

she combs her hair...

The beauty in a woman must be seen from within her eyes, Because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides.

The beauty of a woman is not a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!

The Images of Mother

4 Years of Age—My Mommy can do anything!

8 Years of Age—My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot!

12 Years of Age—My Mother doesn't know everything!

14 Years of Age—My Mother? She wouldn't have a clue.

16 Years of Age—Mother? She's so five minutes age.

18 Years of Age—That old woman? She's way out of date!

25 Years of Age—Well, she might know a little bit about it!

35 Years of Age—Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.

45 Years of Age—Wonder what Mom would have thought about it?

65 Years of Age—Wish I could talk it over with Mom

Happy Mother's Day!

This is Not a Hamburger Stand

~ Borrowed ~

I had a call early one Sunday morning and a person asked, "How long will your service last, and do you serve the Lord's Supper first or last?" They were probably traveling and wanted their "crackers and grape juice" to go! Many are demanding today that we be quick and convenient. It seems that many religious leaders are **taking the Burger King approach: "Have it your way!"** But we are not a hamburger stand. We are the body of Christ. It is tempting to apply the fast food approach, but it will be deadly to the church.

Will some offer a drive-in window where one can get the Lord's Supper on their way to go fishing? Will we eventually have home delivery? "Hold the lettuce, hold the pickles." Some in the church want to "hold the water" in salvation. "Hold the preaching---shorten the service!" "Hold the doctrine!" "Hold the singing!" **You can't hold anything God's word requires!**

We hear some saying, "Change! Adapt! Conform or die!" We must not panic because we don't do the business that a hamburger stand does. We are not in the growth business. At least this is not our number one priority. We are to sow, plant, water and **God gives the increase** (I Corinthians 3:6). **We are not in the people pleasing business---we are in the God pleasing business (whether people are pleased or not)!**

Until we can convince the world that it is sick with sin, lost and dying and that Jesus is the only hope, men will continue to criticize God's system. **The church is facing a spoiled, pampered, indulged generation and we must not give in!**

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- **Hear the Word** (Romans 10:17)
- **Believe** (Hebrews 11:6)
- **Repent** (Luke 13:3)
- **Confess Christ** (Matthew 10:32-33)
- **Baptism** (1 Peter 3:21)
- **Faithful Living** (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58)
- **Bearing fruit** (Colossians 1:10)

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A Hope that is Beyond Hope

By Mike Demory

I AM almost certain that we have all heard the motto of Thomas Campbell, "we speak where the Bible speaks, and we are silent where the Bible is silent." Yet, for the life of me, I can't understand why brethren and most especially gospel preachers who should know better continue to speak out where the Bible has not on the subject of our dearly departed. I'm speaking of preachers who make fun of denominationalism preaching their members into heaven, yet most in the brotherhood do the very same thing. In the past few weeks I have noticed bulletins from around the brotherhood where a member of the Lord's church as passed away and sympathy for the family is expressed. Or family members who have expressed their appreciation to the congregation for all that they did during their time of mourning. Then ending with the statement, "we KNOW he/she is in a better place," or "we KNOW that he/she has gone on to be with the Lord."

Can someone please tell me how they KNOW that? I know that I'm not the brightest bulb in the package, but I believe I'm rational enough to understand what the Bible teaches on this subject. And I understand that family members often find more comfort in 'thinking' that their loved one is in a better place, rather than the alternative. But when are we going to stop supporting false doctrine, and teach the world the truth about the after life?

Does the Bible teach that children of God have HOPE of eternal life in heaven? Absolutely! (Acts 24:15; Rom. 8:23-25; 2 Cor. 1:10; Titus 3:7; etc.). However that is exactly what it is "HOPE." The same "HOPE" that those left behind possess. But hope is certainly not "knowing" for certain that a loved one has done everything in their lives in accordance with the will of God. We can "HOPE" that they have repented of every sin, and that God will judge them innocent in the end, but we cannot know beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are in Paradise. There are brethren whose lives seem to us on the outside as the perfect reflection of the example of Christ. However, none of us, and I mean none of us, "knows" for certain what goes on behind closed doors. We can not read the hearts and minds of men like God can.

