

Lord Lord

Who are God's People? If My People Who Are Called By My Name...

Mat 7:21-29 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 'Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord,*

Luke 6:46 *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? Very elect deceived regarding their salvation.*

Mat 25:11 *"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'*

Luke 13:25-28 *"When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 'then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 'But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'*

The great indictment of Laodicea is they don't know their condition.

Doing His Will

1 John 2:17 *And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

Mat 7:21,22 *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.*

Mat 7:24-27 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ..." But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:... "*

Mat 15:8 *These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.*

Mat 21:28-32 *A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did the will of his father?"*

Mark 3:32-35 *But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! "For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."*

James 1:22-25 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. What will you do about this revival?*

Rom 2:13 *(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;*

Psa 143:10 *Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness. **God will teach Us!***

- All my requests are lost in one, "Father, thy will be done!" C. Wesley
- It is not what we do that matters, but what a sovereign God chooses to do through us. God doesn't want our success; he wants us. He doesn't demand our achievements; he demands our obedience. It is only by obedience that we understand the teaching of God. - Oswald Chambers

Worker dead at desk for 5 days (Jan 7th 2001)

Leaders of a publishing firm are trying to figure out why no one noticed that one of their employees had been sitting dead at his desk for FIVE DAYS before anyone asked if he was feeling okay.

George Turklebaum, 51, who had been employed as a proof-reader at a New York firm for 30 years, had a heart attack in the open-plan office he shared with 23 other workers. He quietly passed away on Monday, but nobody noticed until Saturday morning when an office cleaner asked why he was still working during the weekend. His boss Elliot Wachinski said: "George was always the first guy in each morning and the last to leave at night, so no one found it unusual that he was in the same position all that time and didn't say anything. He was always absorbed in his work and kept much to himself." Medical examiners determined he suffered a coronary five days earlier. Ironically, George was proofreading manuscripts of medical textbooks when he died.

Vital Signs Why Do We Need Revival?

2 Cor 13:5 *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

There is a critical window of 4-10 minutes to get help. Time is of the essence. The longer you wait the more chance of permanent damage.

Isa 55:6, 7 *Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

Paramedics First Check The Vitals Signs;

Are They Dead Or Just Asleep?

Mat 25:5 *“But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.” Have you ever had someone ask you if you are asleep?*

It The Body Breathing?

Sleep apnea- Machines to inspire breathing.

Spank a newborn. **SIDS- Alarm goes off when breathing stops.**

A breathing alarm hooked up to the church it would be ringing like mad.

“Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of the soul be preserved. Prayer brings the heart into immediate contact with the Well-spring of life, and strengthens the sinew and muscle of the religious experience. Neglect the exercise of prayer, or engage in prayer spasmodically, now and then, as seems convenient, and you lose your hold on God. The spiritual faculties lose their vitality, the religious experience lacks health and vigor.” GW 254

Prayer is not a little service bell but a rope that hangs from a bell tower.

Is The Body Warm Or Cold?

In March 1975, an 18-year-old student was submerged in a freezing Michigan pond for 38 minutes. Declared dead at the scene, he was on the way to the morgue when he suddenly gasped for air, causing the ambulance to swiftly divert to the nearest hospital! After resuscitation efforts, **the young man was fully revived.** And just two weeks later, he returned to college and continued to be an A student.

Mat 24:12 *“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. Rev 2:4 ... that you have left your first love.*

These folks had a relationship... but it GREW cold.

- People seldom lose their faith by a blowout—but rather a slow leak.
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Does It Move? Are we witnessing?

Even Dead Bodies have been known to twitch or sit up, but they don't walk. Lax in church attendance. Witnessing?

By what means, then, shall we determine whose side we are on? Who has the heart? With whom are our thoughts? **Of whom do we love to converse?** Who has our warmest affections and our best energies? If we are Christ's, our thoughts are with Him, and our sweetest thoughts are of Him. All we have and are is consecrated to Him. We long to bear His image, breathe His spirit, do His will, and please Him in all things. {SC 58.2}

Can It Hear?

John 8:47 *“He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.”*

Rev 2:7 *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. When Falcon was dying...*

Check the Eyes

Doctor takes his little light and looks deep.

Mat 6:22 *The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.*

Psa 13:3 *Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the sleep of death;*

Psa 101:3 *I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;*

Heb 12:2 *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, By Beholding we are changed.*

Can it eat or drink?

Do we have an appetite for the word?

Isa 55:2 *Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,... Our appetites have been perverted by the spicy TV dinners.*

Does The Body Give?

Dead sea Or Galilee?

Grandpa dives in pool to save 6 year old grandson.

The Frozen Ship-I read about a vessel discovered a century ago, locked among the icebergs of the North Arctic ocean, with the captain frozen as he was making his last logbook entry. The crew were discovered, some in their hammocks and some in the cabin, all frozen to death. The last date in the logbook showed that for thirteen years that vessel had been moving among the icebergs, “a drifting sepulcher, manned by a frozen crew.” Are there not many churches in a like condition? —Prosser

Pastor R. A. Torrey's Prescription For Revival

“**First**, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

“**Second**, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

“**Third**, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

Which Disturbs You Most?

A soul lost in...or a scratch on your new car?

Your missing the worship service...or missing a day's work?

A sermon 10 minutes too long...or lunch half hour late?

A church not growing...or your garden not growing?

Your Bible unopened...or your newspaper unread?

The church work being neglected...or housework neglected?

Missing a good Bible study...or your favorite TV program?

The millions who do not know Christ...or your inability to keep up with the neighbors?

The cry of the multitude for bread...or missing a piece of chocolate cake?

Your tithes decreasing...or your income decreasing?

Your children late for Sabbath school...or late for elementary school?

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A Rabbi tells of a little boy playing hide-and-seek with his friends. For some unknown reason they stopped playing while he was hiding. He began to cry. His old grandfather came out of the house to see what was troubling him. After learning what had happened, the grandfather said, "Do not weep, my child, because the boys did not come to find you. Perhaps you can learn a lesson from this disappointment. All of life is like a game between God and us. Only it is God who is weeping, for we are not playing the game fairly. God is waiting to be found, but many have gone in search of other things."

The five senses are the doors which give access to influences which either sanctify us or pollute us. The mind automatically conforms to whatever we allow to enter through the sensory perceptions.

It is impossible for us, of ourselves, to escape from the pit of sin in which we are sunken. Our hearts are evil, and we cannot change them. "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one." "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Job 14:4; Romans 8:7. Education, culture, the exercise of the will, human effort, all have their proper sphere, but here they are powerless. They may produce an outward correctness of behavior, but they cannot change the heart; they cannot purify the springs of life. There must be a power working from within, a new life from above, before men can be changed from sin to holiness. That power is Christ. His grace alone can quicken the lifeless faculties of the soul, and attract it to God, to holiness. SC 18

Overcoming The World

John 16:33 *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

1 John 5:4, 5 *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? I don't want him to come. It would break in on all my plans.*

Rom 12:21 *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Mat 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other.*

I believe the answer to these questions is found in the words of our Lord. He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Please notice that Jesus did not say "let him deny himself alcohol or drugs or illicit sex," He just said to "deny himself." Period. All one is really required to do is say no to the self-nature which is resident in everyone of us. Since self is behind every sin, this victory will bring all other victories with it.

2 Cor 6:17 *Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."* Lot had to come out. Noah had to separate we must separate from the world.

John declared, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." 1 John 2:15. James said, "whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4.

Rom 12:1, 2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*