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“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

**GOD’S HOLY DAYS
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April 8th
Lord’s Supper
(observed evening before at
Sundown)

April 9th-15th
Feast of Unleavened Bread*

May 31st
Pentecost*

September 19th
Feast of Trumpets*

September 28th
Day of Atonement*

October 3rd-9th
Feast of Tabernacles*

October 10th
Last Great Day*
*begins evening before

“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”

“And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**”

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work.*

But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.

Exodus 20:3-17

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Kansas City Church of God Ministries

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God's Word presented by Stephen Hicks

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"OUR COMMISSION"- "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28: 19,20

Commentary by Tom Shadoin

Not Exactly

Many of you may remember the Hertz rent a Car commercial several years ago with what I like to call the "not exactly" gimmick. In the commercial we see two men rushing through an airport on the way to get a rental car. They are NOT, however, going to get the sponsor's car, namely Hertz.

As the two run along, the other man, the one NOT renting the car asks the first man a series of questions.

"Does it have express check in, like Hertz?"

"Not exactly," comes the reply as the two get bogged down in a long line of people waiting at their rental car counter.

"Does it have the latest models," he persists, as the two get into an older car.

"Not exactly," is the response again.

And so it continues in a long series of questions as the two men appear less and less satisfied with their choice of a clearly not as good car rental company.

The point of the commercial is, of course, that there is only one company like Hertz or so they would have you believe.

Brethren when it comes to God's truth, there is also only ONE truth. And when I say this I'm not talking about the truth taught in any particular ONE church entity or group. But we read in Ephesians 4:4-6:

- (4) There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called, in one hope of your calling;
- (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- (6) One God and Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

God's church is not a philosophy club or a gathering where each speaker takes a turn giving his own personal opinion. We are told in 2 Peter 1:20 that:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."

God's church is also not a place where we argue the truth and try to score debating points so that we might advance a particular agenda. There is much confusion among God's people today in what's coming from the pulpit, and there is only one sure way that we can KNOW whether we are hearing the truth:

Isaiah 8:20: To the law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to the law and to the testimony: If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

And even WHEN scripture IS being quoted, brethren, our job as Christ followers is to keep our noses in the Word of God to make sure we're not being misled.

2 Timothy 2:15: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Acts 17: 10-12: And the brethren immediately sent away Paul (Continued on Page 9)



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*As for
me
and
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house,
we will
serve
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Where's Your Family!

Many of us have faced, are facing, or will be facing difficulties and challenges throughout our lifetimes. In those situations, it is quite often a hard decision when deciding who we should share these problems with, or who we should go to for help.

I have faced situations in my life which left me wondering what I should do, where I should go, and who could I turn to that I could trust to help me through it. It used to be a very hard decision.

This is quite often the same problem many of us have had at one time or another.

Oftentimes we find that we close ourselves off to everyone, deciding that no one wants to hear our problems, or we feel that our problem seems so little compared to what others are facing so why burden someone else with it.

Sometimes the reason we don't get anyone else involved is because of guilt or embarrassment, or just plain fear.

I have been guilty of this myself. I used to bottle up everything inside of me and close myself off to those around me, mainly because I didn't want to burden anyone else with my problems.

By doing this I realized that I was shutting out those people who really cared about me. I was keeping those who were willing to stand by me and to help me from receiving a blessing for doing so. Now, how selfish is that?

You are probably wondering, "Who can I trust to share my problems with?" "Who can I share my pains and my hurting with?" "Who can I depend on to be there for me?" The biggest question of all is, "Who am I supposed to share all of this with?" All of these

are excellent questions, and are the same questions I have asked through the years.

Someone told me this one time. "Friends are those that call on you when they need you, but true family and friends are those that you can count on when you need them." I've had a lot of so-called friends that would show up when they needed something from me and I would help them out, but they were never there when I needed them. I'm not angry at them because of this, I just accept them for who they are and do my best, as the Bible teaches us, to do unto them as I would have them do unto me.