Stop and think about some preachers who have fallen, who were once stalwart champions of the faith, or so we thought. There is just no way that we can Scripturally preach that some brother or sister in Christ has passed from this life into the next, and is now sitting in Abraham's Bosom. What if we had never discovered that so and so was a closet homosexual, or was cheating on his wife, or seeking out Buddhism? We can "HOPE" that they were found without blemish at their passing, and that IF we live faithfully unto the end, we will hopefully meet there; but we **can't** and **never should**, say that we "know" this is where they are. Jesus said, "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (Jn. 7:24). We judge according to what we see, that a person will be found in Paradise when they die, but we can never know what skeletons they may have had in their closet.

Does the Bible teach that children of God are heirs according to the promise? Yes! (Rom. 8:17; Gal. 3:29; Titus 3:7). Again, this is true as long as that child of God remains faithful

Remember in Prayer

Special Prayers

Brother Howard (Nashville, AR) heart surgery
 Mya Kulle (tumor)
 Kristy Farr
 Jo Gordon
 Ruby Bagwell
 Scharles & Graham Ballard
 Preston Estes family
 Our new evangelism effort
 Lilly Rucker & family
 Lyra Grochmal (7 yrs)—spine cancer— more tumors are growing

Laurie Davis—Multiple Sclerosis
 Yolanda Ritchwood—M.S.
 Natalie Bauman—M.S.
 Wade Miller—diabetes
 Susan Noel— that she studies to understand God
 Russell Bender— that he studies to understand God
 Freeman Dudley—liver cancer
 Kaiser family
 Eric Boor—blood disease
 TV Program
 State of our Nation
 The closing of Planned Parenthood
 The church
 The erring & the Lost

Military

Jonathan Duckstein—Afghanistan
 Michael Chlamon—Ft. Drum, NY
 Daniel Heflin—Afghanistan
 Jason Cunningham—Stateside
 Jon McCain—Tech Training
 Military families who are coping while loved ones in harms way

Evangelizing the World

Garret Derouin—Webster, Wisc.
 Scott Nedland—Rice Lake, Wisc.
 Brian Sherrell—Rockfalls, IL.
 Bernie Guzman—Philippines

Robert Lukenbill—Newton, IA
 Johnny Robertson— Martinsville, Vir
 James Oldfield—Riedsville, NC
 Derrick Brown —Jamaica
 Gary Workman—Ukraine
 Kolakaluri Prasad—Nalgonda, Dist., India
 G. Prabhu Kumar—Chennai, India
 John O'Neal—India & Ghana
 Tom Wacaster—India & Russia
 Holger Neubauer—South Haven, MI
 Ernie Lawrence—Hutto, TX

Calendar of Events

- **May 11-12**—Edit new program @ Mediacom 1-5pm
- **June 6-10**—Gospel Meeting; Dubuque, IA
- **July**—County Fair Booth
- **August/2nd week**—Power Lectures—Southaven, MS
- **Sept/3rd week**—St. Louis Lectures
- **October 18-21**—Lectureship—Dubuque, IA

and repents of all sin. However it is not a given that they will receive the promise just because they have appeared faithful. Concerning sonship, Paul states, “*and because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, Abba, Father. So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God*” (Gal. 4:6-7). As Christians, we are heirs of God, joint-heirs with Christ. However, Paul reminds us that this heirship is conditional. “*IF so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be glorified with Him*” (Rom. 8:17). Before any child of God can lay claim to the promise, they must first in this life endure suffering, opposition, hatred, persecution and live faithful according to God’s will (Mk. 13:13; 1 Cor. 15:58; 16:13; Lk. 9:62). They must overcome persecution (Matt. 5:10-12). So no matter how often we may witness another Christian attending every assembly, taking part in personal Bible studies, there may have been things in their lives that they just would not do that may disqualify them from the promise.

