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## STOMPING ON THE DEVIL

God told the serpent, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise His heel." This bruising of the head of the serpent took place at the cross. In the death of Christ on the cross He stomped on the head of the old serpent who is called the Devil and Satan and smashed his he

Then Paul told the church at Rome that the God of peace would bruise Satan under your feet shortly. He also told the Ephesians church to shod their feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. I think he gave them some good advice. If you are going to stomp on a serpent it is a good idea to put your shoes on.

I paid fifty cents one time for the privilege of looking down into a snake pit. When I looked down into the bottom of that pit full of reptiles, I thought to myself, if I should fall into that snake hole I would surely do some tall stomping. I also thought I would not want to stomp on those reptiles barefooted. I would want to have on some hob nail boots.

Paul understood this and that is why he told us put on the gospel shoes. Having shod your feet with the gospel of peace. Our gospel shoes are hobnail boots. The nails are the nails that fastened Jesus to the cross. Ladies and Gentlemen, whenever I put my shoes on I am going somewhere. It seems rather silly to put on a pair of shoes and not go anywhere. If you are wearing the gospel shoes where are you going? It seems to

me that many congregations as well as individuals who are wearing the gospel shoes are not going anywhere. The gospel shoes are the only devices that can make it possible for us to stomp on the Devil.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." We here at GIJAPA are making an effort to preach the gospel to the whole world. Everybody in the world may not hear it, but at least the possibility is there because the sound waves are in the air with the gospel of peace. So put on the gospel shoes and either go with the gospel or send somebody else.

There is a spiritual that says: "When I get to heaven, I'm gonna put on my shoes and I'm gonna walk all over God's heaven." Some consideration should be given to the thought, how can I put on the gospel shoes and walk all over God's heaven, if I don't put on the gospel shoes and walk all over God's earth?



## JESUS at the DOOR

When Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock." He was not talking about the person outside the Church; He was talking to the Church itself. The picture, is the picture of Jesus standing outside His own Church trying to get in. The modern day Church is a Church where the Lord Himself does not feel welcome. He wants to come in, but because of what it is, He doesn't feel wanted. But remember even though He will not come in, He has not gone far away. He stands just outside and He continues to knock. Behold I stand at the door and knock.

*Sweetly the tones are falling, open the door for Me.*

*If thou wilt heed My calling I will abide with thee.*

The soul is like a house. It may have several doors, a back door, a front door and a side door. At which door does the Savior knock at the house of your soul? He may knock at the door of intellect. If you think about it you know there must be a God. If you admit there is a God it seems logical that God would not leave us without instructions as to what He expects of us. What other instructions could there be but the Bible.

*Sweetly the tones are falling, open the door for Me*

*If thou wilt hear Me calling, I will abide with thee.*

Then again He may knock at the providential door. You get sick, have an accident, maybe the death of a loved one.

And you hear the knock on the door of your soul.

*Sweetly the tones are falling, open the door for Me  
If thou wilt heed Me calling,  
I will abide with thee.*

Then again it may be that the Lord may knock on the door of conscience. You read the Bible, or hear a sermon, maybe this radio broadcast and you hear the knock of Jesus on the door of your heart.

*Sweetly the tones are falling, open the door for Me  
If thou wilt heed Me calling,  
I will abide with thee.*

Although Jesus is standing at the door of your soul and knocks, He will yet stand there again and knock on another occasion. *Let Luke tell us the words of Jesus on that matter. Let your loins be girded about, and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their Lord, when He shall return from the marriage feast: that when he cometh and knocketh, ye may straightway open unto Him.*

*Behold I stand at the door and knock, gives the impression that the Lord wants to get into His Church and yet there is the warning too, when we consider what James said, "Murmur not brethren, one against another, that ye be not judged: behold the Judge standeth at the doors."*

*Behold I stand at the door and knock.* The amazing thing about this statement is the way the next chapter begins. Think of it. Jesus said, "*Behold I stand at the door and knock*"... and then the very next statement in the next chapter is, "*After these things I saw, and behold a door was open in Heaven.*" If we as a Church will open the door and let Jesus back in, He will open the door of Heaven and let us in.

Actually when the scriptures were written there were no chapter and verse divisions. It was not until the middle twelve hundreds that the Bible had chapter divisions and not until the middle fifteen hundreds that there were verse divisions. Before that these verses would read like this: *Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him and he with Me. He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. After these things I saw and behold, a door opened in Heaven.* So you see, when we open the door down here for Jesus, He will open the door up

## BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD

there for us. *Behold I stand at the door and knock.*

We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: *we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God.* As a Christian you are an Ambassador for Christ. An Ambassador from the country of Heaven. As an Ambassador you have gone to the strange land of this world. A strange land to represent your government. While we live in that strange land we are to remember that our citizenship is in Heaven.

