

***“I heard the Voice of the LORD, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then said I, ‘Here am I; send me,’”*** Isaiah 6:8.

Dear Beloved Saint of the Most High LORD,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a wonderful Name it is. We walk, talk, and live under, by, and for that Name. But, have you ever tried to convince someone of the *Saving Grace and Power* in that Name? Christians believe in that Name and even worship and praise that Name but few really live in the fullness provided to us in that Name. We are instructed by Jesus [through Paul] to preach His Word; ***“Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine,”*** 2 Timothy 4:2. This is more than just a suggestion, recommendation, or challenge. We are **“CHARGED”** to do so as is written in the previous verse; ***“I charge you therefore before God [our Father], and the Lord Jesus Christ ...,”*** to preach, reprove, rebuke, and exhort.

It has been noticed that most Christians are **“silent soldiers,”** not hiding in caves, but hiding in plain sight. It is far too often that a vocal person (Christian or unbeliever) is more likely to **“reprove or rebuke”** (condemn) another person just because they don't see eye to eye on a subject whether it is religion, politics, family matters, and even sports; and less likely to preach or exhort (lift up) a person to the *Truth of His Word*. Regardless of our actions to preach, reprove, rebuke, or exhort in the flesh or in the Spirit, we must always walk in **LOVE** and gentleness of spirit. If we act upon any of these four ‘charges,’ we need to be fully trained and prepared to answer His Call. Meaning, if we are to be ***“instant in season, and out of season”*** for the LORD, we need to **know** His Word and **walk** in God's Wisdom and Understanding through the witnessing anointing of His Holy Spirit.

Point! Have you ever been talking to a person about our LORD and they replied, ***“Prove to me that there is a god?”*** Or, ***“Where's the proof that the man called Jesus is God or that He even existed?”***

Why do I bring this up? A few weeks ago, we received a call from a young lady that lives here in the Midwest. Her call went from the front desk and worked its way down the hall to my desk because no one could satisfactorily answer her question. We believe that the caller was sincere in her quest for the answer. But our answers did not satisfy her. The caller explained that she had been raised

as a Jew and wanted information concerning Jesus. She was asking, ***“Where is Jesus in the Old Testament?”*** After several conversations with her, the real question became clear as she stated her fact, ***“There is only ONE GOD in the Old Testament and we are told to only worship the one true God, and therefore Jesus cannot be God, and since there is only one God, there cannot be a Trinity!”*** How would you reply to that statement? This is an ongoing dialogue between us.

If we are to take a cruise on this **“Prove to me”** ship, we must first ask or make the statement, ***“Prove to me that there is a god.”*** Concerning this young lady who is standing firm on the Jewish teaching of only One God, I would say, ***“Prove to me that Moses, who wrote the Torah and said that there is only one God, ever existed.”*** Proof – NO, there is no proof outside of the writings of the Old Testament, hand-me-down traditions, or man's teaching that Moses ever lived or existed! In fact, there is very little physical proof that any of the Old Testament writers ever existed. There are Roman writings and records that indicate a few of the kings that are mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments **may** have existed, but that alone doesn't prove any of the teachings of the Testaments.

To believe in any religion (even non-religions) a person has to have faith. You have to have faith to get up in the morning. Even if you see something, you have to have faith that it is real or that it is fake. Hearing something raises even more doubt. If you believe what you hear someone say, or even what you see (or think that you hear or see), then you have faith that it is true, even if it is a lie or not true. Many times we read between the lines of what is said and believe our own thoughts as being the truth. So where does believing and non-believing come into play concerning the LORD – Jesus – and the Holy Spirit? Everyone believes in something. Some say they don't just because they don't want to be accountable, but they are anyway.

I read again this morning in **Revelation 21:8**, ***“The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*** This is a pretty broad scope of people who will not be in Heaven –

but will burn in Hell. Let me ask you a question, how broad is *"unbelieving?"* Does that just mean disbelief in Jesus, or does it include believing that healing has passed away, or that the miracles worked by the Holy Spirit were only for the first generation of believers? Does verse 8 include all of the *"white"* lies that we keep telling our family, boss, friends, spouse, or pastor? These are deep questions and I won't pretend to provide the answers but pose the questions to stir your thinking concerning the *purity of heart* that we are expected to have as we walk before God. Is God Gracious – Merciful- and Forgiving? Praise His Name – YES! And I thank and praise His Name for His Mercy and Grace, especially toward me.