I didn't used to be that way. In fact, I used to get very upset when I couldn't get any help from any of them. This turned out to be a lot harder on me than it did them. Since they never came around, they never knew that I was upset, so I was only hurting myself.

Over the years, I have come to realize that God places people in our lives for us that our there for many different reasons. Some are there to give us physical support, some are there for emotional support, some are there for spiritual support, and some are there to give us support in every area of our lives.

One of the biggest problems I've seen in the Church of God is that God's children don't utilize the family of God the way that we should and the way that God intends us too. They will most often turn to those outside the Church to try and gain help with problems and situations they are facing in their lives. Why?

The Bible tells us very clearly who our family is, and who we should share our problems with:

Matthew 12:46-50 "While he yet talked to the people, behold, *his* mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. ⁴⁷Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. ⁴⁸But he answered and said unto him that told him, **Who is my mother? and who are my brethren?** ⁴⁹And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, **Behold my mother and my brethren!** ⁵⁰**For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**

James 5:16 "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Even before we do all of this, we need to get on our knees before God and seek His guidance and counsel for any problem or (Continued on Page 10)

God's Creation All Around Us

by Stephen Hicks



The other day as I was driving south on 71 Hwy, heading back to Harrisonville, I caught a glimpse of a bird hovering over the center median of the highway. It remained in one spot about twenty feet above the grass by flapping its wings rapidly and using its tail feathers to help to hold it steady. As I got closer, I could see that its attention was fixed on something in the grass below. Suddenly it folded its wings in, straightened its tail, and began to fall like a rocket to the ground.

Due to the traffic that was around me I couldn't see what it landed on, but I felt like a kid in a candy store getting to see this wonderful bird in action.

As I went a little farther down the road I noticed another one of these birds hovering over the center of the highway watching something at the side of the road. It was as though, it was oblivious to the traffic passing below. I lost sight of it as I passed under it, but it was still exciting to see.

The bird that I'm talking about is one called an American Kestrel, or formerly known as the Sparrow Hawk, because of its small size (9-11 inches) in comparison to other falcons. It is a beautiful bird with a rainbow of colors throughout its feathers and a very successful hunter.

Like most falcons, its sight is so good that it can spot a mouse moving in the grass below from over one hundred feet in the air. When it spots its prey it tucks its wings in and dive bombs down at its target. Just before it hits the ground, it opens its wings, reaches out its claws and lands right on top of its meal, los-

ing sight of it for only a second or two.

You will normally only see them when they are hovering over highways or perching upon power lines or fences. The adult males are considered the most colorful of all the birds of prey in America. I believe that the Bald Eagle and the Kestrel are two of my favorites of the birds of prey. In the summertime Kestrels are most likely to be found nesting in cavities, in eaves of buildings or in kestrel boxes. When threatened the female Kestrel (See photo on right) may lie on her back and defend the eggs with her powerful talons. Kestrels reside mainly in open countryside and urban areas and are the most common falcon in North America. This is just another one of God's many great and beautiful creations that we can enjoy. Take some time and get out of the house or the office and get a breath of fresh air and enjoy what God has for us to see. The work of His hand is all around us. END





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*“But go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.
And as ye go, preach, saying,
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the
dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received,
freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver,
nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your
journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,
nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of
his meat.” Matthew 10:6-10 KJV*

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(“Not Exactly,” continued from Page 3) and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

(11) These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

(12) Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

There are many fine speakers in the Churches of God who faithfully preach God's Word, but I repeat that it is still up to us to discern from our diligent study that it is indeed the truth that we are hearing. Hopefully we do this on a daily basis. We must make sure we are hearing ALL the counsel of God and not just a "not exactly" product, like in the Hertz commercial.