An Ambassador of the United States has an embassy. The American flag flies over that embassy in whatever foreign land he is sent. The American Ambassador observes the holidays of his country, and not the holidays of the foreign country where he lives. As Christians we observe the holiday of Heaven; the Lord's Day. That is why we follow the scriptural example; *Upon the first day of the week we were gathered together to break bread.* As a Christian I am not obligated to observe the holidays of the world, such as Lent, or that great pagan feast they call Super Bowl Sunday. The American Embassy in that foreign country is a little colony of America.

The Church is the Embassy of Heaven in this foreign land of the world. Many of the Lord's Ambassadors I have met have become denationalized. They have been influenced by the morals, and language of the world and sound and act more like citizens of the world than citizens of Heaven.

Not only is the Church an Embassy of Heaven, the thought can be extended to the Christian Home. Your home as a Christian is an Embassy of Heaven. Would a visitor coming into your home realize that? Would the visitor looking at your television programs, reading your magazines, hearing your conversations, drinking your booze, inhaling your cigarette smoke, go away thinking: I have been in the Embassy of Heaven, or would he say I have been in the Embassy of Hell?

In the national Embassy the lines of communications are always open to the Head of his government. The same is true in the Christian Embassy. We can always get on the hot line of prayer and communicate with the authority of Heaven. Actually we could say it this way, God Is Just a Prayer Away.

Of course the time comes after not

too many years that the Ambassador is recalled and another takes the place. As an Ambassador you are not to be here forever. It is only a short while for all of the King's Ambassadors when they are called home. But until that day of our recall, our main task in this world is to represent our native country-Heaven. Paul tells us to set our affections on things that are above and not on the things of the earth. One gospel song tells it like it is. This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. We are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: *We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God.*

*I am a stranger here, within a foreign land: My home is far away,  
Upon a golden strand; Ambassador to be of realms beyond the sea,  
I'm here on business for my King.*

*My home is brighter far than Sharon's rosy plain,  
Eternal life and joy throughout that vast domain;*

*My Sovereign bids me tell how mortals there may dwell, and that's my business for my King.*

*This is the message that I bring, A message angels fain would sing:*

*Oh, be ye reconciled, Thus saith my Lord and King,*

*Oh, be ye reconciled to God.*



## THE RESURRECTION ACCORDING TO PAUL

The fifteen chapter of First Corinthians is the account of the resurrection according to Paul. He says, "*I make known unto you brethren the gospel which I preached unto you which also I received: wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you except ye have believed in vain.*" For I delivered unto you first of all that which I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

Paul says that first of all Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. In one revival meeting a man in the area had been bitten by a rattlesnake. They did not get him to a doctor until four hours later. I was told this was no problem because when a rattlesnake bites he

only uses up part of his venom lest he be left defenseless until it is replaced.

When the devil bit Adam and Eve he unloaded the whole load on them in one bite. With that one bite he murdered the whole human race. Everybody will die because of that one bite; there is no escape.

Some folk have asked what is the big deal in talking about one Jew who died 2000 years ago? Why not spend more time speaking of the 6,000,000 Jews who died in the holocaust? The big difference is the fact that the one Jew who died on the cross died to save a number that no man can number from every tribe, and tongue, and nation from the Holocaust of hell and that is the gospel.

Then think of the power of that one sin of Adam. If one sin had enough power to kill the entire human race, how much power would even two of your sins have on our eternal, imperishable, ever-living, never dying, soul? Christ died for our sins and that is the gospel. The gospel also includes a second element, and He died and then He was buried. His burial is important because that proves He was dead. It was a dead body that was buried. They not only crucified Jesus, but after He was dead they mangled His body just to be sure there was no foul up. In by gone days many a grave has been disinterred and the chilling result revealed that many have been buried alive. There must be no mistake about Jesus. They made sure He was dead. In a recent biography of George Washington it was revealed that just before he died he requested that his body not be laid to rest in the tomb until after three days. Washington wanted to be sure back in those days that he was not buried alive. Jesus was not buried alive. The Roman soldiers pierced His side with a spear and then by the providence of God, He was buried in a high profile tomb with a guard of Roman soldiers. Jesus died and He was buried, and that is the gospel.

Then Paul informs us that He was raised from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures. Paul gave a list of several occasions when He was seen after the resurrection. As for me, I consider the most effective appearance of the risen Lord was when He appeared

to above 500 brethren at once. When Paul told of those appearances it was about twenty three years later that he wrote this account to the Corinthian Church. At that time there were at least 251 persons still alive who had seen the resurrected Son of God. I am cutting that estimate to the bone, because he said the greater part of 500. There was probably a lot more than that. If there were 251 people living today who had seen the risen Lord, I would spare no expense in finding some of those people to listen to their eye witness testimony. If some of this 500 who saw the risen Lord were teenagers, it is quite possible that there were people walking on this planet in the early part of the second century who had seen the risen Son of God. What a testimony that must have been to what Paul called the gospel.

