee Semple McPherson to get the anointing from their bones. On one occasion Hinn got more than he could reasonably handle. Said Hinn, “Oh, I was drunk, still drunk.” In this instance, Hinn was so “intoxicated” that he could not remember the prophecy he had uttered.

Christianity in Crisis

“*And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.*” Genesis 3:16. Whenever this creation called woman discovers she cannot rule over The Man, she will divorce him and then try to ruin him with her attorneys. I know!

If The Man will only remember that the woman was created by God for him. “*For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man.*” 1 Corinthians 11:8. She is to ease his loneliness. “*And thy desire shall be to thy husband.*” This is the part of the curse a woman hates! She wants a man whose only purpose for living is to make her happy! Like Lucifer, woman seeks to have a man to worship her as a god. When that man won’t bow, he is headed for divorce. She (in or out of the church) will not be ruled over by The Man.

In the humbling to the Word, Ezra discovered a great sin among the men; women are not held accountable! The only one that can straighten up a man’s problem are the men. “*Now therefore let us (men) make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives.*” Ezra 10:3. “*And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives.*” Ezra 10:18. These were not “promise keepers”! These were Ezra’s “covenant keepers.”

Someway, since gaining woman’s suffrage, woman has managed to “reverse the curse”. She manages through the physical to get him to please her. In reality, you are stealing her job. She is cursed by God-- “*And thy desire shall be to thy husband.*” Every woman knows how to make her man happy, but in rebellion they love to play their games. To survive, my friend, you better “*dwell with them according to knowledge.*” 1 Peter 3:7. Trust me, I haven’t lived fifty-three years in the church and not learned anything. My education of the opposite sex came as a result of the premature death of my wife. Believe me, you are only married once! The rest will only be acquaintances “*to avoid fornication.*” 1 Corinthians 7:2. Fornication will send you to hell! Marry them, and throw the fish back if it won’t obey.

Divorce should be a man’s thing! Believe it or not! In the Old Testament, Moses permitted men to divorce “for every cause”. Matthew 19:3. “*Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?*”

The only exception was a virgin. When you married a virgin, you could no longer “put her away.” These Jews were putting away every woman, thereby degrading “the virgin wife”.

God spoke these words to me, “Father God spoke in heaven, Jesus Christ the Son hath spoken on earth regarding divorce.” Jesus was giving man Matthew 5:32, the Law of Christ, or the law concerning virgins. Father God spoke for all time to The Man in his attempt to appease his loneliness. You do not bow! You will lose your manhood, and is the reason for a lot of impotencies--by living contrary to nature.

It is said of Lucifer, the most beautiful cherub ever created by God, *“Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty.”* Ezekiel 28:17. Just like a woman, Lucifer didn’t want to rule heaven only 50-50. *“Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth* (Heb.-to entwine as a screen, to fence in); *and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till INIQUITY* (Heb.-[moral] evil, wickedness) *was found in thee.”* Ezekiel 28:14-15.

Iniquity was found in the Lord’s chief cherub. *“Thy pomp* (justification that he is righteous) *is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols.”* Isaiah 14:11. Your beautiful music is nothing but noise since God divorced you. Men pay too big a price for peace! The Bible does teach “dominion theology”, and like Jacob (type of the wife) you are about to lose yours.

The word “Jacob” means heel-catcher in the Hebrew. Esau was the first born, a type of the male that is too busy with golf, football, etc. to have much concern over his “dominion rights under God”. When two people are married, the female has grabbed onto your heel. She will never turn it loose! She catches your heel by having a baby. You have now sold your birthright for a mess of her pottage (unless she is a virgin). Jacob utterly supplants Esau. There is a divorce, and Jacob (the wife) will move to her relatives. Laban means “white brick”. She lives comfortably with relatives in a white-washed house. All the guilt is on Esau. Her conscience is white.

The only really positive thing you know for sure about an Assemblies of God preacher, is that he is “the husband of one wife”. I only wish they were as adamant about preachers owning their own churches. Hence, what I term “the running of the wolves” commences with the lead dog, the hireling. In order to keep pace with “the pack”, you know you have to take a lot of slack from “the little lady”. She isn’t nearly as interested in the run as you are, because you are going to be the preacher.

The one thing she is interested in is “heel-catching”, like a black widow spider that devours its mate by beginning at the “heel”.

The name “black widow” arises from the fact that the female often devours her mate after mating.

Spiders subsist on the body juices of living animals, chiefly insects. Only the female black widow bites humans. The bite affects the victim’s nervous system. The poison it produces is a neurotoxin.

