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Where are God's Warriors Today?

In Judges 7, Gideon was to go to war against the Midianites. While preparing for battle, the Lord told him some adjustments needed to be made before he would be ready to do battle with the enemy. First: "Get rid of those who are afraid/fearful." Second: "Get rid of those who are indifferent to the dangers around them." The result: His army went from 22,000, to 300 men. That information is not what is really important; The important lesson is, because Gideon did what the Lord said; even though it seemed totally illogical; it resulted in God fighting the battle for Gideon with total victory! Gideon knew, "If God be for me, who can be against me?"

In Isaiah 51:7; God spoke to his servant Isaiah, saying: "Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness. The people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings." God was warning His servants to resist the fear of man, even when things seem unbelievably difficult, and it appears to be emotionally impossible to cope. He wants you to trust Him when, emotionally, it seems you are driving the wrong

way on a freeway, and everyone is honking at you.

First; we should note who is speaking: The eternal God of all creation. The One who is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. The same one who said: "I AM that I AM!"

Secondly: To whom is He speaking? "Those who know righteousness, and have the Love of God in their hearts." Should that include you and me?

What did He say? "Hearken unto me." The Lord is the source of ALL truth and light. When God declared Jesus was "His beloved Son," He said: "Hear ye Him." Believers today need to find out who they are listening to. Who has your ear? Who influences your decisions of life and service? Jesus said: "My sheep HEAR MY VOICE, and they follow ME." When you realize there are thousands of organizations, churches, denominations, sects, cults and independent ministries all saying we have the truth; you must ask yourself; whose voice are they really listening to. God said: "Hearken unto Me."

"Fear ye not the reproach of men." If you have searched the scriptures, you will know God's faithful servants have ALL lived a life of persecution, belittling, and unpopularity, simply because they tried to

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"Hearken" to God's word. God said: remember who you are, and whose you are. Paul said in I Cor. 15:58; "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as you know your labor is NOT IN VAIN, IN THE LORD."

"Neither be ye afraid of their revilings." Why? Because their revilings will come to an end; and those reviling you, will soon become worm food. God's word will survive all their attacks and His glory will increase. As difficult as persecution and accusations are to experience: Isaiah 54:17 says: "This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."

You and I have been declaring the word of God concerning biblical principles of marriage, and the violent damage caused by the violation of the marriage covenant. Many, are like those seeds that fell on shallow ground, and have come forward excitedly to support this ministry; only to feel the heat of anger and rejection of men, and "take their hand off the plow and look back." Others have taken a stand for many years, confessing their partner "had to come back." When they didn't, many became discouraged and allowed the thorns and thistles of this life to choke out the clear teaching of God's word. These too quit hearkening to God's word and like the "fearful and non vigilant" men in Gideon's army, ceased to qualify to do battle for God's truth. These fell aside and went

back to their former home of compromise and rationalization.

Is it difficult? Of course. Is it lonely? Certainly. Does it hurt to watch others fall away? More than you can imagine. Should we allow them to deter us from our calling? We dare not, because speaking the truth endures forever, but the wicked, in that day, will realize the price of faithfulness was worth it! May God help us to HEARKEN UNTO HIM.

May I suggest, we are only in 'basic training' right now. I am reminded of the man who was told to "cheer up, things could get worse." So he cheered up, and sure enough, it did get worse. Right now we are experiencing the negative reactions of many who do not want to hear this message. We haven't seen anything yet! Jesus said; in Matthew 10:22; "And ye shall be HATED OF ALL MEN for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." This hasn't happened yet; but what we are experiencing is the "first fruits" of what is to come. Recent articles reveal, there is a surge of European Union nations now enforcing laws that persecute Christians for publicly and privately adhering to biblical values. In Germany and Sweden, parents are being sent to jail and having their children moved to foster homes for raising them according to biblical principles. They are being denied the right to home school their children or to declare alternate lifestyles, wrong. What will you and I do when these same

regulations are established in the USA? Please don't say it couldn't happen! Recently, the European Human Rights Court ruled that Germany is correct in not tolerating "parallel societies." In other words; Christian lifestyles are not to be tolerated. In Europe, for the past five years, Christians have been painted as unreliable and even stupid by mainstream media. For believers to insist Jesus is the only way to heaven could be considered hate speech potentially a criminal offense, and patently anti-democratic. The bottom line is: How are you responding to the "light persecution" you and I are receiving now from many church leaders and members, concerning our Biblical stand on concerning the marriage and divorce issue?

