

SOUTH HEIGHTS BAPTIST'S WEEKLY

REMINDER

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Special Instructions for Super Bowl Sunday!

1. **GET A COPY OF THE TV SCHEDULE TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW THE EXACT TIME AND STATION THE SUPERBOWL WILL BE APPEARING ON.**
2. **FIND YOUR VIDEO RECORDER'S OPERATOR'S MANUAL, AND RE-ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH THE PROGRAMMING FUNCTIONS OF IT.**
3. **BE SURE AND HAVE A NEW SET OF BLANK TAPES IF YOU USE A VCR.**
4. **PROGRAM YOUR VIDEO RECORDER TO RECORD THE GAME USING THE "EXTRA-SLOW" MODE.**
5. **SET THE RECORDER TO BEGIN RECORDING THIS AFTERNOON AT 5:00.**
6. **SIT DOWN AND START WATCHING THE GAME.**
7. **AT 6:10 P.M. THIS EVENING, GET YOUR BIBLE AND HEAD FOR CHURCH - You'll only miss an hour or so - and the game WON'T turn out any different if you don't watch the entire game live and in person!).**
8. **ENJOY THE ETERNAL BENEFITS OF BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP AT CHURCH, THEN GO HOME KNOWING YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, AND ENJOY THE REST OF THE GAME GUILTYLESS!**

SEE YOU TONIGHT IN CHURCH!

Pastor's Corner

Todd M. White

The Great Falling Away: How Satan Is Preparing Mankind For The One- World Religion Of The Antichrist

For the past few weeks, I have been sharing with you some things that God has laid on my heart about the current condition of Christendom, the condition the church will be in immediately prior to the Rapture, and how Satan is preparing mankind for his one-world religion under the antichrist as found in the Book of The Revelation.

The last time I wrote here, I began talking about how the first step in Satan's plan to bring this about is to get people to doubt God's Word. This isn't new, of course, for it began in the Garden of Eden, where he places doubt in the mind of Eve about God's Word by saying, "Yea, hath God said...?" (*Genesis 3:1*).

From that time until this very hour, he has been at it - attempting to cause people to doubt, and, therefore, disobey, the Word of God.

However - while it is fairly easy for him to manipulate the masses of unchurched in this world to ignore (or at least doubt) the Word of God, his plan for a one-world religion will always be resisted by those who have been exposed to the TRUE Word of God - the Jews and the Christians. SO - knowing this process takes time, he started early on attempting to cast doubt and/or corrupt the Word of God. For the sake of space, we'll not deal with the events that occurred prior to the birth of Christ along this line. Instead, we'll focus on his attempts during the Christian era, specifically in our modern era.

With regard to the Word of God, we've looked at the following thusfar:

- * **The Importance God Places On His Words.**
- * **That Satan Attacks God's Word From A Historical Viewpoint.**
- * **That Satan Attacks God's Word From A Scientific Viewpoint.**
- * **That Satan Attacks God's Word From An Intellectual Viewpoint.**

All of these can be addressed elsewhere by others, and many have been quite successful doing so. Books such as Did Man Just Happen? and The Bible For Today's World, by Dr. W. A. Criswell, The Battle For The Bible by Harold Lindsell, are two of the best ones. Another author who has done excellent work dealing with the intellectual attacks on the Bible is Dr. Francis Schaeffer.

What is most troublesome to your pastor is the attacks on the Bible from inside the world of professing Christians. In my lifetime, I have watched as the Word of God has been reduced to a book that is viewed as something that *contains* the Word of God, but really is not **THE** Word of God.

Now - in my last article, I started this topic by talking about how that the accuracy and reliability of the Bible has been under attack for over 100 years in Christian circles. The method of Bible study usually called the "Higher Critical Method" or "Higher Criticism" has resulted in a watering down of the Word of God. This "scholarly" approach to the Bible is, in my view, part of the Master Plan that Satan has to prepare mankind for the one-world religion of the Antichrist - to remove the Bible from its rightful place in the minds and hearts of God's people as the inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative WORD for mankind.



Once the authority of Scripture has been stripped away, as Dr. Jimmy Draper points out in his books on the subject, anything and everything imaginable will flow in to fill the void such a removal has created. And, beloved, this is what is happening right now in churches across America.

Now, others far more eloquent and scholarly than I have written, as I said, excellent books and articles on this topic, and I shall not attempt to duplicate their efforts here. However - what I have not seen written or heard being discussed is how this relates to the issue of Bible versions: the issue of the accuracy and, therefore, the authority of the Bible rests, I believe, on the authenticity of the Word - can we trust the Bible we hold in our hands to be THE true Word of God? Is it the ACTUAL Word of God, or is it merely a translation that CONTAINS it?