Collier’s Encyclopedia

The female makes her egg sack within the web; the very young hatch; the mother and the young live together for a considerable period of time within the web. Here the young are protected from attack by the presence of the mother.

The black widow is often 5-times the size of the male, so to protect her young, after mating she will kill the male if he fails to leave the premises immediately. The young and the black widow understand fully that they are “the survivalists”.

The “cat”, like the black widow, has no real love for its mate. If you have the misfortune of marrying a “cat”, she will divorce you. In marrying you, she will discover making one man happy is not her “cup of tea”. Cats are born. They are born to give pleasure for men, not a man, thus the term “cathouse”.

Hal Lindsay, Mario Murillo and Richard Roberts probably all married “cats” on their first marriages. If Hal Lindsay, Mario Murillo and Richard Roberts had been Assemblies of God evangelists, their names would have all appeared in the Pentecostal Evangel as “Dropped”. Thank God these men kicked the “cats” out and continued to preach His Word and be wiser for the experience in their next choice. But, it grieves my heart to think of the number of preachers that, when listed as “Dropped”, interpreted this as being dropped by God, and never preached again.

Men, caught up with Hollywood from their youth, imagine they need a “cat” for love. The more pre-marital sex they indulge in, the less they inquire of God for their mate. They depend on their “eye”. *“The sons of God SAW the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives.”* Genesis 6:2.

Importing Barbie dolls into Islamic countries has been banned. Our nation has been branded as Satan by the religion of Allah. Our lifestyle, particularly the attire of our women, is a threat to the existence of their religion. Must they fight our nation simply because of the nudity of the American female?

The word Jacob means “supplanter, utterly”. There aren’t even bones left. How do you suppose so many men wind up on skid row? Even preachers!

It is much easier for two people to be friends outside of wedlock. You could be friends indefinitely. This is the reason for the “X generation” choosing to “live together”. But, the woman takes all the risks and the abortions. Abortion is the ultimate condom for fornication. The real sin is fornication. As Christians, we can’t live as unbelievers. We must marry. Unless we can restore “male confidence” in marriage, abortion will always be around. Ever since “the pill”, women are no longer saying, No.

When you get married, it is like tying two cat’s tails together and throwing them on a clothesline. We as males must first learn how to live with them according to God’s knowledge, not hers, nor the hireling’s wisdom where she attends church.

There is a reason why our men are giving up on women-- “*sin lieth at the door*” (Genesis 4:7) of the “hireling and his doctrines”. If Jesus were here today, he’d say, “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of women.”

Jennifer Steinhauer, writer for the New York Times says, *"Demographers of family structure made strong arguments against co-habitation, offering research showing that those who lived together before marriage had higher divorce rates, are more likely to be incompatible and sexually disloyal and are generally less happy than married couples. More than one-half of all marriages now follow co-habitation, and the number of people who live together without marriage at any one time grew 80% from 1980-1981."*

A word of prophecy to you. A line is being drawn in the sand. The Philadelphia Church will restore The Man's right to "dominion under God". The words "to obey" will be restored in marriage vows. There will be a war on earth over the treatment The Man has been subjected to, just like in heaven. This world will soon experience a war, recorded in Ezekiel 38, *"Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord."* Ezekiel 38:23. *"Behold, I am against thee, O Gog...And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws."* Ezekiel 38:3-4. If God would create a war just to sanctify his name through Israel, what about over The Man?

"And there was a war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels." Revelation 12:7. *"Ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge."* 1 Peter 3:7. If you are the only one in your household desiring peace, you better declare war! Your Father in heaven set the example! After Father God kicked Lucifer out of heaven, peace was restored. Heaven is not heaven without peace. Neither is a home a home without peace. You cannot live with a "brawling woman". *"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house."* Proverbs 21:9.

"Father God hath spoken in heaven, and Jesus Christ on earth concerning divorce." If you don't dwell with that woman according to God's knowledge (1 Peter 3:7), you could wind up "effeminate" (1 Corinthians 6:9), because you were born to rule "under God". Don't be like old Esau! Esau never lost his dominion; he allowed Jacob to steal it. Pressure from "the hireling's voice" needs to be blocked out: for his sheep, *"know not the voice of strangers."* John 10:5.

A Hollywood film was produced based on the book Born Free. The owner of a young lioness authored the book. She was faced with a dilemma as the cat grew. It was cute and playful as a baby kitten raised in captivity, but was becoming too mischievous as it matured into adulthood. The villagers were demanding that she either put the lioness in a zoo, or release it into the jungle. She chose the latter.