When Jeremiah complained about the wickedness all around him, the Lord's reply was clear and concise: vs. 12:5; "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?" In other words: YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET. The worst is yet to come. Are you prepared? Will we stand? If European parents are being incarcerated in prison just for refusing to place their children in the government schools; And they are still standing for their convictions: What will we do? Will we boldly stand for truth, or Compromise?

Pat and I have appreciated the faithful warriors who have faithfully stayed the course in this ministry, month after month; year after year.

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These are the ones who give evidence, they; "Love the Lord their God with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their strength, and with all their mind." Those who, regardless of the environment; are "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, because they know, regardless how difficult it may become; " their labor is not in vain in the Lord; and He has promised to "keep us from falling and present us faultless before His presence, with exceeding joy!"

With the present day economy being what it is; we need the support of faithful "soldiers" like never before. Please pray about it! Let's not let up or become discouraged. Many souls are seeking truth about marriage like never before. Will we be able to reach them? Our only responsibility is to be "faithful and steadfast; as "SALT and LIGHT." All the results are His responsibility.

We would love to hear from each of you during this Christmas season.

Love in Him; Joe & Pat Webb

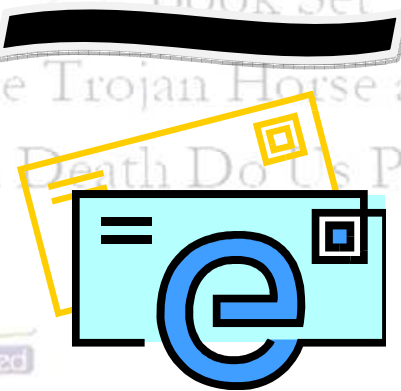
Points To Ponder



Someone once asked: Why was Jesus Christ born in a lowly stable? A shepherd said; "All

sacrificial lambs were born in a stable."

Remember; ministers and doctors are the only ones praised for neglecting their families.



Dear brother Joseph,

Thank you! for your sermons they have been a true blessing to my family.

I have few questions to ask...in regards to MDR

If a woman's first covenant husband dies..... while she is in her second marriage (adultery)?(second husband being single).

1) Does the status of her second marriage (adultery) change.....through the death of the first covenant husband if she remains married to the second husband?.....is it still Adultery?

Answer: **The scriptures are clear; "Except ye repent, ye shall perish." Whenever a covenant partner dies while another has**

been in an adulterous relationship, the first covenant is ended but the second relationship is still adulterous, UNTIL this couple acknowledge their adultery; repent and renew their vows to each other. Then they can be forgiven and the Lord can join them in a one flesh relationship since neither are now in a former covenant situation. Their past adulterous state cannot be ignored as something they got away with, but should be acknowledged; renounced; repented of so they can be cleansed of that sin and be free to become one flesh in the Lord's eyes.

DIVORCE
and
RE-MARRIAGE:

2) Is it continual adultery despite the death of the covenant partner and should it be forsaken as it was originally wrongly entered into? Can they divorce and **remarry one another again** to be put right with God.....or NOT.?

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Answer: **Again; it must be totally repented of and put under the blood, never to be justified by either party. Then they can come, cleansed by the blood of Jesus and become one flesh by committing themselves to each other. Neither of them are now in a covenant relationship and can be joined.** JW ■

Dear Dr Joseph

I was talking to a lady. She told me that she is an Anglican minister, so I listened more to her (about her work). I then asked her if she performs 2nd and 3rd marriages, if they have a living spouse. "Yes, sure do" came the reply. I said "so that is supporting adultery". She said 'oh we all have our own interpretation'. I said the Bible is clear on adultery. She was not happy. So the next week, I sent her a copy of the attached letter, 'Dear Friends in Ministry', with a small note that I was offering her Bible truth. Apparently she received the letter; sent it to the state manager for the ministry, he phoned me and said I was to stand down till they meet me. I immediately thought, 'a satanic attack'.

Dr Joseph, I value your help in how to deal with the state manager, a man, who is bringing another man to 'speak' to me!! I was concerned when this lady said that 'everyone has their own interpretation', so I offered her Bible verses.

JB/CA

Dear Judith;

You are to be commended for your earnest zeal to make the truth about marriage and divorce known to other

centers of influence. It should be everyone's goal to share light.