Acts 20:27: For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Only two verses later the apostle Paul is again warning his flock that deceitful would-be "pastors" and "teachers" would come in to mislead the people of God. Brethren that warning is for us today too and that false teaching is happening today. (Continued on Page 9)

**ANSWERS TO LAST
MONTHS PUZZLE**

1. Noah (Genesis 6:8)
2. Samson (Judges 16:18)
3. Nazareth (Matthew 2:23)
4. Locusts and wild honey (Matthew 3:1-4)
5. John (John 5:51)
6. The nation of Israel (Numbers 11:32,33)
7. Elijah (1 Kings 17:1-6)
8. Solomon (1 Kings 3:15,25)
9. Saul (Paul) (Acts 9:23-25)
10. Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1)
11. Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57)
12. Three (Genesis 8:8-12)
13. Jeremiah (Jeremiah 25:11)
14. Nimrod (Genesis 10:8,9)
15. He dipped seven times in the Jordan River (2 Kings 5:1,10,14)
16. Seven things (Proverbs 6:16)
17. "D" or two of pharaoh's magicians (2 Timothy 3:8)
18. Adino the Eznite (2 Samuel 23:8)
19. Moses, Aaron and his sons (Exodus 38:8; 40:30,31)

JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next month's newsletter.

1. To whom was the following spoken? "He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him."
2. In what book of the Bible do you find the laws concerning the eating of clean things?
3. In what book of the Bible do you find the phrase, "God is love"?
4. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and _____."
5. How did Judas indicate to the crowd who Jesus was?
6. What color was the robe that Jesus wore when the soldiers taunted Him?
7. Matthew, Mark, and John called it Golgotha or the place of the skull. What did Luke call it?
8. In what book of the Bible do you find the words, "Make haste, my beloved, and be thou like to a roe or to a young hart upon the mountains of spices"?
9. Who said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person"?
10. What was the relationship of Zebedee to James and John?
11. Name the pool that has five porches.
12. There was a silversmith in Ephesus by the name of _____.
13. How many years did it take to build the temple in Jesus' time?
14. What woman in the Bible made a pair of kids gloves for her son?
15. A certain queen's blood was sprinkled on horse. Who was this queen?
16. What is the name of the man who was seduced by his daughter-in-law and what was her name?
17. How many people in the Bible have their name beginning with the letter "Z"?
18. What was the name of the Bible character who had eighteen wives and sixty concubines who gave birth to eighty-eight children?
19. Nahor's two eldest sons were named : A. Huz and Buz B. Huz and Muz C. Buz and Muz D. Fuz and Suz E. Huz and Fuz F. Buz and Suz

Please be sure and contact us about changes in the status of anyone on the prayer list. As you can see the list has grown, but quite often we don't know if someone needs to be removed or not. We definitely want to continue prayer for anyone needing it, but if a person has been healed and needs to be removed from the prayer list, we would like to be able to add them to this list and give God the Praise that He deserves. We do ask for your help in keeping us informed. If you have a praise that you would like to share, let us know and we will put it in an upcoming newsletter. You can do this by phone, in person, or through e-mail or snail mail. Thanks!

Praises to God.

1. Sharon Chermok: the tumor removed from inside her nose was found to be non-cancerous.
2. Teresa Hicks. She will know the status of her job by the end of March. We are believing God to protect her job or show her something better. Thanks for all of your prayers.

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THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

We will list all requests for one month unless we are notified to keep them on longer. Please write down the prayer requests each month, or cut this page out to use as a reference. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.

1. Pray that God will continue to bless His Churches.
2. Deanna White. Is having problems sleeping.
3. Marlene Brown. Still having back problems and is having numbness in legs due to pinched nerves.
4. Jerome Ortvals. Pray for his mental health.
5. Berlin Shropshire. (Jeana Booth's grandfather) Pray for his mental health.
6. Karen Montavy. Pray for healing
7. Roberta Vest. Lost job and is having difficulty finding another job.
8. Richard & Mary Jordan and extended family. Pray that two of their grandsons in foster care will find a good home. Pray for Mary's daughter Eileen and her son Matthew. Pray for Mary's grandson Curtis. Pray for Tiffany, her husband Jason and their baby daughter.
9. Jacquelyn Bryant. High blood pressure, Diabetes, Thyroid problems, bone degeneration.
10. Jeana Booth. Asthma attacks, pain in shoulder and back. Is having biopsy of growths found.
11. Stephanie (Hicks) Downard: She is pregnant with their first child and is due in May.
12. Melva Wallens. Cancerous Polyps found in colon were removed. Pray there will be no others.
13. Amanda & Andy Culley and family. Strength, guidance and that Andy will find work. The government has cut their support because he is receiving a very small unemployment check each month.
14. Glenda Minnich. Has developed Lupis.
15. Judy Hermann & family. Pray for comfort and strength. Her niece Amber recently died.
16. James Payne. Bump on leg has caused concern.
17. Johnny Orr. Having pain in lower abdomen. Pray for healing.
18. Molly Monahan (9 years old). While playing frog in the bathtub, she jumped and landed on the faucets causing severe damage in her privates. The doctors worked very long sewing her up and the family is asking for prayers that everything will heal properly and that there won't be any long term problems from this.
19. Tree Austin. Cancer throughout body.
20. Georgia Ryan. Broke ankle in (3) places.