But first, in order to survive in the jungle, the cat must learn two things. Number one was to kill. It was amusing to see this cat playing with the prey. It had never killed anything. Second, and by far the most difficult, was to teach the lioness to mate.

After several futile attempts (and almost deciding on the zoo) they tried one last time. Getting the lioness in the Jeep and driving all over the jungle trying to locate a male lion was quite a chore. Finally, they spotted one and released the young lioness. It looked like the usual disappointment with an uninterested male. (In nature, the beautiful creature is always the male.) He was perched on a high rock, yawning, as he moved his gorgeous mane. Is it any wonder he is called the "king of the beasts"?

Suddenly, from nowhere darted upon the scene another female cat. Would our young lioness challenge this new female invader? If she would, the winner would get the prize.

The male lion was a seemingly disinterested spectator, sitting in his loge seat, overlooking the cat fight. He would yawn occasionally as he saw these two cats clawing and scratching each other. He knew it was over him, and that he would respond to “this violence shown” as love.

In this film, Born Free, this beautiful creature reminded one of the Lord Jesus Christ, the “Lion of the tribe of Judah”, looking over the banister of heaven to see if any “violence” was on display in the earth for his affection.

Suddenly, a scripture in Matthew took on new meaning. *“And from the days of John the Baptist (he lost his head fighting with a cat, Herodias) until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”* Matthew 11:12. That same spirit of Herodias is in the earth today, but don’t expect some hireling to enter the ring. Herodias is probably the “wolf” of John 10:12. When the hireling *“seeth the wolf coming, and he leaveth the sheep, and fleeth.”*

Elijah could stand up boldly on Mount Carmel to 450 prophets of Baal, but let Jezebel (type of Herodias) open her mouth one time, and where is the greatest miracle worker in the Bible? Our hero is running for his life! *“And when he saw that (the report of Jezebel to kill him within 24 hours), he arose, and went for his life!”* 1 Kings 19:3. Even the true prophets tremble at this one. Don’t expect anything but sightseers among the hirelings when the wolf shows.

Acts 3:19-21. *“Repent ye therefore, and be converted...And he shall send Jesus Christ...whom the heaven must receive (Gk.-hold) until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began.”* In other words, Jesus cannot return to earth until the church gets a backbone enough to silence the woman. We cannot stop these tidal waves and earthquakes. Jonah had to be thrown overboard to appease nature. All nature is in disarray until we can return the woman to normalcy; to *“guide the house.”* 1 Timothy 5:14.

Do you think the Apostle Paul was a holy prophet? I doubt that many women preachers believe it! *“For God is not the author of confusion...Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak (with the authority of a teaching elder); but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.”* 1 Corinthians 14:33-34.

Let’s look at Matthew 11:12 once again. *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”* What that really means is that any man attempting to exercise his “dominion rights under God” in a marriage relationship will suffer violence, just as John the Baptist with Herodias. She brought his head in on a charger! Why do you suppose women outlive their mates by thirty years? Slaves never live as long as the masters! Sarah called Abraham *“lord”* (1 Peter 3:6) and died prematurely.

Abraham, in addition to having concubines, raised another family with Keturah (Heb.-perfumed, fragrance from a fire) who gave him six sons and also daughters (never included in genealogy). Genesis 25:1,6. He outlived Sarah by about forty years and died “not alone”, a very busy man. Women have

reversed the curse on longevity of life as well! Ninety percent of the Wall Street stock is owned by women; their husbands long since dead. These men on Wall Street, all “loved the woman as Christ loved the church”--they are all dead!

For every preacher daring to exercise his “dominion rights under God”, there is a Jessica Hahn waiting to bring him down. You need to lift up the hands of your pastor, that God would put a “*Job’s hedge*” about him. Job 1:10. There are daughters of Wicca--witches--who make vows to Satan that they will never engage in sex except to bring a preacher down!

Could the “*lion of the tribe of Judah*” (whom the heaven must receive [Gk.-hold] UNTIL the times of restitution [Gk.-restore-again] of all things) be waiting “*for the bride to make herself ready*”? Revelation 19:7. It has a far different meaning than just putting on a “wedding garment”. In this ensuring “cat fight” between Laodicea and Philadelphia, the garment would be scratched and torn.

Kay Arthur, a television teacher, says, “Because Jesus is pictured on the outside of the door of Laodicea, no one on the inside is a Christian.” Here I’m trying to show you the danger in any woman’s teaching, especially those desiring to teach with the same authority as an elder.

There were no women elders in the early church. Women were to teach younger women and children as deaconesses to “*guide the house*” (1 Timothy 5:14), the greatest need in the church today. This isn’t very exciting. It is more of a challenge to take a man’s job (in or out of the church).