Does the Bible teach that there is a crown of life waiting for all children of God? Again yes! (1 Cor. 9:25; 2 Tim. 4:8; Jas. 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4). However as even Paul observed, his crown, and the crown of every faithful son of God would not be given until the second coming of Christ and the Great Day of Judgment (2 Tim. 4:8). In the same manner as being an heir, so too our crown is totally dependent upon our individual faithfulness. As only God is able to read the hearts of men (Lk. 16:15), and proves our hearts (1 Thess. 2:4), so only God can know for certain our eternal destiny.

While it is understandable why denominational preachers cannot preach their flock into heaven, (members who were never become child of God in the first place), it should be understandable why we should never do likewise. Although members of the Lord’s church do have the eternal hope that Denominationalists do not possess, we cannot know whether or not a person has truly consecrated their heart toward God. We can thank God that loved ones do have hope, and we can hope and pray that they were righteous to the end, but we should never preach or teach that the souls of brothers or sisters in Christ had a hope that is beyond hope. A hope based upon human knowledge. May we always strive to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

Instrumental Music in the Home

By Denny Wilson

DURING a discussion of music in worship to God I received a question regarding the use of instrumental music outside of the worship assembly. The question is basically as follows: “*I know instrumental music in the worship assembly is wrong, but what about singing the songs to the guitar or while playing the piano when you are at home? You aren’t in a worship service so why would that be wrong?*”

Let’s notice the passages in the New Testament that specify what type of music is authorized in the worship assembly and in private worship at home in worship to God. First, Paul writes, “*....I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also*” (1 Cor. 14:15); “*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*” (Eph. 5:19); “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord*” (Col. 3:16). In these verses Paul says we, speak, sing, teach, admonish and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. There is NO indication of playing an instrument.

Second, let’s notice the inconsistency of suggesting that because you are not in a worship assembly, then you are not under the same obligations. Outside of the worship service, can we pray to the Holy Spirit or to Christ? No. We pray to God the Father through Christ (Matt. 6:9ff; John 14:13; Col. 3:17). Outside of the worship assembly, may we partake of the Lord’s Supper on any day of the week? No. We are to partake of the Lord’s Supper on the first day of the week when we come together as

the church (Acts 20:6-7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). The reasoning that since we are not in a worship assembly the rules do not apply is a faulty conclusion.

Third, let’s notice that if we are singing a song of worship as entertainment, we have chosen to address the wrong audience. Our worship is to God. The word “worship” means ‘a kiss toward God, or a kiss of the hand toward God.’ Peter was greeted by Cornelius (Acts 10:25-26), who upon seeing Peter fell on the ground at his feet and began to ‘worship’ him. Peter told Cornelius, “*Stand up, for I myself am also a man.*” The point was that worship is to be directed to God at all times. Similar circumstances are found in John’s erroneous worship to an angel rather than to God (Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9). In both instances, John was told to worship God.

If we are singing songs of worship with an instrument to please or entertain others, or ourselves we have participated in vain worship (Matt. 15:7-9). Whether we are in the worship assembly, or at home alone, God’s will is in force. We must submit to His in all things. Another point to be made is that not all songs that use the word “God” or have lyrics about people, places, or things in the Bible are songs of worship (i.e. “Spirit in the Sky,” “Jesus is alright with me,” etc.). Each song must be carefully examined so we know what the words are saying. If the song in question is a song of worship, then God’s law applies. We must sing to God, worshipping in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24).

Mothers

*Real Mothers don't eat quiche;
 They don't have time to make it,*

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils

Are probably in the sandbox.

*Real Mothers often have sticky floors,
 Filthy ovens and happy kids.*

*Real Mothers know that dried play dough
 Doesn't come out of carpets.*

*Real Mothers don't want to know what
 The vacuum just sucked up....*

*Real Mothers sometimes ask "Why me?"
 And get their answer when a little voice says,
 'Because I love you best...'*

*Real Mothers know that a child's growth
 Is not measured by height or years or grade...
 It is marked by the progression of Mommy to
 Mom to Mother...*

The Beauty of a Woman

*The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes
 she wears, the figure she carries, or the way*