Remember Paul said we are saved by the gospel. Remember too, that Jesus said, *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, he that believed not shall be damned."*

## Advice to the Weatherman

The weathermen are in real trouble. They are performing shenanigans up with which we will not put. Last winter they predicted snow, sub-zero weather, sleet, and high winds. All of these things they predicted happened just as they said they would. Some of the weathermen received threatening letters from viewers because of the miserable forecasts they were giving and because they were guilty of making the public in general very unhappy.

This type of weather forecasting does not show the spirit of love that a weatherman ought to have for the public. They ought to be fired. We need a new set of weathermen who will give us what we want in the way of weather.

First, to be effective, a weatherman ought to tell more jokes. He must not be over thirty-one and one who will appeal to the young people. As for the actual forecast, we need to have more

comfortable forecasts. The temperature should always be about 80 degrees. Rain should be confined to the night time hours, preferably after midnight. If the wind must blow, it must always be a balmy soft breeze and, oh yes, the humidity must always be very low. Anything more than this and anything less than this will not be tolerated. Regardless of what the weather is going to be, we want a good forecast.

E. B.



## Letters from Listeners

Dear Christian friends,

Yesterday, 20th January 2001 I heard Ed Bousman speak a great message on "Fire from God." I made notes of such and I am making a fair copy on my diary. The Lord answers in a flame of fire. Ed Bousman quoted a number of instances from the Bible when the Lord answered mightily from above in a fire over the ages. Instances from Old and New Testament books were quoted--from Genesis to Acts. And Ed Bousman told how frosty the modern preachers are "only ice in their bones." Our Lord is consuming fire but some preachers have a hard time to tell the word HELL, because they have frosty bones. I thank you very much for your program. I am writing to the High Adventure Radio thanking them for broadcasting your program. I will continue to pray for your program. I request you to continue your programs in the High Adventure Radio. Please send me some of your messages. They mean a great deal to me. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your ministry. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

S. Nelson

from Tuticorin-District, India

Dear Rev. Bousman,

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a year ago I was in Houston, Texas visiting my daughter when I first heard you on the radio (WOAI San Antonio, TX). At that time my life was so stressful, after the death of my son.

One night I turned the radio on you were on that station. That sermon picked me up. I wrote in asking for your sermons. These sermons have been such a help to me on this spiritual

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path. I can't say in words how they have helped me. Please find enclosed check. I pray God will ever use you for His work. People are starving for the word. May God bless you in everything you do.

Helen from Cincinnati, OH

*(I found Helen's letter most interesting that she went to Texas to find me on the radio when I'm on WLW--700 on the dial in Cincinnati, OH twice every Sunday.)*

Dear Bro. Ed and Sister Naomi,

You are the very definition of "true," "faithful," "diligent," "honorable," and "constant." Whatever is good you define it through Christ who lives and abides in you. God loves you and so do I.

Love Winnie

from Huntington, WV

To lovely brother, Ed Bousman,

You are blessed by Jesus on the cross. I am Ghebrit from Eritrea (located across the Red Sea from Saudi Arabia in East Africa). In last month I sent a letter to you to send Bible to me and I received it on February 13, 2002. I give you thanks a lot and I answered the questions to 1-5 lessons. It is very helpful for me.

God is with you always.

May God bless you.

Dear Evangelist Ed Bousman,

My warm greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have been listening to your preaching program on Radio Africa which is God Is Just A Prayer Away, which always comes between the hours

of 7:00 PM every Monday. Your preachers have really helped me in many ways. Pray for me to do evangelism for other too. Thank you and God be with you.

Yours faithfully,

Maxwell Osfi

from Ashanti, W. Africa

Dear Bro.

What must I do to be saved? How must I be baptized? Some churches do it this way. Matthew 29:19 and some Churches do it this way Acts 2:38. Please help. I must be saved.

Your friend Jerry

from Jeffersonville, IN

*(This letter was a reminder once again that the people in the USA need to be reached with the gospel and taught. We sent him a copy of P.H. Welshimer tract "facts concerning the New Testament Church" a God Is Just A Prayer Away CRACK'N PEEL label "The New Testament Plan of Salvation and the Church the Body of Christ" printed material on how and why to be baptized and told him that we have a Christian Church in Jeffersonville, IN)*

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Lifting you up in my prayers on your new venture for your Radio Broadcast. Our J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) session has chosen your ministry for our missions we will support for the month of February in hopes we can help.

Take Care, Brenda Barker  
Secretary at Summit Theological Seminary

Finally caught up with the new technology of the "net" and one of the first sites we looked for was yours. Have enjoyed looking it over and think you have done a great job! Keep preaching the Word!

Rick and Nancy Breindenbaugh  
Chillicothe, OH

I really enjoy getting your newsletter by e-mail.

Linda Knapp  
Harrison, OH

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