Well, the pseudo-intellectuals and Bible "scholars" think and teach that the Bible we hold in our hands is inspired in spots, and, as my pastor in Dallas, Dr. Criswell used to say, "...and they

think THEY are inspired to spot the spots!" Now, while that may be true for the copy THEY are reading, it isn't true for all of us!

If you trace the history of the Bible down through time from the Apostles to today, you will find that there are two basic "lines", for want of a better term, from whence the books called "bibles" we have today descend. One line, or family tree, comes to us down through Antioch, and the other through Alexandria. While detailed reading on this topic is available from many sources, such as the writings of the David Otis Fuller, the late Dr. David F. Reagan, those of Dr. Thomas Cassidy, and many, many others.

When you look into it, you will find that the manuscripts that came to us through Alexandria were corrupted by subtractions from God's Word by the so-called scholars of the day. It is from the Alexandrian "side of the house" that 99% of the modern versions of the Bible have come. To extent, the higher critics are now right - their version of the Bible really IS inspired in certain spots.

While I do not believe any translation is supra-inspired (more inspired than the originals), we who reject the corrupted versions of God's Word that emanate from the Alexandrian tradition (also called the Minority Texts) hold, instead, to the belief that God has **preserved** His Word for us, even to this very hour. Going through Antioch, we believe that God preserved His Word for us, and, today, we can and do have in our hands a preserved copy of the original Word of God. If your Bible has been translated carefully from the manuscripts called the **Majority Texts** (also known as the Byzantine Texts or, in Latin, the *Textus Receptus*), then you have God's preserved Word for man. If you do not have one of these, then you have a book that has no right to call itself The Holy Bible.

Now - what has this got to do with the One-World religion of the Antichrist?

I'll answer that for you - next week. ■



THE STORIES BEHIND OUR HYMNS ♫ "I Love to Tell the Story"

Katherine Hankey loved to tell others of her Saviour. She was born in 1834 into a wealthy English family, but her desire and joy was to see the poor and downhearted come to Christ. Early in life she started conducting Bible studies all over the city of London.

When she was thirty, she got very sick and was told that she had to take some time off from her Bible studies and rest. For a year, she rested but did not lay dormant. It was during this time that she took her pen and wrote a very long poem about Jesus Christ. It was out of the second half of her poem where we find the words to our hymn, "*I Love To Tell The Story.*"

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do*

*I love to tell the story, more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.*

*I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.*

*I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.*

*I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation
from God's own Holy Word.*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.*

*I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

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| 10:50 a.m. Service ----- | Cradle Roll 1: Caryn Quinnelly Cradle Roll 2: Derek Quinnelly |
| 6:30 p.m. Service ----- | Cradle Roll 1: Piper Martin Cradle Roll 2: Ryan Quinnelly |
| Wed. Eve. Service ----- | Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White Cradle Roll 2: Merri Geroux |

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of January 31, 2010

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| Sunday School (cancelled due to bad weather) ----- | 0 |
| Sunday Morning Service ----- | 33 |
| Evening Service ----- | 31 |
| Mon. Eve. Service, 02/01/10 ----- | |
| 32 | |
| Tue. Eve. Service, 02/02/10----- | 22 |

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of January 31, 2009

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| <u>Undesignated</u> Tithes & Offerings ----- | \$ 1,100.00 |
| Love Offering, Malcom Ellis ----- | \$ 289.00 |
| Love Offering, Kent Buttram ----- | \$ 125.00 |

Total Received for Week of 01/31/10: \$ 1,514.00

**Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
to operate the church
EACH WEEK,**

as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

**We Are Suspending Our Specific
Fund Drives Until Our Regular
Weekly Offerings Come Back Up To
Where They Need To Be. Please
Give As Much As You Can To Help Us
Catch Up After The Extremely Low
Giving We Experienced This
Summer And Fall.**

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

- Admit that you are a sinner.*
- Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
- Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
- You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
- By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



**Please Remember To
Be Faithful to Give!**

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go *up*. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start *today - OK?* Thank you.

Church Directory

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| Todd W. White ----- | Pastor |
| Mickie Shatwell ----- | Pianist |
| Dickie Eberle ----- | Greeter, Custodian |
| Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- | S.S. Teachers |
| Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford, Dwayne English, Geroux family ----- | Outreach |
| Flowers ----- | Hannah and Shirley White |