One scriptural feature of sharing this truth is found in I Peter 3:15; "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and BE READY ALWAYS to give an ANSWER to every man THAT ASKETH YOU A REASON of the hope that is in you WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR."

According to your E-mail, this lady did not ask you concerning your faith; but you presented it without invitation and she reacted.

The Scriptures are clear; we are to "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Many times we can do the right thing, but not necessarily God's preferred way. You might remember the story of David, bringing the ark of God back to Jerusalem, on an oxcart; worshipping and praising the Lord all the way. Then the unexpected happened: the oxcart hit a rut and one man reached out his hand to steady the ark and God killed him. Amazing! David's intentions were perfectly right, and his desire was to please and honor the Lord, by putting the Ark of

the Covenant where it belonged; in Jerusalem.

Because of this man's death, David didn't bring the ark home to Jerusalem, but left it in another man's home.

Why is this so significant? What David did was right. His intentions were right. His goal was right. The problem was; He didn't do it God's way.

God gave clear instructions for moving the ark. He said the Levites were to carry it on long poles; not on an oxcart. We might say; "Why sweat the small stuff?" There is NO SMALL STUFF when we ignore God's way in serving Him.

You and I must first of all be "salt and light" in all of our associations (NOTE: Neither of these elements make a sound.) After others see and sense our salt and light, they might then ask a question about our faith. When they do that, they give you permission to share with them. Until then, we are "Casting pearls before swine," which opens us to attack. Remember, Jesus said; "Let your light so shine that they might SEE your good works, and glorify your Father which

is in heaven." This verse says nothing about preaching or teaching: but shining.

I trust the Lord will use these truths to help you in sharing His truth. In all the years of my ministry, I have always found a person has to accept me before they will accept what I say. I thank the Lord for your sincere desire to share this truth with others. God bless you!

Dr. Joseph A. Webb

Dear Dr. Joseph
Thank you for your reply, it has given very good truths, which I must put into practice. You have made me aware that I have to be accepted as a person, before I am accepted for what I say. You have brought home several truths, and that is why I asked you, because of your wisdom and experience, knowing that it would be Biblical. I like your sharing of salt and light. I value your reply and I have learned. Thank you for taking time to reply, being by myself, I seek help and advice, which you have given. With much appreciation

JB/CAN

"The Cheese Stands Alone"

My daughter has asked that I jot down some of my life happenings. If this bit of humor will cheer another stander, please pass it along.

I understand there's three things a person must do before they die. Have a child, plant a tree and write a book. I don't know whose rule this is but it was passed on to me by my cousin;...a school teacher, whose knowledge of this kind of stuff is unquestioned. I originally decided that my book title would be "The Cheese Stands Alone." Remember? The game starts with the farmer in the dale who takes a wife who takes a child, who takes a dog, who takes a cat, who takes a rat, who takes the cheese. And it's the cheese who's left to stand alone.

As a child, being chosen last is a bit on the humiliating side, unless it happens you aren't even chosen at all. As a Christian there is an exception to these circumstances, and that happens when The Lord points His finger at you and declares, in John 15:18; "You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world." What that means is, I have been called by His choice, and my selection has been the sole decision of the Holy One.

Being handpicked by the Lord changes the rules of the game. For one thing, the cheese no longer stands alone. The Holy Comforter is there and never leaves your side. Secondly, you begin to notice there are a few other individuals who have been called to stand alone, and the Holy Comforter stands with them as well. Before you know what the Lord is up to; these folks join you, and now you not only have the Holy Comforter standing with you, but somehow, you find yourself in the company of a whole body of standers. Before you know what else the Lord is up to, you learn this body of standers includes the entire USA, Canada, Australia, England, New Zealand, and all around the world. The whole process is kind of like the farmer in the dale, in reverse. The action now begins with the cheese, instead of the farmer. Doesn't that sound like Our Holy Father, who lovingly takes something as devastating as spousal abandonment to create a situation which brings honor and glory to Himself, as well as peace to His precious children?

For those readers who haven't the faintest idea what being the cheese refers to: The cheese is the abandoned partner who stands in obedience to the covenant vow, made at the time of their marriage. There is a multitude of such people who have chosen to respond to God's

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choice for their lives, and many are seeing the fruits of their faithfulness when their marriages are restored. Many restored marriages report their spousal relationship is now stronger than it ever was. Thanks be to God.