God is not a god of fear – confusion – or doubt. Those come from the enemy! Years ago, Christine and I were working with a young couple that visited our church. They were very poor but good people. She was a believer but he was not and doubted God. During one of our last meetings with them, he said to me, *"Prove to me that there is a god apart from the Bible!"* One could say, *"Just look around, at nature, at creation, at life itself."* But that is not proof to the evolutionists. Most of them will admit that something – somewhere – somehow had to start the whole evolution process, but they don't know what, when, or who. I am reminded of the Words of Christ when confronted with the same ideology, *"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, 'Master, we would see a sign from thee.' But He answered and said unto them, 'An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the Earth,'" Matthew 12:38-40.*

Is there a verse in the Old Testament stating, *"The Son of God shall be born on December 25!"* NO! One has to look at the Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled by Jesus as recorded in the New Testament. There are reported to be over 350 fulfilled prophecies. The odds of one man fulfilling all of the prophecies are almost incalculable. Here are just a few:

- Messiah will bruise satan's head: *"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," Genesis 3:15; (Fulfilled) "... God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law ...," Galatians 4:4-5.*

- Judah's scepter (rule) shall not depart Him: *"Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise ... is a lion's whelp ... The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be," Genesis 49:8-10; (Fulfilled) "Jesus ... the Son of Joseph ... was the*

*son of Juda," Luke 3:23-33.*

- Jacob's offspring would bless the nations: *"Jacob went out from Beer-sheba ... , he dreamed, and behold a ladder ... the LORD stood above it, and said ... 'thy seed shall be as the dust of the Earth ... in thy seed shall all the families of the Earth be blessed,'" Genesis 28:10-14; (Fulfilled) "The Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from Heaven, which said, 'Thou art My beloved Son; in Thee I am well pleased' ... the Son of Joseph ... which was the son of Jacob ...," Luke 3:22-38.*

- Eternal Kingdom from King David's offspring: *"When thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish His Kingdom. He shall build an house for My Name, and I will establish the Throne of His Kingdom forever," 2 Samuel 7:12-13; (Fulfilled) "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham," Matthew 1:1.*

- God promised a lamb: *"Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide Himself a Lamb for a burnt offering;' so they went both of them together," Genesis 22:8; (Fulfilled) "... John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, 'Behold the Lamb of God ...,'" John 1:29.*

- A lamb without blemish: *"... Israel ... shall take ... a lamb ... without blemish, a male of the first year ...," Exodus 12:3-5; (Fulfilled) "(You were redeemed with) the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot," 1 Peter 1:19.*

- Christ is the Passover Lamb: *"Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, '... take you a lamb ... kill the Passover ... and dip (hyssop) in the blood ... strike the lintel and the two side posts ... For the LORD ... will see the blood ... will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you,'" Exodus 12: 21-23; (Fulfilled) "... For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us," 1 Corinthians 5:7.*

- Sacrifice a sweet smelling savor unto the LORD: *"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, 'If ... you bring ... a burnt sacrifice ... a male without blemish ... to make atonement ... the priest shall burn ... the sacrifice ... by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD,'" Leviticus 1:2-9; (Fulfilled) "Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor," Ephesians 5:2.*

- Life's blood makes atonement: *"... life ... is in the*

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*blood ... that makes an atonement for the soul,"* Leviticus 17:11; (Fulfilled) "... *the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin,"* 1 John 1:7.

- The Father sent Him to speak His Word: "*I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren ... and will put My Words in His mouth; and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him,"* Deuteronomy 18:18; (Fulfilled) "*Jesus unto them, '... I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things,"*" John 8:28.

- Spiritual Rock of Israel: "*Behold, (The LORD) will stand before (Moses) there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink ...,"* Exodus 17:6; (Fulfilled) "(Our forefathers) *did all drink the same spiritual*

*drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ,"* 1 Corinthians 10-4.

- Passover's Lamb's bone not broken: "... *neither shall ye break a bone thereof,"* Exodus 12:46; (Fulfilled) "*When the soldiers came to Jesus ... they brake not His legs,"* John 19:33.

- Father's Son: "*I will be His Father, and He shall be My Son ...,"* 2 Samuel 7:14; (Fulfilled) "... *Jesus Christ our Lord ... declared to be the Son of God ...,"* Romans 1:4.

- God declares His Son: "*I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto Me, 'Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee,"*" Psalm 2:7; (Fulfilled) "*Declared to be the Son of God with power ...,"* Romans 1:4.

- Trust in Jesus brings life: "*Kiss the Son ... Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him,"* Psalm 2:12; (Fulfilled) "*These are written, that ... that believing ye might have life through His name,"* John 20:31.