Jesus Christ came to backslidden Laodicea, which was neither hot nor cold. If what Kay Arthur said was true, it would be plain cold! Jesus, as the Great Physician, heals by bringing his prescription of three pills. Revelation 3:20. “*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock!*” I’m knocking on the outside to deliver my prescription. Let me in to get you on the road to health again, “*not willing that any should perish.*” 2 Peter 3:9. Did you ever taste lukewarm coffee? It does not mean it is not coffee, or never had been, but you want to “spit it out!”

God is pleading with Laodicea that she repent. For this “spirit of ecumenicalism” has widened the chasm existing between Laodicea and Philadelphia with the signing of Evangelicals and Roman Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium on March 29, 1994, by Father Richard John Neuhaus, Editor-in-Chief and Chuck Colson of Prison Fellowship. This document calls upon every Christian to take sides, Laodicea or Philadelphia. A “church where love is” will seek a position of neutrality where none exists. Pilate and the Earl Warren Court tried to find a neutral ground regarding “prayer and Christ”.

“*And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain (not a reverend) over them.*” 1 Samuel 22:2. This is a favorite text of mine in describing my church in Hayward, California. It was like the cave of Adullam where David fled for his life from King Saul. It was a ministry to the young street people of the 1960’s. God was saving these “Jesus-freaks” on the hillsides, on mountain retreats, and I felt compassion for them. “*And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with*

compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.” Mark 6:34.

Many that attended our meetings on “C” Street and Foothill Boulevard in Hayward are on my mailing list to receive the RIVERBANK NEWS. “Feed my sheep, feed my lambs” never leaves my ears in a day of a “famine for the Word”.

My dedication to these street people was simple, “Touch not the gold” and “Touch not the glory!” A poor box at the back of the church was it, to help defray the expense of the rent of the hall. The power of God descended every night to transform these hippies. I only made them one promise: “We will not go after crowds nor money. But this one thing I will promise you is that I will prove to you that God communicates with man. When convinced, you will never be the same again! God talking to a man will literally blow your mind! You may not continue walking in the spirit, but you will be religious all the days of your life. I promise you!”

The Goliath of our day is Laodicea. Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 on the John Ankerberg Show, he presents “the gladiators” of Laodicea. It had not been so apparent until after the signing of this document on March 29, 1994. As you watch the show, you can’t help but hear the voice of Goliath speaking and defying the God of Israel. *“And the Philistine said,”* (1 Sam. 17:10) *“I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing!”* Revelation 3:17. John Ankerberg will then parade his group of gladiators. All of them with armor they obtained from the Dallas Theological Seminary.

“And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.” 1 Samuel 17:16. It has been about forty weeks since the signing of that document. None of Ankerberg’s “chief gladiators” think very much of David’s reliance on five stones: speaking in tongues, divine healing, walking circumspectly, gifts of the spirit, and revelation knowledge. You see, these gladiators trust in their own armor--their “spear of exegesis”, “shield of hermeneutics” and “Doctor of Divinity sword” (equipment for a debater’s battle) from Saul’s castle, the Dallas Theological Seminary. Saul attempted to put his armor on David, and David refused. *I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.*” 1 Samuel 17:39.

David took what he could put in his hand--a sling shot! When the Philistine saw him with a little “mailer”, he said “This is a joke!” *“And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him...Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?”* (But in a pouch David carried his five stones-- J-E-S-U-S) 1 Samuel 17:42-43.

And the eldest brother *“Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? (You with your mailer --this battle is for warriors.) and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness?”* (Image Eliab’s concern over sheep?) 1 Samuel 17:28. God promises, *“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”* Luke 12:32.

Eliab continues, *“I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; (“And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.” Matthew 10:36) for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?”* 1 Samuel 17:28-29.

For David had said, “What shall be done with this parade of gladiators every Tuesday night? For who are these, but those that say your Holy Ghost is of the devil.” “We are rich and increased with goods, who needs your Holy Ghost baptism? We can bring in the kingdom of God on our sheer wealth!”

These preachers, Baptist-Pentecostals among them, have drawn a line in the sand. They have changed the rules now. Since Baptists, Pat Robertson and James Robison are “tongue talkers”, along with Charismatic Catholics, “glossolalia” ceases to be the issue. The current line of demarcation is “unconditional salvation”, or Calvinism. It is no longer tongues, but “unconditional eternal security”. The Pentecostals shy away from this one. Who are they to come up against the “armor of hermeneutics”? Most of them can’t pronounce the word, let alone know what it means!

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