If I were planning a sequel, my next book would be entitled; "And Nobody Died;" a biblical reply to those Christians who look for scriptural loopholes to divorce and remarriage. Clue: **THERE ARE NONE!**

P.S. I am so thankful at this 2011 Thanksgiving, for CPR and for your undying work. I still haven't found a church that does not remarry divorced people. They are few and far between. Thanksgiving blessings!

C. B. /TX ■

Dr. Webb,

You have really placed me in the right direction as far as making it clear about the exception clauses in the Gospel of Matthew 5 & 19 being the Jewish customary betrothal between a man and a woman before actual marriage - the divorce spoken about there being divorce during a betrothal and not divorce in an a covenant marriage union - therefore complementing Jesus' teaching about divorce and re-marriage in Mark 10:2-12 and Luke 16:18, and

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Paul's teaching in Romans 7:1-3 and 1 Corinthians 7:39.

It has been extremely enlightening to have your council in my life Dr. Webb. I thank God for you as well as Dr. Mike Gorrie and Ps. Casey Whitaker who have also contributed to my life spiritually. Not having had the opportunity to correspond with Rev. Ray McMahon, he nevertheless also blessed me with his teaching on divorce and re-marriage from the DVD compiled by Dr. Mike Gorrie called "The subtle Web of Divorce and Re-marriage".

Thanks N/SA



News updates:

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City lawmakers want to help newlyweds avoid the hassle of divorce by giving them an easy exit strategy: temporary marriage licenses.

Leftists in the city's assembly — who have already riled conservatives by legalizing gay marriage — proposed a reform to the civil code this week that would allow couples to decide on the length of their commitment, opting out of a lifetime.

The minimum marriage contract would be for two years and could be renewed if the couple stays happy. The contracts would include provisions on how children and property would be handled if the couple splits.

"The proposal is, when the two-year period is up, if the relationship is not stable or harmonious, the contract simply ends," said Luna, the Mexico City assemblyman who co-authored the bill.

"You wouldn't have to go through the tortuous process of divorce," said Luna, from the leftist Party of the Democratic Revolution, which has the most seats in the 66-member chamber.

Luna says the proposed law is gaining support and he expects a vote by the end of this year.

Around half of Mexico City marriages end in divorce, usually in the first two years.

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The bustling capital, one of the world's largest cities, is much more liberal than the rest of the country, where the divorce rate is significantly lower although on the rise.

Abortion is legal in Mexico City, while the Supreme Court ruled this week to uphold state laws in Baja California that say life begins at conception.

Leftist Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, who angered the Catholic Church when he made Mexico City the first Latin American city to legalize gay marriage in late 2009, announced this month he would soon step down to run for president.

The church criticized the proposed change.

"This reform is absurd. It contradicts the nature of marriage," said Hugo Valdemar, spokesman for the Mexican archdiocese. "It's another one of these electoral theatrics the assembly tends to do that are irresponsible and immoral."

The Church holds considerable sway in the country with the world's second largest Catholic population after Brazil. ■

Baptist officials on Wednesday made available "sample bylaws" to defend biblical marriage.

"As the battle for biblical truth about marriage continues to rage, every local congregation should take some simple steps to clarify its position on the marriage issue," Baptists said in an email message. Included in the sample language is the paragraph:

1. Marriage - Marriage is a biblical institution established by God as clearly described in the scriptures. This Church recognizes that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. Accordingly, this Church, its pastors, staff and members will not participate in same sex unions or same sex marriages, nor shall its property or resources be used for such purposes.

2. Human Sexuality - The Bible teaches that legitimate sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, this Church opposes all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography.

A truth's initial commotion is directly proportional to how deeply the lie was believed. It wasn't the world being round that agitated people, but that the world wasn't flat. When a well-packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous and its speaker a raving lunatic.

-Donald James Wheel

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Dear Friends:
These letters and articles of information are only a sampling of the exchange and ministry that takes place in and out of the offices of CPR. Hours of counseling, prayers, teaching and ministry of encouragement is a daily routine for Pat and myself.

We thank each of you for your part in this ministry. We could not do the extent of the ministry hours we do outside the umbrella of blessings from God, administered by you. We know that many, if not all; including Pat & I, have suffered financially in recent years. Thank you and may God Bless you in return. Our prayer is for your spiritual, physical and financial health in 2012. Have a Blessed Christmas.

Joe & Pat Webb ■

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