- Immanuel born of a virgin: "*The LORD Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel,"* Isaiah 7:14; (Fulfilled) "*The angel ... said unto her, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee ... and overshadow thee ... that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God,"*" Luke 1:35.

- Jesus teaches in parables: "*I will open My mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old,"* Psalm 78:2; (Fulfilled) "*All these things spoke Jesus unto the multitude in parables ...,"* Matthew 13:34.

- Jesus would be a stumbling stone: "*He shall be ... a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel ...,"* Isaiah 8:14; (Fulfilled) "... *He is ... unto them which be disobedient ... a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient ...,"* 1 Peter 2:7-8.

- Forerunner precedes Jesus: "*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord ...,"*" Isaiah 40:3; (Fulfilled) "*John said, 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias,"*" John 1:23.

- Messiah enters Jerusalem on a donkey: "*Rejoice ... shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh ... riding upon a donkey ...,"* Zechariah 9:9; (Fulfilled) "*And brought the donkey ... and they set Jesus thereon. A very great multitude ... went before, and that followed, cried, saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the LORD; Hosanna in the highest,"*" Matthew 21:7-9.

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- Messiah cries, "Into Your Hands I commit My Spirit:" *"Into Thine hand I commit My Spirit: Thou hast redeemed Me, O LORD God of Truth,"* Psalm 31:5; (Fulfilled) *"When Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, 'Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit' ...,"* Luke 23:46.

- Messiah abandoned: *"I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among My neighbors, and a fear to Mine acquaintance: they that did see Me without fled from Me,"* Psalm 31:11; (Fulfilled) *"They all forsook Him, and fled,"* Mark 14:50.

- Jesus quiet before His accusers: *"They also that seek after My life ... But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not His mouth,"* Psalm 38:12-13; (Fulfilled) *"When He was accused ... He answered nothing. Pilate said unto Him, 'Hearest thou' ... And He answered him to never a word ...,"* Matthew 27:12-14.

- Disciples desert Jesus: *"Yea, Mine Own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of My bread, hath lifted up his heel against Me,"* Psalm 41:9; (Fulfilled) *"... He that eateth bread with Me hath lifted up his heel against Me,"* John 13:18.

- Vinegar and gall given to Jesus: *"They gave Me also gall for My meat; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink,"* Psalm 69:21; (Fulfilled) *"They gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall ...,"* Matthew 27:34.

- Resurrection predicted: *"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. The LORD hath chastened Me sore: but He hath not given Me over unto death,"* Psalm 118:17; (Fulfilled) *"[The Angel] said unto them, 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen ... The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again,'"* Luke 24:5-7.

- Messiah will pour out His Holy Spirit: *"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty ... I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed ...,"* Isaiah 44:3; (Fulfilled) *"... It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you,"* John 16:7.

- Messiah makes a new covenant: *"Behold, the days come; saith the LORD, 'that I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah,'"* Jeremiah 31:31; (Fulfilled) *"This is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins,"* Matthew 26:28.

It is easy for me to believe the prophesied scriptures concerning Jesus, because He is my Savior. However, the enemy will most often cause doubt and confusion in the minds and hearts of the non- or new- believer. That is where our constant bathing them in prayer allows the Holy Spirit to move into their hearts and draw them to the Lord where the natural inborn God-given faith can take root and grow. It is the Holy Spirit that woos a soul to the Lord, not our smooth words or good looks.

Yes, we need to be in His Word, know His Word, and be ready to share His Word, in season and out of season, because you never know when the LORD will put you in front of a person that needs to hear His Word from His Earthen Vessel - YOU! This is another reason we need to carry Gospel Tracts with us at all times, in our cars, on our person, in our Bibles, and keep in our homes. If we will carry His Gospel Seeds, He will guide us to His Good Ground, ready for planting and harvesting.

I challenge you today to ask the LORD to send someone to you who needs to hear of His Saving Grace. Then, ask the LORD to fill you a fresh and a new with His witnessing Power through His Holy Spirit to speak what He gives you to say and pray.

Your Covenant Brother,

Phillip Buttram

### ADDED EXPENSES

In the past few months we have incurred additional expenses sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to other nations. We have also made a commitment with a firm based in Texas to assist us in reaching more of the younger generations for Jesus. The youth of today are bombarded with every distraction and lie that the enemy can put on the Internet and social media outlets. We have noticed that a lot of churches have lost their vision to minister to their young adults and children, what a shame!

In these last days, every generation is under attack for their souls. God has given us a "Charge" to jump into the cesspool of the digital world with the Digital Gospel to draw them to the printed page - Gospel Tracts - to further His Kingdom and bring Glory to His Name.

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