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16
“Thank You for Your Prayers!”

(Commentary, Not Exactly, continued from Page 6) Acts 20:29: "For I know this, that after my departing shall greivous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

2 Peter 2:1-3: "But there were false teachers also among the people, even as there shall also be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

(2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

(3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not."

It seems to me brethren, that I still hear too many comments in the Churches of God indicating that too many people are following a man. Remember men are like the grass- here today, gone tomorrow.

Psalm 103:15-16. "Men are flesh and blood only."

What's more, John the Baptist warned us that, if necessary, God could raise up the STONES to be God's children and do His will.

Matthew 3:9 "And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

We are in a time brethren, like we've never been in before. Too many out there are teaching a "not exactly" gospel. Hold fast to sound teaching and doctrine. Do not be fooled. The GOOD news is that we are closer to our Savior's coming then ever before. It will all be worth it at Jesus Christ's coming when He says to us, as He did to the good servant in Matt. 25:21:

"His lord said unto him, Well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

God speed that day!

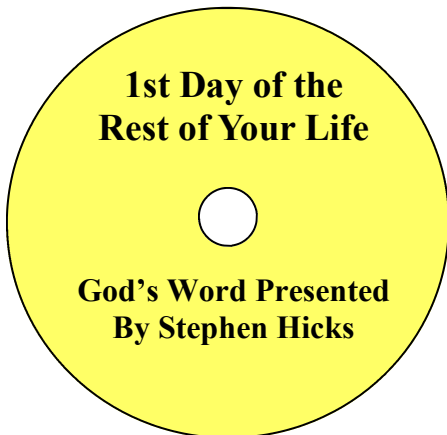
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(Where's Your Family?, Continued from Page 4) difficulties we face. This doesn't mean that we can't speak to one of our brethren and ask them to pray with us.

Why would we ever want to take our problems outside the family of God? Do you want someone without God's Spirit giving you counsel?

I have heard stories of families who have gone to counselor's outside the Church and these counselor's advised them that if someone has offended you, then you need to be angry and let them know you are angry, and often they are even advised to pay back the offense. Is this kind of counseling from the God that we serve, or would you say that it comes from the god of this world, Satan?

What does God's Word say that we should do when we are wronged by someone? Take it before unbelievers? God forbid.

1 Corinthians 6:6-8 "But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. ⁷Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves* to be defrauded? ⁸Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren."

You might say, "But, this it talking about suing our brethren," but I say look deeper and you will see that it also covers simple matters also. Wouldn't it be better to take the wrong that someone has done to you and forget about it, if not for their sake, but for your own? It's even more important if it's a brother or sister in the Church that you feel has wronged you.

Now getting back to my main point of this article, let me hopefully reinforce within you that God has given us a family, and just like any family, non of its members are perfect, except God, the Father and His Son, our brother Jesus.

I have found through many experiences that my family in God's Church are the ones that are usually there for me when I need a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, a helping hand, a word of support, or just two arms wrapped around me in a loving and warm embrace.

Always seek God first in all things, but if you need someone to talk to, someone to pray with you, or need some help with something, just pick up the phone and call your minister, or a brother or sister in God's Church. END

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